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Chapter 1:

Principles in  
Redeeming  
Lands and  
Places

(Excerpts taken from "Healing from Territorial Spirits", [www.healingofthespirit.org](http://www.healingofthespirit.org))

## Introduction.

This chapter will address:

- Setting your church free,
- Setting your neighborhood or city free,
- And transformation-revival that can take place after churches and towns are set free.



## Evangelism roadblocks.

Most congregations have — as part of their mission — the goal of evangelism, of fulfilling the great commission (**Mathew 28:19, Mark 16:15**). In addition, most congregations have been less than successful in this effort.

In the late 1960's Derek Prince, C. Peter Wagner, Gwen Shaw and others began to notice that in some churches, evangelism flourished, while in others it was extremely difficult or not at all. They began to recognize the existence of principalities and powers over churches, towns, regions and countries. In the late 1980's and early 1990's writers began to document the commonalities of such examples. They found that a common denominator was what C. Peter Wagner calls **Strategic Warfare Prayer**, the third level of praying against darkness.

As early as 1976, evangelist and internationally known minister, Derek Prince, reported

*For several years I have believed that over every major city in the nation, Satan has set a "strong man"—an unseen spiritual power responsible for resisting GOD's Purposes and GOD's people in that particular area" (Fall, 1976 newsletter).*

Consider the following true illustrations:

- In **Adroque, Brazil**, a Baptist Church had only 70 members after 70 years of evangelism effort; it was a graveyard of church planters. Also, none of the 70 members were residents of Adroque. Then, in 1974, Eduardo Lorenzo became pastor. By 1987 there were 250 members; by 1990 there were 600; by 1991, 1000; by 1993, 2000. When asked what happened in 1987, Pastor Lorenzo simply replied that he began using spiritual warfare prayer.
- Pastor Albarto's Los Olivus Baptist Church in **Argentina** had for many years been stalled at 50 members. After attending an Annacondia crusade, Pastor Alberto and his lay leaders held a crusade themselves. After the first service, he gave the invitation to come forward. No one responded. While inwardly agonizing over the apparent lack of power and response, he seemed to hear an inner voice say to him, "Try it the way Annacondia does it." In semi-desperation, he decided to try it. He prayed a strong warfare prayer and directly rebuked the spirits, as he had previously seen Carlos Annacondia do.

- When he had bound the spirits with the authority Y'shua (Jesus) had given him, he gave the invitation to come forward once again. This time, more than 15 people sprang out of their seats and actually came running to the front of the church to receive Christ as their Savior. In the next short while, the church grew to 900 members and started satellite congregations of 2,100 members. His goal is 20,000 members.
- Pastor Steve Nicholson preached the gospel in **Evanston, Illinois**, for six years with virtually no fruit. He and members of his church prayed for the sick and few got well. His Vineyard Christian Fellowship was not growing. Nicholson began some serious prayer and fasting. A grotesque, unnatural being appeared to him. It growled, "Why are you bothering me?" It identified itself as a demon of witchcraft, which had dominion over the geographical area. In the heat of warfare, Nicholson named the city streets in the surrounding area. The spirit retorted, "I don't want to give you that much." In the Name of Y'shua (Jesus), Nicholson commanded the spirit to give up the territory. During the next three months, the church doubled in size from 70 to 150, mostly from new converts coming out of witchcraft. Nearly all of the new believers needed to be delivered from demons.

**Three observations** can be made from the above examples (as well as from many others not here included):

- All the evangelistic technology and effort in the world will have only minimal effect unless the spiritual battle is won first.
- We need to focus on the spiritual dimension of church growth, not on programs and techniques.
- Many people who have not received Christ as their Lord and Savior have not done so because they cannot because Satan has blinded them and holds them captive (**2 Corinthians 4:4**).

In each of the above examples, the reason for these meager evangelism results was determined to be spiritual rather than physical:

**Ephesians 6:12** *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*

Even so, *"... the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through GOD to the pulling down of strongholds"* (2 Corinthians 10:4).

From these examples, a most fundamental observation is that these successful churches have a more advanced understanding that the real battle for evangelism is spiritual.

Signs and wonders, deliverance from demonic powers, miraculous healings, sustained and enthusiastic worship, prophecies, and warfare prayer are seen by many of these ministries as the normal outworking of Christianity.

Unless Biblical warfare is understood, there will continue to be frustration, anger, confusion, and ineffective ministry within the congregations ignorant of spiritual warfare prayer.

Whether attempting to coordinate Christian concerts, plant a church, or perform outreach, the principle is still the same: we need to bind the “strongman” and gain a place of authority over Satan before we will see the full fruit of our labors. Evangelism and other church programs will not thrive until the influence of darkness over the people, church, and sometimes the town is removed. Churches must win the war against strongholds in the church first, before they will be effective in evangelism.

Setting churches free from the influences of darkness that restrains them requires two primary beliefs:

- A belief that the spirits of darkness inhabit people and places (ground level spiritual warfare) and
- The sins of people cause a curse on the land, giving certain spirits of darkness a **spiritual legal right** to inhabit the place or land, until they are expelled (territorial or strategic level spiritual warfare). Cleansing the land requires creating a change in the spiritual climate or atmosphere.

### *Territorial spirits.*



Anyone who has paid more than a casual visit to places such as India, Navajoland, Cameroon, Haiti, Japan, Morocco, Peru, Nepal, New Guinea, and China will attest to seeing elaborate hierarchies of deities and spirits, regarded as commonplace in these locations. These incorporeal beings are perceived to rule over homes, villages, cities, valleys, providences, and nations, and they exercise extraordinary power over the behavior of local people.

Jacob Loewen, an anthropologist and a Bible translation consultant, sees the Old Testament as clearly assuming the territoriality (territorial status) of demonic spirits, frequently called "deities." He reports that in Central and South America, spirits are considered to be the "owners" of geographical or topographical phenomena.

Nomadic Indians never travel from one territory to another without first securing the permission of the territorial spirit dominating the area that they are about to enter.

Vernon Sterk, a field missionary in Mexico for over 20 years for the Reformed Church of America, says that every one of the Tzotzil tribes can identify specific deities by name. **He discovered that both evil spirits and guardian spirits have territorial designations and assignments.** All of the spirits have geographical limits for their power, even though the reach of the evil spirits seems to be more extensive than that of the guardian or ancestral spirits.

**The above information raises several questions:**

- Is the existence of territorial spirits Scriptural?
- If principalities and powers — in the form of territorial spirits — have such a negative effect on the work of churches, how does this happen?
- How can they be identified?
- How can they be expelled or removed?

*Is the existence of territorial spirits Scriptural?*

Consider the following:

1. Satan is the ruler of this world (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11, 2 Corinthians 4:4).
2. Y'shua, when tempted by Satan, did not dispute Satan's power to give him "*all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them*" (Matthew 4:8-9).
3. Satan delegates his power to principalities, powers, and rulers of darkness (Ephesians 6:12). There may be millions of dark spirits of various kinds. Mark 5:9 suggests the name of the spirit was "*Legion*," which is up to 6,000.
4. While some evil spirits (or demons) inhabit persons, others called guardian or ancestral spirits inhabit geographical locations or areas.
5. Other Scriptures speaking of the hierarchy of Satan include the following:

Deuteronomy 12:2-3; 32:17

1 Kings 20:23

1 Corinthians 15:32

Judges 3:7

2 Kings 17:16, 29-31

Revelation 12:6-19

1 Samuel 7:3-4

Daniel 10:13

Revelation 20:8, 10

6. The Bible (KJV) speaks many times about unclean spirits, but much less about territorial spirits. (See examples in Ephesians 6:12 and Colossians 1:16)
7. Principalities (7)
8. Authorities (8)
9. Powers (5)
10. Dominions (4)
11. Thrones (1)
12. Rulers of darkness (1)
13. Spirits of wickedness (1)
14. Every idol and goddess worshiped in the Bible had a name. Examples:

Baal

Numbers 22:41

Dagon

Judges 16:23

Baalim, Ashtaroth	Judges 2:11-13
Ashtoreth, Milcom	1 Kings 11:5
Chemosh, Milcom	1 Kings 11:33
Succoth	2 Kings 17:30
Benoth	2 Kings 17:30
Adrammelech	2 Kings 17:31
Molech	2 Kings 23:10
Prince of Persia	Daniel 10
Prince of Greece	Daniel 10:20
Queen of Heaven	Jeremiah 44:17-25
Merodach	Jeremiah 50:2
Moloch, Remphan	Acts 7:43
Diana of Ephesus	Acts 19:27
Abaddon	Revelation 9:11
Appollyon	Revelation 9:11

15. Satan has demons, dark angels, principalities, powers, and rulers of the darkness (**Ephesians 6, Colossians 1**) assigned to each of the following levels, each level more powerful than the ones below it: nations, regions, cities, neighborhoods, places of idol worship, places of work, churches, homes, individuals
16. Defiled or polluted land is mentioned over fifteen times in the Bible.
17. Scriptures commanding the children of Israel to *“destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places”* (such as in **Numbers 33:52**) are too numerous to mention.

- **OTHER OBSERVATIONS**

- Some spirits (such as demons) seem to have much more flexibility. Other spirits (such as ancestral or guardian spirits) have geographical restrictions to their power capabilities.
- In some cases, the spirit seems to be so fixed in a particular house, stream, or geographic location, that everyone living in the immediate area is affected by sickness, mental illness, or serious attack.
- The higher the rank of the evil spirit, the more spiritual power is needed to bind it.

- Most of the limited knowledge and experience in this area comes from those ministering within evangelistic efforts. They experience success in evangelistic efforts only after breaking the power of the enemy over a church, neighborhood, or city.
- The unseen world of dark spirits, as depicted in Frank Peretti's novels (*This Present Darkness* and *Piercing the Darkness*), may be very close to reality.

## *How/why do territorial spirits attach themselves to buildings, land, neighborhoods, cities, and regions?*

***GOD's Intention in creation was to manifest His glory on the earth and live in intimate, permanent, covenant relationship with humankind.***

The universe is designed to manifest GOD's Glory and to reflect His Eternal Power and Divine Attributes (Job 12:7-10; Psalm 19:1-4; 50:6; 148; Romans 1:20). Everything, whether physical or spiritual, finds its origin in GOD. *"He is before all things and in Him all things hold together."* Everything was created by Him and for Him so that in everything *"He might have preeminence"* (Colossians 1:16-18 NKJV).

The Creator offered to Adam and Eve a perfect life of intimate fellowship with Himself and with each other, a beautiful sanctuary, meaningful responsibility to manage GOD's earth, and a life free from sin, sickness, disease, hatred, or any other manifestation of darkness. This relationship between GOD, people, and the land formed the first covenant-based spiritual bond between *GOD, man, and the earth*. ***Man's sin and rebellion broke that covenant bond—resulting in lost intimacy, identity, and a defiled earth.***

When Adam and Eve attempted to "be like GOD" by eating from the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil, their disobedience broke their covenant relationship with GOD. Intimacy with GOD was broken, death began (both spiritually and physically), the land itself was defiled (cursed), the humans were expelled from the garden, hatred entered Cain's heart, and the first murder occurred.



When Adam and Eve sinned, they handed over control of GOD's world to Satan. Satan is called "prince of this world" three times in the Bible (**John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11**).

Now in a rebellious state, humans no longer act as royal inheritors and righteous stewards of the earth. The spirit of rebellion, which entered through Adam's disobedience now infects every sphere of life. Satan uses idolatry, rebellion, pride, selfishness, and sin to influence people, communities and nations to oppose GOD, and to destroy people and the communities where they live. Sin against GOD and broken covenant with Him always has dire consequences, even to this day.

The earth has a spirit.

**Genesis 4:10** *"And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground."*

**Luke 19:40** *"He replied, I tell you that if these keep silent, the very stones will cry out."*

The following scriptures speak of the earth/land mourning over the sins of the people: **Jeremiah 4:28, 12:4; Hosea 4, 3; Zechariah 12:12**. When we sin the earth is cursed and in turn, we are cursed from the earth.

**Genesis 4:11** *"And now you are cursed by reason of the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's [shed] blood from your hand."*

Houses, buildings and places can be defiled by sin.

**Leviticus 15:31** *"... when they defile My tabernacle that is among them."*

**Leviticus 18:28** *"[Do none of these things] lest the land spew you out when you defile it as it spewed out the nation that was before you."*

**Numbers 5:3** *"[Do none of these things] lest the land spew you out when you defile it as it spewed out the nation that was before you."*

**Leviticus 18:27** *"For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;"*

**Numbers 35:34** *"Defile not therefore the land ..."*

**Jeremiah 32:34** *"But they set their abominations in the house, which is called by my name, to defile it."*

There are over 100 scriptures that talk about ways of defiling ourselves. When we defile ourselves, we also defile the house, building or the land on which the defilement occurred. If we bring defiled objects into our homes, the home and the land on which the house sits becomes defiled.

### *Sins that defile the land.*

There are root sins described in the Bible that defile both individuals and the related community where they are condoned. GOD warns that these sins will separate us from His presence, protection and blessings. They defile the land as well. These sins are especially highlighted in the Old Testament as sins that defile individuals, their community and the land where they live.

It can easily be seen that land and places can be blessed or cursed by the actions of the people upon them.

GOD is talking to Cain, stating:

**Genesis 4:10-11** *“And [the LORD] said, What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to Me from the ground. And now you are cursed by reason of the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s [shed] blood from your hand.”*

GOD curses the land (**Jeremiah 7:20, 32-34, 12:4, 11**). Scripture points to the pollution of the land and curses that came upon it from the sins of the people who lived there.

**Leviticus 18:25** states, *“And the land is defiled; therefore I visit the iniquity of it upon it, and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants.”*

Also, **Ezra 9:11** states, *“Which You have commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, The land which you are entering to possess is an unclean land with the pollutions of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations which have filled it from one end to the other with their filthiness.”*

### *How do powers of darkness establish territorial strongholds?*

They do so through land defilement, through the sins of the people, through the worship of other gods and idols, and through occult practices. As carcasses attract the vultures of the air, likewise defiled land attracts spiritual wickedness. Where the land has been defiled, demons cluster.

### *What sustains the demons?*

They are perpetuated as the traditions and beliefs and the same evil sins, attitudes, and cultures of the past continue. Just as with people, demons remain as generational curses until they are ejected by the Blood of Y’shua (Jesus).

Territorial spirits have no authority to move into an area without permission. Certain conditions give them authority to set up the base of their kingdom, from which they rule over the people in that area. These conditions are frequently referred to as “strongholds.” When a territory has been inhabited by persons who have sinned, the land becomes contaminated, and those territorial spirits have obtained a spiritual right to remain there, thereby keeping the inhabitants captive.

### *How satan confirms his area<sup>1</sup>*

An example of demonic design built into buildings throughout the world: Washington DC and The Vatican. Undoubtedly the vast majority of people, when looking at Washington, DC, and at the Vatican, never comprehend how these cities constitute one of the greatest open conspiracies of all time. There, reproduced in all their glory and right before the world's eyes, is an ancient talismanic diagram based on the history and cult of Isis, Osiris, and Horus, including the magical utilities meant to generate the deity's return.

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<sup>1</sup> This section taken from the book *“The Shinar Directive”* by Dr. Michael Lake

The primeval concept especially that of **sacred domes facing obelisks** — was designed in antiquity for the express purpose of regeneration, resurrection, and apotheosis, for deity incarnation from the underworld to earth's surface through union of the respective figures — **the dome (ancient structural representation of the womb of Isis) and the obelisk (ancient representation of the erect male phallus of Osiris).**

This layout, as modelled in antiquity, exists today on the grandest scale at the heart of the capital of the most powerful government on earth — the United States — as well as in the heart of the most politically influential church on earth — the Vatican.



We see this layout in most cities in the world — these are also known as ancient Freemason symbols built in to the foundation buildings — dedicating all cities and governments to the worship of the gods of Babylon and Nimrod.

Satan is very well organized. His top structure fallen angels enter an area and establish their thrones in position. Satan uses fallen angels, nephilim, demons and people to take control of an area.

Everywhere where he has a **legal right** to operate, he sets up a **stronghold**. He likes **high places** such as hills and mountains (imitates Golgotha).

He works in **triangles** to spread his **dome** over an area. Then the demonic powers can work unhindered. This is why some sin are prevalent in a particular area, e.g. crime, murder, sodomy, adultery, suicide, and so forth. In an area like this, it is difficult to have revival or set up a ministry. There will be much discord and quarrelling amongst the people. They battle to live a victorious Christian life in such an area. **Some live in fear. In certain areas fatal accidents take place.**

Repeatedly, Scripture shows the connection between GOD, people, land and geography — based on the people's attitude and relationship to GOD at any given time (Genesis 9:19, 10:20, 31, 11:8-9; Deuteronomy 32:8; Job 12:23; Psalms 16:5-6, 74:17, 78:54; Isaiah 9:3, 26:15; Ezekiel 16:26-27).

### *Principles Relating to Land Ownership*

The western world has developed a view that land ownership is a basic right. Much of this economic system has therefore been built on the concept of:

- Fruit of the land as an annuity,
- And capital appreciation as a result of a scarcity of the resource as the number of people increase.

Clearly this view regards land as a scientific (in relation to crops) or a political (equality) issue. This is the very opposite of the Biblical view. The Bible clearly teaches us that the issue of land is a **spiritual matter**.

Our understanding of the Bible is that we are to take care of the planet in order to preserve that which GOD has created.

GOD also makes it clear, in dramatic fashion, that HE Alone is the “Owner” of the land. How then do we reconcile the western world thinking of ownership and that of the Bible?

It appears to us, that while we may take a worldly title deed as evidence of a right to use the property for all practical purposes here on earth, we should understand that it **remains our responsibility** to be a good **steward** and be accountable to GOD.

*Psalm 24:1 “The earth is the LORD’s, and the fullness of it, the world and they who dwell in it.”*

## *Principles from the Word regarding Land*

There are a number of principles to be defined. Importantly, bondages can come onto the land due to a violation of one or more of these principles.

### 1. L'DOR V'DOR - “From Generation to Generation”

This imperative — of us passing on our earth “from generation to generation” (*l'dor v'dor* in Hebrew) — goes back all the way to Adam and Eve.

The Bible tells us that GOD placed Adam in the Garden of Eden to “till and tend”. The Hebrew words have specific connotations. The Hebrew word for “tend” is used to imply a legal sense of guardianship.

In effect, GOD has made us trustees of the earth. Part of our obligation is to keep it in good condition for the benefit of future generations.

Consider the story of the sage Choni, who was walking along a road when he saw a man planting a carob tree. Choni asked, “How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?” “Seventy years,” the man replied. Choni then asked, “Are you so healthy that you expect to live that length of time and eat its fruit?” The man answered, “I found a fruitful world because my ancestors planted it for me. Likewise, I am planting for my children.”

We are commanded — *l'vadah ul'shamrah* — “to till and to tend”, to become the Earth's stewards.

In Isaiah, GOD promises:

*Isaiah 41:17-18 “I, the GOD of Israel, will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places and fountains in the midst of valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water and the dry land springs of water.”*

In other words, we were given our planet as a loan from GOD, and we should work to preserve it.

### 2. BAL TASHCHIT - “Do NOT Destroy”

The Hebrew phrase *bal tashchit* means “do not DESTROY”.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, the Israelites were specifically commanded not to destroy the fruit-bearing trees of an opposing city when in battle:

**Deuteronomy 20:19-20** *“19 When you lay siege to a city for a long time, fighting against it to capture it, do not destroy its trees by putting an ax to them, because you can eat their fruit. Do not cut them down. Are the trees people, that you should besiege them? 20 However, you may cut down trees that you know are not fruit trees and use them to build siege works until the city at war with you falls.”*

The sages saw this Commandment as an example of a broader imperative. They extended it to peacetime as well as war, including other objects as well as trees.

The broader imperative is this — we don't have a right to destroy anything of potential human benefit, even if it is our own property. To destroy it would violate our role as stewards of what ultimately belongs not to us, but to GOD. The concept of “not destroying” includes far more than the physical destruction of the plants, trees etc.

Within this framework, we have to look at matters such as:

- **Clean ENVIRONMENT:**
  - Did activities that took place on this land have an adverse affect on the environment? Large scale destruction of forests, mining activities, etc. are some examples.
- **Clean WATER:**
  - Did previous activities that took place on this land ensure that the water that comes from streams, or flows into streams, contaminate or pollute the water?

### 3. SHOMREI ADAMAH - “Guardians of the Earth”

The Hebrew phrase shomrei adamah means “guardians of the Earth”.

As human beings, we are endowed with great power. Unlike other animals, we can manipulate nature. This has enormous benefits: technology, buildings, civilization, and so forth. But it also has dangers: war, pollution, disease, and so forth.



With our enormous power comes significant **responsibility**. Foremost among them is sustaining our world. That means:

- We have the responsibility to do what we can to conserve energy.
- We have the responsibility to speak out for/support laws that curb waste and pollution, and to implement a recycling program, for example.

Ultimately, environmental responsibility demands action and humility. We know that the world is not wholly ours to bend to our will. Rather, it is something given to us in trust for future generations.

#### 4. Did we recognize GOD as Provider?

The fourth critical value is — did we recognize GOD as Provide?

Usage of land is given to all peoples. The nation who became the First Peoples of a portion of land were allocated the responsibility to “till and keep” that land. Any nation that, as a matter of free choice, chose to build idols and to worship “other gods”, began the process to creating an abomination before GOD.

Some nations, for example the Canaanites, were so corrupt/vile, that GOD decided that their “term in office” was over, and the promise made to Abraham many years before, now came into effect.

Importantly, even the Israelites at stages went down this same path ... years later, they are exiled to Assyria and Babylon, when they also chose to worship idols and “other gods”.

*Deuteronomy 18:9-14* “9 When you come into the land which the LORD your GOD gives you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of these nations. 10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire, or who uses divination, or is a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer, 11 Or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and it is because of these abominable practices that the LORD your GOD is driving them out before you. 13 You shall be blameless [and absolutely true] to the LORD your GOD. 14 For these nations whom you shall dispossess listen to soothsayers and diviners. But as for you, the LORD your GOD has not allowed you to do so.”

#### 5. Did we bring GOD the Glory and Honour?

The fifth critical value is — did we bring GOD the GLORY and HONOUR?

I am only going to highlight a few points here as illustration. **The Bible tells us that land is to be treated in a certain way:**

*Deuteronomy 14:22-29* “29 You shall surely tithe all the yield of your seed produced by your field each year. 23 And you shall eat before the LORD your GOD in the place in which He will cause His Name [and Presence] to dwell the tithe (tenth) of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the firstlings of your herd and your flock, that you may learn [reverently] to fear the LORD your GOD always. 24 And if the distance is too long for you to carry your tithe, or the place where the LORD your GOD chooses to set His Name [and Presence] is too far away for you, when the LORD your GOD has blessed you, 25 Then you shall turn it into money, and bind up the money in your hand, and shall go to the place [of worship] which the LORD your GOD has chosen. 26 And you may spend that money for whatever your appetite craves, for oxen, or sheep, or new wine or strong[er] drink, or whatever you desire; and you shall eat there before the LORD your GOD and you shall rejoice, you and your household. 27 And you shall not forsake or neglect the Levite [GOD’s minister] in your towns, for he has been given no share or inheritance with you. 28 At the end of every three years you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase the same year and lay it up within your towns. 29 And the Levite [because he has no part or inheritance with you] and the stranger or temporary resident, and the fatherless and the widow who are in your towns shall come and eat and be satisfied, so that the LORD your GOD may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.”

- We are NOT plant MIXED seed.
- We are to pay a TITHE of the produce harvested.

**Leviticus 23:9-14, 20, 39** “9 And the LORD said to Moses, 10 Tell the Israelites, When you have come into the land I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. 11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, that you may be accepted; on the next day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it [before the LORD]. 12 You shall offer on the day when you wave the sheaf a male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to the LORD. 13 Its cereal offering shall be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the LORD for a sweet, pleasing, and satisfying fragrance; and the drink offering of it [to be poured out] shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin. 14 And you shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor green ears, until this same day when you have brought the offering of your GOD; it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your houses. 20 The priest shall wave the two lambs, together with the bread of the firstfruits, for a wave offering before the LORD. They shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. 39 Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month [nearly October], when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD for seven days, the first day and the eighth day each a Sabbath.”

- We are to bring a FIRSTFRUIT offering.
- We are to apply the principle of *shemitah*, and allow the land to rest every seven years.

**Exodus 23:10-11** “10 Six years you shall sow your land and reap its yield. 11 But **the seventh year you shall release it and let it rest and lie fallow**, that the poor of your people may eat [what the land voluntarily yields], and what they leave the wild beasts shall eat. In like manner you shall deal with your vineyard and olive grove.”

See also **Leviticus 25:1-7** and **Deuteronomy 15:1-6; 31:10-13**.

## 6. Have we maintained the land as HOLY and CLEAN?

The sixth critical value is — have we maintained the land as HOLY and CLEAN?

We’ve seen that land is DEFILED through:

- **Idolatry**
- **Immorality/Fornication**
- **Bloodshed**
- **Broken Covenants**

Purity is a very significant principle in GOD’s Kingdom. Bloodshed on the land means that it becomes “unclean”.

We find ONE of these principles set out for us in the story of **Cain and Abel**:

**Genesis 4:11-12** “11 And now you are cursed by reason of the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s [shed] blood from your hand. 12 When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength; you shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth [in perpetual exile, a degraded outcast].”

## Conclusion:

Taking “ownership” of a portion of land means that you are accepting the responsibility of a Renewed Priest in the Order of Melchizedek, to cleanse the land from all possible impurities and to rededicate it to GOD.

This process could include repentance, spiritual warfare, acts of restitution, and rededication.

### *Primary causes of land defilement:*

- Idolatry, idol worship of any kind, including witchcraft.
- Shedding of innocent blood.
- Immorality and sexual sins.
- Broken covenants.
- Pagan temples and idols.



For example: Hindu, Buddhist, Shinto and Moslem temples are used as tourist attractions. There are those cults that usually require that you take your shoes off before you may enter their places of worship — by doing so, you are partaking in the worship of other gods — and this results in curses (GOD’s Judgments) coming upon you.

These places of worship of foreign gods open portals in the spirit to the second heaven that gives the principalities, fallen angels and demons, access to that area.

The Moslems get into their minarets and chant to Allah — the moon god — causing so much darkness and bondage over the areas where they are situated.

They face Mecca and pray five times per day and are very dedicated. This results in the churches in those areas coming under huge attack — the people will struggle with their prayer life, Christian marriages and businesses will be targeted — and they will suffer many other attacks against them — trying to shut them down and stopping growth, lack of finances, and so forth.

- Witchcraft, covens, Satan worship, and objects or landmarks used for same.
- Adultery, fornication, sodomy, incest, bestiality, sexual sins.
- Fighting, anger, unforgiveness
- Local celebrations honoring various gods.
- Previous Masonic influence.

Let us not be deceived into thinking that only violations of the first and second commandments contaminate the land. Corporate (group) sins, such as the following, have been known to do likewise.

Judgmentalism	Immorality
Criticalness	Unforgiveness
Sectarianism	False teaching
Strife	Luke-warmness
Divisions	Self-righteousness
Narrow-mindedness	Arrogance
Strongholds of tradition	Apathy or complacency
Legalism	Pride
Religious apathy	Control
Financial stinginess	Poor stewardship
Self-centered spirituality	Believing gossip and rumor
Unwillingness to evangelize	Unwillingness to confront sin

*Possible modern day sources of personal defilement:*

- Things related to heathen worship (voodoo dolls, spirit masks, snakes, dragons, thunderbirds, phoenixes, etc.).
- Things related to past sin or to unholy soul ties (necklaces, rings, love letters, photos, diaries, journals).
- Things with an unknown history which are not inherently evil by design, such as wood figurines, pictures, tourist purchases.
- Any objects used in witchcraft or psychic activities, such as fortune telling, Ouija boards, tarot cards, charms, crystals, etc.
- Games such as “Dungeons & Dragons,” “Masters of the Universe,” “Pokemon” (meaning “pocket monster”).
- Buddhist, Hindu, or other Eastern worship-type artifacts.
- Items or books related to Satanism, witchcraft, New Age, zodiac, crescent moon, crystal ball, pyramids, or martial arts.
- Things or books related to astrology, horoscopes, and geomancy, or to certain authors (Edgar Cayce, Jean Dixon, etc.).
- Comic books, rock posters, hard rock music, and materials with obvious images of darkness.

- Pornographic materials of any kind (videos, books, magazines, pay-per-view cable or satellite TV channels).
- Art with obvious demonic representations, such as snakes, spirits, death, gargoyles, skulls, dragons, etc.
- Items or books relating to secret societies like freemasonry (Masons, etc.), Eastern Star, Knights of Malta, Skull and Bones.
- Masonic aprons, books, or rings (oriental yin-and-yang symbols).
- Certain children's books or movies, such as Harry Potter (which encourage children to seek access to spiritual power unauthorized by GOD).
- Movies with occult messages, extreme violence, excessive foul language, or explicit sexual content.
- Objects specifically cursed by others (items of which you are unaware—unless GOD reveals them to you).
- Books that focus on sensuality or death and destruction (Steven King).

GOD places Judgments on the Land that is defiled (Ezra 14:1-20). Judgments are the results of sins on the land. The ground becomes cursed. It ceases to yield its strength (Genesis 4:12). The land itself “vomith out” its inhabitants (Leviticus 18:25):

- Drought, famine,
- Ecological devastation (natural disasters, earth quakes, floods, hurricanes, tornados, storms),
- War,
- Disease,
- Economic struggles.



Consider these two examples:

- **HATI**

Haiti used to be very beautiful and fertile land and was referred to as “the pearl of the Antilles”. Two centuries ago Haiti’s leaders made a covenant with Satan. They agreed that if he would deliver Haiti from French rule, they would worship him. As a result, voodoo became Haiti’s main religion and the land thereafter was cursed. Haiti drastically changed at that point and became the most devastated, poverty-stricken nation in the Western Hemisphere. Such is the cure of idolatry.

- **UNITED STATES**

Consider the United States:

- Ezekiel 14:3 speaks of “idols in our heart.
- Colossians 3:5 calls covetousness idolatry.

Other sins prevalent in the US include the following: mammon (money, wealth, possessions), pursuit of pleasure, alcohol, illicit sex, drugs, giving one's time and affections to television, internet or the media, idolizing celebrities, success or status, sports, psychic activity or occult pursuits.

75% of the members of promise keepers admitted to problems with pornography — 2/3 were in church leadership positions. Well-recognized sins of nations in the world include:

- Sins against the first people groups (many treaties were broken, not one was kept).
- Slavery.
- The oppression of the Jews through anti-Semitism.
- The devastations of both World Wars.
- The arrogance of the nations.
- Greed/Materialism.
- Abortions.

### ***Bloodshed.***

**Nahum 3:1** says "*Woe to the city of blood.*" Blood here represents innocent bloodshed, murder, and violence resulting in death. Bloodshed pollutes, and defiles and must be atoned for before GOD's Presence can return. Judgment and devastation are the inevitable consequences of a land being full of bloodshed. Since 1973 there have been 50 million abortions in the US. 1 in 6 are for Evangelical church women. Then Americans wonder why we have drought, floods, hurricane Katrina, and Sandy?

