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Foreword

There are moments when a sermon does more than teach—it awakens. This message is one of those moments.

*In this teaching, the preacher carefully traces God's dealings with Israel through the Scriptures, revealing that the Lord's plans are neither random nor reactionary. From the Sabbatical laws in the books of Moses to the Babylonian captivity, from Jeremiah's prophecy to Daniel's prayer, every passage points to one central truth: **God is faithful to His Word and governs history with perfect wisdom and precision.***

One of the remarkable themes woven throughout this message is the call to return to the Scriptures. Daniel's breakthrough did not begin with a new vision; it began with the written Word. In a season when many seek extraordinary experiences while neglecting the Bible, this sermon reminds us that God's written revelation remains the sure foundation for understanding His purposes and discerning the times.

Readers will also discover a compelling emphasis on God's justice, covenant faithfulness, and prophetic accuracy. The message challenges believers to see beyond isolated Bible passages and appreciate the beautiful harmony of Scripture, where events separated by centuries are connected by the unchanging counsel of God. As the preacher repeatedly demonstrates, what God speaks, He fulfills—even to the smallest detail.

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We encourage you not to read this book hurriedly. Keep your Bible open. Follow every Scripture reference. Study the passages in their broader context, and allow the Holy

Spirit to illuminate the richness of God's Word. Like Daniel, may you discover that understanding often begins by returning to what God has already spoken.

It is our prayer that this message will deepen your confidence in the reliability of Scripture, strengthen your trust in God's sovereign purposes, and stir within you a greater hunger to know Him through His Word.

May the Lord grant you understanding in all things.

— Wisdom Epsi

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Introduction

We've been talking about something very important: **God cannot lie.** We have not followed cunningly devised fables when we speak about the power and the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible says in **Isaiah 55:11 (KJV)**:

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

God's Word never returns to Him empty. It always accomplishes exactly what He sends it to do.

Our God is dependable. Dependable in every generation.

When God speaks, there are volumes of details contained within His words. He is the Author and the Finisher of our faith. Whenever God declares something, He already knows the beginning, the end, and everything that will happen in between.

Is somebody here?

The God That Never Changes

God does not change. It is human beings who change in relation to God.

Sometimes you read in Scripture that God repented, or that He looked upon a people and had mercy on them. In the grand scheme of God's eternal plan, His nature has never changed. Rather, people changed their position toward Him.

Do you understand?

That is why Jonah said, in essence, "I know You, God. You are merciful. You will have mercy upon these people."

God's character remains constant.

Whenever God spoke to the children of Israel, He often reminded them:

"I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, delivered you from captivity, led you through the wilderness, and preserved you."

Why would He remind them?

Because He was showing them His track record. If I was faithful then, I remain faithful now. If I delivered you before, you can trust Me again. For I am the Lord; I change not.

God's Track Record Builds Faith

If you call someone a liar, it is because there is a history of that person lying repeatedly.

Likewise, when you call someone trustworthy, it is because you have watched their words consistently come to pass. The same applies to God.

If we are going to trust Him with the timeline of our lives and with everything that is still ahead of us, then we must first examine what He has already spoken.

Has what He declared in the past come to pass?

Did every prophecy unfold exactly as He said?

If the answer is yes, then we can confidently trust everything He has spoken concerning the future.

You cannot entrust your future to someone who has never demonstrated consistency in the past.

But God has.

He is dependable.

A Call to Seriousness

There is something I need to say. It is time believers become serious about God. The Church is not trying to do you a favour. The Church is not the one that needs you. You need God. Some people arrive carelessly, treating the things of God casually.

No.

You must learn to honour the things of God. You must learn to value His presence. You must understand how God deals with those He calls to stand between Him and His people. Sometimes servants of God spend themselves in fasting, prayer, and seeking the

Lord on behalf of the people, while many believers remain careless about their own spiritual lives. Meanwhile, they concern themselves with minor matters while neglecting the things that truly determine their destiny.

I love you all.

But because the Father loves you even more, these things must be said.

If you want to understand God's calendar, study the Jews. Many believers have the misconception that the Church has somehow replaced Israel, or that the Church has become more important to God than the Jewish people.

That is not what the Scriptures teach. At best, we are equally important in God's redemptive plan. The Apostle Paul repeatedly wrote:

"To the Jew first, and also to the Gentile."

God's Covenant with Abraham Still Stands

Listen carefully. The covenant God made with Abraham still stands. People sometimes ask, "Why should Adam's sin affect me?"