### **Church problems that may suggest the presence of dark influences:**

- Church splits.
- Leadership problems or relationship issues within the board/council/elders.
- Lack of focused vision.
- History of music or worship problems.
- History of constant financial worries.
- Inability to retain Sunday school/youth ministry growth over the years.
- Leadership marriage splits.
- History of leadership indiscretion.
- Hard to maintain spiritual growth.
- Have little success at community outreach and evangelism over the years.
- Historical involvement of other churches in inter-church events.
- Backbiting, gossip, or general discontent.
- History of sickness or illness especially within leadership families.
- Lack of effective conversion growth.

Stewardship of the land can be positive or negative. Stewardship of the land reflects the character and nature of GOD. Sin defiles the land, and there are ramifications of such sin that need to be addressed by each of us as GOD's stewards. In this way, land is cleansed, redeemed and healed. This in turn, leads to the transformation of communities, which yields the blessings of GOD for His people.

***The cleansing, redemption and healing of the land, facilitates the transformation of communities and the blessing of GOD for His people. It can even be termed a reflection of Heaven on earth (Matthew 6:10).***

## ➔ **PART 1: Setting the Body of Messiah FREE**

The first place to begin to address territorial spirits affecting our evangelism efforts is our local church. How do we set our church free? One of the first steps is identifying the dark spirits that are assigned to our church.

*How can territorial spirits over your church be identified?*

- **SPIRITUAL MAPPING**

Spiritual mapping is the process of learning what sins have been committed on the land. It is a form of spiritual investigation or spiritual espionage, which gives information from which to pray intelligently against the strongholds which corporate sin has allowed to enter. This is seeing with our spiritual eyes the spiritual forces and strongholds which hold us back from GOD's Purposes, giving somewhat of a "spiritual x-ray of the situation in the heavens" and over the church.

Refer to **Ezekiel 4:1-2** as an example of spiritual mapping, where GOD instructs Ezekiel to make a map of the city of Jerusalem on a clay tablet, then *"lay siege against it."* This obviously refers to spiritual (and not conventional) warfare.

This process is foreign to most church leaders and members and will require assistance from a knowledgeable and experienced facilitator in order for this to be accomplished satisfactorily. A 3-5 hour workshop for this purpose is strongly recommended before any attempt is made to identify corporate strongholds—or else we will be blinded to Satan's activities and we will not be able to hear the LORD's Voice (there is too much other "garbage" in the way).

This mapping process is accomplished through several relevant steps, as identified below:

- **STEPS IN SPIRITUAL MAPPING FOR YOUR CHURCH**

- a. Secure the unity and support of church/congregational leaders.
- b. Secure the unity and support of the congregation as a whole for this effort.
- c. Insure the spiritual preparation of the leaders and church members through repentance, humility and holiness.
- d. Pray to know GOD's Plan of attack and timing.

- e. Locate the geographical area over which you have spiritual authority—the church lot, or no larger than the block on which it is located (see Warnings discussed at the end of this chapter).
- f. Study and research the history and heritage of the land on which the church is located (and the area nearby). At some point in time the church lot was probably a subdivided part of a much larger tract of land. Research in libraries and through courthouse records and old newspapers. Look specifically for points of defilement, such as bloodshed, broken contracts, broken covenants, and racial prejudices.
- g. Within your religious movement, learn the history of your particular congregation. What were their trials and how did they come about? Are there any clues as to individual or corporate sins that may cause present-day oppression?
- h. Gather a group of congregational leaders together for a time of prayer and discernment. Utilize an outside facilitator to help the group discuss together the redemptive gifts (strengths) of the congregation as well as the areas of dark strongholds (weaknesses) that may exist (in the past and in the present) over the congregation. Expect the Holy Spirit to give insight. Be aware that GOD is more interested in your church being set free than you are. (The book *“Setting Your Church Free”* is very helpful in addressing this step.)
- i. Pray over the list of “possible church problems” above to see which ones the LORD will identify as yours.
- j. Ask individuals with the gift of intercession and discernment to pray for your congregation to help identify any oppression that exists. These persons may or may not be members of your congregation. If not, invite them to your meetings when undertaking this process.
- k. If you discern that there are spirits over the church land or congregation, it is helpful to know their proper names (such as, Kali, Iara, Pele) and/or functional names—emphasizing what they do (for example, a spirit of division causes division, etc.). Those who pray to deliver people from demonic oppression have long-since learned, generally speaking, that results are much greater when the evil spirits are identified and specifically commanded to leave in the Name of Y’shua (Jesus), rather than ministering with a vague prayer, as in “LORD, if there are any spirits here, we command them all to leave in Your Name.” There seems to be more power in a name than many of us in our culture might think.
- l. Identify the redemptive gifts of the church. What is GOD’s Plan for the church.



Spiritual mapping attempts to expose the devices Satan has used to curtail GOD’s Power, blessings, and evangelization and allows GOD’s people to aim their spiritual weapons against them more accurately. GOD will enlighten the group of the corporate strongholds and weaknesses in this identification effort.

## *How to remove oppressive spiritual influences.*

Once the dark influences over our church have been identified, how do we remove them? How do we minister freedom within a corporate Body of Messiah? In the same way we minister freedom to an individual:

- Find the entrance that allowed the demon(s) to infiltrate through spiritual mapping,
- And close it through confession, repentance, renunciation, and deliverance from evil spirits and releasing healing into each relationship, whether individual or corporate.

Spiritual warfare begins at a personal level and escalates through layers of increasing difficulty, from personal and family to church life and beyond, into the city and country. The process of removal must begin with personal confession and repentance and should precede the "Spiritual mapping" effort mentioned above.

### **1) PERSONAL REPENTANCE**

Evil spirits seek to control a personality or character. They find their entrance into a person's life through past generational curses and sins, current sins and iniquities, idolatry, victimization, occult objects or practices, trauma at an early age, unforgiveness, and forms of personal defilement, such as immorality.

When these occur, a door is opened in our spiritual hedge of protection (refer to Job 1:6-12) that allows the dark influences to seek control of that part of our spirit or personality. Almost always the person is not aware a door is open or that they are influenced, because Satan blinds us to our own sin and dwells and works in darkness. Our spirits then experience the same "spiritual pollution" spoken of previously for churches and lands. We must be clean ourselves first before we can expect to successfully clean our church and church land. The process is the same for personal sins as it is for corporate sins:

- We identify the sin(s).
- We confess and repent of these sins to GOD and to our brethren (1 John 1:9).
- We pray the doors of our hedge be closed.

Our own sins seriously restrict our spiritual hearing and seeing. At this point, be prepared for resistance. Most Christians do not believe they can be influenced or inhabited by evil spirits.

Our experience in over 400 prayer counseling sessions, however, indicates that over 90% of those who come to us have dark influences from within oppressing them. Leaders should go first, in humbling themselves through the confession of their faults. Usually spontaneous outbursts of worship follow this time of repentance.

Success will not come until the principle of agreement (based on harmonious relationships) is employed. *"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand"* (Mark 3:24).

Be aware that spiritual authority is present in direct proportion to the harmony of relationships among the believers as they move together toward a common goal.

## **2) PERSONAL DELIVERANCE**

Before any effort is made toward redeeming the church/congregational body (corporate redemption), or land on which the building rests, there must be a cleansing of the individual church members, using the instructions contained in this study. There must also be unity among the church members about the vision of cleansing the church and the land on which it sits.

It will be impossible to retain the redemption of the church, if the individual church members continue to bring personal contamination into the church building. Even if the church is freed from defilement, it will revert if the people who worship there remain defiled. Individual deliverance must precede corporate deliverance. Delivering the individual church members may take time, but is absolutely required. The process can be expedited by preaching and teaching deliverance and inner healing from the pulpit, and having a visiting minister who is experienced in “group” deliverance come for a weekend healing seminar to pray for freedom for the group as a whole. Do not attempt to skip this vital first step. If so, the corporate efforts will fail. In the process of teaching/preaching on individual deliverance, the vision of corporate deliverance can be shared. See further instructions in the section on Personal Repentance below.

## **3) PRAY TO BIND THE STRONGMAN**

Gather the information from the “spiritual mapping” process above about the strongholds over the church, and the redemptive church gifts. Hold a corporate meeting mediated through the leadership of an experienced facilitator. Begin by praying and claiming the protection of **Psalms 91 and 1 John 5;18**.

This may be done by persons in turn, or in a Korean style prayer where all are praying out loud at the same time, sometimes quite loudly. Refer also to **Mathew 12:28-29, Mark 3:27, Luke 11:21-22**.

**Pray to bind the strongman** — it is to our advantage to know who the strongman is in order to properly bind him and divide his spoils (**Matthew 12:29, Mark 3:27, Luke 11:21-22**).

Spiritual mapping helps us identify the strongman. In some cases, this process will give us a series of characteristics that will guide us directly to the territorial prince or power. In other cases, we find ourselves facing a flesh-and-blood person whom Satan is using. And in still other cases, we find ourselves face-to-face with a corrupt social structure.

## **4) IDENTIFICATIONAL REPENTANCE**

Once the personal cleansing has taken place, and the strongholds identified over the church have been bound, the group is ready to proceed with the step of identificational repentance. This process occurs when a person identifies the corporate sins of current or previous generations and is willing to stand in their stead to repent for them (remit the sins).

Remember, “[Now having received the Holy Spirit, and being led and directed by Him] if you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained.” (John 20:23).

Sin can be recognized as having two parts:

- The sin itself,
- And the **iniquity** or **consequences** of the sin.

(For example, if a drunk driver has an accident and injures someone, the sin is on the head of the drunk driver but the consequences of the sin accrue to those injured or killed.)



**Exodus 20:5** informs us, “... visiting the **iniquity** of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.”

Within this Scripture, the children did not sin — but the consequences of their father’s sin follows them through a generational curse **until** the original sin(s) are repented of and covered by the Blood of Y’shua (Jesus).

This does not mean that each person is not personally responsible before GOD for his or her own individual sins. Y’shua (Jesus)

took upon Himself our sins and died on the cross for us that we might be made free. We, likewise, are able to stand in the stead of another (person or group, living or dead) and pray for their repentance, asking that the consequences of the original sin be removed.

See examples of this practice below:

**2 Samuel 21:1, 3** “There was a three-year famine in the days of David, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. The LORD replied, It is on account of Saul and his bloody house, for he put to death the Gibeonites. So David said to the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? How can I make atonement that you may bless the LORD’s inheritance?”

- **DANIEL**

Daniel repented on behalf of his ancestors and prayed for corporate sin.

**Daniel 9:5-7** “We have sinned and dealt perversely and done wickedly and have rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances. 6 Neither have we listened to and heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 O LORD, righteousness belongs to You, but to us confusion and shame of face, as at this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, to those who are near and those who are far off, through all the countries to which You have driven them because of the [treacherous] trespass which they have committed against You.”

- **NEHEMIAH**

Nehemiah confessed the sins of Israel.

**Nehemiah 1:6-7** *“Let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to listen to the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You day and night for the Israelites, Your servants, confessing the sins of the Israelites which we have sinned against You. Yes, I and my father’s house have sinned. We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, statutes, and ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.”*

**Nehemiah 9:2** *“... the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.”*

Refer to other scriptures characterizing identificational repentance (**Ezra 9:5-15 and Jeremiah 3:25, 14:7 and 20**)

### **5) CONFESS CORPORATE SINS**

One or more persons (in turn) can stand and confess the corporate sins. If a representative of an offended group is available, it is beneficial to confess directly to that person and ask for forgiveness publicly, such as in the case of segregation, discrimination, or sins against the first nation people in the country. If unforgiveness exists against current members, it is most beneficial to publicly ask for forgiveness.

When remitting the sins, Nehemiah and Daniel confessed their **personal** sins as well as the **corporate** sins of their people. Those who remit the sins of others must not fail to identify personally with the sins that were or are being committed, even though they might not personally be as guilty of them as they are of other sins.

### **6) PRAY THE SINS BE REMITTED**

As the leader directs, the group may pray individually that the sins be remitted or they may pray all together at the same time. Any strongholds or corporate sins need to be identified and prayed for.

When we have discerned the activity of a principality with a particular characteristic, we need to cultivate the opposite characteristic—not only through resisting temptation but by demonstrating positive action.

Is the enemy tempting us to be fearful and stingy? We would come against this greed with hilarious generosity. We’d overcome pride with humility and lust with purity; we’d overcome fear with faith and lethargy with diligence.

Along with resisting temptation and taking positive action, we also are responsible for releasing GOD's Power when we declare His Word aloud. Within our right of dominion is the privilege of speaking into existence the purposes of GOD as He reveals His mind to us. We speak *in* the Name of Y’shua (Jesus), *through* the power of the Holy Spirit, *because* of the shed Blood of Y’shua (Jesus), *with* the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of GOD.

## 7) BREAK EVERY COVENANT

It is likely the land you are trying to redeem has been cursed through pagan and/or satanic covenants. It has to be set free from these ties by symbolic acts that cancel corresponding rites performed when the covenants were first established. It is important to break every covenant that has been made over particular places and to replace them by establishing a Covenant of GOD over such places. The dark covenants can be broken by the power of words spoken by those responsible for the land. The new covenant can be established by the power of words and using the symbols of wine and bread at the Table of the LORD.

## 8) WALK THE BUILDING AND PROPERTY

Symbolically walk around the building seven times. Organize the group into ranks similar to Joshua when Jericho was taken. First the praisers, praising the LORD; then the intercessors crying out for the sins of those that contaminated the land to be forgiven, then the pastors worshiping, symbolizing the presence of GOD in the Ark of the Covenant. Then should come those who poured the "fruit of the vine" oil as a drink offering to heal the land and break the covenants.

- **ANOINTING WITH OIL**

GOD commands Moses to build a Tabernacle after the pattern in Heaven. After all the elements have been put together, then Moses has a seven-day feast where they sanctify all of these objects and dedicate them to the work of GOD. He then anoints them so that they are set-apart for Holy purposes.

*Exodus 25:9* "Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you."

*Exodus 39:32* "Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting was finished; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the Israelites had done."

*Exodus 40:9* "You shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and shall consecrate it and all its furniture, and it shall be holy. You shall anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; and consecrate (set apart for GOD) the altar, and the altar shall be most holy. 11 And you shall anoint the laver and its base and consecrate it. Thus did Moses; according to all that the LORD commanded him, so he did."



### **We now apply this principle:**

Anoint the building doors and windows. Then follows those who scatter salt (see section below). Finally, comes the remaining members of the congregation shouting against all the demons, "we have overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony as we have denied our lives until death".

The group should be singing, singing in the Spirit, shouting, waving flags inscribed with Bible verses, and placing small rocks inscribed with Bible verses around the perimeter, all help to celebrate freedom of the land.

Shouting, clapping hands, and raising hands are powerful weapons of spiritual warfare. As the group walks around the building/property let them shout **Daniel 2:23** or other Scriptures of victory, and clap their hands as in **Ezekiel 6:11**.

Verbally decree all covenants broken and a new covenant with GOD established. If there are those in the group with a prophetic gift, let them prophesy life and blessings over the land / ground.

## **9) STAKE THE PROPERTY**

Literally using **Isaiah 33:20-23**, some congregations have found it helpful to physically stake the corners of their property. Obtain stakes (2" x 2") for each corner of the property and write scriptures upon them, such as, *"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you"* (Jas. 4:7).

Then take a group to each corner of the property and pray prayers of protection; pray the power of the Blood of Y'shua (Jesus) and dedication of the grounds. Drive the stakes into the ground to symbolically secure a "spiritual canopy" and to define the boundaries of the land dedicated to GOD. Give notice to the adversary that everything on the land and the people are committed to GOD.

## **10)THE TABLE OF THE LORD (COVENANT MEAL)**

Read the chapter on the Lord's Supper. Hold a worship service for all church members in which the Table of the Lord is the focus. Pour out a small amount of the blessed wine and bread on the ground as a symbol/prophetic act of the Body and Blood of Y'shua (Jesus) being poured out for us. Have an extended time of praise and worship.

## **11)USE OF SALT**

- Some intercessors use the covenant of salt.
- Salt is a symbol of perpetuity (2 Chronicles 13:5).
- Use of salt means that the new covenant is sealed forever.
- Old Testament sacrifices and offerings were sealed with salt (Leviticus 2:13).
- Salt was also used to bring barrenness to an enemy's land (Judges 9:45). Salt was used to purify and heal the water (2 Kings 2:21-22).
- Salt was used when a baby was born to heal the umbilical cord location and a sign that the parents were covenanting with GOD that the baby would remain GOD's and go straight and true for all his life (Ezekiel 16:4).
- It was a symbol of GOD's Faithfulness, eternalness and goodness.

## *Summary in setting your church free.*

- Satan's kingdom is a limited hierarchy of evil spirits, with order, authority, and a chain of command.
- High-ranking, supernatural principalities and powers (Ephesians 6) seek to dominate geographic areas, cities, peoples, and subcultures.
- While GOD's Word tells believers to treat such beings with respect, it also commands us to take them captive, to bind the strongman, to plunder his goods, and to tear down the rule and authority of the evil one within our own area of influence and authority (see warnings discussed at the end of this section.).
- We, as believers, are given authority to overcome the enemy as a result of Y'shua's (Jesus') victory.
- We must strategically apply GOD's Word and power based on discernment of the unseen realm.
- We need to overcome the enemy before we employ methods of ministry among the people.
- Our efforts should be covered with a great deal of praise and worship. In the days of King Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20), GOD defeated Judah's enemies through the singing of praise instead of through direct military action:

**2 Chronicles 20:21-22** *"When he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers to sing to the LORD and praise Him in their holy [priestly] garments as they went out before the army, saying, Give thanks to the LORD, for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever! And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who had come against Judah, and they were [self-] slaughtered;"*

A sure way to get rid of darkness is to turn on the light. Establish the LORD's Presence in the midst of His people through praise (**Psalm 22:3**).

- **Travail until birth.** The success of a spiritual victory for your church is directly affected by two spiritual conditions: (1) the intensity of your desire and (2) the size of your faith. That which is conceived of GOD will eventually come to birth. Maintain a holy stubbornness when praying for breakthrough. Seasons of harvest will come. New ministries will be birthed. However, these things will not occur instantly. GOD's Plan is always longer than our plan.
- Remember, spiritual warfare is not a goal in itself but a tool for more effective evangelism and ministry. Our goal is not exclusively to expose satanic strongholds and bind principalities and powers; our goal is to restore GOD's Glory to every detail of His creation and purpose. The real battle for effective evangelism and ministry is a spiritual battle.
- **Plan for the future.** Your church has a corporate past, present, and future. Your part of GOD's Family has a gift, a promise, and a territory to take. It is essential for you to understand what GOD has called your congregation to be and to do, if you are to successfully complete the Word GOD has given for your people and your church.

## → PART 2: Setting Neighbourhoods, Towns, Cities, and Regions FREE



We have already established that GOD loves the land, and that there is a relationship between what happens on the land, and the fruit that the land produces. If the land has been blessed, the land will produce abundant crops and beauty.

If the land has been defiled and cursed, the land will produce poverty, crime, death, and barrenness. The spiritual law of sowing and reaping applies to the land as well as to individuals. We reap from the land what has been previously sown.

Once we have set our individual church and its members free, and have participated in a congregational redemption of the building and the land on which it sits, we can then begin to think of redeeming larger tracts of land for GOD such as neighborhoods, towns and regions. However the Warnings listed at the end of this study should receive close attention. Do not exceed your spiritual authority. The bigger the area of influence, the more prayer warriors required, and the more unity and cooperation is required among the congregations located in the designed area.

### Examples of redeeming the land from Scripture:

- **Joshua** commanded to destroy idols (Exodus 23:27, 34:13).
- **Gideon** commanded to cut down idols (Judges 6).
- **Samuel** redeems the land (1 Samuel 7:3, 4, 6, 13).
- **David** redeems the land (2 Samuel 21:1-14, three year famine, Gideonites).
- **Elijah** and the prophets of Baal. They had to die to redeem the land.
- **1 Kings 18** — Israelite kings were told many times to remove the idols and high places previously established, as a prerequisite for receiving GOD's Blessings.

### • IDENTIFYING THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS OVER AN AREA

We identify the territorial spirits over a town, city or area the same way we identify them over our church or neighborhood, by spiritual mapping or "scanning" to determine why the spirits have permission to remain in the area. You will be looking for reasons the land is defiled.

### • CLEANSING OF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH/MINISTRY

It is like doing a bloodline cleansing of the church. Make a list of all previous pastors and leaders in the church — past sins of all leaders must be confessed. The building / place / office / church is defiled because of the sin. Cut the church loose from any connections to the second heaven. Deal with all false prophecies spoken over the church.

Ask forgiveness for any deception that has been preached, false teachings and leading the sheep of the LORD astray. Cleanse the pulpit, the instruments of worship, the altar, and all the offices and rooms used for the various church activities.

- **ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF DEFILEMENT IN TOWNS, CITIES, AND REGIONS**

In addition to the suggestions for successful spiritual mapping listed above for churches, there are other sources of possible concerns when scanning towns, cities and regions for sources of defilement, which may not be considerations in mapping areas of the church.

Some suggestions:

- How the city and places of interest in the city were named,
- The city's coat of arms if it has one,
- Any traditions of "heraldry" (a created system of designs for the coat of arms of each house, kingdom, country, province etc.) and
- The moral and/or religious tone of an Area's territorial heritage.

- **ADDITIONAL PLACES OF SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE**

Those that participate in spiritual warfare prayer have learned the importance of certain geographical features that are places of spiritual influence.

### **Mountains or High Places**

Mountains are places that are not only spiritual symbols but locations where both the devil and GOD have often been worshipped. Every time GOD revealed the blueprints of His design, He chose a man and He chose a mountain. Consider Noah, Moses, and David. The Bible mentions "high places" 90 times, most of which are instructions by the LORD to remove the idols from high places in Israelite lands.

### **Rivers, Streams, Fountains, Seas, Swamps and Lagoons**

Water is a symbol of spiritual power. GOD speaks of the flowing of His Spirit as a river of living water. Satan also uses rivers and streams as seats of his influence and power. The Bible speaks of Leviathan being a monster of the sea (**Isaiah 27:1**). The Bible refers to swamp land or pools of water in several places that seems to indicate that swamps are accursed places (**Isaiah 14:23, Ezekiel 47:11**).

### **Forests**

Many pagan people have long considered forests to be magical places. They are hiding places for witches and places of witchcraft. Forests are strategic places, being natural refuges for construction of strongholds.

## Ley-Lines

Most cultures have traditions and words to describe the straight, often geometric alignments that ran across ancient landscapes, connecting both natural and sacred prehistoric structures together. Usually the names given to represent these invisible lines are translated to an equivalent of '*spirit*', '*dream*', or '*energy*' paths.

However, apart from the physical presence of the sites themselves, proving the presence of a 'connection' between them is something that researchers have found notoriously elusive.

### **Steps in spiritual warfare for your neighborhood, town or city:**

- Lead your congregational members in personal repentance and deliverance
- Set your church and property free using the instructions above.
- Share your burden with other congregations in your neighborhood or town.
- Gather together a group of spiritual leaders/pastors from the congregations in the area.
- Gather the pastors together for personal repentance and deliverance, and forgiveness of one another.
- Do personal repentance and deliverance in each of the collective churches
- Meet the collective leadership group often. Prepare the collective group with prayer and fasting
- Ask GOD to show you the area He wants you to pray over.
- Hold a mass meeting of the congregations to share the plans and ask for their support.
- Make sure there are one or more persons on the leadership team with a highly developed gift of discerning of spirits. They will be indispensable in helping to identify the territorial spirits, and in hearing the direction from the LORD in the process.
- Delegate the process of spiritual mapping.
- The level of spiritual victory depends upon (1) the intensity of your desire and (2) the size of your faith.
- Do not (individually) try to pray against territorial spirits; normally it requires a whole church (or a group of churches in a specific area) to provide sufficient spiritual power to overcome the darkness (see material on Warnings” at the end of this section).
- Getting the exact name(s) of the spirits at any level is not crucial but it is important to be aware of the specific nature or type of oppression.
- The higher the rank of the spirit, the more spiritual power is needed to bind it.
- We must initiate the action. Every verse in the Bible dealing with warfare prayer indicates that the action begins on earth.
- Warfare prayer is best done by groups of highly motivated, spiritual intercessors.

- Ask the LORD for the names or nature of the oppressive spirits.
- Repent for and confess the sins of those who lived and died before in that particular location.

Remember that setting a neighborhood, town or city free is only part of the process of redemption. It brings the land from negative to zero. Praise, worship, and other positive spiritual activities are needed to move the land from zero to the positive.

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### *What is transforming revival?*

The transformation that occurs after land is healed is sometimes called transforming revival, as revival and renewal usually follows land redemption.

**Transforming revival** — is a corporate encounter with a supernatural GOD that is tangible, measurable, and observable by all who live at the visitation location. GOD's Presence brings accompanying fruit that characterizes His Nature and His Heavenly Kingdom with transformational changes happening at every level — individuals, families, church, society, and land.

Refers to the entire process of change a community undergoes as a result of GOD's Manifest Presence and subsequent spiritual awakening. It impacts individuals, churches and society.



Involves an acute awareness of GOD and His Holiness that changes the spiritual climate of a community or region with transformational results. It's a manifestation of GOD's Glory, love, wisdom, and power to people who have intentionally abandoned themselves to prepare for His Divine presence.

Is a significant invasion of GOD and His Kingdom to people and the community where they live. It extends beyond personal salvation to honoring Y'shua (Jesus) as the LORD over spheres of society such as education, business, finances, and the land. In transforming revival, GOD is not just filling big buildings with people, He is also bringing redemption and His Kingdom to every sphere—family, church, society, and the physical land itself. This is a radical new dimension in revival!

Is GOD's **Salvation** destroying the works of the devil; His extravagant **grace** replacing poverty and lack; His **justice** conquering injustice; and His **love** bringing life to the brokenness of society. It is reclaiming part of the earth and bestowing the Kingdom of GOD.

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Produces objective evidence that GOD and His Kingdom are impacting the visited communities with dramatic changes in their spiritual atmosphere and physical environment. This change includes broad-scale salvation in the community, deliverance from demonic oppression, miraculous reduction in addictions and abuse, and many times supernatural transformation of the land itself.

Is GOD's Restoration of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, destroying the works of the devil. His extravagant grace replacing poverty and lack, His justice conquering injustice, and His Love bringing life to the brokenness of society and to the land.

Is followed by a visitation by the LORD is in response to a formal invitation by the community in the form of intentional preparation by desperate believers.

Occurs as a result of profound obedience to remove every obstacle to GOD's Holy presence.

- **WHAT ARE THE INDICATORS OF TRANSFORMING REVIVAL?**

- ✓ Political leaders publicly acknowledge their sin and dependence on GOD (**2 Kings 11:17-18; 23:2; Jonah 3:6-9**).
- ✓ New laws, curricula, and business practices are put into effect (**2 Chronicles 19:4-10; Nehemiah 10:31**).
- ✓ The natural environment is restored to its original life-nurturing state (**Leviticus 26:4-5; II Chronicles 7:14; Ezekiel 34:27; 36:29-30**).
- ✓ Economic conditions improve and lead to a discernible lessening of poverty (**Chronicles 17:3-5; Psalm 144:14; Isaiah 60:5; Amos 9:13**).
- ✓ There is a marked change in social entertainment and vices as Kingdom values are integrated into the rhythm of daily life (**Ezra 10:1-4; Nehemiah 8:10, 16; Ecclesiastes 10:17; Acts 19:17-20**).
- ✓ Crime and corruption diminish throughout the community (**2 Kings 12:13-15; Nehemiah 5:6-12; Isaiah 60:17-18**).
- ✓ Volunteerism increases as Christians recognize their responsibility to heal and undergird the community (**Isaiah 58:10-12; 61:1-4**).
- ✓ Restored hope and joy leads to a decline in divorce, bankruptcy and suicide (**Nehemiah 12:27-28, 43; Isaiah 54:11-14; 61:3,7; Jeremiah 30:17-19; 31:11-13; Hosea 2:15**).
- ✓ The spiritual nature of the growing socio-political renewal becomes a hot topic in the secular media (**1 Chronicles 20:29; Nehemiah 6:16; Isaiah 55:5; Ezekiel 36:36; Acts 19:17**)

- ✓ Overwhelmed by the goodness of GOD, grateful Christians take the embers of revival into surrounding communities and nations (**1 Chronicles 17:9; Isaiah 61:6; Acts 11:20-26**)
- ✓ Unusual manifestations of the Spirit (**Acts 2**) sheds fear of the manifestations of the Presence of the Ruach (Holy Spirit).

- **EIGHT COMPONENTS OF TRANSFORMATION REVIVAL**

1. **Forerunner Intercession** — usually GOD touches a small group of people to begin to pray. Eventually many people will be praying as “great supplications ascend from home after home in the area”.
2. **Fullness of Time** — when GOD answers is up to GOD. We must wait on His timing. **Habakuk 2:3** “*wait for it: it will certainly come and will not delay*” requires faith and persistence. GOD wants to see if you really are serious.
3. **Extraordinary Unity in Prayer** — the power of agreement **Matthew 18:19-20**. First the burden falls on a few forerunner intercessors, then to a broader base of people in unity pouring out their prayers together. “*They prayed in one accord.*” (**Acts 1:14**) Until the answer came.
4. **Covenant Prayer** — persistence in praying the promises and having faith. Standing on the covenants of GOD with Abraham (**Genesis 12, 15, 17**).
5. **Divine Magnetism** — in revival people come from everywhere. It spreads like fire. It has a supernatural drawing power. People are drawn there.
6. **Presence and Holiness** — a community saturated with GOD. The presence of GOD is everywhere, in homes, the marketplace, churches, places of entertainment and by the roadside. It is an all-pervasive spiritual atmosphere. Revival comes with a deep consciousness of GOD’s Holiness that resulted in a solemn fear of GOD and deep conviction of sin among believers and unbelievers alike.
7. **Community Transformation** — people begin to spontaneously pray and repent of their sins. Lives are changed, marriages are healed, families restored, drinking houses are closed, jails are empty, the land becomes fruitful. Pastors and spiritual leaders began to see their community through the Eyes of Y’shua (Jesus). Social and governmental change takes place.

Each community that has attracted the presence of GOD has done so by humbling themselves before the LORD, taking responsibility for their desperate condition, repenting of their sins corporately and returning to covenant and intimacy with GOD. Societal transformation flows out of a season of preparation and invitation by GOD’s people in response to His initiative.

Participants in supernatural community transformation are keenly aware that the systemic problems communities are facing cannot be resolved with human wisdom or methodologies. Human strategies will never produce supernatural change. Man’s solutions are temporary at best and usually flawed.

The devastation prevalent in our communities is rooted in spiritual causes and therefore cannot be resolved by a man center approach.



If generations have offended the LORD by continuing in sins like immorality, idolatry, and shedding of innocent blood, the darkness and defilement that flows for a community cannot be remedied by natural efforts.

John the Baptist, Y'shua (Jesus), and the twelve disciples were to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of GOD i. e. the Kingdom of Heaven is near. The moving in of GOD's Kingdom is demonstrated when the sick are healed, the dead are raised, the lepers are cleansed, and demons are cast out. Transformation is the Kingdom of GOD and the Will of GOD in Heaven being manifest on the earth.

## *Conclusion.*

Revival is not an end in itself. GOD does not intend for revival to end with the church. He intends for the manifestation of His presence and power to affect the society in which revival occurs and the land on which they live.

***“Transformation is a neighborhood, city or nation whose values and institutions have been overrun by the grace and presence of GOD. It is a place where Divine Fire has not merely been summoned — it has fallen.***

***Transformation is society in which natural evolutionary change has been disrupted by invasive supernatural power and a culture that has been impacted comprehensively and undeniably by the Kingdom of GOD.***

***It is a location where Kingdom values are celebrated publicly and passed on to future generations!”*** George Otis, Jr. (from IFTP Core Definitions and Values)

## *Warnings.*

One of the most prominent unresolved issues among members of the Spiritual Warfare Network is: “on which, if any, of the three levels we are given Biblical authority for intentional ministry?”

Some feel we should not advocate engaging spiritual forces that may be occupying geographical areas, buildings, animals, human social networks, churches or physical objects, such as trees, mountains, or idols. Nor to do strategic level warfare prayer to name, rebuke, or otherwise address so called territorial spirits.

Others prefer to give literal interpretation to such sayings of Y'shua (Jesus) as **Luke 10:19** “Behold I give you the authority ... over all the power of the enemy” ... and do confrontational spiritual warfare on all levels (see **Colossians 1:16-20, John 16:15**). It is imperative that individuals do not take on this task alone. There needs to be a community pastor or Christian leader who is willing and able to call other churches into the effort as well.

The most successful redemptions are those where pastors and church members from a high percentage of churches in the area join together in the process.

Therefore the first requirement is that of unifying a number of churches and church leaders in the spiritual warfare process. This process can take a minimum of several weeks to several months, or even years.

Don't try to omit any steps or take any short cuts else the results will be limited.

### **Three major warnings:**

1. Never invade the devil's turf without clear orders from the LORD. An old saying truthfully acknowledges, "There is no safer place than in the center of GOD's Will; there is no more dangerous place than outside of it." When not spiritually protected, the darkness can overcome not only the situation but also the individuals involved in the situation. Move out of the enemy's territory when the battle is beyond you.
2. Don't venture beyond your own area of spiritual influence and authority<sup>2</sup> without specific direction from GOD. In other words, don't pray over what you don't have legal ground to pray over.
3. Don't pray over someone else's house without their involvement and permission. Don't pray over a community without involvement of most of the churches in that community. Doing so removes you from the protective spiritual canopy and exposes you to the enemy's weapons. Doing so also encounters a sin of presumption—of making an attempt to extend GOD's Kingdom without His specific direction.

You have authority to pray for your church but not the city or strongholds of the city (such as porno shops) unless GOD so directs (read *Needless Casualties of War* by John Paul Jackson).

Don't focus on the darkness more than you focus on the light. While some consideration must be given to the powers of darkness in this process, the more attention they receive, the more they will collect.

Praying and doing spiritual battle have to be a work led by the Holy Spirit. We must not enter the spiritual world in a contributing manner and without direction.

### *Seven Blessings of God on the land.*

**Leviticus 26:4-10** presents seven categories of blessings that GOD longs to bestow on His people when they live, walk, and work in obedience to Him.

1. **Ecological Health** — Leviticus 26:4 says, "I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit."

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<sup>2</sup> See the book "*Authority And Ranking In The Kingdom Of GOD*"

2. **Economic Health** — Leviticus 26:5 says, “Your threshing season will overlap with grape harvest, and your grape harvest will overlap with the season of planting grain. You will eat your fill and live securely in your own land.”
3. **Personal Security** — Leviticus 26:6 says, “I will give you peace in the land, and you will be able to sleep with no cause for fear.”
4. **Civil Security** — Leviticus 26:6 says, “I will rid the land of wild animals and keep your enemies out of your land.”
5. **International Security** — Leviticus 26:7 says, “In fact, you will chase own your enemies and slaughter them with your swords.” Leviticus 26:8 says, “Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand! All your enemies will fall beneath your sword.”
6. **Honor and Growth** — Leviticus 26:9 says, “I will look favorably upon you, making you fertile and multiplying your people. And I will fulfill My covenant with you.”
7. **Innovation and Creativity** — Leviticus 26:10 says, “You will have such a surplus of crops that you will need to clear out the old grain to make room for the new harvest!”

GOD’s further promises to His people for their obedience are written in:

**Leviticus 26:11-13** *“I will put My Tabernacle among you, and I will not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your GOD, and you will be my people. I am the LORD your GOD, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.”*

## (I) Banners

(See more info in our book *Apostolic, Prophetic, Intercession, And Warfare.*)

Flags over castles showed who reigned there. When we go to battle a banner must be raised — YHVH Nissi. We must pull down the enemy banners in our bloodlines and render them powerless. The different family crests also represent different demons and call them to rule over that bloodline.



**Psalm 20:5** *“We will shout in triumph at Your salvation and victory and **will lift up our banners** in the Name of our GOD. May the LORD grant all your petitions.”*

**Psalm 60:4** *“You have **set up a banner** for those who fear and worshipfully revere You, a standard displayed because of the truth.”*

**Isaiah 5:26** *“And He will **lift up a signal** ...”*

**Isaiah 11:10, 12** *“... shall stand **as a signal** for the peoples ... and He will **raise a signal** for the nations ...”*

**Isaiah 13:2-6** *“**Raise up a banner** ...”*

- Torches, flags and banners are seen as holy weapons:

**Jeremiah 51:11-12, 27** *“11 Make clean and sharp the arrows, take up the shields or coats of armor [and cover your bodies with them]! The LORD has stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes [who with the Persians will destroy the Babylonian Empire], for His purpose concerning Babylon is to destroy it; for that is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance [upon Babylon for the plundering and destruction] of His temple. 12 Set up a standard or signal [to spread the news] upon the walls of Babylon! Make the watch and blockade strong, set the guards, prepare the ambushes! For the LORD has both purposed and done that which He spoke against the inhabitants of Babylon. 27 Set up a standard or signal in the land [to spread the news]! Blow the trumpet among the nations! Prepare and dedicate the nations for war against her; call against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz. Appoint a marshal against her; cause the horses to come up like [a swarm of] locusts [when their wings are not yet released from their horny cases].”*

**Jeremiah 50:2** *“2 Declare it among the nations and publish it and set up a signal [to spread the news]—publish and conceal it not; say, Babylon has been taken; Bel [the patron god] is put to shame, Merodach (Bel) is dismayed and broken down. [Babylon’s] images are put to shame, her [senseless] idols are thrown down!”*

**Isaiah 13** teaches us that a raised banner denotes victory.

- You have gained ground.
- The banner gives you authority.
- Declares on whose side you are.

The LORD is my banner, *Jahweh Nissi*:

**Exodus 17:15** *“15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD is my Banner;”*

**Song 2:4** *“His banner over me is love.”*

- **PRACTICALLY**

Write Scriptures on small pieces of paper, fold and plant the Word:

- In between the pages of occultic books,
- In the covers of immoral videos,
- At places where the occult has claimed the heights,
- In between the stones of monuments,
- In restaurants, etc.

## **(2) Feet**

**Walk and proclaim:**

**Joshua 1:3** *“3 Every place upon which the sole of your foot shall tread, that have I given to you, as I promised Moses.”*

## Act according to Joshua 6:

**Malachi 4:3** *“3 And you shall **tread down the lawless and wicked**, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, says the LORD of hosts.”*

**Psalm 18:34,36** *“34 He teaches my hands to war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. 36 You **have given plenty of room for my steps under me, that my feet would not slip.**”*

- **THE POWER OF PROCLAMATION**

Tremendous power is released through proclaiming the Word of GOD. Many believers are unaware of this amazing potential that is available to all Christians. Whether it is a situation of personal need or an international crisis that needs to be resolved, learning how to proclaim the Word of GOD into that situation releases GOD’s Creative Power, which can utterly transform the circumstances. Every believer has both the privilege and the responsibility to proclaim GOD’s Word.

**Isaiah 55:10–11** *“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”*

The word “**proclaim**” is a strong word. It comes from a Latin word that means “to shout forth.” A related word in the language of the New Testament is one that means “to confess.” Confess means “to say the same as.”

For us, as believers in the Bible, confession involves saying the same thing with our mouths as GOD has already said in His Word. When we make the words of our mouths agree with the Word of GOD, we position ourselves to receive the full backing and authority of Y’shua (Jesus).

In **Hebrews 3:1**, the writer said that Y’shua (Jesus) is the “High Priest of our confession.” This is a very important statement. If we have no confession, we have no High Priest. Y’shua (Jesus) is the High Priest of what we confess. In other words, whenever we say with our mouths what the Bible says about us as believers in Christ, then we have Y’shua (Jesus) as our High Priest in Heaven, releasing His Authority and His Blessing over our confession.

If we remain silent, however, in a certain sense, we cut off His ministry to us as High Priest. If we make a wrong confession, we do even worse. In such a case, we invite negative forces to surround us and move upon us.

A proclamation is a confession that is made aggressive. It is a word that speaks of spiritual warfare. It is releasing the authority of GOD’s Word into a situation, into your own life, your family, the life of your church, a political situation, or whatever it may be. There are countless situations that need to have the power of GOD released into them, and there is no more effective way to release the power of GOD than by proclamation.

- HOW TO PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Proclamation!!**  
**Thanksgiving!!**  
**Praise!!**



First, proclaim the appropriate Scripture with bold, unwavering confidence. To make this fully effective, we often personalized the passages we quoted, making any grammatical substitutions needed to apply the verses more personally to ourselves. For instance, where the Bible says, “you,” we changed it in our proclamation to “I,” “we,” or “us.”

Second, we accepted the Scripture we proclaimed as true, even before we saw its actual outworking in any situation. The natural result of this was to thank GOD for it. This logically led to the third step: loud, jubilant praise.

In **Song of Solomon 6:4**, Solomon describes Christ’s Bride, the church, as “awesome as an army with banners.”

Ask the Holy Spirit:

- (A) To make “alive” to you any Scriptures that are appropriate to your particular situation.
- (B) Read these Scriptures through many times—out loud, if possible.
- (C) Gradually proceed from reading aloud to systematic memorization. This is a natural step. The Hebrew expression for “to learn by heart” actually means “to learn by mouth.” As you read the words aloud, they gradually become imprinted on your memory.

Let me give you a few Scriptures that reveal the power of the Word of GOD:

**Psalm 33:6 KJV** “By the Word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the Breath of His Mouth.”

The Hebrew word for “breath” is **Ruach**, which is also the word for “spirit”. Thus, all of creation came about through two agents: the Word of GOD and the Spirit of GOD. Everything that exists, has existed, or will exist owes its origin to these two forces working together. The Word must work with the Spirit. I think that might be why it was translated as breath and not as spirit.

Every time He speaks a word, it is carried by His Breath — His Spirit. The Word and the Spirit of GOD always go together. The Word and the Spirit of GOD brought the universe into being, and they continue working together to sustain it.

There is a very powerful Scripture in 2 Peter that tells us three facts: the Word creates, the Word maintains, and the Word abolishes.

**2 Peter 3:5–7** *“By the Word of GOD the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth, which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of un-Godly men.”*

By the Word of GOD, the earth and heavens were brought into being; by the Word of GOD, they are maintained in being; and by the Word of GOD, and in His timing, they will pass away. The Word of GOD creates, maintains, and abolishes. Sometimes, when I look at the mess that man is making of this planet, I am glad that the Word of GOD will abolish this mess one day. GOD accomplishes all these things by His Word.

In **2 Corinthians 3:6**, Paul said, *“The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”* In other words, the Word by itself, without the breath, does not bring life. It has to be the Word and the Spirit together. You may have a sermon that has a lot of Scripture in it, but if it does not have the breath of the Spirit, then it is dry.

It does not produce life; it produces death. The two must always operate together.

It is GOD’s Word, and if you say it with a believing heart through believing lips, it is just as effective when His Spirit says it through you as it is when GOD Himself says it. If the Spirit of GOD propels the Word of GOD through your mouth, it is as effective as when GOD spoke the universe into being.

**Psalm 149:5–9** *“Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds. Let the high praises of GOD be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the written judgment; this honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!”*

If you have the high praises of GOD in your mouth and a two-edged sword in your hand, then you can execute judgment on the nations.

Notice that we are “to execute ... the written judgment.” Where is that judgment written? It is in the Word. We are not the ones to make those judgments; GOD has made them. But we have the privilege of executing those judgments on the nations and their rulers.

I want to emphasize that we don’t make the judgments; we find the judgments in the written Word of GOD. Our role is to execute them.

How do we do this? We do it by proclaiming from the Word of GOD the judgments that are written there. We simply proclaim them; we are the heralds.

Remember — especially if you have a lot of negative thinking and speaking in your background — just saying one of these proclamations once is not going to have much of an impact. These proclamations need to be spoken out loud over and over for real change to come from the heavenly realm. You need to go on speaking them out loud until they become part of your thinking.

### (3) *Caging, Netting, Snaring*

The following rituals are done by agents of satan who have been assigned to attack the work of the LORD in churches, seminars, and so forth.

- **CAGING**

They would do a demonic prophetic act and stand as “prison bars” around the pulpit — their purpose it is block off the preacher from the congregation — they actually “cage” the preacher and this causes that you cannot hear from GOD; your ears are blocked. People in church are separated from preacher and worship team. It feels as though the preacher is preaching his/her heart out but there is no contact between him /her and the congregation.

It seems like they are bored and not even listening. They would even do rituals in front of the pulpit and defile the altar — one would need to silence the blood that was spilt on that altar — an animal, a baby, any person, and/or rape.

***Bring these rituals before GOD. Uproot the prison bars and break the links and unity and agreement between the powers. Loose the preacher, worship team and the people. Bind the demons assigned to block the people’s ears and declare them opened. Declare the Word that nothing will stop the work of the LORD.***

- **NETTING**

A demonic net is cast over the congregation. No more souls are won for Y’shua (Jesus) — the opposite of “fishers for men”. The congregation becomes isolated; the finances dry up. The ground is declared unholy. Rituals can be done at ritual sites and then established in the church building or venue the moment the “key person” walks over the ground.

#### **Walking Portals**

Mind control people sent to destroy the church are “walking portals” — when they enter a venue that has been targeted to block the Work of the LORD, they **are** the portal to hell and through them many demons are released in to services and seminars — defiling the whole place wherever they move.

One would need to understand how this all works in the spirit and then pray to close off all portals that they will not be able to be accessed at the seminar or church service.

- **SNARING**

They would do demonic prophetic acts where they take a demonic bag full of seed — they would then throw this seed as if sowing in a field. They are enacting the parable of the sower and the seed — throwing evil seed in to the field of a congregation. For example, gossip/seeds of destruction. Negative seed is being sown: mistrust, rebellion. The person/people look for others who would agree with their gossip — this is very destructive and can destroy a church or a prayer group, and so forth.

**Curse the seeds of destruction. Bind the demons that carry the seed. Destroy the seed bag!**

- **WARNING!! RANKING AND AUTHORITY**

*Ecclesiastes 7:16 "Do not be excessively righteous nor be excessively wise."*

Know your place in the Body of Christ and the levels of authority. Do not act outside your ranking over the town or church or any other place. You will be hurt. The **elders** take possession of the gates. The **church leaders** of the town or city must bind the strongmen. Intercessors, prayer groups, or home cells can do proclamations that Y'shua (Jesus) is King; prayer altars can be built; the Word can be planted; etc.

**\*\*REMEMBER!!\*\* GOD always works through leadership. BEWARE OF REBELLION.** Obtain permission from school principals, bosses, leaders, etc. to pray on their premises.

#### *(4)Conclusion*

- **TO PRACTICALLY BUILD AN ALTAR**

Take stones — like white river stones — write Scriptures on them that GOD has given you to proclaim over the area you are praying for — and pack them in a pile one on top of the other. Use Covenant Meal and declare our victory through the Blood of the Lamb!

Break the bread that is left over into pieces and prophetically sprinkle onto altar declaring that our LORD's Body was broken to redeem man and the earth.



Then pour out the remaining wine onto the stones and declare that the Blood of the Lamb redeems man as well as creation and breaks the curse.

Lastly, also as a prophetic act, pour out the oil as a symbol of the Holy Spirit over the stones and call forth for the anointing of the LORD to destroy the yokes of evil.

It is important that there should be **constant prayer action** so that the enemy will be driven from the land/city/church/house.

It is **not** a one-time process. The LORD will lead each time action needs to be taken.

The roots are dealt with but the enemy will always try to come back.

According to **Jeremiah 1:10** we must root out, destroy and pull down strongholds, destroy and throw down the enemy's work, but also build and plant GOD's Word.

That is how buildings, factories, businesses, farms, houses, etc. are cleansed and delivered — through the Blood of the Lamb!!

### *(5) Additional study.*

#### **1. “Man’s Relationship to GOD and Earth” materials from Kanaan Ministries:**

In this series, you will learn that we have a very close relationship with the earth. We are “earth” that has been quickened by the Spirit of GOD. We were made for the earth, to live here and to have dominion.

We will be looking at the Scriptures, and learn that the earth responds or reacts to who we are and what we do.

We will see that GOD gives the earth authority to curse man. The earth has a power to prosper us, it has a **mouth** to swallow up and take away the strength of man.

- **Understanding the Principles of GOD:**

**Exodus 20:24** *“An altar of earth you shall make to Me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every Place where I record My Name and cause it to be remembered I will com to you and bless you.”*

GOD taught man how to consecrate the land by building prayer altars — Abel, Noah, Jacob, etc. By doing so , we are opening the Gates of Heaven over those areas. You need an altar to bring the earth and spiritual together.

This is an Apostolic end-time message to help you walk in total victory, body, soul and spirit, and to have dominion as GOD spoke it over mankind in Genesis.

#### **2. Also see the “Transformation” videos made by the Sentinel Group and George Otis, Jr.**

This video tells a story of prayer teams that did the generational curses of cities and the result was amazing release and breakthrough for the peoples of the land. From ground that was totally barren and cursed came forth the most amazing, huge fruit and vegetables.

These videos have touched many lives and encouraged many other intercessors worldwide to do the same thing and in South Africa stadiums started filling up from Cape Town in 2001 and in later years there were stadiums filled right across the world!

#### **3. “Redeeming The Land” book from Kanaan Ministries.**

#### **4. “Possessing The Gates of The Enemy”by Cindy Jacobs.**

#### **5. “Redeeming The Land” by Gwen Shaw.**

## Prayer for Cleansing of Your Home

As you pray over your home I recommend taking oil and anointing every doorway and window throughout the house. As you go from room to room say the following first prayer (room by room prayer).

When finished praying for the whole house in a central area or outside (or both) with the second prayer.

You will also want to remove all **occult objects** that you are aware of from your property if you truly desire to live in a sanctified home.

### 1. Room by Room Prayer

LORD, You said in Your Word that he that dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the Shadow of the Almighty (**Psalm 91:1**).

I declare that this room is spiritually transitioned into Your secret place and now abides under Your Shadow.

I repent on behalf of every sin committed in this house including but not limited to fornication, idolatry, adultery, homosexuality, theft, coveting, drunkenness, revelry, and extortion (**1 Corinthians 6:9-10**).

I declare that this property is now being transitioned under the jurisdiction of the Kingdom of GOD and will from henceforth receive the blessings thereof. There shall no evil befall me neither shall any plague come near this dwelling (**Psalm 91:10**).

I apply the Blood of Y'shua<sup>3</sup> (Jesus) over this home and every person that presently resides in it because we overcame the devil by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony (**Revelation 12:11**).

I now speak to every spirit that has taken up habitation in this dwelling place and I take authority over you according to my authority in Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

I cast you out, and command you to go to where the King Y'shua (Jesus) sends you.

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<sup>3</sup> *Y'shua* (Hebrew) is Jesus' real name, which means "Salvation". We have no problem with the name "Jesus" — it is merely the Greek transliteration of "Y'shua". Jesus is the name most of us grew up with. Remember though, Y'shua was a Jew, of the Tribe of Judah, not a Greek. It's sort of like this ... when you come to know someone's real name, you want to use it, hence the use of *Y'shua* instead of Jesus. Another powerful reason to use Y'shua is that every time you say His Name, you are proclaiming "Salvation". You will also note in some places, we have used the real Name of the FATHER, YHVH. The Name is made up of the Hebrew letters, **Yod-Hey-Vav-Hey**, and is most commonly pronounced "Yahweh" or "Jehovah". Again, we have chosen to use this, as YHVH is the FATHER's Name.

## 2. Speak this Over the Entire Home

To every evil spirit that has held influence over this home, I serve you an eviction notice and I divorce you from this property now in the mighty Name of Y'shua (Jesus). If there are any hidden objects providing rights anywhere in this house or on this property, I declare that they are immediately exposed, that they are absolved of their demonic power and that all rights are cancelled in the Name of Y'shua (Jesus).

I speak over my home and declare that it is a habitation of righteousness, and a dwelling place for the presence of GOD (**Exodus 15:2**).

I close off **former satanic access points** and I decree that **every portal and window of access to the demonic realm** is now being shut and sealed in the Name of Y'shua (Jesus).

I declare that the LORD will now be a Wall of Fire round about this home (**Zechariah 2:5**).

Thank You LORD that this home is now being surrounded by angels above and below and against **every dimensional access point** in the Name of Y'shua (Jesus).

LORD I thank You for delivering my house and property from the curse, for it is written that Y'shua (Jesus) became a curse for us (**Galatians 3:13**), and I thank You for filling this home with Your Glorious Presence.

**AMEN!!**



## Chapter 2:

First Peoples  
and Redeeming  
the Land

## *The Church and Spiritual Precedents<sup>4</sup>*

Glorious stories of community transformation are coming in from around the world. The latest documented reports indicate over 800 communities world-wide are in some stage of transformation. But, here in the United States and Canada — although various groups have been carrying out prayer walks and other initiatives to cleanse the land — we are still waiting to see the breakthroughs that tell us we too are on the road to community transformation.

Despite all the efforts why the lack of breakthrough? While there are a number of potential answers to this question, we here at FNCM believe it is linked to the North American church's participation with the US and Canadian governments treatment of the indigenous people of the continent. Because the church joined with the state in the early years of our nation's history, to dispossess the Native American tribes of their GOD-given birthright and inheritance, it is today suffering the spiritual consequences of its involvement.

Some of the spiritual consequences include: a greatly diminished dimension of spiritual authority over the powers of darkness, especially high level principalities and powers; a lack of conviction to the spoken word of GOD and a dramatic lack of response to evangelistic messages; minimal manifestations of genuine healing and deliverance; extended corporate intercessory prayers going unanswered; divisions, divorce, and deception running rampant within the body of Christ; and a profound inability to influence governmental legislation, to thwart the invasion of cults and false religions and to turn this nation back to Jesus Christ.

We believe the spiritual impotency and mediocrity within the North American church today is directly related to several things.

First, the church joined the government in conspiring to deceive, disrupt, and destroy Indigenous populations as part of a corporate initiative to gain control of the land so they could access the vast resources of timber, gold, silver, copper, and other rich minerals within the land.

Second, the majority of the church stood by, watched, and allowed politicians and government officials to carry out the dispossession process.

Last of all, many within the current church at large refuse to acknowledge and repent for a long history of collaboration and cooperation with destructive federal policies toward Native people.

Much of the modern church remains ignorant about its willful participation in the spiritual, psychological, economic, and physical traumatizing and destruction of whole tribal groups. The church's distorted religious activities during the early history of this nation have positioned it for judgment by the very GOD it claims to serve.

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By participating with un-Godly government initiatives the church has given the powers of darkness the legitimate right to restrain, undermine, and thwart the release of GOD's Kingdom Power and authority through His church into North America. As a willing participant the church has established spiritual precedents that virtually guarantee the judgments of GOD will come upon this nation.

What are some of the spiritual precedents the church has participated in or allowed to be activated? What exactly does a spiritual precedent look like? First, let's define the meaning of spiritual precedent.

The term **precedent** is defined as an act, statement, legal decision, or case, etc. that may serve as an example, reason, or justification for a later act, legal decision, or statement. The spiritual aspect is governed by the principles outlined in the Word of GOD which clearly explain outcomes that can be expected by personal or corporate legal decisions, actions, or statements of stance.

For example **Proverbs 28:13** says "the man who covers his sins will not prosper." The precedent is the action of a person covering and hiding his sins. The decision to cover up and hide sin sets in motion GOD's Just Decision and Response to not allow prosperity to be released into the guilty party's life. Essentially, a person establishes a precedent by his decisions or actions and GOD guarantees a spiritual consequence for his selected action. Therefore, a spiritual precedent is when a natural action or decision activates and ensures a certain spiritual consequence.

In applying **Proverbs 28:13** to the corporate body of Christ in North America today, we could say that when the church refuses to acknowledge its part in the decimation and destruction of Native families and communities — and in this sense is covering its sins — then GOD promises that His church will not prosper. Make no mistake, our heavenly Father is faithful to fulfill His word, even if means not allowing His own children to prosper. Consequently, the church of North America is actually responsible for hindering and diminishing the cause of Christ in the continent.

**Spiritual Precedent One**  
*Spiritual Precedents: Related to the Treatment  
of North America's Indigenous People<sup>5</sup>*

Every historical event established a spiritual precedent, thus guaranteeing that the nation will reap that which was sown in its treatment of North America's Indigenous people. In most cases the church was in some way involved, either directly, through participation or endorsement of federal policy initiatives, or by passive compliance or by selective ignorance and even today with a outright refusal to identify with the sins of church fathers or in some cases, whole denominations.

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## **Indian Removal Act (1830) and Legalized Lawlessness**

In 1828 gold was discovered in Lumpkin County Georgia, right in the heart of Cherokee tribal territory. Almost immediately, in their quest for the gold, state legislators launched legal procedures to remove the Cherokee people from their homeland. In their fight for justice, the Cherokee took their case to the Supreme Court. In making his ruling Chief Justice John Marshall determined Georgia lawmakers held no jurisdiction over the Cherokee Nation and therefore could not force them to relinquish their traditional territory. Marshall's ruling recognized the Cherokee as a domestic sovereign nation in accordance with their federal-tribal relationship with the U.S. government and thus secured their legal status as a sovereign and self-governing entity.

However, Andrew Jackson was dedicated to orchestrating their removal. Although the idea of Indian removal was first proposed by Thomas Jefferson, it was President Andrew Jackson who actually introduced and pushed this policy through Congress. He also ensured completion of the removal process by hand-selecting Martin Van Buren as his successor.

Determined to rid the Southeast of Indians and seeking to fulfill campaign promises of more land for his constituents, Jackson openly defied the Supreme Court ruling and urged Congress to pass the bill. In fact, Jackson reportedly said "John Marshall has made his decision, now let him enforce it." Concerned about breaking treaties with the Cherokee, Congress reluctantly passed the Indian Removal Act by a mere five votes.

In his efforts to hasten the removal of the Cherokees, Jackson appointed the Reverend John F. Schermerhorn, a retired Dutch minister, as treaty commissioner to the Indian tribe. Rev. Schermerhorn intentionally and covertly arranged for twenty-one unofficial Cherokee tribal representatives to sign a removal treaty. Despite evidence the tribe's constituted authorities and most Cherokee people were firmly opposed, Congress ratified the removal treaty.

In what has become known as the Trail of Tears, 20,000 Cherokee were forcefully marched from their homelands to what is now called Oklahoma. Over four thousand tribal members died on the journey. In all more than 100,000 individuals from various tribal groups were forced to migrate to territories west of the Mississippi River. Unfortunately, President Jackson's policy set the stage for acts of violence, genocide, and oppression towards Native people to continue over the next 120 years.

Presidents Jackson and Van Buren — representing the highest office in the land, the American people, and their justice system — broke multiple spiritual laws in violating past treaties and the United States constitution. With their ideas and actions Jefferson, Jackson, and Van Buren paved the way for powerful dark forces to gain the legal right to torment, harass, and oppress indigenous tribal groups and to bring curses upon the United States government and its people.

In retrospect it can be said that the highest office in the land, in refusing to obey the highest court in the land, actively legalized lawlessness as a principle in the land. Not only was lawlessness activated but rightness was outlawed. Jackson's illegitimate action is sealed with the blood of over four thousand Cherokee, blood that still cries out for justice.

In making this irresponsible decision, President Andrew Jackson established a precedent and the spiritual fruits of his policy are dramatically influencing legislative decision-making and the political process in our nation today.

Finally, Rev. Schermerhorn's involvement as treaty commissioner implicates the church as a willing partner in the agony, pain, and death suffered by Native people as a consequence of Jackson's anti-Indian policy. Although several missionaries stood with the Cherokee in the struggle to keep their homeland, most of the church at large remained silent and passively allowed Jackson and the federal government to carry out injustice at the highest level.

## Conclusions and Consequences

GOD's Word declares the following:

**Numbers 14:18** *"The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation."*

Scripture clearly indicates we as a nation will reap the consequences of iniquities committed by past generations of governmental and church leaders.

**Isaiah 5:20** *"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"*

One of the key aspects of lawlessness is that it twists the truth by taking what GOD has defined as evil and presenting and promoting evil as something good. Lawlessness gradually erodes the truth and replaces it with distorted and deceptive cultural, social and political philosophies. Unfortunately, these philosophies facilitate and ultimately guarantee this nation's demise, defeat, destruction, and eventual death.

**2 Thessalonians 2:7** *"For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way."*

Legalized lawlessness is a satanic initiative to utilize governing agents to legislatively bypass GOD's Word and pave the way for the general population to passively ignore or endorse, participate in, and eventually abdicate responsibility for corporate sin. The main objective of legalized lawlessness is to break the restraints GOD has put in place to limit the promotion, advancement, and culturalization of sin as a social norm..

**2 Corinthians 6:14** *"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?"*

GOD's people are called the righteous and people of light. What communion do believers have with lawlessness? In this case lawlessness is equated with darkness. Although believers are to have no fellowship with darkness, we must realize that legalization of lawlessness is an outright attempt to force true believers to retreat from publically challenging sin and instead yield to the elitists opinion that believers have little or no voice in defining the moral standards of this nation.

As believers we have several options; (1) we can ignore lawlessness and hope it will go away, (2) we can go along with the status quo and join in transgressing GOD's Law, (3) we can stand fast and violate the laws of the lawless, or (4) we can seek to turn the nation back to GOD and change the laws.

- **Current consequences of Jackson's policy** — Abortion has been legalized, the Ten Commandments are outlawed, and the nation's legislators are moving toward legalizing homosexual marriages and in some states are now even considering allowing homosexuals to adopt children. Our nation is in a quandary as philosophies, doctrines, and principles of lawlessness continually gain ground as legitimate patterns of thought for establishing governing policies. Current government policies are drawing our nation deeper into the valley of iniquity and with that, a certainty of divine judgment.
- **Consequences for the Church** — Because the church participated in the activation and releasing of legalized lawlessness in America, it currently holds little authority in the realm of influencing federal and state legislation and the appointing of Supreme Court judges. Most of the time the church's voice is ignored or is muted and usually it cannot obtain justice in legal or legislative matters.

### **Spiritual Precedent Two**

#### *Spirit of Mammon and the Curse of Poverty<sup>6</sup>*

The church allowed and even participated in stealing the inheritance GOD ordained for Native people to fulfill their destiny. Each time gold or silver was discovered in traditional Native territories its discovery was quickly followed by federal or state policies calling for the removal of the original land owners. In Georgia, as discussed in Spiritual Precedent One, thousands of Cherokee died on their forced trek to Oklahoma territory. Spiritually, we could say Cherokee tribal member's lives and livelihoods were served up in sacrifice to gratify the white settlers thirst for gold.

The Georgia Gold Rush lasted until gold was discovered in northern California in 1848. In California a different approach was used to ensure the gold could be taken. In 1850 California entered the Union as a state with a destructive and deadly anti-Indian policy. State laws permitted the indenturing of Indian women and children, a practice equivalent to slavery.