Because all humanity was represented in Adam. In the same way, Levi is said in Scripture to have paid tithes while still in the loins of Abraham.

Representation is a biblical principle. So when Adam fell, humanity fell in him. Likewise, when God established His covenant with Abraham, that covenant continued through his descendants.

Though Israel has often wandered from God, His covenant has not failed.

It is similar to David.

David backslid at different moments in his life, yet the sure mercies of God continually restored him. In a sense, Abraham's descendants may forget God for a season, but God's covenant remains.

Israel in God's End-Time Plan

The Bible teaches that after God's dealings with the Church are complete, He will once again turn His attention to Israel.

They shall look upon Him whom they have pierced. God is not finished with Israel. Many of the world's influential innovators, financiers, and business leaders today are Jews. You may wonder why Israel occupies such a central place in world affairs.

The blessing spoken over Abraham is still working. In many cases, Satan simply attempts to redirect people away from acknowledging the true source of that blessing, making it appear as though prosperity came from somewhere else.

But the covenant of God remains active.

Why the Middle East Matters

When Jesus returns for the battle of Armageddon, He will not descend in California.

He will not descend in Nigeria.

He will not descend in Ghana.

The prophetic focus is the Middle East. The conflicts unfolding in that region are not random events. They are connected to God's prophetic timetable for the end of the age.

When Christ returns with His saints, His attention will be upon Israel. That is why the Scriptures never say that the Jews were grafted into the Church. Rather, the Bible teaches that believing Gentiles have been grafted into them.

Israel: God's Prophetic Timepiece

No matter how rebellious Israel has become, they remain God's prophetic calendar. If you want to understand where we are in biblical prophecy, watch Israel.

Consider this carefully. The Bible is fundamentally the history of God's dealings with Israel. We are not guided by American history. We are not guided by Nigerian history. We are not guided by the biographies of great men of God, regardless of how mightily God used them.

God certainly moved in America. He moved in Ghana. He moved in Nigeria. But those histories are not our Scriptures. The Bible records God's covenant dealings with Israel.

Therefore, if you want to understand God's prophetic calendar, you must pay attention to the Jews.

You must watch Israel.

Jesus said that none of these things would pass until the sign of the fig tree was fulfilled. When He gave the signs of the end time, many of the tangible signs He mentioned were connected to Israel.

The parable of the fig tree points to Israel. If you want to understand God's prophetic calendar in a tangible way, you must look at the Jews.

Amen.

We also established that what we see as **Babylon the Great** in the book of Revelation did not begin merely as a spiritual concept. It first existed as a geographical nation, a civilization, and a kingdom that ruled over a particular territory.

When that physical kingdom disappeared, its spirit remained. If you must understand the end time, then you must understand Babylon. Babylon was a system that captured God's people. In the book of Revelation, Babylon appears again—not merely as a physical city, but as a spiritual system ruling in the last days.

Therefore, if we are to understand the events of the end time, we must first understand Babylon. The ancient geographical Babylon became a shadow of the spiritual Babylon that would manifest later.

Praying for Understanding

Let's pray in the Holy Ghost for a few moments. There is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding. Holy Spirit, grant us sight. Open our hearts.

Give us understanding of these times. In the name of Jesus.

Amen.

God's Calendar and the Jews

If you want to understand God's calendar, you must understand the calendar of the Jews. We can compare what is happening in the world today with what the Scriptures have already revealed. That is how we discern where we are on God's prophetic timeline.

One of the major end-time events revealed in Scripture is the influence of Babylon. This is not something new. If we truly want to understand that system and determine whether Babylon is already operating or still to come, we must first study the historical Babylon recorded in Scripture.

Only then can we recognize its spiritual manifestation today.

God's Redemptive Plan After the Fall

What happened after the Garden of Eden?

Man sinned against God. God drove man out of the garden. Humanity began to multiply according to Adam's fallen nature. But God immediately began His redemptive plan. He called Abraham and separated him from the nations.

He gave Abraham a promise and established a covenant with him because God intended to preserve a holy bloodline through which the Messiah would come. A sinful man cannot redeem another sinful man. A spotless sacrifice was required. God was preserving a lineage through which the sinless Christ would enter the world.

The Corruption Before the Flood

The Nephilim and the giants had already corrupted the earth. The Scriptures reveal that they existed before the Flood and also afterward. These hybrid beings introduced corruption into humanity.