According to historian Jack Utter, mounted militia and private armies were periodically organized to hunt down and exterminate entire tribes and bands of Indians. In many instances the participants in these genocidal expeditions were reimbursed for their expenses with federal funds. Federal and state authorities conspired together to initiate a policy of death that unofficially sanctioned the outright extermination of whole tribes.

In 1850, California as a state was one of the most densely populated by Indigenous people, with a tribal population in excess of 150,000. By 1890 the Native population was reduced to only 17,000 — a decrease of approximately eighty-seven percent.

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Again the original landowners were sacrificed for the sake of what the Cherokee called “dahlonega” which translated means “yellow money”.

The next tribal groups to suffer for the sake of precious metals were the Navajo and Apache of Arizona. In 1863 when reports of potential deposits of gold and silver in their tribal territories surfaced, Kit Carson, the storied “Indian Fighter” was recruited and assigned to round up the tribes for removal. After several years of running battles both tribes eventually were subdued and forcefully marched to the Bosque Redondo Reservation — which is now eastern New Mexico.

Over 10,000 Navajo endured the pain and suffering of what is still remembered as the “Long Walk.” Many of the weak, young, and elderly died on the 300 mile journey. During four years of captivity on the desolate reservation over 2500 Navajo died from starvation, malaria, and dysentery. Once again the first landowners were stripped of their legal rights and their lives sacrificed for the sake of personal gain.

In 1868 the U.S. government signed the Treaty of Fort Laramie with the great Lakota Sioux Nation. The Treaty specifically promised no unauthorized person “shall ever be permitted to pass over, settle upon, or reside in the lands designated as Lakota Sioux territory. Federal authorities also agreed to remove all troops and forts from tribal lands. Six years later, Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and twelve hundred men were dispatched by the U.S. government to explore the Black Hills and investigate the extent of reported gold deposits.

With confirmation of gold the U.S. offered the Lakota Sioux Nation \$6 million for the land, but tribal leaders refused to sell their sacred Black Hills. When negotiations reached a stalemate — the government responded by sending federal troops to the reservation. This action precipitated the final Indian wars and resulted in the death of Lt. Colonel George Custer and 289 of his men.

Unable to militarily defeat the Lakota, the government ordered the killing of all buffalo, the primary food source of the Plains tribes. In 1876 congress passed the Sioux Appropriation Bill which served as an ultimatum stating that unless the Lakota nation sold the Black Hills and the Powder River and Bighorn countries, all funds and food rations would be withheld.

The final choice offered to the Lakota people — surrender the Black Hills and the Powder River and Bighorn countries or suffer starvation and face federal troops. Finally, in direct violation of the 1868 treaty, which stated that all future land cessions would require the approval of three-quarters of the adult male tribal members, an agreement was made with only 10% of the adult male members of the Lakota nation signing the treaty.

Today the Lakota nation is one of the most poverty stricken tribal groups in the U.S. with an unemployment rate close to eighty percent. Shannon County South Dakota, where the Pine Ridge reservation is located, is identified as the poorest county in the United States with a per capita income of \$3,417.00 per year. Two out of three people on the Pine Ridge reservation live below the poverty level.

Starting in the east, then the west, south, and north, wherever and whenever gold was discovered the original people of the land were forcefully removed, viciously murdered, mercilessly impoverished, starved into submission, or illegally detained and imprisoned.

Ultimately, thousands of indigenous people were sacrificed on the altar of the god of mammon.

In their quest for riches and wealth the leaders and citizens of the United States have bowed their knee to the powers of darkness and through greed and treachery have brought the nation under the authority and jurisdiction of the spirit of mammon and a host of other demonic entities. The precedent established by the actions of the U.S. and its citizens has activated a curse ensuring that poverty and calamity will surely overcome the United States and its people.

## Conclusions and Considerations

**Proverbs 22:16** *“He who oppresses the poor to increase his riches, and he who gives to the rich — will surely come to poverty.”*

- **1 Kings 21:1-25** — “The LORD forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you.” These were the words Naboth spoke to Ahab when the Israelite king attempted to buy or trade for Naboth’s vineyard and land. When Naboth refused Jezebel stepped in and through a conspiracy of cunning, deceit and betrayal murdered Naboth and took the inheritance of his fathers. Ahab and Jezebel stole the inheritance GOD had arranged for Naboth to fulfill his destiny. Because Ahab “sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD” GOD declared He would bring calamity upon him and his family. Ultimately, GOD destroyed Ahab, Jezebel and Ahab’s seventy sons (2 Kings 10:11) for their wickedness and treachery in stealing Naboth’s inheritance.
- **Current consequences** — We live in a nation consumed by an unquenchable thirst for riches, wealth and prestige. The seeking of financial gain and personal wealth has reached such intense levels that most seekers are willing to violate all ethical, moral, and legal standards to achieve their monetary goals. Stories of deceit, fraud, theft, and outright robbery are common in our society and even within the church are those who fleece the flock for their own gain.
- **Consequences for the Church** — Today many national leaders within the North American church are declaring a soon to come transfer of wealth. This declaration is based upon **Proverbs 13:22**, which says “the wealth of the wicked is stored up for the righteous.” Unfortunately, such a transfer at this time is a bit hard to conceive.

Why? How can GOD overlook the church’s collaboration with the US and Canadian Government’s use of deception, murder, and outright theft to plunder the natural resources of North America’s indigenous populations. If GOD would declare calamity upon Ahab and Jezebel for doing evil in His sight — by stealing Naboth’s vineyard — which was the GOD-ordained inheritance of his fathers — what are the possibilities GOD might bring calamity upon this nation and even His church?

Remember the resources of North America were designated by GOD to be used by the original people to fulfill GOD’s Purpose and Divine Destiny for their lives. Without GOD’s Ordained Inheritance we all lack the resources necessary to fulfill GOD’s Plan and Purpose for our individual and corporate lives.

Until GOD sees His church advocating for righteousness and justice and advancing initiatives to resolve this matter, I don't believe the long prophesied transfer of wealth will occur.

### **Spiritual Precedent Three** *Assimilation and Educational Captivity*<sup>7</sup>

In the 1860's and 1870's, President Ulysses S. Grant involved the churches in the educating of Native people. As part of federal assimilation efforts he gave churches the authority to nominate Indian agents as representatives of the government. They were to direct educational services and activities on reservations. The results of this initiative were stern missionary dictatorships — that

- Crushed Indian culture and institutions.
- Suppressed religious and other liberties.
- Punished individuals for the least show of independence.

In 1879, building upon President Grant's education initiative, Capt. Richard H. Pratt founded the first Indian Boarding school in Carlisle Pennsylvania. The Carlisle Indian School, became the prototype for an educational system that was implemented to deal with the "Indian problem." From 1879 to the late 1970s, thousands of native children were forcibly removed from their homes and sent to boarding schools (which were funded by the US and Canadian governments and run by churches) where they were systematically conditioned to reject and despise their own native identity.

Approaches and strategies used upon the children included physical, emotional, mental and sexual abuse. The children were forbidden to speak their tribal languages and were severely punished for violating this policy. Children caught speaking their own native languages were stripped naked and whipped in front of the other kids as examples. In some extreme cases, needles were stuck in the children's tongues as punishment.

Upon arrival siblings were immediately separated, and parents were not allowed to visit. Children were used as slave labor. Christianity was forced on them. Children were not allowed to go home for months at a time and in many cases did not go home for years. They were neglected when sick and often times starved as punishment. Unspeakable acts were committed against the children. And many never went home.

Actually the bodies of more than 190 Native children are buried in the cemetery located within what is now the Carlisle military compound. Those that did make it home were never the same. Angry, bitter, wounded and traumatized — they no longer knew their families, related to their tribes, or their culture.

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The abusive tactics used at Carlisle have been replicated within many of the tribes — affecting multiple generations. After 100 years of the government’s efforts “to acculturate native children into the dominant society’s ways” we are still seeing the pain-filled spiritual, emotional and psychological repercussions of the boarding school era played out in Native communities today.

Children who were long separated from the nurture and care of loving parents went home as adults without the capability or skills essential for healthy parenting. The victim-survivors of boarding schools in turn treated their children as they had been treated. Deep roots of rejection, anger, bitterness, hatred, and pain were passed on to the next generation. Now, alcohol, drugs and other addictive substances and processes have become the anesthetic for the trauma and pain still simmering below the surface.

Indigenous children were brought to Carlisle from as far away as Alaska, and California. Even Taino Indians from Puerto Rico were brought to the school. The first group of children brought into Carlisle were from the Rosebud Lakota and the Pine Ridge Oglala Sioux tribes — two of the most poverty stricken and devastated tribes in the nation today. Understanding the spiritual significance and consequences of the predatory educational philosophy unleashed upon the Native children is essential for the future of this nation, its children, and the influence of Christ’s church.

Several church denominations aligned and participated with Capt. Pratt in his initiative to civilize and Christianize the Native children. Church Denominations that collaborated with the United States and Canadian governments in the Boarding School assimilation policy effort follow:

- Roman Catholic Church
- Anglican Church
- Presbyterian Church
- Methodist Church
- United Church of Christ
- Mennonite Church
- Episcopalian Church

### **Significance of the Carlisle Indian School**

- The Carlisle School was the official launch site of the U.S. federal policy to “Christianize and culturalize” Native children through exploitive and abusive educational techniques.
- Carlisle became a prototype for the forced removal of Native children into educational systems where the primary purpose was to strip the validity of the Native identity from Indigenous youth. The policy and educational model birthed here was replicated across the U.S. and Canada.
- Carlisle also became a model for U.S. prison systems that followed.

- Carlisle established a spiritual precedent guaranteeing this nation and its children will reap the same predatory educational strategies that were unleashed upon Native children.
- Because it was a willing partner in this treacherous federal policy the authority and influence of the earthly church of Jesus Christ has been compromised and negated.

### **Current Educational Dilemma**

Today the National Education Association (NEA) has a literal stronghold on determining the course content and curriculum used to instruct and guide the minds of our nation's young people. The NEA, through their sex education classes support abortion and advocate payment for it at the taxpayer's expense. The "diversity of sexual orientation," another aspect of the NEA's sex education classes, includes plans, activities, and programs to increase sensitivity and acceptance of gay and lesbian lifestyles.

The NEA has continually sought to undermine parent's rights to legitimately influence the content of the course curriculum used to educate their children within the public school system. They hold seminars teaching members how to deal with those who would dare criticize their organizations educational, political, or social initiatives.

They call those who oppose them "extremist" groups, linked to "the radical right", or "fundamentalists." NEA literature identifies many of the "extremists" as members of an ultra-conservative, fundamentalist, charismatic, or Pentecostal faith."

Ultimately, the NEA's agenda is to use the educational process to systematically dismantle biblically based values and views, and replace them with ideas promoting deviant sexual lifestyles and exalting human rights to a sacred status. We must recognize the demonic forces working behind the scenes to reinforce the NEA and its plan for our children. If successful the NEA's efforts will morally corrupt our nation's youth and lead future generations into spiritual captivity, and ultimately will to bring a curse upon our future generations and the hope of this nation.

Spiritually speaking, the powers of darkness have gained the legal right to take America's young people into captivity because of the legal precedent established by the government's boarding school policy toward Native people. As a consequence the prayers and the efforts of the church to turn back the NEA's aggressive onslaught are neutralized and are in most cases futile. Why? Simply put, the church of today has refused to acknowledge and publicly repentant for its part in contributing to the death, destruction, and disenfranchising of thousands of Native children and their families.

This demonic initiative and blotch on America's history all began at the Carlisle Indian Boarding School.

### **Conclusions:**

- Carlisle is the **Root of the Boarding School system** that brought so much grief, anguish, and sorrow to North America's Indigenous people.
- It is the **Root for the Residential Schools in Canada** which followed its model.

- Carlisle is the **Root of the educational system** that this very day is attempting to take our nations children into captivity with perverse, un-Godly and deceptive ideas.

**Deuteronomy 28:32** *“Your sons and daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all day long; and there will be no strength in your hand.”*

**Current consequences** — Satanic powers have gained legal right of access to the U.S. educational system and are using the NEA and other liberal progressive educational groups to instill within the hearts and minds of America’s best and brightest young people deceptive ideologies and demonically inspired systems of thought. A large part of Satan’s strategy is to redefine cultural and societal norms so his ways are embraced, exalted and promoted while Christ’s church is viewed as intolerant and out of touch with mainstream America.

### **Spiritual Precedent Four** *Returning Evil for Good<sup>8</sup>*

When the Christopher Columbus and his men first landed on San Salvador, the Native people of the island, the Tainos, greeted the strangers and generously presented them with gifts and treated them with honor. In fact when writing to the King and Queen of Spain, Columbus stated;

“So tractable, so peaceable, are these people that I swear to your Majesties there is not in the world a better nation. They love their neighbors as themselves, and their discourse is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied with a smile; and through it is true they are naked, yet their manners are decorous and praiseworthy.”

The Tainos and other Arawak people did not resist when the European’s religion was first thrust upon them. However, they did strongly resist when the Spaniards began rummaging through their island home searching for gold and precious stones. The Spanish looted and burned villages; kidnapped hundreds of men, women, and children and shipped them to Europe to be sold as slaves.

The European Nation’s use of guns and sabers to thwart the Arawak resistance utterly decimated and destroyed whole tribes. In less than ten years from the first time Columbus set foot on the beaches of San Salvador thousands of the islands tribal members were killed.

In 1620 the first group of English settlers landed at Plymouth Massachusetts and if not for the gracious help of friendly Natives these early immigrants probably would not have survived the first winter. A Pemaquid named Samoset and three Wampanoags named Massasoit, Squanto, and Hobomah sought to ensure the Pilgrims had what was needed to withstand the harsh elements. All the Natives spoke a little English, having learned from explorers who had come ashore several years before.

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Samoset and the other Natives viewed the Plymouth colonists as vulnerable defenseless children needing protection and safety. Seeking to help the Pilgrims through the first winters they shared provisions from the tribal stores, and showed them where and how to catch fish. With the onset of spring they gave the Englishmen seeds of corn and showed them how to plant and cultivate.

Over the next few years many shiploads of Europeans migrated into their traditional tribal hunting and planting areas. As English settlements expanded, the Wampanoags found themselves being pushed off their lands and back into the wilderness. At first the settlers respectfully negotiated for land, however as thousands more Europeans came many began to take the land without consulting with the Wampanoags.

In 1675 after a succession of insolent actions by the colonists, Chief Philip of the Wampanoags led his confederacy into a war hoping to stave off tribal extinction. After months of warfare the firepower of the colonists overwhelmed the tribes and the Wampanoags and Narragansetts were virtually annihilated. Chief Philip was killed and his head publicly displayed at Plymouth for twenty years. The chief's wife and son, along with other captured women and children, were sold into slavery in the West Indies.

At the outset, when the first European's landed on the North American shore they were treated with respect and in most cases, were honored by the tribes that greeted them. In other situations the very survival of the first Europeans was contingent upon the caring and compassionate intervention of New England's Native people. It could be said that without the friendly help of Native people the earliest settlers surely would have perished.

However, in return for extending friendship, respect, honor, care and compassion North America's original inhabitants were repaid with deception and treachery. They were betrayed, violated, dishonored, rejected, despised, displaced, and eventually murdered.

Through varied acts of violence, which included land theft, wholesale murder, captivity, torture, and eventually slavery, the Native people were soon introduced to deception, hatred and greed as common behavior patterns demonstrated by the early immigrants crowding their shores.

Many of those instigating and initiating the violence, mayhem, and murder claimed to be believers in the Father and His holy Son Jesus Christ. Paul wrote of such that "the name of GOD is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you" (Romans 2:24).

The spiritual precedent in this case is defined by the scripture that says "Whoever rewards evil for good, evil will not depart from his house" (Proverbs 17:13). Essentially, applying this verse to the violent acts of the early European settlers helps us to better understand the current moral, social, and spiritual crisis plaguing this nation. By rewarding the Indigenous people with evil, in exchange for the good they extended towards them, the first settlers activated a curse guaranteeing evil will not depart from this house or, quite literally, this nation. Spiritually speaking, this means the hosts of hell have been given the legal right to promote, initiate, maintain, and sustain evil patterns, projects, and operations within the boundaries of the United States and Canada.

Without corporate confession, repentance, and renouncing of original offences, and doing works worthy of repentance, evil will not depart from this house. We can only expect future days to grow darker and darker. In its current state — with its authority weakened and its influence diminished — the church hasn't the corporate spiritual clout nor the power to break the enemy's legal right to continually advance the murder, crime, deviant behavior, and violence engulfing the cities and communities of our nation.

The church stands powerlessly by as every occult practicing or demonically inspired false religion blatantly swaggers in and makes a home for itself within our borders. Unless church leadership initiates corporate action to turn the tide the United States and its people will continue on the current rapid descent into the dark abyss where evil is habitually practiced and celebrated as the norm.

**Proverbs 17:13** *"Whoever rewards evil for good, evil will not depart from his house."*

- **Current consequences** — Demonic powers have legal authority to continually carry out evil plans, initiatives, and operations to advance and maintain the boundaries of darkness. Many within the United States and Canada have turned their backs on the gospel of Christ. In spite of the spiritual authority delegated to the church by Jesus Christ, it stands impotent in its efforts to push back the powers of darkness and neutralize their influence over our present society. Evil will not depart from this house — the United States — because of the spiritual precedent established by the early settlers.
- Betrayal by early Europeans — in return for just and compassionate treatment given by the Native people — has set the stage for the people of this nation to be betrayed by those they befriended and treated with care and compassion.

### **Theological Basis for Land Cleansing Prayer Work**

The theological basis for understanding land defilement rests upon several Scriptures. Four basic ones are listed below.

#### **The first is related to bloodshed.**

**Numbers 35:33-34** *"So you shall not pollute the land where you are — for bloodshed defiles the land, and no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed upon it, except by the blood of him who shed it."*

#### **The second is associated with idolatry.**

**Jeremiah 3:9** *"So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she (Israel) defiled the land and committed harlotry with stones and trees."*

#### **The third has to do with sexual immorality.**

**Leviticus 18:24-25** *"Do not defile yourselves with any of these things — for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. For the land is defiled — therefore I will visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants."*

## **The fourth and final aspect of land defilement is connected to broken covenants.**

*Isaiah 24:5-6* "The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are desolate."

We have come to believe that land defilement gives satanic powers "legal right of access" to specific land sites where original defilement occurred. Usually, it is corporate sin that initiates the defilement, which in turn opens the land up for demonic occupation. Basically, the land is spiritually traumatized or infected by the wickedness of those who dwell upon it.

Essentially, the spiritual residue of prior inhabitants remains in the place where a corporate body has chosen to come into agreement with demonic forces in committing activities contrary to the Truth and Nature of GOD.

Remember GOD told Cain — "The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground." GOD went on to say — "So now you — Cain — are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand" (Genesis 4:10-11).

Scripture clearly reveals that the earth, the land, responds to the sin and bloodshed that is poured out upon it. In Cain's case, the land withdrew its strength, withheld its ability to bless, and refused to cooperate with him. In other situations, especially with sexual immorality, the land rises up and vomits out its inhabitants (Leviticus 18:24-25).

Other Scriptures tell us that the land is left desolate and actually mourns because of the curse that has come upon it through the wicked activity of mankind (Jeremiah 23:10, 12:11). Paul tells us that all of creation groans in earnest expectation for the manifestation of the sons of GOD (Romans 8:19-22). Scripture literally speaks of how the land grieves deeply with sorrow and great regret over the defilement that has occurred upon it.

It is through defilement of the land that the powers of darkness are able to anchor themselves in specific geographical locations, spreading their dark influence and blinding the hearts and minds of those dwelling within their territory. Using corporate iniquity as their legal right of access, and to maintain their spiritual jurisdiction, they keep whole people groups captive under their canopies of darkness.

Only the church has the spiritual authority to break and nullify the enemy's legal right of access and his ability to hold whole communities in his unholy grip. Without strategic corporate action and prophetic prayer, the powers of darkness will continue to rule and regulate the spiritual atmosphere over our cities, neighborhoods and communities.

## *North America's Host People and Healing the Land<sup>9</sup>*

### **Introduction: Revelation of Host People Status**

Nestled in the depths of Oak Creek Canyon Arizona, the community of Sedona awaits the multitude of tourists who come to drink in the wondrous splendor of the beautiful red rock cliffs and mesas that dominate the area. Entering the gates of this desert city one finds quaint neatly paved streets lined with assorted and perfectly designed adobe type structures where residents and businesses dwell. Sedona is considered a major cultural center for the arts in the West; it is home to over 40 galleries and dozens of internationally acclaimed artists and writers. Attractions include major cultural events, four-star resorts and restaurants, championship golf courses, a variety of adventure tours, and discount shopping malls.

One of the first things my wife and I noticed in entering Sedona was a large sign near the main intersection proudly declaring that the city was center for the New Age movement. Browsing through various shops and plazas we could clearly see the majority of the merchandise and products sold in Sedona's shops reflected the majesty and mystique of Native American culture. Over and over the gifts, crafts, or clothing featured designs reminiscent of Indigenous origins. However, subtly blended in with the Native American items were a vast array of New Age paraphernalia, services, and ideas. Customers could readily buy crystals, or get psychic and tarot card readings in one of the many shops. Astrology charts, books on the paranormal were also available, along with a vast variety of other kinds of occult items, practices and spiritual experiences.

In fact, on almost every street corner of the downtown area of the city were promotions inviting tourists and anyone interested to come and experience an extraordinary spiritual journey. This unique trip began with participants engaging in a traditional Native American sweat lodge and then traveling by helicopter or jeep out into the Arizona desert to visit an ancient Native American ritual site. According to local historians, this region and these ancient sites were once inhabited and used by the now extinct Anasazi people.

According to the promotional material one could have a "vortex" experience at these ancient ritual sites. To New Agers, a vortex is a significant geographical place which serves as a doorway into the supernatural realm. Apparently, conditions at the vortex site are favorable for those seeking a mystical experience to cross over into a dimension where ancient spirit guides dwell. Many participants believe that contact with these spirit guides will enhance their understanding of what life and death is all about, or will give insight to help discover their individual purpose and destiny.

Upon contact some participants have been inspired in what is called automatic writing, while others have an impartation of wisdom beyond their knowledge, or experience some other form of paranormal activity. In one case we are personally aware of, a woman who visited Sedona and had participated in a vortex experience returned to her Midwestern home and began to have problems in a variety of areas. Her marriage broke down, financial problems ensued, and other family relationships were falling apart.

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In the midst of her trials, the spirit guide she had encountered on her recent trip to Arizona, appeared to her and encouraged her not to worry. According to her spirit guide, called "Brave One," they would be writing books together about Native American ideas and cultural concepts. This is just one example of how an individual can be profoundly affected by participating in a vortex experience.

The spiritual dangers and consequences of participating in occult practices through the vortex type of experience is usually unknown or minimized by the ignorant or unsuspecting. Ignorance to the peril of the occult was evident by the popularity of the vortex trips. During our visit to Sedona helicopters were constantly landing to unload and then carry out a fresh crop of willing participants.

It was apparent the two major commodities of Sedona, were (1), Native American cultural art, crafts, clothing, and concepts; and (2), the promotion and experiencing of New Age paraphernalia, ideas, thought, and practices. These two streams of humanistic operations were being systematically woven together to seductively draw unsuspecting visitors into various forms of occult activity.

Concerned about what we were seeing, my wife and I earnestly prayed, asking the LORD to show us exactly what was going on in this seemingly serene desert community. Almost instantly the LORD clearly informed us about what was happening. What He said was this:

*"Because the indigenous people of North America were the first people on this continent, they are the host people. As the host people of the continent they've been given a level of authority that European and other ethnic groups do not have.*

*As a consequence of this "host people status," whatever North America's indigenous people embrace or endorse will profoundly influence the rest of the continent.*

*Basically, the major revelatory thought was "whatever the host people embrace or endorse will have maximum effect."*

Next, the LORD said; "because of their Host People status, Satan's strategy was to systematically inject New Age thoughts and ideas into Native American cultural concepts, rituals, and ideals. In blending these two streams of human thought and activity, Satan's intention is to use the Native American people and their cultures as a vehicle to bring a revival of the occult in North America and the world." Satan is fully aware that whatever cause the indigenous people receive, embrace, and endorse will achieve greater momentum and prominence.

Therefore, he has focused his efforts on neutralizing the authority of the "Host People" by infiltrating First Nations communities with New Age concepts and passing them off as "Native American." In using this subtle approach Satan seeks to harness and utilize this authority for advancement of his kingdom of darkness.

We believe that one of Satan's greatest fears is that Native American populations would join the cause of Christ.

Therefore, he has historically used every ploy available to keep them in captivity and to obstruct the possibility of their embracing the Lordship of Christ.

In essence the seemingly serene and picturesque community of Sedona was being subtly used as a strategic distribution center for spreading occult experiences and paraphernalia throughout the continent and beyond. Using the Native American's need for acceptance, honor, and respect as leverage Satan has sought to integrate their ancient spiritual contacts and traditional ceremonies with New Age and occult philosophies and practices. Using the natural beauty and splendor of Sedona as a seductive drawing card he is subtly selling this toxic spiritual concoction annually to millions of unsuspecting visitors and tourists.

As this revelation from the LORD unfolded we've come to realize the need to inform the church of Jesus Christ of what GOD was speaking to us as members of His body and as indigenous believers. Immediately, we could see the strategic importance of Native people understanding and grasping GOD's Call for them to enter into the end time battle His church is facing. As I studied the scriptures to confirm the revelation I began to gain a better understanding of what GOD was saying, especially to the First Nations portion of His church. Part of what I believe He is saying to the church and indigenous believers follows.

### **Host People and Divine Authority**

As a result of GOD's Revelation we firmly believe North America's indigenous people have a key role to play in dismantling ancient anchor points that give evil spiritual powers the right and authority to maintain canopies of darkness over certain regions of this continent. As the people appointed by GOD to inhabit and steward the land the indigenous people of North America hold "host people" status. According to Acts 17:26, the dwelling places of North America's indigenous populations were predetermined by their Creator:

**Acts 17:26** *"And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings." (NKJV)*

The prophet Isaiah declared (Isaiah 44:7) that GOD said: "I have appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come ..." (NKJV).

Through GOD's Appointment, First Nations people, as first inhabitants of the North American continent have been given a dimension of authority other ethnic groups do not have. This same principle applies to the multitude of other ethnic groups around the world and their preappointed geographical place or region of origin. Each group must take responsibility for the geographical territory assigned by the LORD. Psalm 115:16 says:

**Psalm 115:16** *"The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's; but the earth He has given to the children of men." (NKJV)*

Although all of creation belongs to Almighty GOD, He has delegated authority in the earth realm to the sons of men. Originally, the authority to steward and govern the earth was given to Adam but, as the book of Genesis reveals (Genesis 1:26-28, 3:1-19), he surrendered this authority to Satan when he disobeyed GOD in the garden.

Jesus Christ, the second Adam declared that His express purpose was to destroy the works of the devil (1 Jn. 3:8). One of GOD's Primary Strategies, through the ministry of His Son, was to rip this authority out of Satan's wicked grip and return it to His church.

A large part of GOD's Plan in redeeming mankind is to return this original authority to those who faithfully submit to the Lordship of Christ. This spiritual authority, which is delegated to the believer by Christ, when coupled with natural authority, which was dispensed according to each people group's appointed habitation places, serves as a double-edged sword. This sword can cut through all legal barriers the enemy would throw up in defense of his right to remain lord of the land.

Although most tribal groups in North America have been removed from their original homelands by past federal policies and treaty making initiatives, GOD's appointed natural authority through them over those original territories has not been nullified. In fact the scriptures clearly state that:

**Leviticus 25:24-25** "... in all the land of your possession you shall grant redemption of the land. If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold some of his possession, and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem what his brother sold." (NKJV)

Simply put GOD has given First Nations, as next of kin to ancestors that have been removed from the land, the authority and first right to redeem the land from the hand of the oppressor. Therefore, it behooves us to consider the key role the "Host People" have in breaking spiritual strongholds over North America.

When North America's indigenous people rise up and move out in their natural and spiritual authority Satan's attempts to retain squatter rights are negated. No longer can he refuse to relinquish control. No longer can his princes of darkness blind the hearts and minds of North America's men and women. As First Nations people take the offensive with strategic prophetic prayer assaults that lay siege to Satan's ancient power structures and networks of evil, all heavens going to break loose.

With the high praises of GOD in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand Christian indigenous people have been ordained to execute judgment on the nobles and the princes of darkness that captivate the North American continent (Psalm 149:8).

### **Host People and Gate Keeping**

We should note the Host People are also the original gatekeepers to the North American continent. Within the Iroquois Confederacy, the idea of gate keeping is well understood. Among the original five nations of the Confederacy the Mohawk Nation is known as "Keepers of the Eastern Door" and the Seneca Nation is recognized as "Keepers of the Western Door."

The two member nations were appointed as watchman to guard the sovereign territory of the Iroquois Confederacy against attack from its enemies. A word of warning from either of the watchman nations would quickly mobilize the warriors and resources of the Oneida, Onondaga, and Cayuga Nations to join them in confronting any enemy challenges to their territory.

The idea of gate keeping takes on even more profound implications for First Nations people when viewed within the context of strategic level spiritual warfare initiatives. How so? Let me briefly explain. As original appointed gatekeepers many tribal groups unknowingly opened the gates of the continent to unholy spiritual entities. In an effort to gain and maintain the favor of such entities most tribal groups developed ceremonies and rituals that they believed appeased these unholy powers. Unfortunately, in honoring these powers tribal groups were drawn into activities that violated the word of GOD and resulted in giving a harsh and evil taskmaster the legal right to administrate destructive outcomes upon their people.

Most of the ancient strongholds in question were established long before the European nations arrived on the shores of this continent, while other demonic forces gained a foothold through transgressions initiated by the newcomers. The powerful ability of these evil spiritual entities to maintain canopies of darkness over certain geographical areas is rooted in the past transgressions of both Native and non-Native people groups. Proverbs 28:2 clearly states: "For the transgression of the land many are the princes thereof" (KJV).

While the North America's indigenous people are responsible for the foundational layer of transgression in the land, the sinful acts of other ethnic groups have added further layers of transgression to this original layer. For example, the introduction of slavery in the south, the blood spilled during the civil war, and the genocide of whole tribal groups in California would be considered additional layers of transgression. As a consequence of the multiple transgressions that have defiled the land princes of darkness have legal jurisdiction to authorize the blinding of the minds of people groups in specific regions of the continent. Thus, the glorious light of the gospel of Christ is restrained from making maximum impact (2 Corinthians 4:4).

However, when redeemed by the blood of Christ and equipped for war these original gatekeepers can join with the church at large to assault the enemy's long established strongholds. With the revelation and anointing of GOD resting upon them, they can prophetically break ancestral covenants, tear down ancient sacred altars, renounce Satan's authority from over the land and close the spiritual gates of this nation to his influence and power. Like the Israelites, Godly Native leadership has been authorized to identify with and repent for the sins of their fathers (Nehemiah 9:1-2). Through identificational repentance indigenous people can take responsibility for their ancestor's role in contributing to transgression in the land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 declares:

**2 Chronicles 7:14** "... if My people, who are called My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (NKJV)

In humbling submitting to the Lord Jesus Christ, in repentance and calling upon the Name of the LORD for healing of the land, indigenous people provide an open invitation for the GOD to come in to cleanse and redeem the land for His original purposes. By breaking off and renouncing old spiritual relationships and aligning with the King of Glory, indigenous believers establish GOD's Dominion over the lands He originally appointed them to oversee as stewards. And in dedicating the appointed geographical regions to Him, indigenous people willingly affirm He truly is LORD, not only of the land but also, of the whole earth.