After the Flood, their physical bodies perished, but their spirits remained. God did not create a place for those spirits to continue existing in earthly bodies. As a result, they wandered through dry places. They remembered what it was like to dwell in bodies, so they continually sought bodies to inhabit.

That is why they possess men. These are what we commonly refer to as demons—disembodied spirits. They operate under Satan's kingdom. Satan commands principalities, powers, rulers, dominions, and thrones, while demons function under their influence.

Israel's Calling and Captivity

Because humanity's bloodline had been corrupted, God separated Abraham and his descendants.

- He delivered them from Egypt.
- He brought them into Canaan.
- He established them as a nation.
- He was preparing the way for the coming of Christ.

But they turned away from Him. They embraced idolatry. They served other gods. As a result, God allowed them to be taken into captivity.

After seventy years, He restored them. They rebuilt Jerusalem. They rebuilt its walls. Then, in the fullness of time, Jesus Christ came to redeem mankind. That is the broad timeline.

Why God Sent Judah into Captivity

Many people assume Judah went into Babylonian captivity only because they worshipped Baal and other idols.

That was certainly part of it. However, there were deeper reasons.

- The kings became corrupt.
- They built altars to Baal.
- They established high places.
- They welcomed Asherah worship into the land.
- They oppressed the poor.

Let me tell you something. There are two people you should never mistreat if you fear God:

- The poor.
- God's anointed.

Do not take either of them lightly. The jealousy and vengeance of God rest upon such matters.

A Prayer of Comfort

I see someone weeping. May those tears become tears of joy in the name of Jesus.

Every tear that has come from pain, heartbreak, or affliction—we declare by the power of the Holy Ghost that it shall be turned into rejoicing.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Daniel Was Taken into Captivity

Let's look at Daniel chapter 9.

Daniel was among those taken into Babylonian captivity. Interestingly, he was not yet recognized as a prophet when he was carried away. Daniel was about sixteen years old.

At that same time, Jeremiah was the major prophet ministering in Judah before the first deportation. Ezekiel was also taken into captivity.

He was approximately twenty-five years old. Daniel eventually became a prophet while serving in the palace of Babylon.

God gave him favour before kings. Imagine how easy it would have been for someone like Ezekiel to misunderstand Daniel. Someone might have said:

"If you are truly God's prophet, why are you always in the king's palace? Shouldn't you be among God's people instead?"

Yet God's dealings with each servant were different. Daniel ministered in the palace. Ezekiel remained by the River Chebar. For five years, Ezekiel watched while Daniel received dreams and interpretations. But when God's appointed time came, the Lord did not merely send Ezekiel an angel.

The glory of God Himself appeared to him. Never compare your journey with another person's. Do not become discouraged because God appears to be blessing someone else first. Remain faithful.

God knows your assignment. Daniel was called to minister before Gentile kings. Ezekiel was called to minister to Israel. Each fulfilled God's purpose in a different way.

Daniel Understood by the Books

Daniel 9:1–2 (KJV) says:

"In the first year of Darius... I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem."

Daniel was living as a captive. Yet he carried the Scriptures with him. He never abandoned the Word of God. There were seasons when he was not receiving fresh visions. During those times, he returned to the written Word.

He searched the books.

He studied the prophecies.

And through the Scriptures, understanding came. Many believers abandon previous prophetic words simply because they are waiting for a new revelation. But what has God already spoken?

Have you written it down?

Have you preserved the prophetic words spoken over your life?

When confusion comes, you should be able to return to those words and identify the pattern of God's dealings with you. There may already be numerous prophecies concerning your calling. But if you have never recorded them, how will you remember them?

There were seasons in Scripture when open visions were rare. During such times, God's people relied on what had already been spoken. What has God said concerning you?

What have His servants declared over your life?

Write those things down. Return to them. Study them.

Honouring Mature Prophetic Voices

Daniel understood the timing of God's purposes because he studied Jeremiah's prophecy.

One prophet learned from another prophet. We all prophesy in part. As you mature, you realize that when God has already spoken clearly through a trusted servant, He may not repeat the same message to everyone individually.

God is not wasteful with His words.

If He has already established something in your spirit, He may simply direct you back to what He has already said.

Scripture declares:

"Once hath God spoken; twice have I heard this..." (Psalm 62:11, KJV)

Some believers insist, "God must tell me personally."

But wisdom recognizes and honours authentic prophetic voices.

Even as a young prophet, Daniel went back to what the senior prophet Jeremiah had already written.

There is humility in learning from those whom God has spoken through before you.

That is part of spiritual maturity.

Then Daniel set his face unto the Lord God.

Daniel's Prayer of Repentance

Daniel said:

"And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes." — **Daniel 9:3 (KJV)**

He continued:

"And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession..." — **Daniel 9:4 (KJV)**

Then Daniel confessed:

"O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments." — **Daniel 9:4 (KJV)**

He went on to say:

"We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets." — **Daniel 9:5–6 (KJV)**

Notice Daniel's confession.

He did not blame Babylon.

He acknowledged that Israel had refused to listen to God's prophets.

Now let's turn to **Jeremiah 34**.

God Delivered Judah into Babylon

God Himself was the One who delivered Judah into captivity. Read what He said through Jeremiah:

"Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel... Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire." —
Jeremiah 34:2 (KJV)

Again He declared:

"Thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand... and thou shalt go to Babylon." —
Jeremiah 34:3 (KJV)

Think about that.

Does this sound like the same God who fought for Israel in Egypt?

Is this the God who overthrew mighty kings before them?

The God who defeated the Amorites?

The God who conquered Og king of Bashan?

Yet now, the Lord Himself is saying: *"Do not resist. I am delivering you into Babylon."*

If anyone attempted to escape, they would perish, because the Lord had already determined to hand the city over to Babylon. This appears completely different from the way God had acted for Israel before. Many times, we expect God to move in familiar ways because that is how we have known Him to work.

Meanwhile, He may be speaking something entirely different. Never assume that God will always work according to your previous expectations. Stay attentive to what He is saying now.

God Had a Greater Purpose

Why would God refuse to fight for His own people?

Normally, God defended Israel because His own name was at stake among the nations. If He now chose to hand them over to Babylon, then there had to be a greater reason behind His decision.

Yes, Israel had erected strange altars. Yes, they had embraced idolatry. But God was looking beyond those outward sins. There was something deeper. Let's uncover it.

The Forgotten Commandment

Israel had violated commandments God had given them long before. Let's begin in **Exodus 21**.

The Lord instructed Israel concerning Hebrew servants:

"If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing." — **Exodus 21:2 (KJV)**

The instruction continued. If the servant entered alone, he was to leave alone. If he entered with his wife, his wife was to leave with him. If the master had given him a wife and children during his service, additional instructions were provided regarding that household. The principle was clear:

No Hebrew servant was to remain in perpetual bondage unless he willingly chose to remain with his master. This was one of God's established statutes.

Remember what Moses told Israel before they entered the Promised Land. He gave them the statutes and judgments of God. He instructed them to teach these commandments diligently to their children.

He told them to write them upon the posts of their houses. They were to speak of them continually. If they refused to obey those commandments, the Lord warned that captivity would eventually come upon them. That is the central warning repeated throughout the book of Deuteronomy.

The Law Repeated in Deuteronomy

The command was repeated again:

"And if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee." — **Deuteronomy 15:12 (KJV)**

God added another instruction:

"And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty." — **Deuteronomy 15:13 (KJV)**

They were not merely to release the servant. They were to bless him generously as he departed. God was teaching His people mercy, justice, and compassion. Do you remember the words of Isaiah?

The Lord rebuked His people because they refused to defend the poor and the fatherless. Never take lightly two groups of people before God:

- The poor.
- God's anointed.

Do not mistreat either of them.

Throughout Scripture, God consistently reveals His concern for the oppressed. He even declares that the poor will always remain among His people. His heart has always been toward justice.

Why Babylon Came

Now return to **Jeremiah 34**.

Earlier in the chapter, God announced that He would hand Judah over to Babylon.

But beginning in verse 12, He explains why.

The Lord said:

*"I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen." — **Jeremiah 34:13 (KJV)***

Then He reminded them of the command:

*"At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew... and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee." — **Jeremiah 34:14 (KJV)***

This was not a new command.

It had already been given in **Exodus 21** and repeated in **Deuteronomy 15**.

Yet the Lord declared:

*"...but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear." — **Jeremiah 34:14 (KJV)***

Do you see what God is saying?

The captivity was not simply because Israel worshipped idols. They had also violated His covenant by refusing to obey His commands concerning justice, mercy, and the treatment of their own brethren. God remembered the covenant they had forgotten.