## *FNCM's Role and Function<sup>10</sup>*

First Nations Counseling Ministries, in realizing the role of indigenous people within GOD's Plan for North America, is actively engaged in equipping and mobilizing Native leaders that will represent the host people in carrying out Spirit-led exploits for the LORD. This activity takes place in several ways.

First, by informing all segments of Christ's church about the role North America's host people play in strategic level spiritual warfare — especially the Native American portion.

Secondly, FNCM provides training to empower the Native American portion of Christ's church to understand and implement the principles and mandates involved in strategic level spiritual warfare.

The third strategy involves FNCM working with a network of indigenous ministries to facilitate the participation of Native American representatives in prophetic prayer initiatives in various parts of the continent.

Next, FNCM strives to develop relationships with churches, ministries, and intercessory teams that reside near geographical sites where some form of strategic prayer action may need to occur in the near future.

Finally, FNCM continues to work with these groups to develop and implement strategies to steward and maintain the territory taken through prayer.

### *Strategic Level Warfare: Reading List*

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Territorial Spirits</b>	C. Peter Wagner (1991)	Sovereign World Ltd P.O. Box 17 Chichester, England PO20 6YB	Excellent introduction to the topic of territorial spirits and strategic level warfare.
<b>Taking Our Cities for GOD</b>	John Dawson (1989)	Creation House Strang Communication Com. 600 Rinehart Road Lake Mary, FL 32746	Presents introductory framework for preparing to pray for your city.
<b>Possessing the Gates of the Enemy</b>	Cindy Jacobs (1994)	Chosen Books Baker Book House Company P.O. Box 6287 Grand Rapids, MI 49516-6287	Excellent manual for training intercessors in spiritual warfare.

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>*Healing America's Wounds</b>	John Dawson (1994) CLASSIC INTRO	Regal Books Division of Gospel Light Ventura, CA U.S.A.	Helps understand Biblical concepts, corporate repentance, and reconciliation.
<b>Breaking Strongholds in Your City</b>	C. Peter Wagner (1993)	Regal Books Division of Gospel Light Ventura, CA U.S.A.	Introduces practical steps for community deliverance.
<b>*Commitment to Conquer</b>	Bob Beckett with Rebecca Wagner Sytsema (1997) KEY PRINCIPLE OF COMMITMENT TO LAND	Chosen Books Baker Book House Company P.O. Box 6287 Grand Rapids, MI 49516-6287	Presents key principles to territorial redemption.
<b>Wrestling with Dark Angels</b>	C. Peter Wagner & F. Douglas Pennoyer (1990)	Regal Books Division of Gospel Light Ventura, CA U.S.A. 93006	Presents informational concepts on various levels of spiritual warfare with case studies.
<b>*The Twilight Labyrinth</b>	George Otis Jr. (1997)	Chosen Books Baker Book House Company P.O. Box 6287 Grand Rapids, MI 49516-6287	Extensive study of how the movement of world people groups has led to the entrenchment of dark spiritual forces.
<b>*Releasing Heaven on Earth</b>	Alistair Petrie (2000) *FIRST RECOMMENDATION	Chosen Books Baker Book House Company P.O. Box 6287 Grand Rapids, MI 49516-6287	Excellent presentation of land theology, land defilement, and land restoration principles.
<b>*Informed Intercession</b>	George Otis Jr. (1999) *SECOND RECOMMENDATION	Renew Books Division of Gospel Light Ventura, CA U.S.A.	Excellent - How to research and identify strongholds in your community.
<b>What the Bible Says About Spiritual Warfare</b>	C. Peter Wagner (2001)	Regal Books Division of Gospel Light Ventura, CA U.S.A. 93006	Answers questions about strategic level warfare concepts.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>The Future War of the Church</b>	Chuck D. Pierce & Rebecca Wagner Sytsema (2001)	Renew Books Division of Gospel Light Ventura, CA U.S.A.	Presents various aspects of what is involved in strategic level warfare.
<b>Intercessors &amp; Pastors</b>	Eddie & Alice Smith (2001)	SpiriTruth Publishing 7710-T Cherry Park Drive PMB 224 Houston, TX 77095	Excellent for fostering understanding relationships with pastors and intercessors.
<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	Dutch Sheets (1996)	Regal Books Division of Gospel Light Ventura, CA U.S.A.	Excellent - Lays foundational principles for intercessory prayer.



Chapter 3:

SA First Nation  
Restoration

## Foundation Nations and Restoration in the Earth

### *GOD and the Nations*

**Acts 17:26-30** “26 And He made from one [common origin, one source, one blood] all nations of men to settle on the face of the earth, having definitely determined [their] allotted periods of time and the fixed boundaries of their habitation (their settlements, lands, and abodes), 27 So that they should seek GOD, in the hope that they might feel after Him and find Him, although He is not far from each one of us. 28 For in Him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your [own] poets have said, For we are also His offspring. 29 Since then we are GOD’s offspring, we ought not to suppose that Deity (the Godhead) is like gold or silver or stone, [of the nature of] a representation by human art and imagination, or anything constructed or invented. 30 Such [former] ages of ignorance GOD, it is true, ignored and allowed to pass unnoticed; but now He charges all people everywhere to repent (to change their minds for the better and heartily to amend their ways, with abhorrence of their past sins),”



The Gospel’s message is a message for the nations. The instruction of the Master was: **“Go ye therefore and disciple the nations ...” (Matthew 28:19)**. This is significant in order to help each nation, on the return of Christ, to:

- Appear before the Throne of GOD as either a sheep or a goat nation (**Matthew 25:32**);
- And in the Book of Revelations we hear that the Lamb was worthy to “open the seals thereof: for the Lamb of GOD was slain, and purchased unto GOD with His Blood *men* of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation” (**Revelation 5:9**).

In fact, from a true Kingdom perspective, we may conclude that nations are more Kingdom than denominations. GOD allowed us in the past be without knowledge — but now He wants us to understand — “the times of ignorance therefore GOD overlooked, but now He commands people that they should all, everywhere, repent” (Acts 17:26-30).

### *GOD and the Principle of Firsts*

GOD in His Wisdom has created several Firsts<sup>11</sup> in His Word. They are “**Mine** ...” The Principle of the First being foundational to redemption is demonstrated in GOD calling the following “**Mine**”:

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<sup>11</sup> Exodus 13:2, 34:19,20, Numbers 3:13, 8:17, Exodus 7:4, 8:22, Ezekiel 36:28, Leviticus 20:26, 25:55, Numbers 3:12, Isaiah 19:25, 43:1-3, 65:9, 22, 1 Kings 8:16, Isaiah 45:4, 54:4, Joel 3:2, Matthew 2:6, 1 Samuel 16:1, 1 Kings 8:16, Psalm 132:17, 1 Chronicles 17:14, Ezekiel 45:8, Leviticus 27:28-29, Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

- First-born.
- First-fruits.
- First-king.
- First-nation.

The reason why the Principle of the First is so important is because GOD knows the importance of sound foundations. As nations start off their journey of nationhood on a Godly basis, they are blessed — and if they do not honour GOD — they suffer the consequences.

**This is the story of GOD's First of the First-Nations, Israel.** If other nations move into a land and build up the land in a Godly fashion, they will be blessed.

If they build in wickedness and iniquity and in bloodshed, the land will not only be defiled, but it will vomit them out (**Leviticus 18:28**).

GOD is serious about building a land and nation, layer-upon-layer, in a Godly and sound manner — such that will bring a blessing.

Therefore, if the foundation is faulty through a First-Nation's disobedience, all other nations and the land itself will suffer.



Paul explains the importance of sound foundations through the parable of a tree:

**Romans 11:16** "16 Now if the first handful of dough offered as the firstfruits [Abraham and the patriarchs] is consecrated (holy), so is the whole mass [the nation of Israel]; and if the root [Abraham] is consecrated (holy), so are the branches."

According to the Principle of Firsts, a first-born and first-nation can indeed be a blessing to a family or land that will determine the rest of the course of a family or nation.

In fact, according to the Principle of the First (as in the case of Romans 11:16), the first-fruit can sanctify and secure a blessing on the rest of the tree (branches) or the remainder of the harvest.



The reverse is also true. **The enemy has all along knew that if he can corrupt the first, then he can secure the rest under his control.**

That is why Lucifer has been tireless to corrupt GOD's First Creation Nation (heavenly angels), Adam (first-created human) and from there on the first-born such as with Cain, Esau, etc. He is even relentless to corrupt GOD's First-Nation for the Land of Canaan, the people of Israel.

The truth is nevertheless, that if the first-nation — like in the case of first-fruits — repent and bring their land before their GOD, major earth-shaking

events will occur BECAUSE GOD will now address matters in the nation at the level of its foundation ... which in turn will affect the remainder of the harvest (land).

We have to therefore deal with several matters in the process of seeking for healing of our land.

### *Nations and the Foundations Nation: South Africa*

350 years ago, white settlers landed in the Cape for the first time. The settlers found a peaceful indigenous people living here — the FOUNDATION NATION.

History records that the Foundation-Nation, as first nation of southern Africa, has welcomed several other nations arriving from the central parts of Africa, Europe and the East.

As first nation, the Foundation-Nation were stewards of this land and its resources. As with other foundation nations, the role of the first-nation, according to the Principle of the First is to:

- ☑ Be a host to other nations.
- ☑ Be stewards of the first resources of a land (such as land, water and plants) and the overall ecology of the land.
- ☑ To be priests unto the most-high GOD for the matters concerning the land.

***The Foundation-Nation continue to have the calling to be servant-priests of the land of South Africa, its ecology and resources<sup>12</sup>, and to help other nations discover GOD's Blessings in and through the land.***

***(Anthropologically, and according to genetic testing, the Foundation-Nation people are the oldest nation that we know of today. Their genetic footprint runs across a number of other nations such as the first-tribes of India and even as far as Australia).***

When other people groups arrived in this land, the friendly and warm-hearted manner of the Foundation-Nation (see pictured right) was misused and their trusting nature was abused — economically, socially and politically.

Each succeeding “layer” ruling, have deviated more and MORE from GOD's Path of Righteousness — Freemasonry, slavery, rape, mixed races, and so forth — in REBELLION against GOD.

GOD's Word is clear — if we return to the LORD and HIS Purposes for our life, we will be protected and blessed. However, if we do NOT and continue in REBELLION — there are consequences:

- Physical/spiritual famine.
- Ecological disaster.
- War
- Disease.



Each succeeding group who has dominated South Africa, has also done so in the spirit of Pharaoh.

### ***The Spirit of Pharaoh***

Humanistic constitutions have readily taken on the role of king and ruler. GOD's Plan for mankind was to take dominion of the earth — NOT over other men. GOD's Plan is that we follow the Biblical Principles of leadership as found in the Word.

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<sup>12</sup> In times past the Foundation-Nation people were carriers of water and wood, preserving the land, and discovered the ancient animal routes (such as the way of the elephant) which later became commercial trade routes from the coastal areas inland and to the north. The sea-farers (from Bartholomeus Diaz, 1488) landed in the southern Cape to obtain fresh products and counter the health hazards of long sea trips (such as scurvy). The Foundation-Nation people were ready to share with the sea-farers their fresh products and healing remedies of the land.

The spirit of Pharaoh operates in those who:

- Put their own interests first.
- Are surrounded by pomp and ceremony.
- Who distract with “signs of gold and silver”.
- And whose policies are not in alignment with those set out in the Bible.

We need to remember satan’s plan — to steal, kill, and destroy. This has been the pattern of the “system” — higher taxes, introduction of un-Godly principles, abortion, and so forth.

Now is the season, in line with Acts 17, when GOD commands the people in South Africa, *all* and *everywhere*, to repent and return to the Ways of the Almighty. True repentance is founded upon true restoration — and is firstly a spiritual process, but has definite social and economical implications.

Since the first-fruit sanctifies (i.e., sets apart) the rest of the harvest, the manner in which we deal with GOD’s first-fruit nation determines the outcome of the remainder of the harvest.

The nations that came to this land were to bring the Gospel of the Kingdom to the land and its people — for this was part of GOD’s “bigger” plan.

This happened only in part. GOD was looking to find, from the Foundation-Nation of southern Africa, a first-born, first-nation to be a first-fruit of a saved community.

Such a first-fruit would have allowed GOD to steer our country into more blessed and different political dispensations than what we have experienced over the past 400 years.



Now is the time for all South Africans to unite and be part of every effort to see the Foundation-Nation, as First-Nation, be a First-Fruit in GOD’s end-time harvest of salvation and to prepare a way for the coming to salvation of them and the other nations — and see them fulfill GOD’s Redemptive Purpose.

We as a representation of the Church in the Kingdom of GOD understand that there is a call on us to initiate the ministry of reconciliation and practical restoration<sup>13</sup> of the Foundation-Nation.

We also understand that to GOD Almighty the *manner* of restoration is important.

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<sup>13</sup> The first known incident of exploiting the Foundation-Nation people through forced/ slave labour (refer the story of the Knorhoek farm) was in business/commerce with implementing the first flour-mill in South Africa.

To this end we continually seek GOD on how to best pursue His restorative intent towards restoring the redemptive purpose of the Foundation-Nation.

We see UNITY as foremost — where the Foundation Nation and ALL other people groups of the Bride of Messiah are walking in GOD's Ways:

1. Role-modeling a life of obedience to GOD's Commandments.
2. Annulling previous un-Godly covenants.
3. Prophetically renewing the Covenant with Jerusalem.
4. Walking the journey of FORGIVENESS to be in UNITY.
5. And the Foundation-nation are to be the INITIATORS.

We also need to REVIVE the Godly commitment to the land!

We have been made in GOD's IMAGE and LIKENESS (Genesis 1:26). We were made to RULE — "radah". "Radah" in Hebrew means making creation USEFUL! Man is made to bless the earth by bringing forth the functions GOD designed into it.

- Human rule is to have POSITIVE consequences for ALL!
- To act in a way to SECURE LIFE!
- To stand against CHAOS!



### **Practical steps FORWARD:**

People who have lived in poverty and have never owned land do not know the:

1. Sense of stewardship.
2. Godly dominion — that is, making creation USEFUL.
3. Saying "thank you" for the first-fruits of harvest.

People — and especially the Foundation-Nation — must be reconnected to this sense of Godly commitment to the LAND.

And always keep in mind that this is a process — a JOURNEY.

The GOAL being:

- To create a place,
- A land and NATION,
- ***Where GOD can move and dwell amongst us here again!!***

# SA First Nation Restoration



Graham's chopper on Cracklock Peak in George



Ajay, Sydney Opperman, Anita, and Amanda went up to break a major stronghold.



The place, called "The Navel of the Earth", is a stronghold in the history of the First Nation.



## Chapter 4:

Practical  
Spiritual  
Mapping

## *Transformation and Spiritual Mapping*<sup>14</sup>

### • TRANSFORMATION PLAN OUTLINE

#### **Vision:**

- To establish the Kingdom of GOD in \_\_\_\_\_.
- To transform the social, economic and political fabric of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Specific Objectives:**

- To draw the entire Body of Messiah in \_\_\_\_\_ into a common cause.
- To enter into spiritual warfare until we are the victors of our city.
- To use spiritual mapping to provide specific information for transformation prayers.
- To allow free movement of the Holy Spirit to birth revival and social reform.

### • COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

- Transformed communities do not come about spontaneously! Thankfully, GOD has graciously given us the opportunity to assist him in this exciting task.
- Transformation is not arbitrary, but a clear result of a cause and effect process.
- Divine revelation and power are called forth by sanctified hearts, right relationships and united, fervent and selfless intercession.
- Thus there are definite steps we can and should take to position our community for a visitation of the Holy Spirit.
- There are five major factors or stimuli responsible for transformed communities:
  - **Persevering leadership.**
  - **Fervent united prayer.**
  - Social reconciliation.
  - Public power encounters.
  - Diagnostic research/spiritual mapping.
- Persevering leadership and fervent prayer are core principles that initiate or signal divine involvement.



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<sup>14</sup> Notes on spiritual mapping, written by Pastor Richard Lechmere-Oertel, 8 September 2000

- The transformation leadership will have to be determined to continue in the face of the opposition, ridicule and unbelief that WILL arise, even from amongst their congregation, friends and family.
- The leadership must have faith that what they are doing is GOD's Will.
- Fervent prayer by the united Body of Messiah, addressing specific issues with common cause is also vital for success.
- There are four stages of transformation:
  - Spiritual **beachheads** — revived intercessors enter into fervent, united prayer.
  - Spiritual **breakthrough** — rapid spread of the gospel and increase in growth of the Body of Messiah.
  - Spiritual **transformation** — dramatic social, political and economic change.
  - Spiritual **maintenance** — the business of preserving hard-won victories (unity, prayer, humility and holiness).

### • **SPIRITUAL BEACHHEADS**

- Beachheads are the primary area of failure for a transformation process and must be handled properly. They are the foundation.
- Beachheads are staging areas won by prayer warriors and evangelists who breakdown enemy strongholds and altars.
- An initial prayer should be for church leaders and intercessors to **seek a renewed hunger for unity, holiness and prayer**.
- Beachheads may start off with very few people due to apathy, fear and enemy attacks. However, spiritual passion is much more important than numbers of people.
- There will be a period of increasing growth of intercessors until a threshold is passed into the breakthrough stage. Later there will be a groundswell of corporate repentance, social reconciliation and united prayer — often sustained by information from spiritual mapping.
- United prayer has more to do with heart attitudes than mass movements.
- There must be individual commitment of heart and soul.
- It is vital that there be strong leadership during beachhead periods. Unity must not be displaced by cordiality as increasing numbers of different churches come on board. United prayer does require unanimous prayer. Success can be achieved even if not everybody chooses to participate.
- SORRY, NO INDIVIDUAL AGENDAS ARE ALLOWED!

### • **BEACHHEAD TO BREAKTHROUGH**

- Prayers must be fervent and sustained and do not have to be articulate or eloquent.
- Intercessors must know and be consumed by the details of the area into which they are praying. They must become intimate with the area and should “belong” there.
- Prayer may need to be sustained for long periods without there being significant transformation. There are two key elements to sustaining prayer:

- Progressive revelation — gives motivation by providing new details and discoveries that create a sense of momentum and achievement. Requires spiritual mapping to release details.
- Positive results — encourages people to know they are on the correct path to transformation.
- Breakthrough will be recognised by a tangible release of the gospel as barriers and obstacles are destroyed in the spiritual realm. It is often accompanied by a significant growth in the Body of Messiah.

## • **BREAKTHROUGH TO TRANSFORMATION**

- Even when tangible results have been won during the beachhead phase, the momentum must not be stopped!
- Breakthroughs often fail because:
  - Intercessors misinterpret the start of breakthrough as the climax of divine activity.
  - People fail to see the need for change (especially large, vibrant, wealthy churches).
  - People become complacent with a bit of managed growth and not drastic change.
- As intercessors continue to pray, so a critical mass is reached where the social, political and economic fabric of society begins to change, resulting in transformation.
- These changes will be of a scale to be reported in the secular media.
- Transformation does not result in a complete absence of sin and there will still be problems. Remember to measure success on the amount of change from when you started (*i.e.* the fruit) and not to be bogged down by what still has to be done.
- Church leaders must be very careful to avoid switching their kingdom mentality for an empire mentality.
- Churches must cease to focus on their individual circles of influence and to start concentrating on the areas between the circles (*i.e.* all areas and facets of society), where the majority of the population resides.

## • **MAINTAINING TRANSFORMATION**

- Transformed communities will slide back to their former state (typically after about three years) unless there is considerable maintenance. This means the Christian community must continue to be a pleasing altar to GOD by **maintaining unity, prayer, humility and holiness**.
- Politicians, professionals, businessmen and educators must perpetuate Kingdom values in their places of work.

## *Spiritual Mapping*

*An introduction to spiritual mapping.*

“We don’t see things the way they are; we see them the way we are ... ” ~ Anais Nin

- Reality is a question of perspective and we live in our paradigms and perceptions derived from our culture, education and other factors.
- We see our city’s reality in terms of social, economic and political factors, and not spiritual. We assume the material world is the basis of reality, ignoring the spiritual realm. This is a big mistake and effectively cripples many secular efforts to bring about social reconciliation.
- We need to see things as they really are and not what they appear to be. Spiritual mapping is an effective way to enhance our perspective of reality. It allows us to see veiled realities such as past hurts, spiritual pacts and demonic strongholds.
- Unless we are able to discern the nature and origin of obstacles to revival, and receive GOD’s prescribed strategies for their removal, we are unlikely to bring about transformation.
- Although spiritual mapping is not a substitute for passionate prayer and evangelism it can make both more effective.
- Detailed information sustains fervent prayer.
- Spiritual breakthrough prayer requires information. Details engender fervency and perseverance, and it is earnest and sustained prayer that leads to results. Spiritual mapping is the best means for fuelling the fire for prayer.
- Meaningful intelligence of our communities is readily obtainable through spiritual mapping which makes it easier to abandon our primitive hit and miss approach to spiritual warfare.
- The world can be divided into the believers (Body of Christ) and the unbelievers who are **unable** to free themselves from bondage. Many of the unbelievers are in their state because they cannot receive Christ as their saviour because Satan has blinded and captured them.
- The real problem is that many people live in areas that are under the cover of darkness and this is a spiritual issue. Our task is thus to fight the spiritual battle on behalf of those in darkness until the veil is removed from the city, individual blindness is removed and the captives set free.
- We need to understand the link between the spiritual and earthly realms. Each of the spiritual kingdoms has its own earthly counterparts. GOD’s Kingdom has Michael and his angels and the kingdom of darkness has Satan and his angels. On earth, GOD’s Kingdom comprises the full-time ministry and the members of the Body of Christ. Those in full-time ministry are generally at the frontlines of the battle and are supported by the others.



- The kingdom of darkness also has its earthly leaders, the witches, warlocks, shamans, sorcerers, satanic priests/esses, etc. who dedicate their lives to proclaiming the deceits of the devil.
- Most sad, however, are the huge masses who do not know Y'shua (Jesus) and remain under spiritual death and are manipulated, in their ignorance, to a greater or lesser degree by Satan.
- It is the Body of Messiah of \_\_\_\_\_'s role to remove the veil of blindness that has been placed by Satan over the unbelievers. This can be done in two ways:
  - by piercing the cover of darkness through strategic-level intercession, using the Word of GOD and the Name of Y'shua (Jesus).
  - by moving in with evangelistic efforts to proclaim the Word of GOD when the blindness has been removed.
- This action will bring many to Christ who can then deliver them from the power of darkness and offer them redemption. Following this release of the Gospel will be a period of social transformation as the power of the Destroyer is crippled.

### ***What is spiritual mapping?***

- Spiritual mapping is the researching of a city or area to discover any obstacles that Satan has established that prevent the spread of the gospel and the evangelisation of a city for Y'shua (Jesus), and to identify spiritual principalities and strongholds over different regions in the city.
- Spiritual mapping is a means to see beneath the surface of the material world. It is a subjective skill born out of a right relationship with GOD and a love for his kingdom.
- Although spiritual mapping is most often used to identify enemy strongholds, we must remember that not all spiritual activities are dark, and that GOD also operates in the spiritual domain. Spiritual mapping should also be used to highlight the work that GOD is doing in the community.
- Our western world view leads us to believe that the spiritual realm does not even exist and that makes spiritual mapping even more important a tool for us.
- Spiritual mapping is not an end in itself and is only a powerful weapon or spiritual resource; a mechanism for improving the way in which we pray. It is just a tool that allows us to be more specific in praying for our community. Experience says that specific sniper prayer is more powerful than the shotgun approach.

### ***Some background points to consider about spiritual mapping:***

- Although the final outcome of the battle is already decided, we have to be persistent and steadfast. There will be many battles during this war and constant hostility. Satan knows his time on earth is running out and this may explain the increasing worldwide accounts of demonic activity and counterattacks on Christian warriors. Demonic entrenchments or strongholds have been in place for long periods and may have been continually serviced since their inception. They are not just going to leave without a sustained and informed prayer effort by the UNITED Body of Messiah of \_\_\_\_\_.

- Many believers have not taken the time to learn the language, principles and protocols of the spiritual dimension. This allows Satan to work unseen behind a cloak of ignorance.
- Reality is more than appears on the surface. Behind many of the visible aspects of our world there may be spiritual forces; invisible areas of reality that may ultimately have more significance than the visible.
- There are three primary observations to be made about the nature of evil:
  - Spiritual darkness is increasing and becoming more sophisticated.
  - There is a geographic pattern to evil and spiritual oppression.
  - Most people who come up against this evil (pastors, missionaries, etc) do not understand the spiritual dimension as well as they thought, and thus do not understand why their ministry is not as successful as they anticipate.
- Elaborate hierarchies of deities that rule over homes, villages, cities, valleys and provinces are commonplace in rural Africa and throughout Asia. They are recognised and worshipped, often out of fear, by the local people.
- A single stronghold can prevent the spread of GOD's Word through an entire city.
- You can often sense an intangible unease or oppression over your spirit when you enter an area. This may well be because you have crossed a spiritual boundary. Such localised spirituality may be reflected in the history of the region. There are many such examples, at all scales from local churches to entire countries.
- We must recognise that the evangelical battle for the world is spiritual and the weapons are not carnal. GOD has given us the mandate for intelligent aggressive spiritual warfare.
- GOD created us to worship him. He specifically forbade the worship of idols and the Bible is full of references to the wrath of GOD against idol and demon worship. However, many of our buildings, city landmarks and natural geographic sites are dedicated to idol or demon worship to some degree, either through design or name.
- GOD created the diversity of cultures to worship him. Most do not. Considerable discernment is required to draw the line between tolerating cultural diversity and allowing moral decay. Spiritual mapping is a tool that increases the effectiveness of such discernment. Discerning what is dangerous in a culture can be made easier by the following questions:
  - Might this open me to direct demonic influence?
  - Does this give any appearance of evil?
  - Does this glorify GOD?

***Warnings about spiritual mapping:***

- Spiritual mapping does not create or manipulate reality, it is only subjective in that it stems from a passion for the lost and acknowledges the prompting of the Holy Spirit. It is objective in that it can be verified or discredited by historical and physical observations and GOD's Word.
- It is important to ensure that false assumptions and self deception are avoided through a checks-and-balances system. This is achieved by having several teams working from different approaches who can cross-check results.

- Spiritual mapping must not be centred on the demonic and it is important not to give undue and even exclusive attention to the demonic. Although spiritual mapping must not shift our focus from GOD to Satan, the danger of ignoring Satan is greater than that of possibly glorifying him. There must be a system of accountability within the mapping team to prevent a shift in focus.
- Spiritual mapping is not a quick or magical fix to whatever ails a community. Demystified, it is a heavy schedule of hard and disciplined work.
- Spiritual mapping is not spiritual warfare. The former is a research discipline that produces information, the latter is the use to which this information is put.
- Be careful of pushing to the frontline in the battle if GOD has not called you to be an intercessor. You are likely to get hurt if GOD is not behind you. There is always a need for more people behind the scenes in spiritual mapping, to do the researching, administrating and co-ordinating. GOD gifts and calls only a few people to be on the frontline intercessory team. This does not, however, mean that the rest of the Body of Messiah must be inactive. Rather they must back up the warriors with prayer and other logistic support.
- Differences in position within the spiritual mapping team must not lead to disunity within the Body of Messiah. Humility and servant attitudes are vital within the team.

***What are spiritual strongholds, how are they established, and what maintains them?***

- Strongholds are fortified places that Satan builds to exalt himself against the Kingdom of GOD. He cleverly disguises their existence, often under the guise of culture and tradition.
- Demons are only present where there are people, which explains why cities are often the sites of significant strongholds and are engulfed in spiritual darkness (with its associated social ills such as poverty, racism, crime, etc.).
- Peoples (in a country sense) are often exposed to traumas, e.g. warfare or droughts. Such traumas are opportunities for the people to turn to GOD in repentance and supplication, but in most cases the people have exchanged the revelations of GOD for a lie and have turned to ever-present demons and entered into a moral deal with them, exchanging allegiance and worship for a resolution of their immediate trauma. It is often through these traumatic 'welcome mats' that demonic territorial strongholds are established.
- The principle way in which strongholds in an area maintain their power through the centuries appears to be a spiritual power transfer that occurs during religious festivals, ceremonies and pilgrimages. Missionaries in 'dark' countries often speak of increased demonic activity during these periods. Such events are occurring almost every week throughout the world.



- These celebrations are often disguised as benign, quaint and colourful cultural spectacles, but in reality are conscious transactions with the spiritual ruler, reaffirming and extending the devil's right to rule over the area. The power of the lie is often perpetuated through generations by our traditions.
- The recent resurgence of worship of ancient and ancestral gods across the world is a strategy of the enemy to re-empower all the demonic deities and principalities over the nations.
- It is important to be able to discern between 'root' strongholds and 'prevailing' strongholds. **Prevailing** strongholds are those that are apparent at the present, but these may have arisen from a '**root**' stronghold that is considerably older and more established. Only attacking the prevailing stronghold will not be a long term solution if the root stronghold remains intact.
- Individual and corporate sin prevents a close relationship with GOD and gives Satan a legal right into our lives or community.

## *Types of Strongholds*

There are nine types of strongholds:

1. **Personal** — personal sin, thoughts, feelings and attitudes can lead to personal strongholds over our lives. These become holes in our armour and can only be repaired by repentance to GOD. The gateway to revival is through applying biblical standards of holiness to our lives.
2. **Mental** — a mind set impregnated with the hopelessness that causes a believer or Body of Messiah to accept as unchangeable a situation that is not part of GOD's Kingdom.
3. **Ideological** — many ideologies, e.g. Marxism, humanism and the New Age movement can affect the philosophies and views in entire nations and cultures.
4. **Occultic** — are the power-boosters to the territorial spirits that have a grip in an area. Witchcraft, Satanism and some New Age religions invite spirit guides to operate in an area. Occultic attacks are often directed specifically against Christians and their leaders.
5. **Social** — many social ills that afflict cities, e.g. poverty, racism, injustice, etc., cause people to believe that GOD does not care about their needs. It becomes the Body of Messiah's responsibility to overcome these through public service and prayer.
6. **City versus Body of Messiah** — there is often a wedge between the city and Body of Messiah that causes an 'us and them' attitude. This attitude becomes entrenched in peoples attitudes. The Body of Messiah must become a blessing to the city and should be the first source of help that the city turns to in trouble.
7. **Seats of Satan** — are the geographic areas from where he conducts his campaign of darkness. Such areas have a very high incidence of demonic activity.
8. **Sectarian** — sects cause division in the Body of Messiah and arise from doctrinal pride and idolatry of denomination. The Body of Messiah's most powerful weapon is unity. We must concentrate on the eternal or ultimate doctrines, like salvation and GOD's Love, and avoid the minor details that separate some denominations.

9. **Iniquity** — some sins of the fathers produce iniquities or weakness towards certain types of sin, e.g. sexual sin, in later generations. They can work at a personal, denominational, church, city or national level. The nature of the sin can often be concealed by culture and tradition. The sins of iniquity give Satan legal right over our lives, church or city.

### ***How do we attack spiritual strongholds?***

- Specific strongholds need to be broken down to release the harvest of salvation over our cities.
- We need to prepare ourselves with information before meeting with GOD with specific prayer requests for our city. The underlying concept of spiritual mapping is that we must be as prepared and informed as possible when praying.
- In terms of intercessory prayer for a region, we need prophetic prayer action that is linked into GOD's Perfect Timing. There must be concern over the protection of the prayer team, specifically about their preparedness, how far can they go, are they mature enough? Not all people in the congregation are in a spiritual position to be involved in spiritual mapping.
- Spiritual mapping is often used to confirm what we have seen in the spirit. It allows us to move in greater boldness in the spiritual realm. However, there should always be confirmation from the Bible and history of the area.
- Spiritual mapping helps with strategy and choice of weapons, and gives an understanding of the nature of the battlefield. It also helps to prioritise prayer action. The prayer warriors must be righteous and have confessed their sins prior to battle.
- GOD reveals new information to his people so we can perform better in the spiritual battle. Spiritual mapping helps us see the world as GOD sees it. It is GOD's Revelation about the spiritual situation of the world we live in.

### ***Practical Spiritual Mapping***

#### ***Starting a spiritual mapping project.***

- It is important to ensure that there is infrastructure in place to receive the fruits of spiritual mapping. If community churches are not united or if there is no evident passion for the lost your project may be premature. It is vital to build healthy anticipation amongst the local church community.
- There are three fundamental questions to any investigation of the spiritual dynamics in a needy community. All specific questions that have to be answered are derived from these core questions.
  - What is wrong with my community?
  - Where did the problem come from?
  - What can be done to change things?

### ***Determining the boundaries.***

- You will need to determine how much territory you are going to cover, and why.
- The boundaries must be relevant to your aims and to known historical, cultural and spiritual realities.
- They should also be realistic to the available time and manpower.
- Do not just adopt prevailing civic or political boundaries. Despite their convenience, these boundaries are often arbitrary inventions that ignore pre-existing facts and affiliations.
- Spiritual powers congregate in places and cultures where they are welcomed. The only borders they recognise are those that have been established through pacts with their followers.
- On average it will take a competent part-time team between one and a half to two years to map a large neighbourhood.
- It is very important to keep the project to a manageable size to avoid reducing the quality of your report.

### ***Organising a research team.***

- Competent leadership is vital.
- It is important to select participants who can be committed to the project for the full duration of the project, which can be anything up to three years. People with the following characteristics will be useful additions to the team.
  - The right motive
  - Commitment to the community
  - Servant attitude (humility)
  - Accountability
  - Spiritual balance
  - Good work habits (discipline)
- Divide the workforce into three teams, each to work on a particular area of research, depending on their gifting. The teams must work independently to allow cross-checking and confirmation of the results. The three areas of research are **physical, historical and spiritual**.
- Having completed the research, the information must be passed onto a mature group of intercessors and leaders to evaluate. If each area of research is accurate, then all three should complement each other.



- **HISTORICAL FACTORS**

- Use sources such as libraries, museums, the city archives, newspaper archives, ask elderly people, the internet, etc.
- Establish the answers to the following questions for your area.
- What is the name and what does it mean? Make a list of all the names for the neighbourhood. Establish what the meaning, implication or significance of the name is. What is the meaning behind the coat-of-arms?
- What is the nature of the territory? What are the main social problems prevalent? What is the history of race relations in the city? Choose a single word to describe each territory in the city.
- How have GOD's messengers and the Gospel been received so far? Have there been any major blocks to the spread of the Gospel. Is it currently open to the Gospel? How many churches does it have?
- What is the history of the territory? Using help from the Holy Spirit, establish the events and circumstances around the birth of the territory. When did it originate? Was the nation founded through violence, deceit, slavery, breaking of treaties, etc.? Who were the founders? What were their beliefs? Were there any tragic events? Has there been any bloodshed that pollutes the land in the area? Are there any areas of repeated tragedy (e.g. Van Staden's Bridge suicides)? Ask GOD to reveal the true foundations of your city.
- Are there any legends that pertain to the area?

- **PHYSICAL FACTORS**

- Does or did the city have specific entrances (e.g. the harbour). The Body of Messiah must take possession of the entrances in GOD's Name, denying entry to any demonic activity.
- The same applies to specific institutions, such as schools. Parents and teachers should pray at the entrances to close the gates to addiction, sexual sins, etc.
- Where are the squatter camps? They are always sites of needy people and there is almost always spirits of death, destruction, rape, poverty, addiction, etc. over them.
- Make an inventory of the parks, monuments, archaeological sites, statues, major institutions (social, judicial, religious, etc.), churches, places of Satanism, high places.
- Establish where the rivers, dams and lakes are, as they are often sites of water spirit worship.
- See if there are an unusual number of bars, sex shops, etc. in an area.
- Are there any areas of particularly high addiction (alcoholism, gambling, drugs)
- Is there a pattern to any cult or New Age centres?
- Map out all the locations identified using colour codes.
- Look for patterns in the demographics and socio-economic conditions of the region.

- **SPIRITUAL FACTORS**

- These are the most important as they reveal the real cause behind all the symptoms in the other two areas of research.
- The spiritual researchers must be spirit-filled people who are gifted in their ability to hear from GOD. They must turn to intense prayer to know the mind of Christ and to receive revelation from GOD on the spiritual situation of the area.
- The following questions can help the research but cannot replace spending quality time in the Presence of GOD.
  - Are the heavens open in this place?
  - What are the city's main gods? Who do the political, business, and other community leaders worship?
  - Is it easy to pray here or is there oppression? Can the cover of darkness be discerned? What are its dimensions?
  - Do some areas have a different spiritual atmosphere to others? What are the boundaries between these areas?
  - Do we recognise any power or principality in the information from GOD.
  - Establish who the Strongmen in your city are.
- The reference to a strongman and not a strong spirit or power is a description of the interaction between humans and the spiritual realm. Satan chooses people who will follow him and raises them to positions of power on earth where they can influence many people.
- These strongmen are assigned to principalities and powers in order to serve their purposes. These strongmen maintain direct and intimate links with the angels of darkness. GOD calls us to break down the powers and principalities behind these strongmen and the lines of communication between them and the dark angels, but not to curse the strongmen themselves, as they are still GOD's Creation.
- Spiritual mapping helps identify the strongmen in our communities. It may direct us directly to a territorial prince or power, or to a human who Satan is using, or to a corrupt social structure.

- **PROCESSING THE INFORMATION**

- At some point there is going to have to be a synthesis of all the facts and bits of information that have been gathered. This is job of the co-ordinator and the pastoral leaders.
- The synthesis process will be an ongoing one that must be flexible and be goal driven.
- There must be a mechanism that allows rapid processing of information that can then be passed onto the intercessors or used at prayer meetings.
- There must be an infrastructure in place to deal with the fruit of the spiritual mapping, or else it will be a wasted effort.



Chapter 5:

Additional  
Notes on  
Redeeming  
Lands and  
Peoples

Our warfare TODAY can be diagramed as below:



### *A City's Foundation and Personality*

Every city composed has character (the peoples' character) — composed of their vision, their traditions, their stewardship, their culture, their sociology, their spirituality.

Every city is shaped by these components that continues to be shaped by incoming people who build upon others' **foundations**.

By “foundation”, we mean basic principles and precepts.

**Hebrews 11:10** “For he was [waiting expectantly and confidently] looking forward to the city which has fixed and firm foundations, whose Architect and Builder is GOD.”

**Joshua 6:26** “Then Joshua laid this oath on them, Cursed is the man before the LORD who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho. With the loss of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son shall he set up its gates.”

**Isaiah 28:16** “Therefore thus says the LORD GOD, Behold, I am laying in Zion for a foundation a Stone, a tested Stone, a precious Cornerstone of sure foundation; he who believes (trusts in, relies on, and adheres to that Stone) will not be ashamed or give way or hasten away [in sudden panic].”

**1 Corinthians 3:11** “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is [already] laid, which is Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).”

**Ephesians 2:20** “You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself the chief Cornerstone.”

**2 Timothy 2:19** “But the firm foundation of (laid by) GOD stands, sure and unshaken, bearing this seal (inscription): The LORD knows those who are His, and, Let everyone who names [himself by] the name of the LORD give up all iniquity and stand aloof from it.”

**Thus, Abraham looked for a foundation with specifics.** Therefore, the city takes on the **foundation** and **personality** of the influences (people) of its **founding** — this is an IMPORTANT KEY principle!!

In **1 Corinthians 3:10-12**, Paul uses the same word as the **foundation of the human personality** and character (now, one's **stewardship** becomes an important issue).

A city has **personality** and **character**.

**Matthew 11:22-24** “2 I tell you [further], it shall be more endurable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, are you to be lifted up to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades [the region of the dead]! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have continued until today. 24 But I tell you, it shall be more endurable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

**Acts 8:5-8** “5 Philip [the deacon, not the apostle] went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ (the Messiah) to them [the people]; 6 And great crowds of people with one accord listened to and heeded what was said by Philip, as they heard him and watched the miracles and wonders which he kept performing [from time to time]. 7 For foul spirits came out of many who were possessed by them, screaming and shouting with a loud voice, and many who were suffering from palsy or were crippled were restored to health. 8 And there was great rejoicing in that city.”

It can change/be transformed for the better. GOD has a **love for cities** (Nineveh; Sodom and Gomorrah; Y’shua (Jesus) weeping over Jerusalem; the seven Churches in Revelation — Asia Minor).

## *Stewardship as Defined in the Bible*

GOD taught Moses, who taught Israel, the economics of stewardship

**Deuteronomy 6:10-12** “10 And when the LORD your GOD brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you, with great and goodly cities which you did not build, 11 And **houses full of all good things** which **you did not fill**, and cisterns hewn out which **you did not hew**, and vineyards and olive trees **which you did not plant**, and when you eat and are full, 12 Then beware lest you forget the LORD, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”

GOD has delegated to us the responsibility of looking after His property — His land!

The people of Israel did not believe a person could own land — **GOD** was the owner — **they** had temporary custody and management (**Leviticus 25:23** — the land is **Mine** — you are strangers and **My** tenants).

Each person/nation in the past — and the present — was/is given temporary trust over GOD's property.

Those to whom land had been entrusted were responsible to be good stewards of this trust — for they would one day be held accountable of their custodianship of that land.

Stewards are really looking after **GOD's Time, Talent, and Treasure!** So ... it's a matter of stewardship **everyday**, not just Sunday!

The way in which a **STEWARD** looks after the property of the landowner has a direct bearing on that type of stewardship as well as on the **RESPONSE** of the landowner himself.

Y'shua (Jesus) refers to this Himself through such stewardship parables as the tenants (**Matthew 21:33-34**):

- The workers in the vineyard (**Matthew 21:1-16**);
- The talents (**Matthew 25:14-30**);
- The sower/mustard seed/yeast/hidden treasure and pearl/the net, etc. (**Matthew 13**).

All these refer to **STEWARDSHIP** that needs to be redeemed and invested so that GOD's Purpose in the lives of His people can be brought to fruition. Each parable also gives insight to the obstacles and difficulties that hinder the stewardship from coming forth ... and so either gets lost, hidden, or stolen).

***Can you think of potential stewardship that should have come forth from your life/family/church/work/community/city ... but that has been stifled, interrupted, or even lost? What may be the reasons underlying this?***

### *The Relationship Between Stewardship and Land*

The land we look after takes on "characteristics" based on what we **do** — good and bad.

- ADAM and EVE — **Genesis 3:17** — "Cursed ground" (and **verses 18-19**).
- ABEL'S BLOOD — **Genesis 4:10** — Abel's blood cries out from the ground (**verse 11** — Cain cursed and driven from the ground).
- ACHAN'S SIN — **Joshua 7:20-21, 25-26** — Thus, a "fetish" (see **RSV and NIV footnotes** — "Valley of Trouble").
- VALLEY OF ESCHOL ("*Eschol* means *cluster*" — is signifying the richness of the fruit in that area).

**Numbers 13:23-24** *"23 And they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two [of them]; they brought also some pomegranates and figs. 24 That place was called the Valley of Eshcol [cluster] because of the cluster which the Israelites cut down there."*

- JUDAS' SUICIDE — The field of blood.

**Acts 1:18** *"Now this man obtained a piece of land with the [money paid him as a] reward for his treachery and wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle [of his body] and all his intestines poured forth."*

- BITTER WATER OF MARAH — **Exodus 15:22-27** — Called "Marah" because the water was bitter due to what had happened there earlier. (See **2 Kings 2:19** re bad water — unproductive land and "the healing of that water").

- PROSTITUTION — Wickedness filling the land.

**Leviticus 19:29** “Do not profane your daughter by causing her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry and become full of wickedness.”

- DEFILEMENT → PUNISHMENT → LAND VOMITING — This is serious to GOD and to the effect upon the land.

**Leviticus 18:24-25** “24 Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, for in all these things the nations are defiled which I am casting out before you. 25 And the land is defiled; therefore I visit the iniquity of it upon it, and **the land itself vomits out her inhabitants.**”

- FERTILE LAND BECOMES DEFILED LAND — GOD's Declaration!

**Jeremiah 2:7** “And I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and good things. But when you entered, you defiled My land and made My heritage an abomination [detestable and loathsome].”

Thus the importance of the stewardship parables and understanding how to redeem lost/hidden/stolen/sinful stewardship.

**\*\*IMPORTANT!\*\*** Stewardship in GOD's Eyes is to be ACCOUNTABLE and PRODUCTIVE.

- DEFINITION: A STEWARD

**Someone responsible for someone else's property ... GOD's.**

That stewardship can become defiled and so needs cleansing! A steward, therefore, reclaims for GOD what is rightfully His, but which has been lost through bad/sinful stewardship.

We become DEFILED by:

- What **WE** do.
- What **OTHERS** do to us (and we react).
- What our **ANCESTORS** in earlier generations have passed on to us.



Our communities/families/churches become subject to all this “stewardship”. The **sins** lead to **bondages ... wounds develop** — even corporately. As a result, spirits gain right of entry through our permission (our sin) — our stewardship!

*A Summary of Stewardship vs. Ownership*

It is a **BIBLICAL REALITY**.

## 1. WHO owns the world?

**Psalm 24:1** *"THE EARTH is the LORD's, and the fullness of it, the world and they who dwell in it."*

## 2. WHAT does GOD claim is HIS?

**Psalm 50:10** *"For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills or upon the mountains where thousands are."*

## 3. WHAT about the world's WEALTH?

**Haggai 2:8** *"The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine, says the LORD of hosts."*

## 4. WHAT are we to do with the treasures ENTRUSTED to us?

**Matthew 6:20-21** *"But gather and heap up and store for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust nor worm consume and destroy, and where thieves do not break through and steal; 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

### • OWNERSHIP IS THE WORLD SYSTEM

Principle — all land belongs originally to the government/king/crown.

Private people get rights by:

- Common law — buying land from the government/king. Rights are established by boundary stones/pegs
- Collective ownership — tribes: No title deed, no ownership for individuals.

### • STEWARDSHIP IS GOD'S WAY

**REMEMBER**, Y'shua (Jesus) is accountable to GOD the Father. We are in our turn accountable to Him.

- We are responsible for the planning and management of resources.
  - Mandate: We are placed in the Garden to take dominion.
- The concept of sustainability.
  - Seed produces after its own kind.
- We are to take care of something that belongs to Someone Else.
  - We are to tend and keep the Garden.
- Conservation.
  - Looking after/naming the animals.

# What does Scripture say about Land?

## 1. IT IS CURSED BECAUSE OF SIN

**Genesis 3:17-18** “17 And to Adam He said, Because you have listened and given heed to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it, the **ground is under a curse** because of you; in sorrow and toil shall you eat [of the fruits] of it all the days of your life. 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth for you, and you shall eat the plants of the field.”

**Genesis 6:13** “GOD said to Noah, I intend to make an end of all flesh, for through men the **land is filled with violence**; and behold, I will destroy them and the land.”

**Isaiah 24:5** “The land and the **earth** also are **defiled** by their inhabitants, because they have **transgressed the laws**, disregarded the statutes, and **broken the everlasting covenant**.”

**Isaiah 24:6** “Therefore a **curse devours the land and the earth**, and they who dwell in it suffer the punishment of their guilt. Therefore the inhabitants of the land and the earth are scorched and parched [under the curse of GOD’s wrath], and few people are left.”

## 2. THE CONSEQUENCES OF LOST DOMINION

- The problems on the land are not immediately removed!

**Exodus 23:29** “I will **not drive them out from before you in one year**, lest the land become desolate [for lack of attention] and the wild beasts multiply against you.”

- Land defiled; full of iniquity; inhabitants vomited out.

**Leviticus 18:28** “[Do none of these things] **lest the land spew you out when you defile it** as it spewed out the nation that was before you.”

- Keep GOD's Statutes so you are not removed because of your defilement upon it.

## 3. JUDGMENT BECAUSE OF SIN

**Leviticus 26:20** “And your strength shall be spent in vain, for your land shall **not yield its increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruit**.”

**Leviticus 26:32** “And I will bring **the land into desolation**, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.”

**Deuteronomy 11:17** “And the LORD’s anger be kindled against you, and He shut up the **heavens** so that there will be **no rain** and the **land will not yield its fruit**, and you perish quickly off the good land which the LORD gives you.”

**Deuteronomy 28:42** “All your trees and the fruit of your ground shall the **locust possess**. [Fulfilled in Joel 1:4.]”

**Ezra 9:11** “Which You have commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, The land which you are entering to possess is an **unclean land with the pollutions of the peoples of the lands**, through their abominations which have **filled it from one end to the other with their filthiness.**”

**Psalms 105:16** “Moreover, He called for a **famine upon the land [of Egypt]; He cut off every source of bread.**”

**Jeremiah 23:10** “For the land is full of adulterers (forsakers of GOD, Israel’s true Husband). **Because of the curse [of GOD upon it] the land mourns**, the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. They [both false prophets and people] rush into wickedness; and **their course is evil**, their might is not right.”

**Haggai 1:11** “And I have called for a **drought upon the land and the hill country, upon the grain, the fresh wine, the oil, upon what the ground brings forth, upon men and cattle, and upon all the [wearisome] toil of [men’s] hands.**”

#### 4. CREATURES SUFFER BECAUSE OF MAN'S SIN



**Jeremiah 14:5-7** “5 Yes, even the **hind gives birth to her calf** in the field and **forsakes it**, because there is no grass or herbage. 6 And the **wild donkeys** stand on the **bare heights**; they pant for air like **jackals or crocodiles**; their **eyesight fails** because there is no grass. 7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us [prays Jeremiah], deal and work with us for Your own name’s sake [that the heathen may witness Your might and faithfulness]! For our backslidings are many; we have sinned against You.”

**Hosea 4:1, 3** “1 HEAR THE word of the LORD, you children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy (a pleading contention) with the inhabitants of the land, **because there is no faithfulness, love, pity and mercy, or knowledge of GOD [from personal experience with Him] in the land.** 3 **Therefore shall the land [continually] mourn**, and all who dwell in it shall languish, together with the wild **beasts** of the open country and the **birds** of the heavens; yes, the **fishes** of the sea also shall [perish because of the drought] be collected and taken away.”

**Joel 1:1-18** “1 THE WORD of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. 2 Hear this, you aged men, and give ear, all you inhabitants of the land! Has such a thing as this occurred in your days or even in the days of your fathers? 3 Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation. 4 What the crawling locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; and what the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten; and what the hopping locust left, the stripping locust has eaten. 5 Awake, you drunkards, and weep; wail, all you drinkers of wine, because of the [fresh] sweet juice [of the grape], for it is cut off and removed from your mouth. 6 For a [heathen and hostile] nation [of locusts, illustrative of a human foe] has invaded My land, mighty and without number; its teeth are the teeth of a lion, and it has the jaw teeth of a lioness. 7 It has laid waste My vine [symbol of GOD’s people] and barked and broken My fig tree; it has made them completely bare and thrown them down; their branches are made white. 8 Lament like a virgin [bride] girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth [who has died]. 9 The meal or cereal offering and the drink offering are cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD’s ministers, mourn. 10 **The field is laid waste, the ground mourns; for the grain is destroyed, the new juice [of the grape] is dried up, the oil fails.** 11 Be ashamed, O you tillers of the soil; wail, O you vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley, because **the harvest of the field has perished.**”

*"12 **The vine is dried up and the fig tree fails**; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple or quince tree, even all the trees of the field are withered, so that joy has withered and fled away from the sons of men. 13 Gird yourselves and lament, you priests; wail, you ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, you ministers of my [Joel's] GOD, for the cereal or meal offering and the drink offering are withheld from the house of your GOD. 14 Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land in the house of the LORD, your GOD, and cry to the LORD [in penitent pleadings]. 15 Alas for the day! For the day of [the judgment of] the LORD is at hand, and as a destructive tempest from the Almighty will it come. 16 **Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our GOD?** 17 The seed [grain] rots and shrivels under the clods, the garners are desolate and empty, the barns are in ruins because the grain has failed. 18 How the beasts groan! The **herds of cattle** are perplexed and huddle together because they **have no pasture**; even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment (are forsaken and made wretched)."*

**Romans 8:22** *"We know that the **whole creation [of irrational creatures] has been moaning together in the pains of labor** until now."*

## 5. LAND REFLECTS GOD'S CHARACTER

**Leviticus 25:23** *"The land shall not be sold into perpetual ownership, for **the land is Mine**; you are [only] strangers and temporary residents with Me."*

**Deuteronomy 11:10-12** *"10 For the land which you go in to possess is not like the land of Egypt, from which you came out, where you sowed your seed and watered it with your foot laboriously as in a garden of vegetables. 11 But the land which you enter to possess is a land of hills and valleys which drinks water of the rain of the heavens, 12 A **land** for which the **LORD your GOD cares**; the eyes of the LORD your GOD are always upon it from the beginning of the year to the end of the year."*

The LORD longs to bless (our work):

**Deuteronomy 28:12** *"The LORD shall open to you His good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and **to bless all the work of your hands**; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow."*

**Job 12:7-8** *"7 For ask now the **animals**, and **they will teach you** [that GOD does not deal with His creatures according to their character]; ask the **birds** of the air, and **they will tell you**; 8 Or speak to the earth [with its other forms of life], and it will teach you; and the **fish** of the sea will declare [this truth] to you."*

GOD's Bounty/Love/Grace/Provision/Protection/Justness/Beauty/ETC. are all seen on the land (His creation).

## *Researching our Spiritual History*

Knowing our spiritual history tells us many things about ourselves, our family, our church, our community, our company, our city, and our nation!

It tells us **where** we have come from, **why** we are **where** we are, and **where** we might be going! It requires a lot of **prayer**, along with research in four areas — **history, physical, cultural** and **spiritual**.

It means learning to **reach** into our community/city, **seeing** it from GOD's Perspective, **identifying** with it, **falling in love** with it, and maybe even being **willing to die** for it. **Can you pay this price?**

**Diligent research**, combined with **persistent leadership** and **prevailing intercessory prayer**, can then determine the four main areas in which GOD's main areas of emphasis are combined towards fulfilling **The Great Commission**:

- Strategic level spiritual warfare.
- Intercessory prayer.
- Spiritual mapping.
- Commitment to the land.

### *Is Spiritual Mapping Biblical?*

Let's look at Numbers 13 ...

- Command of GOD:

**Numbers 13:2** *"Send men to explore and scout out [for yourselves] the land of Canaan, which I give to the Israelites. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader or head among them."*

- Authority of the spies:

**Numbers 13:3** *"So Moses by the command of the LORD sent scouts from the Wilderness of Paran, all of them men who were heads of the Israelites."*

- Clear instructions:

**Numbers 13:17-20** *"17 Moses sent them to scout out the land of Canaan, and said to them, Get up this way by the South (the Negeb) and go up into the hill country, 18 And see what the land is and whether the people who dwell there are strong or weak, few or many, 19 And whether the land they live in is good or bad, and whether the cities they dwell in are camps or strongholds, 20 And what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is timber on it or not. And be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes."*

- Lines of investigation (verses 18-23):
  - Geographical/topographical studies.
  - Sociological and Statistical studies.
  - Cultural studies.

**Numbers 13:18-23** *"18 And see what the land is and whether the people who dwell there are strong or weak, few or many, 19 And whether the land they live in is good or bad, and whether the cities they dwell in are camps or strongholds, 20 And what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is timber on it or not. And be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes."*

*"21 So they went up and scouted through the land from the Wilderness of Zin to Rehob, to the entrance of Hamath. 22 And then went up into the South (the Negeb) and came to Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai [probably three tribes of] the sons of Anak were there. (Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) 23 And they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two [of them]; they brought also some pomegranates and figs."*

- Information reported:

**Numbers 13:26-29** *"26 They came to Moses and Aaron and to all the Israelite congregation in the Wilderness of Paran at Kadesh, and brought them word, and showed them the land's fruit. 27 They told Moses, We came to the land to which you sent us; surely it flows with milk and honey. This is its fruit. 28 But the people who dwell there are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; moreover, there we saw the sons of Anak [of great stature and courage]. 29 Amalek dwells in the land of the South (the Negeb); the Hittite, the Jebusite, and the Amorite dwell in the hill country; and the Canaanite dwells by the sea and along by the side of the Jordan [River]."*

- Negative decision produced:

**Numbers 13:31-33** *"31 But his fellow scouts said, We are not able to go up against the people [of Canaan], for they are stronger than we are. 32 So they brought the Israelites an evil report of the land which they had scouted out, saying, The land through which we went to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. And all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 There we saw the Nephilim [or giants], the sons of Anak, who come from the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight."*

### Let's look at more Scriptures in Joshua 2 ...

- Spies sent:

**Joshua 2:1-2** *"1 JOSHUA SON of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as scouts, saying, Go, view the land, especially Jericho. And they went and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab and lodged there. 2 It was told the king of Jericho, Behold, there came men in here tonight of the Israelites to search out the country."*



- Precise instructions.
- Lines of investigation (verse 2):
  - General observation.
  - Reading of the situation in Jericho.

**Joshua 2:2** *"It was told the king of Jericho, Behold, there came men in here tonight of the Israelites to search out the country."*

- GOD gives information through Rahab:

**Joshua 2:9-13** “9 And she said to the men, I know that the LORD has given you the land and that your terror is fallen upon us and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you. 10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the [east] side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. 11 When we heard it, our hearts melted, neither did spirit or courage remain any more in any man because of you, for the LORD your GOD, He is GOD in heaven above and on earth beneath. 12 Now then, I pray you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father’s house, and give me a sure sign, 13 And save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all they have, and deliver us from death.”

- Report made:

**Joshua 2:23-24** “23 So the two men descended from the mountain, passed over [the Jordan], and came to Joshua son of Nun, **and told him all** that had befallen them. 24 They said to Joshua, Truly the LORD has given all the land into our hands; for all the inhabitants of the country are faint because of us.”

## *Principles from Joshua 18:1-10*

**We see the following principles in dividing up the rest of the land:**

- Make a **survey** of the land (verse 4); write a **description** of it.
- The men (went) ... to **MAP** out the land ... and returned.
- They **wrote** its (the land) description — (and the land was distributed accordingly).

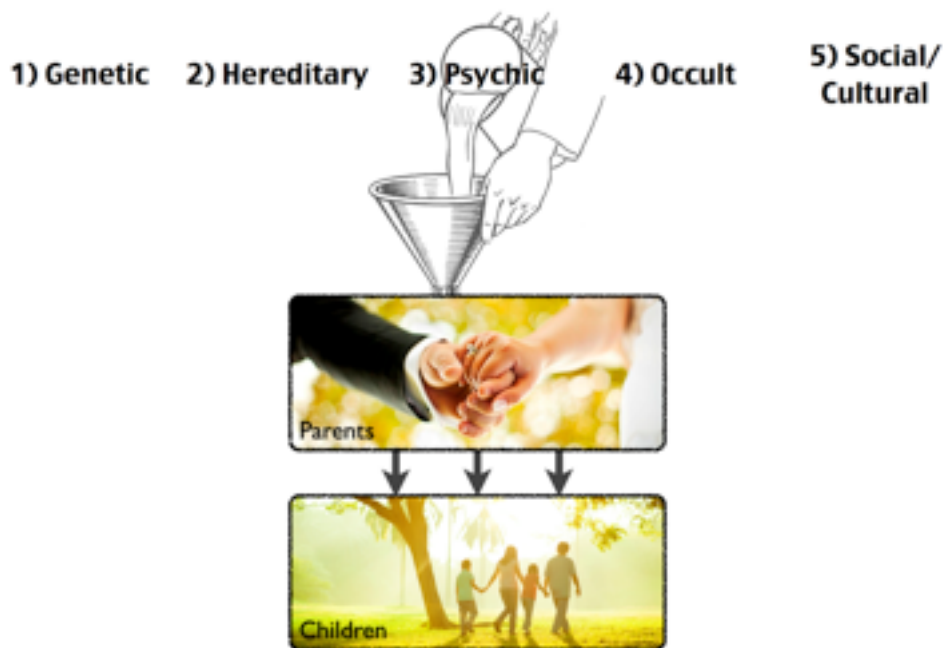
QUESTION — Did GOD not know what His Land was like? ANSWER? YES!! But the men did not know, and GOD was calling them to undertake the necessary research in order that they would act as proper stewards based on what they learned! ***It has been said that “information breeds inspiration”!!*** See also:

- **Nehemiah 2:11** — Nehemiah inspecting the walls around Jerusalem — his investigation and scouting **determined his actions!**
- **Ezekiel 8:7-8** and **Revelation 2-3** — the state of the Temple and the Church being described so that the necessary action could take place.
- **Acts 17:22** — What Paul **saw and learned** about Athens concerning its culture, art, statues and poetry as **he walked around the city**, determined his approach of ministry to them!

## *Ancestral and Personal Sins*

We become defiled by:

- What **WE** do.
- What **OTHERS** do to us.
- What our **ANCESTORS** in our earlier generations have passed on to us.



Intercessors are asking THREE important questions:

1. **Why** does spiritual darkness seem to linger where it does?
2. **How** is the enemy at work in our neighbourhood/community/ church/city/nation?
3. **What** will we do about it? What will be our method/strategy/ plan of action and attack?

**WHY** is the most important question — it helps to explain the **WHAT** and the **HOW**.

## *South African History*



We see the following influences in South Africa:

Portuguese	English	Dutch	French	Slaves
Catholicism Freemasonry	Freemasonry Bloodshed	Freemasonry Bloodshed	Protestant Freemasonry Bloodshed	Malays Islam Hinduism Buddhism

**What do we do now?** We pray through the issues, both personal and corporate:

- Confession, in order to bring forgiveness.
- Breaking of bondages/mindsets.
- Casting out evil spirits (especially witchcraft, Freemasonry curses, nature spirits — e.g. water spirits, four elements, and so forth).

Praying for healing brings the releasing of GOD's Deposited Gift ... and HEALING of the LAND (2 Chronicles 7:14).

All this leads towards RECONCILIATION:



**2 Corinthians 4:4** — speaks of blinders being removed and veils lifted. The eyes of the community are opened to the Gospel.

### *Effective Evangelism*

**2 Chronicles 7:14** "If My people, who are called by My Name, will **humble themselves** and **pray** and **seek My Face** and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from Heaven and will **forgive their sin** and will **heal their land.**"

**“Râpha”** is the Hebrew word meaning “to cause to heal”. **Heal**, as used by physicians, meaning literally to heal, mend or repair; to make whole in a thorough manner. **“Râpha”** is the same word used for people and for land. Therefore, the land is healed as you deal with people and their fallen stewardship. **THE RESULT?** As we pray land/communities/cities are all cleansed, renewed, reformed and rebuilt. The people’s sufficiency was dealt with through GOD’s Sufficiency and then their redeemed efficiency became their proficiency for GOD’s Work. **THE FRUIT? Ezekiel 36:37** ... today we call this EVANGELISM.

**Ezekiel 36:37** *“Thus says the LORD GOD: For this also I will let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do it for them; I will increase their men like a flock.”*

**The RSV translates the verse as: “This also I will let the House of Israel ask Me to do for them: To increase their men like a flock.”**

## Conclusion

**Community transformation** IS possible! As relationships between people and GOD and between people and people are dealt with and fallen stewardship that has taken place upon the land is removed, cleansed and renewed, the eyes of the people in that land can be corporately opened to the Gospel!

In the following verses, we see the BLESSINGS of OBEDIENCE ...

- **Health for man and his environment.**

**Leviticus 26:4** *“I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase and the trees of the field yield their fruit.”*

- **Economical health.**

**Leviticus 26:5** *“And your threshing [time] shall reach to the vintage and the vintage [time] shall reach to the sowing time, and you shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land securely.”*

- **Personal security.**

**Leviticus 26:6** *“I will give peace in the land; you shall lie down and none shall fill you with dread or make you afraid ...”*

- **Civil security.**

**Leviticus 26:6** *“... and I will clear ferocious (wild) beasts out of the land, and no sword shall go through your land.”*

- **International security.**

**Leviticus 26:7-8** *“7 And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. 8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.”*

- **Honour and growth.**

**Leviticus 26:9** “For I will be leaning toward you with favor and regard for you, rendering you fruitful, multiplying you, and establishing and ratifying My covenant with you.”

- **Innovation and creativity.**

**Leviticus 26:10** “And you shall eat the [abundant] old store of produce long kept, and clear out the old [to make room] for the new.”

These blessings constitute GOD’s Promises upon His people and His land when the people act as responsible stewards of His property.

Today, as communities of all sizes are cleansed of their sin and fallen stewardship, these seven blessings are observable in the TRANSFORMATION that is taking place within all socio/economical/political and spiritual aspects of such communities, in varying degrees.

The local church is the **KEY** to reaching a community ... it is the sign of GOD’s Kingdom in that community!!

**\*\*IMPORTANT!!\*\*** Revival WILL come ... WHEN we get the walls down ... BETWEEN the Body of Messiah and the community!!

### *Identificational Repentance ... is it Biblical?*<sup>15</sup>

**What is the Biblical — and more specifically, the New Testament foundation for the confession and repentance or corporate guilt and sin?**

PRAYER involving identificational repentance and/or confession of corporate sin, is being questioned by certain Christians. They consider it at best to be controversial and at worst to be unsupported in the New Testament.

I would like to address the principle objections to identificational repentance. As a seminary professor who teaches Old Testament, I would like to offer the core of biblical evidence I believe supports and instructs the Church to pray this way as we attempt to complete the Great Commission and draw nearer to the end of the ages which Y’shua (Jesus) foretold in **Matthew 24**.

- **OBJECTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM THE BIBLE**

**\*\*OBJECTION 1\*\*** Isn't it a heavy burden for someone to have to be responsible to confess not only their own sins but also to wade through and confess the sins of their parents and grandparents or their church or their nation?

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First, Scripture indicates that when we confess sins, we are not on our own supposed to wade through any list of sins, whether our own personal sins or corporate and generational sins. **Philippians 3:12-15**, in which Paul says that GOD will reveal to the Philippians any incorrect thinking or attitudes in their lives, suggests it is GOD who enables the process of sanctification in our lives.



**Psalm 139:23-24** — “*search me, O GOD ...*” suggests that we, like David, need to ask GOD's Spirit to search us and show us our sins.

**Psalm 19:12-13** “*12 Who can discern his lapses and errors? Clear me from hidden [and unconscious] faults. 13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then shall I be blameless, and I shall be innocent and clear of great transgression.*”

**1 John 1:7-9** shows us that it is as we walk in the Light of GOD's Presence, exposing everything to Him, that His Light will expose our sins so that we can be cleansed (**John 3:20-21**). Because **1 John 1:7-9's** picture of walking in the light and confessing our sins to the LORD on an ongoing basis is written to believers, this shows us that GOD may not deal with all of our sins at once.

Instead the passage suggests that GOD will continually reveal to us sins in our lives, whether past or present, which we need to confess and be cleansed of. The LORD is the one who we should depend on to search us and test our hearts.

Secondly, confessing the sins of one's parents and grandparents under the guidance of GOD's Spirit is not an additional burden. In my own life, and in my experience of praying with and for others, such prayer often is an additional way from GOD to unburden oneself or one's church or ministry from personal and corporate guilt, oppression, and stubbornly entrenched sin patterns.

**\*\*OBJECTION 2\*\*** Isn't identificational repentance for past sins the same as praying for the dead? Doesn't identificational repentance attempt to absolve someone else of their personal responsibility to repent and confess their personal guilt and sin?

No, identificational repentance is not praying for the dead to undergo some purgatory-like cleansing from past sin. Nor does identificational repentance absolve others in the past or present of their personal responsibility to confess their own individual sin.

Identificational repentance is a means of receiving GOD's Grace toward the one who is praying to be freed from any consequences of the sin by others, whether past or present, to which the person praying is linked in some way.

Jeremiah, who declared his own commitment to the LORD and confessed his people's sins in **Jeremiah 3:25; 14:7, 20**, was spared along with his servant, Baruch, from the captivity which resulted from his people's sin (**Jeremiah 40:1-6; 45:2-5**).

**Jeremiah 3:25** *"25 Let us lie prostrate in our shame, and let our dishonor and confusion cover us; for we have sinned against the LORD our GOD, we and our fathers; from our youth even to this day we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our GOD."*

**Jeremiah 14:7, 20** *"7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us [prays Jeremiah], deal and work with us for Your own name's sake [that the heathen may witness Your might and faithfulness]! For our backslidings are many; we have sinned against You. 20 We know and acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against You."*

**Deuteronomy 21:7-9** *"7 And they shall testify, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it. 8 Forgive, O LORD, Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not allow the shedding of innocent blood to be charged to Your people Israel. And the guilt of blood shall be forgiven them. 9 So shall you purge the guilt of innocent blood from among you, when you do what is right in the sight of the LORD."*

In **Deuteronomy 21:7-9** the Israelite elders of surrounding towns would be freed from the guilt of shedding blood in the case of an unsolved murder by renouncing before the LORD any complicity in the murder and asking the LORD to forgive by means of a sacrifice the guilt of the bloodshed in their territory. They did not commit the crime but were held responsible by the LORD to confess and remit the guilt.

Identificational repentance is also a means of releasing GOD's Grace on a corporate level to others which may move them to repent more freely of their personal sins and turn to Christ. Scripture shows us examples of this in the accounts of Y'shua's (Jesus') prayer for his persecutors on the cross, and the prayers of **Ezra**, **Nehemiah**, and **Moses** for GOD's people and for pagans.

**\*\*OBJECTION 3\*\*** Is identificational repentance really biblical? Does the New Testament teach us to follow the Old Testament model of confessing corporate sin, generational sin, and national sin in addition to personal sin?

The question is really the following: Is the confession of corporate sin — which includes generational sin and national sin — still a legitimate category of confession in New Testament faith, as it was in the Old Testament?

**First**, it should be clear from the start that we are saved not by keeping Old Testament covenantal law but by faith in Christ and the atonement of His blood for our sins (**Romans 6:14; Galatians 2:16; 5:6**). But this does not mean that the deeper principles of GOD's Character mentioned in **Exodus 34:5-7** or the deeper principles of the Ten Commandments mentioned in **Exodus 20:3-17** and **Deuteronomy 5:7-12** are nullified by faith in Christ.

Paul emphatically teaches this:

**Romans 3:31** *"Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law."*

New Testament faith fulfils or establishes the deeper principles of Old Testament law according to **Romans 8:4; 13:8**.

**Secondly**, The Old Testament was the only Bible — the only Canon of authoritative Scripture — the New Testament Church had before the New Testament documents began to be collected in the late first century A.D.

Since the Old Testament was the Bible of the early church pictured in Acts, this means that the Old Testament's view of sin and the Old Testament's model of confession was the only scriptural view of sin and model of confession the New Testament church had.

New Testament passages which explicitly teach about confessing sin, **James 5:16** and **1 John 1:9** are written against the background of the Old Testament's concept of sin and confession.

**Exodus 34:5-7** *"5 And the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name of the LORD. 6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD! the LORD! a GOD merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving-kindness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy and loving-kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but Who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children, to the third and fourth generation."*

**Exodus 20:5-6** *"5 You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the LORD your GOD am a jealous GOD, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, 6 But showing mercy and steadfast love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."*

**Exodus 34:5-7** and **Exodus 20:5-6** shows that the Heart of the LORD's Character is that He shows compassion and love toward thousands of generations of those who love Him, but His holiness causes Him to visit the iniquity of parents upon their descendants to the third and fourth generation of those who hate him.

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**Exodus 34:7** *"Keeping mercy and loving-kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but Who will by no means clear the guilty, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children** and the children's children, to the third and fourth generation."*

Some translations are inaccurate in rendering **Exodus 20:5** and **34:7** *"punishing the children for the sin of the fathers,"* since the Hebrew simply says **"visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children."**

Parental sin patterns and sin guilt will be visited upon, repaid to or measured out upon the children. The children will not be punished for their parents' sins but challenged and influenced by the **sin-weaknesses** and **sin-tendencies** of their parents along with any accompanying spiritual bondage. (Spiritual bondage is explicitly referred to in **Hosea 4:12-13**.)

**Hosea 4:12-13** “12 My people [habitually] ask counsel of their [senseless] wood [idols], and their staff [of wood] gives them oracles and instructs them. For the spirit of harlotry has led them astray and they have played the harlot, withdrawing themselves from subjection to their GOD. 13 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and they burn incense upon the hills and under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, because there the shade is good. Therefore your daughters play the harlot and your sons’ wives commit adultery.”

**Ezekiel 18:20** “The soul that sins, it [is the one that] shall die. The son shall not bear and be punished for the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear and be punished for the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him only, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon the wicked only.”

**Jeremiah 31:29-30** “29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge. 30 But everyone shall die for his own iniquity [only]; every man who eats sour grapes—his [own] teeth shall be set on edge.”

The implicit challenge to the children in these passages (made explicit in **Ezekiel 18:20** and **Jeremiah 31:29-30**) is to repent and make a break with parental and generational sin rather than continue in it.

**Lamentations 5:7, 16** “7 Our fathers sinned and are no more, and we have borne their iniquities. 16 The crown has fallen from our head [our honor is brought to the dust]! Woe to us, for we have sinned!”

Passages like **Lamentations 5:7, 16** show us that generational sin becomes entrenched at the individual level and corporate level as the younger generation enter into and commit the same sins as their parents or past leaders.

**Psalms 79:8** “8 O do not [earnestly] remember against us the iniquities and guilt of our forefathers! Let Your compassion and tender mercy speedily come to meet us, for we are brought very low.”

**2 Kings 17:14, 22-23** “14 Yet they would not hear, but hardened their necks as did their fathers who did not believe (trust in, rely on, and remain steadfast to) the LORD their GOD. 22 For the Israelites walked in all the sins Jeroboam committed; they departed not from them, 23 Until the LORD removed Israel from His sight, as He had foretold by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria to this day.”

**2 Kings 23:36-37** “36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began his eleven-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Zebidah daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. 37 He did evil in the sight of the LORD, like all his [forefathers] had done.”

**2 Kings 24:1-4** “1 IN HIS days, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant for three years; then he turned and rebelled against him. 2 The LORD sent against Jehoiakim bands of Chaldeans, of Syrians, of Moabites, and of Ammonites. And He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by His servants the prophets. 3 Surely this came upon Judah at the command of the LORD, to remove them out of His sight because of the sins of Manasseh according to all he had done, 4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed. For he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the LORD would not pardon.”



Spiritual oppression may result from generational sin, as is taught explicitly in such passages as **Hosea 4:12-13** and implicitly in the context of **Exodus 20:5** and **Deuteronomy 5:9**. Both the latter passages comprise the second of the Ten Commandments and set the generational sin cycling principle of GOD's Character in the framework of the sin of idolatry.

**Psalm 106:36-37** "36 And served their idols, which were a snare to them. 37 Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons"

**Hosea 4:12-13** "12 My people [habitually] ask counsel of their [senseless] wood [idols], and their staff [of wood] gives them oracles and instructs them. For the spirit of harlotry has led them astray and they have played the harlot, withdrawing themselves from subjection to their GOD. 13 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and they burn incense upon the hills and under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, because there the shade is good. Therefore your daughters play the harlot and your sons' wives commit adultery."

**Deuteronomy 32:16-17** "16 They provoked Him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations they provoked Him to anger. 17 They sacrificed to demons, not to GOD—to gods whom they knew not, to new gods lately come up, whom your fathers never knew or feared."

**Psalm 106:36-37, Hosea 4:12-13, and Deuteronomy 32:16-17** all make it clear that the Israelites understood that idolatry brought one under demonic influence.

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**Hosea 4:12-13** actually mentions a demonic "spirit of prostitution," associated with the Baal-worship of the northern kingdom of Israel, which "answers" questions posed by worshippers (**Hosea 4:12**; see also **2 Kings 1:2**; **Isaiah 19:3**; **1 Samuel 28:8**) and moves the second generation into the same or related sins (**Hosea 4:13**).

The Old Testament model of receiving forgiveness of sins is by confessing and repenting of our sins according to **Proverbs 28:13**.

**Proverbs 28:13** "Whoever confesses and forsakes sins finds mercy."

In the Old Testament's view one should not confess only personal sin but also parental and national sin according to **Leviticus 26:38-40**.

**Leviticus 26:38-40** "38 You shall perish among the nations; the land of your enemies shall eat you up. 39 And those of you who are left shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away like them. 40 But if they confess their own and their fathers' iniquity in their treachery which they committed against Me—and also that because they walked contrary to Me."

Nehemiah's prayer in **Nehemiah 1:6-9** shows that he understood that both confession and repentance are taught in the Pentateuch and that both are necessarily inseparable aspects of turning away from sin and returning to the LORD.

**Nehemiah 1:6-9** “6 Let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to listen to the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You day and night for the Israelites, Your servants, confessing the sins of the Israelites which we have sinned against You. Yes, I and my father’s house have sinned. 7 We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, statutes, and ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses. 8 Remember [earnestly] what You commanded Your servant Moses: If you transgress and are unfaithful, I will scatter you abroad among the nations; 9 But if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though your outcasts were in the farthest part of the heavens [the expanse of outer space], yet will I gather them from there and will bring them to the place in which I have chosen to set My Name.”

We see the kind of confession of personal and corporate, generational sin which is prescribed in **Leviticus 26:40** practiced throughout Israel's history by Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 3:25; 14:7, 20**), the author who composed **Psalms 106:6**, by Daniel (**Daniel 9:8, 20**), by Ezra (**Ezra 9:6-15**), Nehemiah (**Nehemiah 1:6-7**), and by the restoration Jewish community in **Nehemiah 9:2**.

**Leviticus 26:40** “But if they confess their own and their fathers’ iniquity in their treachery which they committed against Me—and also that because they walked contrary to Me”

**Jeremiah 3:25** “Let us lie prostrate in our shame, and let our dishonor and confusion cover us; for we have sinned against the LORD our GOD, we and our fathers; from our youth even to this day we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our GOD.”

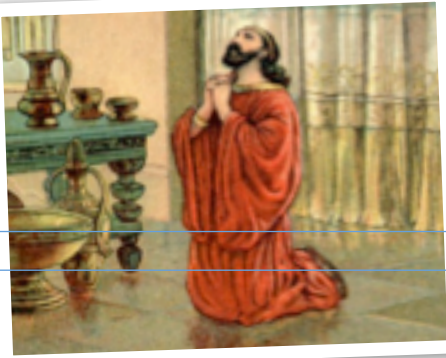
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**Psalms 106:6** “We have sinned, as did also our fathers; we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.”

**Daniel 9:8, 20** “8 O LORD, to us belong confusion and shame of face—to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers—because we have sinned against You. 20 While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my GOD for the holy hill of my GOD—”

**Ezra 9:6-15** “6 Saying, O my GOD, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to You, my GOD, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads and our guilt has mounted to the heavens. 7 Since the days of our fathers we have been exceedingly guilty; and for our willfulness we, our kings, and our priests have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, captivity, plundering, and utter shame, as it is today. 8 And now, for a brief moment, grace has been shown us by the LORD our GOD, Who has left us a remnant to escape and has given us a secure hold in His holy place, that our GOD may brighten our eyes and give us a little reviving in our bondage. 9 For we are bondmen; yet our GOD has not forsaken us in our bondage, but has extended mercy and steadfast love to us before the kings of Persia, to give us some reviving to set up the house of our GOD, to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall [of protection] in Judah and Jerusalem. 10 Now, O our GOD, what can we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commands 11 Which You have commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, The land which you are entering to possess is an unclean land with the pollutions of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations which have filled it from one end to the other with their filthiness. 12 Therefore, do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons; and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land and leave it as an inheritance to your children always ...”

13 And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, seeing that You, our GOD, have punished us less than our iniquities deserved and have given us such a remnant, 14 Shall we break Your commandments again and intermarry with the peoples who practice these abominations? Would You not be angry with us till You had consumed us, so that there would be no remnant nor any to escape? 15 O LORD, the GOD of Israel, You are rigidly just and righteous, for we are left a remnant that is escaped, as it is this day. Behold, we are before You in our guilt, for none can stand before You because of this."



**Nehemiah 1:6-7** "6 Let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to listen to the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You day and night for the Israelites, Your servants, confessing the sins of the Israelites which we have sinned against You. Yes, I and my father's house have sinned. 7 We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, statutes, and ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses."

**Nehemiah 9:2** "And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers."

This form of prayer is part of the covenantal background of the oft-quoted promise of:

**2 Chronicles 7:14** "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

We also need to understand that the New Testament offers no new framework of sin and confession apart from that found in the Old Testament. The only fundamental modification in the New Testament is, that Christ is now the eternal sacrifice for all sin in place of all Old Testament sacrifices for sin (**Matthew 26:28; Mark. 14:24; Luke. 22:20; John 1:9; Hebrews 9-10; 1 John 2:2**).

Many Old Testament and New Testament scholars have pointed out that the New Testament concept of sin and the New Testament framework of public confession of personal and corporate sin pictured in such passages as **1 John 1:9** and **James 5:16** is entirely shaped by the Old Testament concept of sin and confession.

Furthermore, Y'shua (Jesus), Peter, and Paul all assumed and made passing mention of the Old Testament concept of generational sin as an ongoing reality in **Mathew 23:32-35**. "Fill up then the measure (of the sin) of your forefathers", alluding to **Genesis 15:16** and **Leviticus 18:25**; "upon you will come all the righteous blood", alluding to the theme of blood-guilt in such passages as **Isaiah 59:3, Ezekiel 9:9, and Leviticus 20:9**, and **1 Thessalonians 2:16** — "so as always to fill up (the measure of) their sin".

**Matthew 23:32-35** "32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' sins to the brim [so that nothing may be wanting to a full measure]. 33 You serpents! You spawn of vipers! How can you escape the penalty to be suffered in hell (Gehenna)? 34 Because of this, take notice: I am sending you prophets and wise men (interpreters and teachers) and scribes (men learned in the Mosaic Law and the Prophets); some of them you will kill, even crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue and persecute from town to town, 35 So that upon your heads may come all the blood of the righteous (those who correspond to the divine standard of right) shed on earth, from the blood of the righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar [of burnt offering]."

**Genesis 15:16** *“And in the fourth generation they [your descendants] shall come back here [to Canaan] again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full and complete.”*

**Leviticus 18:25** *“And the land is defiled; therefore I visit the iniquity of it upon it, and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants.”*

**Isaiah 59:3** *“For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutters wickedness.”*

**Ezekiel 9:9** *“Then said He to me, The iniquity and guilt of the house of Israel and Judah are exceedingly great; the land is full of blood and the city full of injustice and perverseness; for they say, The LORD has forsaken the land; the LORD does not see [what we are doing].”*

**Leviticus 20:9** *“Everyone who curses his father or mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or mother; his bloodguilt is upon him.”*

**1 Thessalonians 2:16** *“Forbidding and hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles (the nations) that they may be saved. So as always they fill up [to the brim the measure of] their sins. But GOD’s wrath has come upon them at last [completely and forever]!”*

**\*\*OBJECTION 4\*\*** Don't Ezekiel 18:20 and Jeremiah 31:29-30 teach that we no longer share the iniquity of our parents and that generational sin no longer affects children?

**Ezekiel 18:19-21** *“Yet you ask, 'Why does the son not share the guilt of his father?' Since the son has done what is just and right and has been careful to keep all my decrees, he will surely live. The soul that sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son ... But if a wicked man turns away from all the sins he has committed and keeps all my decrees ... he will surely live; he will not die.”*

**Jeremiah 31:29-30** *“In those days people will no longer say, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge.' Instead, everyone will die for his own sin; whoever eats sour grapes-his own teeth will be set on edge.”*

Suggesting that both of these passages teach that the iniquity of the fathers is no longer visited upon the children implies that these passages contradict **Exodus 34:5-7** which relates the generational cycling of iniquity to GOD's Very Character.

Does GOD's Fundamental Character change? **James 1:17, Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6, and Psalm 102:27** say never. Such a suggestion also implies that **Jeremiah 31:29-30** and **Ezekiel 18:19-21** contradict the same principle restated in the Ten Commandments as a fundamental principle of Covenant Law (**Exodus 20:5** and **Deuteronomy 5:9**, also **Leviticus 18:25; Numbers 14:18, 33; Deuteronomy 7:10; Isaiah 65:6-7; Jeremiah 32:18; Job 21:19; Psalm 79:8; 109:14-16**).

The glaring problem with this assumption is that while **Jeremiah 31:29-30** states “every one will die for his own sin” (which thematically and chronologically parallels the statement of **Ezekiel 18:20** “the soul that sins is the one who will die”), it is followed one chapter later by an affirmation that the iniquity or sin-guilt of parents is visited upon children.

**Jeremiah 32:18** *"You Who show loving-kindness to thousands but recompense the iniquity of the fathers into the bosoms of their children after them. The great, the mighty GOD; the LORD of hosts is His Name—"*

In the same way the prophecies of Ezekiel assume the ongoing reality of generational sin. **Ezekiel 20:18-36** charges the Israelites with walking in the same sins as their fathers *"to this day (Ezekiel 20:31\*)"* and says they will therefore be judged for it (**Ezekiel 20:23-26**). **Ezekiel 4:4\*** explicitly points to Israel's generational iniquity extending over 390 years.

These passages in Ezekiel and Jeremiah, which affirm the ongoing reality of generational sin, make it clear that **Jeremiah 31:29-30\*** and **Ezekiel 18:20\*** do not contradict or update the Covenant Law principle of **Exodus 34:5-7** or **Exodus 20:5**, **Deuteronomy 5:9** and their parallels **that the iniquity of the fathers will be visited upon the sons**.

**\*Ezekiel 20:31** *"And when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons pass through the fire, do you not debase and defile yourselves with all your idols to this day? And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, says the LORD GOD, I will not be inquired of by you!"*

**\*Ezekiel 4:4** *"Then [bound as you are] lie upon your left [and north] side to bear symbolically the iniquity of the house of the ten tribes of Israel upon that side. According to the number of days that you shall lie upon it you shall bear their iniquity."*

**\*Jeremiah 31:29-30** *"29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. 30 But everyone shall die for his own iniquity [only]; every man who eats sour grapes—his [own] teeth shall be set on edge."*

**\*Ezekiel 18:20** *"The soul that sins, it [is the one that] shall die. The son shall not bear and be punished for the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear and be punished for the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him only, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon the wicked only."*

**Jeremiah 31:29-30** and **Ezekiel 18:20** complement the covenant principle of generational sin and corporate confession of generational sin. Children will still be affected by but not punished for their parents' sins. Even common sense suggests that just as we may inherit physical weaknesses from our parents — such as tendencies toward alcoholism, cancer or high cholesterol — so we may also inherit spiritual weaknesses and tendencies toward certain sins such as anger, lust, criticism, greed, idolatry, or occultism. **Ezekiel 18:20** and **Jeremiah 31:29** teach that generational sin will not bring judgment on those who *"turn away from (Ezekiel 18:21\*)"* and repent of personal sin and parental or ancestral sins.

**\*Ezekiel 18:21** *"But if the wicked man turns from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all My statutes and does that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die."*

The specific abuse Ezekiel and Jeremiah address is the false assumption of the Judean exiles in Babylonia that they were exiled from the land of Israel because of their parents' sins and not because of their own sins (**Ezekiel 18:2** *"What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: 'The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?'"* — the same proverb quoted also in **Jeremiah 31:29**).

But as mentioned above, Ezekiel made it clear throughout his prophecies, in passages like **Ezekiel 20:18-36**, that the exiles had been walking in the same sins as their fathers which brought on the judgment of exile from the land.

**Ezekiel 18:2-31** does not deny, then, that children will be visited and challenged by the sins of their parents, but it clearly teaches that only children who turn away from or repent of their sins and the sins of their parents will escape judgment for their sins and the sins of their parents.

**Jeremiah 3:25** *"Let us lie prostrate in our shame, and let our dishonor and confusion cover us; for we have sinned against the LORD our GOD, we and our fathers; from our youth even to this day we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our GOD."*

**Jeremiah 14:7, 20** *"7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us [prays Jeremiah], deal and work with us for Your own name's sake [that the heathen may witness Your might and faithfulness]! For our backslidings are many; we have sinned against You. 20 We know and acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against You."*

Jeremiah confesses the generational sin of his people in **Jeremiah 3:25; 14:7, 20**. He didn't commit the sins his people did. He didn't rebel against the LORD, worship false gods, and oppress the poor. But he did take part in confessing those sins on behalf of Jerusalem and Judah. Do we have to be racists to confess South Africa's sin of racism? Jeremiah would say "no".

**\*\*OBJECTION 5\*\*** Why should we take responsibility for past sins in our family lines or the sins of our nation which we have not committed?

Firstly, **1 Peter 2:9** says that we are a "royal priesthood," and there is a priestly aspect to biblical examples of identificational repentance prayer. Even in cases where we have not personally committed the corporate sins we are confessing before GOD, John Dawson points out that *"we can all identify with the roots of any given sin."*

We may not have had an abortion, but we can identify with the lust, the love of comfort, the love of money, the rejection, and the unbelief which are the sinful root attitudes leading to abortion.



Jeremiah did not commit the sins he confessed in **Jeremiah 3:25; 14:7, 20**. Rather, he prophesied against the sins of Judah and Jerusalem and was persecuted for it. But Jeremiah confessed Judah and Jerusalem's sins nonetheless according to the instruction of **Leviticus 26:40**.

**Jeremiah 14:20** *"We know and acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against You."*

When Ezra (**Ezra 9:6-15**), Nehemiah (**Nehemiah 1:6**), and Daniel (**Daniel 9:8, 20**) confessed the sin of their people, no evidence in any of the texts suggests they had committed all those sins. But in obedience to **Leviticus 26:40** they confessed their people's sin, as Jeremiah before them had done.

**Leviticus 26:40** *"But if they confess their own and their fathers' iniquity in their treachery which they committed against Me—and also that because they walked contrary to Me."*

There is a second benefit to prayer involving identificational repentance for our families, churches, and nation. Daniel's example of identificational repentance in **Daniel 9 and 10** shows that identificational repentance breaks through the spiritual opposition of satanic principalities and powers. Repentance from sin smashes the work of the devil, because the devil and his forces work through sin in the world and in our lives (**1 John. 3:7-9; Ephesians 4:26-27 and context**). Daniel's identificational repentance led to spiritual breakthrough in **Daniel 9:20-22\*** when the angel Gabriel appeared to him. **Daniel 9:3** mentions that Daniel was praying and fasting when he confessed his people's sins on that occasion. **Daniel 10:2-3, 12** shows that Daniel was praying and fasting on a second occasion.

**Daniel 9:20-22** *"20 While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my GOD for the holy hill of my GOD—21 Yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the former vision, being caused to fly swiftly, came near to me and touched me about the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He instructed me and made me understand; he talked with me and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give you skill and wisdom and understanding."*

The result of Daniel's **prayer, fasting, and identificational repentance** was that the angel sent to him on the second occasion broke through the opposition of the demonic principalities of Persia and Greece (**Daniel 10:13, 20**). Because there was spiritual breakthrough, GOD's Desire was fulfilled to reveal to Daniel by the angel of GOD what GOD's Redemptive Plan was for Israel in world history — that the anointed Messiah of Israel would establish GOD's Kingdom over Israel and all nations.

**\*\*OBJECTION 6\*\*** Doesn't the Bible show that we can only seek and receive forgiveness for our own individual sin and that we cannot remit the sins of others — we cannot receive GOD's Forgiveness or apply GOD's Forgiveness to the sins of others, whether families, corporate bodies, or nations from which we come or to which we belong?

If it were true that the Bible teaches one cannot seek or receive GOD's Forgiveness on a corporate level for the sins of others, one would have a hard time explaining why Moses did just that for Israel after their sin with the golden calf (**Exodus 32:9-14; 34:8-9; Deuteronomy 9:18-29; 10:10-11; Psalm 106:23**). In **Exodus 34:8-9** he identifies himself with sins he did not commit, *"Forgive our wickedness and our sin."*

In **Numbers 14:13-20**, he asked for the LORD's Mercy and Forgiveness for Israel's rebellious refusal to enter Canaan after the spies' bad report. And Moses received forgiveness for Israel.

**Numbers 14:20** *"The LORD replied, 'I have forgiven them as you asked.'"*

The LORD's Intention to destroy Israel was abated because of Moses' intercession. Moses did remit the sins of Israel: he sought and received GOD's Forgiveness for them. This kind of **prophetic intercession** was so basic to prophetic ministry from Moses onward, that Samuel the prophet said it would be a sin for him not to pray for Israel regularly.

**1 Samuel 12:23** *"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way."*

And this is precisely the kind of intercession the LORD looked for to avert His wrath and to extend forgiveness to His people according to **Ezekiel 22:29-30**.

Scriptural examples show us that GOD has a concern for whole nations to turn to Him through faith in Christ (compare **Genesis 12:3** and **Exodus 19:6** with **Isaiah 19:21, 25; 56:7-8; Jonah 4:11; Romans 15:9** — Greek, *"that the nations may glorify GOD for his mercy"*).

The Book of Jonah shows us that GOD has a desire to show mercy to pagan cities and nations (Nineveh was the chief capital city of Assyria and also represents the nation in the book of Jonah), so they might turn to Him in faith.

**Jonah 3:10; 4:11** *"10 And GOD saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and GOD revoked His [sentence of] evil that He had said that He would do to them and He did not do it [for He was comforted and eased concerning them]. 11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons not [yet old enough to] know their right hand from their left, and also many cattle [not accountable for sin]?"*

In **John 20:23** Y'shua (Jesus) gives the disciples the authority to forgive the sins of others — to apply GOD's Forgiveness to others. And Paul seems to expect the Corinthians to exercise such forgiveness toward a repentant member of the church in **2 Corinthians 2:7-10**. Again, this seems to suggest a priestly function which reflects the fact that we are *"royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9)"* who can receive and apply and proclaim GOD's Forgiveness to others we pray for and pray with.

**\*\*OBJECTION 7\*\*** Isn't the Old Testament idea of generational sin and confessing generational and national sin foreign to the New Testament?

**Matthew 23:32-35, 1 Thessalonians 2:16, and 1 Peter 1:18** all show that the New Testament assumes the ongoing reality of the Old Testament view of generational sin (see discussion above under Objection 3).

Corporate confession is still a legitimate category of confession in New Testament faith and practice. No New Testament passage contradicts the Old Testament pattern of confessing personal and corporate sin.

There is simply no New Testament evidence that suggests that either the Old Testament concept of generational sin or its corollary concept of confessing corporate, generational and national sin was negated or changed in New Testament faith.

On the contrary, the fact that the Old Testament concept of generational sin continued to be assumed in the New Testament, as demonstrated above (see Objection 3), suggests that it was still a legitimate category of confession in the New Testament.

**\*\*OBJECTION 8\*\*** Once we put our faith in Christ aren't we forgiven and our past sins automatically covered by the blood of Christ? Doesn't this mean we don't have to confess or repent of any specific former sins?

**Leviticus 26:39-42** *"39 And those of you who are left shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away like them. 40 But if they confess their own and their fathers' iniquity in their treachery which they committed against Me—and also that because they walked contrary to Me 41 I also walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies—if then their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they then accept the punishment for their iniquity, 42 Then will I [earnestly] remember My covenant with Jacob, My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham, and [earnestly] remember the land."*

**Deuteronomy 30:1** *"AND WHEN all these things have come upon you, the blessings and the curses which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your GOD has driven you,"*

Above we noted that **Proverbs 28:13** shows that the Old Testament pattern of receiving forgiveness of sin involves confessing one's sin and repenting of it. The parallel passages, **Leviticus 26:39-42** and **Deuteronomy 30:1-3**, which speak of Israel receiving the LORD's Forgiveness for breaking covenant with the LORD respectively reflect the dual aspects of returning to the LORD — confessing personal and corporate sin (**Leviticus 26:39-42**) and repenting of such sin (**Deuteronomy 30:1-3**).

In the New Testament one finds the same correlation of receiving forgiveness through confessing sin and resolving to repent of it.

Both **Luke 19:8-9** (the account of Zacchaeus' conversion) and **Acts 19:18-19** (the account of the conversion and public repentance of the Ephesians) show that the normal New Testament model of conversion included expressing faith in Christ accompanied by confessing specific sins and expressing the resolve to bear the fruit of repentance.

**Acts 8:22-23** shows that if we fail specifically to apply the blood of Christ to pre-Christian sins by confessing them and resolving to repent of them, we may remain captive to sin as Simon the converted magician was. Simon was a baptized believer who had put his faith in Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) (**Acts 8:13**). **1 John 1:7, 9** shows that the way we receive redemption through the blood of Christ and the way our sins are forgiven by the blood of Christ is by our confessing our sins at conversion and after conversion.

Without the shedding of Christ's blood there is no forgiveness (**Hebrews 9:22**), and confessing sins with the intention to repent is the New Testament way of being forgiven and cleansed of sin.

It is because Simon the magician apparently did not confess or decide to repent of his former pre-Christian sins of greed and lust for power that he remained *"captive to sin (Acts 8:23)"* after making a commitment of faith in Christ.

**\*\*OBJECTION 9\*\*** Isn't the effect of generational sin part of the Old Testament curse of the law from which Christ redeemed us according to Galatians 3:13?

As noted before, we are clearly justified before GOD by Christ's blood and not by observing Old Testament Law according to **Romans 6:14; Galatians 2:16; 5:6**. But the deeper principles of GOD's Character mentioned in **Exodus 34:7** and the deeper principles of the Ten Commandments mentioned in **Exodus 20:3-17** and **Deuteronomy 5:7-21** are not nullified by faith in Christ. They are established by faith in Christ (**Romans 3:31; 8:4; 13:8**).

No passage in the New Testament states that the Old Testament cycle of generational sin and bondage is nullified automatically — without specific confession and intention to repent of such sins — by faith in Christ.

Nor does any New Testament passage state that the Old Testament model of confessing not only personal but also parental and national sin is nullified by faith in Christ. Instead the Ten Commandments, in which the principle of generational sin is found, are upheld by Paul in the New Testament as the deeper principles of the law still in effect in New Testament faith. Paul considers clean and unclean categories of the Law to be "disputable" (**Romans 14:1** but reaffirms the Ten Commandments as commandments whose principles are still in force in New Testament faith (**Romans 13:8-10; Ephesians 6:1-3; cf. James. 2:11; 1 Peter 1:16**) and whose principles are fulfilled by "faith (in Christ) expressing itself in love" (**Galatians 5:6; cf. 2:16; 5:14; Romans 6:14**).

The "curse of the law" from which we are released according to **Galatians 3:13** is the Covenant curse of drought, famine, pestilence, barrenness, defeat, and exile from the Promised Land (see **Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28**) — the Covenant curse which would come upon Israel for failing to keep all the Law in order to maintain covenant relationship with the LORD.

Clearly **Galatians 3:13** does not refer to the deeper principles of GOD's Character and the Ten Commandments, including the principle of generational sin and confession of corporate sin, being nullified by New Testament faith in Christ.



**Psalm 19:11** "By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward."

The LORD did not preserve the deeper truths of the Old Testament for ancient Israel alone, but for New Testament believers also. Rather, He intends that the Body of Christ use the Old Testament to equip believers "for every good work (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**)" to advance His Kingdom throughout the world:

**Deuteronomy 29:29** "The secret things belong to the LORD our GOD, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever."



Chapter 6:  
Prayers

## *Prayer Dealing with Freemasonry*

*If you were once a Mason or are a descendent of a Mason<sup>16</sup>, we recommend that you pray through the following prayer from your heart, firstly for yourself and your family, and secondly for your city and country.*

Father GOD, Creator of heaven and earth, we come to You in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) Your Son. We confess to You that we, the people of South Africa, have sinned by allowing the sinful practice of Freemasonry to take place in our country.

We now confess and repent of the various sins of Freemasonry as a false religion that we have allowed and in which some of our ancestors and, in some cases ourselves, have participated. We confess and repent of these the known sins of Freemasonry and ask that You will assist this prayer through the Holy Spirit, because some of the sins of Freemasonry might still be veiled to us.

We confess, renounce, forsake and repent of all involvement in Freemasonry by our people, our ancestors and ourselves, even on behalf of some people that have been involved who did it in good faith and were never aware of the true nature of Freemasonry.

Detailed confession and repentance of the sin of Freemasonry will now be addressed as classified in the main areas of sin.

- **IDOLATRY**

We confess and repent of the sin of idolatry in Freemasonry, whereby a **host of false gods are worshipped** in various ways, some of which is a mockery of the atonement by our King Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) on the cross and His resurrection as well as the false representation of Holy Communion in various rites.

We confess and repent of our worship of satan and his demons in the various rites in Freemasonry as the Great Architect Of The Universe, Lucifer, Ba'al, Baphomet, Jah-Bul-On, the Egyptian gods Osiris, Isis, Anubis, Horus and the power of the pyramids as well as phallic and sun worship through the obelisk; Masonry's false trinitarian deity AUM from the Eastern religions, and its parts: Brahma the creator, Vishnu the preserver, and Shiva the destroyer.

We renounce the deity of AHURA-MAZDA, the claimed spirit or source of all light. We confess the sin of emulating Hiram Abiff as the personification of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) being resurrected in the third degree initiation ceremony. We also renounce the false claim that Lucifer is the Morning Star and Shining One and we declare that Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) is the Bright and Morning Star of Revelation 22:16.

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<sup>16</sup> If you have not properly dealt with the doors that were opened through yours/your family's involvement with Freemasonry, you will need to work through our J2F series — especially J2F5 and J2F6.

We confess and repent of the **worshipping of man** by the positions awarded to them by Freemasonry, including but not limited to the following: "Tyier", "Master", "Worshipful Master", "Grand Knight Kadosh", "Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander", "Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret" and "Grand Sovereign Inspector General".

**We confess and repent of the blasphemy and rejection of the deity of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ), His atonement for us and the mockery of the communion taken in some rites including a biscuit, salt and white wine.**

*We confess and repent of the **false doctrine of reincarnation** accepted by Freemasonry.*

We confess and repent of the **lusts of the flesh** that draws people to Freemasonry, i.e. lust for power, authority, the love of money, avarice or greed, pride and advancement by favoritism. We confess and repent of the **deception and manipulation** of lower level masons by the human authorities of Freemasonry, both within and without South Africa.

We confess and repent of the **fear** instilled in its participants by Freemasonry. We renounce all the fears, which hold people in Masonry, especially the fears of death, fears of men, and fears of trusting in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ).

We confess and repent of the **entrapping of others** into Masonry, and observing the helplessness of others during the rituals.

We confess, renounce and repent of the **net of Freemasonry** cast over the cities and towns of South Africa (with the lodges as nodes) and its connection with the world wide net of Freemasonry.

- **BREAKING OF COVENANTS/MAKING UNHOLY COVENANTS**

We confess of the sins of **breaking the (RE-)New(-ed) Covenant in Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ)** by the entering into various **unholy covenants in Freemasonry** as the Freemason progresses through the various initiation ceremonies of the Freemasonry degrees.

We confess, renounce and repent of the **oaths** (including the oath of secrecy) taken during the various Freemasonry degrees, from the first degree to the highest degree.

We confess the sin of **broken marriage covenants** due to the secrecy oaths of Freemasonry that overruled the oneness of the marriage covenant. We confess and repent of the false marriage contract with Freemasonry as signified by an oath and a ring on the fourth finger of the right hand. We confess and repent of the emotional rejection of Masonry passed on through any female family member who felt distrusted and rejected by her husband as he entered and attended any lodge and refused to tell her of his secret activities.

We also confess, renounce and repent of the **blasphemous kissing of the Bible** on a witchcraft oath.

We confess and renounce and repent of the various **curses** that we accepted on our families and ourselves during the various initiations from the lowest to the highest degree. These curses mostly involved the punishment for breaking the secrecy of Freemasonry and the rituals of the various degrees.

We confess, renounce and repent of the curses of death which also brought various illnesses over our people: heart attack, suffocation, various throat and lung illnesses (throat, vocal cords, nasal passages, sinus, bronchial tubes), illnesses of the stomach, gall bladder, womb (barrenness and miscarriages), liver and any other organs of the body affected by Masonry. We specifically confess, renounce and repent of any invitation to death or death wish or curse that was made.

We also confess, renounce and repent of the various **secret passwords** given in the various rites of Freemasonry and their meanings and the curses embodied in them.

We confess, renounce and repent of the various secret **covenants of Freemasonry with other organizations**, like social organizations (e.g. Rotary Club and Lions) acting as screening grounds for Freemasonry, business organizations to maintain control over finances and cults and false religions (e.g. witchdoctors in South Africa) to span the net of Freemasonry and therefore of satan even wider.

- **SEXUAL IMMORALITY**

We confess and repent of the **sins** against (sexual perversity, homosexuality and bisexuality) and the **curse on marriages** that Freemasonry brings.

- **BLOODSHED**

We confess and repent of the **sins of worship of death, blood oaths and bloodshed** that Freemasonry brings as well as the spiritual death of its members and communities. We confess and repent of the drinking from a skull in various ceremonies.

- **ASSOCIATED SECRET SOCIETIES**

We confess and repent of the idolatry and broken covenants of all secret societies associated with Freemasonry, such as the women's Orders of the Eastern Star, the girls' Order of the Daughters of the Eastern Star, the girls' Order of the Rainbow girls and the boys' Order of De Molay, and their effects on us our families and our country.

- **SYMBOLIC CONFIRMATION OF REPENTANCE**

All Freemasons, former Freemasons or descendants of Freemasons should now be invited to sincerely carry out the following:

Symbolically remove the blindfold (hoodwink) and give it to the LORD for disposal. In the same way, symbolically remove the veil of mourning; symbolically cut and remove the noose from around the neck, gather it up with the cable-tow running down the body and give it all to the LORD for His disposal ...

Renounce the false Freemasonry marriage covenant, removing from the fourth finger of the right hand the ring of this false marriage covenant, giving it to the LORD to dispose of it; symbolically remove the chains and bondages of Freemasonry from your body (remove the ball and chain from the ankles); symbolically remove all Freemasonry regalia and armour, especially the Apron; confess the sin of and repent of and seek forgiveness for having walked on all unholy ground including Freemasonry lodges and temples, including any other occultist Masonic organizations.

- **CONCLUSION**

Father GOD, we now ask humbly for the Blood of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) Your Son, to cleanse us and our country from all these sins we have confessed, renounced and repented of; to cleanse our spirit, soul, mind, emotions and every part of our bodies which have been affected by these sins, in Y'shua's (Jesus') Name! We declare that Y'shua (Jesus) Christ is the only Worshipful Master, Lord and Saviour. As a nation we (use the name of your nation, e.g. Zulu, Afrikaners, etc.) renounce the sin of Freemasonry in our nation and turn our back on it.

Father GOD, we pray that You will cancel the curses brought on us and our country by our adherence to Freemasonry, including the curses on the marriage, the children (especially the first-born), our finances and businesses, our health, our congregations, the curse of sexual immorality, division, deception, confusion, openness to idolatry and spiritual death in many forms.

Father GOD, we forgive all our ancestors for the effects of their sins with regard to Freemasonry on our children and us. We pray, Father GOD that in Y'shua's (Jesus') Name, the axe will now cut the root so that from now our descendents will be free from the sin of Freemasonry committed in our family, our nation and our country up to this day.

Father GOD, we also proclaim in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) that satan and his demons no longer have any legal rights to mislead and manipulate the person/s seeking help to exit Freemasonry in South Africa.

**AMEN!**

## *Prayer Dealing with Broken Covenants*

Father, thank You for Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ), Who opened the way and through whose Blood we have access to You. Thank You for Y'shua's (Jesus') Blood, the New Covenant, and for the promise of forgiveness of sins. Covenant-keeping GOD, You who revealed Yourself as Elohim, El-Shaddai, YHVH, Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit, we come to Your throne of grace because we South Africans need help. We acknowledge and confess that in South Africa we have broken covenants with You and with one another. We confess that as a nation we have not always lived according to Your precepts and commands. We, and our fathers, have deviated from Your ways and followed the dictates of our own hearts, which many times were ways of injustice. Please forgive us.

- **BROKEN COVENANTS AND TREATIES**

GOD of the Covenant, we confess that South Africa is guilty of breaking covenants with one another. In the history of our country we have made agreements with one another but then broken those agreements through deceptions and lies and sometimes even bloodshed. We confess the broken covenants between the Nguni Tribes (Zulu, Swazi and Xhosa); the broken covenants between the Zulu and Sotho tribes; the broken covenants between the Xhosa, Zulu, Khoi and San tribes; the broken covenants between the Ndebele, Sotho and Tswana tribes; the broken covenants between the Zulu and Shangaan tribes; the broken covenants between the Venda and Pedi tribes; the broken covenants between the European Settlers and the Khoi tribes; the broken covenants between the European settlers and the Xhosa tribes; the broken covenants between the Voortrekkers and the Zulu; the broken covenants between the British and the Zulu and Xhosa tribes; the broken covenants between the British and Afrikaners; the broken covenants between the Afrikaners and the ethnic tribes of South Africa; the broken covenants between \_\_\_\_\_ (any covenant or agreement or treaty between people groups in South Africa that you are aware of). We ask for the Blood of Y'shua (Jesus) to cancel the curse on the land because of these broken covenants.

Please stop the cycle of hatred, revenge and bitterness because of these broken covenants. Bring healing and reconciliation between people groups and restore in South Africa the gift of reconciliation so that we may accept and bless one another and the nations of the world through reconciliation. Please build a multi-ethnic House of Prayer in South Africa that will stand in agreement before Your throne and ask for Your will to be done in South Africa.

- **LAWS AND POLICIES OF INJUSTICE**

*[We have not included all the laws of injustice in this prayer. Please follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as you pray concerning this issue.]*

Father, as South Africans and \_\_\_\_\_ (own ethnic group), we confess the laws of injustice of our own and previous generations. We confess and repent of the laws that caused people to be robbed of their basic rights as people before You: the Slavery laws, Population Registration Act (1950) and Mixed Marriages Act (1949).

We confess and repent of the laws that were, and still are, biased towards a certain racial group and caused discrimination and hatred amongst ethnic groups (e.g. Glen Grey Act of 1894). We confess and repent of laws that dehumanised and humiliated people (e.g. "Pass Laws" and Afscheidingsbeleid of 1846). We confess and repent of laws that caused people to be estranged from their land and property: Group Areas Act (1950), Land Acts of 1913 and 1936. We confess and repent of laws that did injustice to strangers in our land. We confess and repent of anti-Semitic policies of past and present.

We confess and repent of laws that are directly in opposition against Your Word: Legalising Abortion and Legalising gambling and lottery. We confess and repent of laws of injustice that caused innocent blood to be shed (e.g. Shaka's law to kill pregnant women after his mother's death). We confess and repent of the tribal laws of \_\_\_\_\_ (own ethnic group), which are in direct opposition against Your Word. We confess and repent of laws that betrayed the trust people had in You.

- **DIVORCE**

Faithful One, we acknowledge and confess our guilt before You because of divorce in our country. Many homes are broken and lives destroyed because of this sin. Please forgive our unfaithfulness and selfishness in not keeping the marriage covenants and vows we made. We pray for the restoration of marriages, broken relationships and families, and that You will bring healing to those who are hurting. Please help us to be faithful, to serve one another and to resist the temptations that come our way. Please restore the fathers as priests of their families and bring mothers and children under the protection of the head of the family.

- **INJUSTICE**

Father, we come before You to confess the many injustices in our society. We confess and repent of the cursing, lying and stealing in our community. We confess and repent of the lawlessness of our society. We confess and repent of the many ways in which our country's laws are broken through carelessness, recklessness, irresponsibility and disregard of law.

We confess and repent of the neglect of certain sectors of society, especially the elderly people and children. We confess and repent of the apathy towards those who suffer from poverty and disease. We confess and repent of withholding our tithes from Your storerooms, so that people in need can be cared for and looked after.

We confess and repent of seeking our own comfort before carrying the burden of those around us. We ask that You will restore our "eyesight" to see what You see in our society, to feel with Your heart and to help with Your help. Help us to take responsibility of those in need and to feed and clothe them according to Your Word. May the Church be truly Your representative in South Africa.

Father, we as Your Body, want to take responsibility for South Africa, to pray for the Government, to speak out on Your behalf.

Please give us the courage to stand up for what is right, to speak out against what is wrong and to speak out for those who are oppressed and downtrodden.

Please deliver South Africa from the guilt of injustice, broken covenants and broken relationships. Cleanse us with the Blood of Y'shua (Jesus) and bring healing and restoration to our nation. Please remove the curse from the land and restore the ground to produce food once more.

Destroy all wickedness and pagan influences that entered our nation because of these broken covenants. Bring health to our people and let Your face shine over us with Your favour. May Your Name be glorified in South Africa.

May we become a nation that serves You in righteousness. May we be called blessed because of the good You will do towards us. Pour out Your Spirit on this land, in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ), our High Priest.

**AMEN!**

## *Prayer Dealing with Idolatry, Bloodguilt, Immorality, and Broken Covenants*

Father GOD, I come to You, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Holy One Who revealed Yourself to Israel as YHWH, the eternal I AM, the covenant-keeping GOD. I acknowledge that You are the only True GOD. The Supreme GOD of gods and King of kings. I believe that You have revealed Yourself through Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) who came in the flesh, died on the cross, rose from the dead and ascended to heaven to sit at Your right hand on the throne. I enter now into Your Presence through the way Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) opened by the sacrifice of Himself on the cross and come before You in His Name. I confess that I am saved by faith in the work of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) on the cross and not by works, but that my salvation was a gift from You. I submit myself under Your authority as the Judge who has the power to forgive sin and bring healing. I come before You today in confession and repentance on behalf of myself and my ancestors to ask You to break the power of sin in my life and the lives of my people. I want to honour my earthly father and mother and all my ancestors of my own flesh and blood, but I reject their sin and turn my back upon it. I forgive my ancestors for the effect of their sin on my descendants and on me. I confess and reject all my own sins and ask You to allow the Holy Spirit to apply, the power of the Blood of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) shed on the cross in my life and to release the victory of the cross over sin and bondages in my life as well as those of my descendants. I also ask You to allow the Holy Spirit to apply the power of the Blood of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) over satan and all his hosts of darkness. I believe through faith that the victory is available right now.

### • **IDOLATRY**

I confess that my ancestors and I were involved in the sin of **idolatry**. I now reject and renounce all forms of idolatry. I reject and renounce the worship of **images** made of wood, stone, gold, bronze or any other material.

I reject and renounce the worship of **sacred pillars, poles or obelisks**, as well as the worship of **standing stones, trees** or any other similar objects.

I reject and renounce all **myths, legends and stories** about gods and spirits and also all **incantations** that are used by any and all cults.

I reject and renounce all forms of **nature worship** and the worship of creation in the **sun, moon, stars, planets** or the **earth** itself.

I reject and renounce any gods and spirits worshipped in my culture that I do not know and I list those whose names I know and renounce them by name (give time for people to think and pray on their own). I now turn my back on these gods and ask in the Name of the King Y'shua (Jesus Christ) that they will be made the footstool of Y'shua (Jesus).

I reject and renounce all forms of **animal worship** or **totems**. I cut all soul ties between me and the animal kingdom and every animal worshipped in my culture, especially the worship and charming of snakes, serpents, dragons or any other water spirit or spirit of fire.

I reject and renounce all worship of **plants** in my culture, including the witchcraft use of plants as medicines in alternative healing.

I reject and renounce all forms of **ancestor worship**, including ceremonies and rituals at ancestral **tombs** and **graves**.

I ask forgiveness for every un-Godly sprinkling and incense burning in temples of idols and reject and renounce it as practices of Satan and idol worship. I reject and renounce the belief in incantations and formulas, as well as **rituals and prayers during burials**.

I reject and renounce all forms of **humanism**, including ceremonies and rituals at **monuments** honouring my ancestors.

I reject and renounce all forms of worship of my **nationality** or national emblems of my country.

I reject and renounce any self-centeredness, self-exaltation, self-seeking or pride in human accomplishments. I also reject any form of rebellion against GOD's Authority.

I reject and renounce all forms of **exclusiveness**, even those of any secret society or organization that excludes membership to certain people.

I reject and renounce all forms of **ideologies** and arguments in my culture that exalted itself against the knowledge of GOD.

I cut my descendants and myself loose from any ties to idols and demonic spirits inhabiting any objects, ideas or customs in my culture. I reject and renounce any **altars** to idols whether it is images, ideas or ideologies. I cut my soul ties with any priests or priestesses, all temples and places of worship as well as all worship rituals and ceremonies with idols.

I cut myself free and turn my back on all **superstition**, any observances and remembrances of special days, seasons or ceremonies performed for idols in my culture.

I cut myself free from the **cycle of fertility** and **reincarnation**.

I cut myself loose from all **magic powers**, secret formulas and medicines, false healing and healing powers, including those used in alternative medicines introduced from the East.

In the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ), I cut my ancestors' and descendants' names free from any person, gods or evil forces, which would use our names to bring us under their power and authority. I cancel all curses, charms, incantations and magic or witchcraft done against us in the name of any spiritual force and take us out under the mastery of satan, the cosmic universe or any document and place it under the Lordship of the True GOD revealed in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I cut myself free from any **supernatural powers** or energies my ancestors or I have received from spiritual forces.

I petition for protection for myself and my descendants and family against any spiritual force still worshipped by my family or people in my culture through ceremonies, rituals or observances.

I ask for the Blood of Y'shua (Jesus) to cover all sins of idolatry and witchcraft.

- **BLOODGUILT**

I confess that my ancestors and I have been involved in the sin of bloodshed. I accept the guilt of this sin on behalf of my family and myself.

I confess, reject and renounce all shedding of blood at illegal altars to idols or spiritual forces, whether blood of animals or humans.

I confess the sin of bloodshed in abortion and acknowledge that it is murder and the shedding of innocent blood and I reject this practice.

I confess, reject and renounce any bloodshed through murders or killings done by my ancestors or myself, including any suicides in my bloodline.

I confess, reject and renounce any bloodshed during times of war that my ancestors or myself were involved in, whether it be through defence or attack.

I confess any bloodshed that occurred in any accident that my ancestors or myself were involved in. I silence all blood that was shed because of miscarriages. I release the spirit(s) of the unborn child/ren to Y'shua (Jesus).

I confess, reject and repent of any bloodshed through mutilation or scarification on my body or any body piercing done.

I confess, reject and repent of drinking or eating of blood done in my culture that my ancestors or I partook in.

I confess, reject and repent of any rituals involving blood, any documentation signed in blood or any ceremonies where my ancestors or myself used blood. I confess, reject and repent of any blood covenants made with spiritual forces, people or animals.

I forgive anyone who has committed bloodshed against me, my family or my ancestors and people.

In the Name of Y'shua (Jesus) I ask that the Blood of Y'shua (Jesus) silence the voices of blood crying out against my family and me. I ask that the cycle of violence and bloodshed will stop and that no more revenge will be asked.

- **IMMORALITY**

I confess that my family and I have been involved in the sin of immorality.

I confess, reject and renounce any form of perversity in the lives of my ancestors or myself: the sin of incest in the family, intercourse during menstruation ...

Adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, masturbation, fornication, premarital sex, prostitution, pornography, sexual abuse of any form, rape, the uncovering of my own or anybody else's nakedness in perversity, multiple relationships (with or without practicing sex), any other form of uncleanness in my thoughts, through watching x-rated movies or movies with explicit sex scenes or through reading books.

I ask forgiveness for any illegitimate births taking place in my family. I break the curse of illegitimacy over my descendants and myself until the tenth generation.

I recognized that my involvement in sexual sin has contributed to a spirit of violence in the land and I confess and repent of this contribution.

I forgive anyone who was involved in violating my body, thoughts or emotions through sexual assault.

I ask now that the Blood of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) will cleanse my body and soul from any memories, thoughts, wounds or emotions.

- **BROKEN COVENANTS**

I confess the sin of broken covenants or broken treaties in the lives of my ancestors and myself.

I confess, reject and renounce the practice of **divorce** (broken covenant). I now ask for forgiveness for the involvement in the breaking of marriage vows and I forgive my marriage partner for breaking covenant with me.

I forgive my ancestors who broke covenant in marriages and the effect this had on my life as well as those of my descendants. I now cut my descendants and myself free from the curse of broken covenants.

I confess, reject and renounce any broken covenants or treaties my country or people were involved in whether with GOD or another culture or people.

I confess, reject and renounce any broken covenants my family or I committed in **business**. I ask for an opportunity to bring restitution if that is necessary.

I confess, reject and renounce any contribution I had to the breaking up of my family and forgive anyone else who was involved in such a way.

- **PROCLAMATION**

In the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) of Nazareth, and with the authority which I have as a believer in Him, I now declare that I have been redeemed out of the hand of satan and all idolatry and that I am cleansed of this sin and through His Blood I am forgiven, sanctified, cleansed and justified. I now turn my back on all forms of idolatry. I take my territory back from satan and tear up any contracts made with him. I cut my descendant and myself free from all oaths, blood bonds and soul ties with every person who was involved in the above.

I ask for a total removal of all guilt and shame on my descendants and me for whatever sin we have been involved in. I now strip gatekeepers of their authority, and ask You Lord Y'shua (Jesus) that all un-Godly keys will be destroyed, all papers of commission be torn up, and them to decommissioned. In the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) of Nazareth, I ask that You will please close all evil doors and seal them with Your Blood.

I ask forgiveness for my and my ancestors' involvement with all the above-mentioned things and confess that it is an abomination in Your sight. I thank You Father, that You will never think of these sins and that You will remove them as far as the East is from the West.

In the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ), I now command every evil spirit to leave me immediately and all idols to come under GOD's Judgment. I pray that all curses on the land because of my sin and the sin of my ancestors will now be broken and nullified in the Name of Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) and that the land will be set free from my sin. I pray King Messiah Y'shua (Jesus Christ) that You will send Your Spirit in a mighty revival to set people free who are still in bondage to sin and satan.

**AMEN!**

# *The Priestly Blessing ...*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

“<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: <sup>25</sup> The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”

# *The Priestly Blessing ...*

Hebraic Translation<sup>17</sup>

"YHVH will kneel before you presenting gifts, and He will guard you with a hedge of protection, YHVH will illuminate the wholeness of His Being toward you, bringing order, and He will provide you with love, sustenance, and friendship, YHVH will lift up the wholeness of His Being and look upon you, and He will set in place all you need to be whole and complete."

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\*Translation by Jeff A. Benner, for more information, please see [http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/12\\_blessing.html](http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/12_blessing.html)

# The Priestly Blessing<sup>1</sup>

יְבַרְכֶּךָ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ:

and may he guard you the LORD may he bless you

May the LORD<sup>2</sup> bless you<sup>3</sup> and keep you<sup>4</sup>

יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחַנֶּךָ:

and show you favor on you his face the LORD May he shine

May the LORD make His face<sup>5</sup> shine<sup>6</sup> upon you and be gracious<sup>7</sup> to you

יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם:

peace for you and establish on you his face the LORD may he lift up

May the LORD lift up<sup>8</sup> his face to you and give you peace<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This blessing is (ritually) recited (by the kohanim) during synagogue services during *Nesiat Kapayim* ("the Raising of the Hands"), though it is also recited over children on Friday night before the start of the Shabbat meal or as a bedtime blessing.

<sup>2</sup> The name *YHVH* (יהוה) represents God's attributes of love and mercy (מִדַּת הַרַחֲמִים), in contradistinction to the name *Elohim* (אֱלֹהִים), which represents God's attribute of justice and power as our Creator.

<sup>3</sup> בְּרַכָּה (*b'rachah*). Jewish tradition considers this both material and spiritual prosperity. Pirkei Avot 3:15 says, "If there is no flour, there is no Torah," by which is meant that material benefits are intended to help you pursue study of Torah. The first occurrence of the word "blessing" in the Scriptures pertains to *pru urvu* (פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ), "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:22).

<sup>4</sup> שָׁמַר (*shamar*): To guard, protect, heed, as in the exercise of diligent care. Only God has the power to secure the conferred blessing and keep it from turning sour or from fading away.

<sup>5</sup> The word for "face" (פָּנִים) is plural with the 3rd person singular ending. It is considered metaphorical since God is incorporeal. The plural form is thought by some to indicate God's revealed and hidden attributes in creation.

<sup>6</sup> The hiphil verb (יָאֵר) comes from the word "light" (אֹר), and is thought to refer to God's wisdom. "May God enlighten you" with His wisdom, i.e., the Divine Light that preceded the work of creation (Gen. 1:3).

<sup>7</sup> May God grant you grace or favor (חֵן), i.e., to understand the "breadth and length and height and depth" of God's love (Eph. 3:18). Grace refers to the bestowal of an undeserved gift. The blessing is bestowed even though unearned or unmerited.

<sup>8</sup> Since one's face is an indication of the heart's attitude, Rashi says that this means God will suppress His anger by "looking at you" (if God is angry at you, He "turns His face away" and refuses to admit your presence). The "lifting of face" also pictures God lifting you up as a father might lift up his child in joy. The "showing of face" indicates spiritual intimacy.

<sup>9</sup> All of the other blessings are useless without the establishment of inner peace, and therefore it is the seal of the blessing. Shalom (שְׁלוֹם) is not simply the absence of strife, but a balance and harmony between the finite and infinite, the temporal and the eternal, the material and the spiritual realms. Shalom is a gift from Sar Shalom (שָׂר שְׁלוֹם), the Prince of Peace.