And now He was calling them to account.

Israel Broke the Covenant

The Lord said:

"Ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name." — **Jeremiah 34:15 (KJV)**

God acknowledged that they had initially obeyed Him. They proclaimed liberty. They released their Hebrew servants in accordance with His command. They even renewed their covenant before Him in His house. They had done well. But something changed.

The Lord continued:

"But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant... whom he had set at liberty... to return, and brought them into subjection."
— **Jeremiah 34:16 (KJV)**

After releasing their servants, they went back and forced those same people into bondage again. Do you see what happened?

God had commanded them to set the captives free. They obeyed for a moment. Then they reversed their obedience. That was what displeased the Lord.

God Is Not Mocked

Scripture says:

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." — **Galatians 6:7 (KJV)**

Think about Israel's own history. God delivered them from four hundred and thirty years of bondage in Egypt. He showed them mercy. He fought for them. He brought them out with great favour. Look carefully at the parallel.

When Israel left Egypt, the Lord caused the Egyptians to show them favour. They departed with silver, gold, and many valuable possessions. God did not simply free them. He blessed them as they departed. Now God expected Israel to extend that same mercy to their own Hebrew servants.

When those servants completed six years of service, they were to release them generously—not empty-handed. But instead, Israel brought them back into slavery.

Think about it. That was exactly what Pharaoh attempted to do after Israel had already been released. Pharaoh pursued them because he wanted to return them to bondage.

Yet Israel repeated the very oppression from which God had delivered them. Because they refused to show mercy, God declared:

"As you have done, so it shall be done to you."

He gave them over to captivity.

The Judgment of the Covenant

The Lord declared:

"Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother... behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine." — Jeremiah 34:17 (KJV)

What a solemn statement. They refused to proclaim liberty. So God proclaimed a different kind of liberty over them:

- Liberty to the sword.
- Liberty to pestilence.
- Liberty to famine.

The Lord continued by declaring that He would scatter them among the kingdoms of the earth because they had broken His covenant. This was one of the major reasons Judah entered Babylonian captivity.

The Sabbatical Laws

Israel violated what Scripture calls the Sabbatical laws. These laws appeared in several different forms. One of them concerned Hebrew servants. After six years of service, they were to be released in the seventh year and sent away with generosity. That command had already been established. But there were other Sabbaths as well.

The Sabbath of Rest

God also commanded a weekly Sabbath. The Lord said: *"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."* — **Exodus 20:8 (KJV)**

For six days they were to labour. But the seventh day belonged to the Lord. Neither the master, nor the children, nor the servants, nor even the livestock were to work. Why?

Because God Himself established that pattern.

"For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth... and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." — **Exodus 20:11 (KJV)**

God was teaching Israel the principle of divine rest. Even the Creator rested.

The Sabbath of the Land

The principle extended beyond people. It also applied to the land itself. The Lord instructed Israel:

"Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof." — **Leviticus 25:3 (KJV)**

Then He commanded:

"But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land." —
Leviticus 25:4 (KJV)

During that seventh year they were not to sow. They were not to prune. They were not to harvest what grew naturally. The land itself was to rest. God, in His infinite wisdom, built seasons of restoration into creation itself. The land was never intended to be worked continually without rest.

God's Wisdom in Rest

Sometimes we overlook books like Leviticus because they appear filled with laws. Yet many profound principles are hidden there. God's commands were not arbitrary. They reflected His wisdom. Everything He established had purpose. The Sabbath was not merely a religious ceremony. It was part of God's design for people, servants, animals, and even the earth itself.

The Year of Jubilee

Then came another Sabbatical principle. After seven cycles of seven years—that is, forty-nine years—the fiftieth year was declared the Year of Jubilee. The Lord instructed:

"And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years... forty and nine years." — **Leviticus 25:8 (KJV)**

Then:

"Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound... in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land." —
Leviticus 25:9 (KJV)

The trumpet would sound on the Day of Atonement. Then the fiftieth year would begin. God declared:

"And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you." —

Leviticus 25:10 (KJV)

Notice the recurring theme. Once again, liberty was proclaimed. Every person was to return to his possession. Every family was to receive its inheritance. The land would rest. No sowing. No harvesting. Everything pointed back to God's desire for restoration, freedom, and divine order.

A Call to Study the Whole Counsel of Scripture

If you read the entire chapter of **Leviticus 25**, these principles become even clearer. Every command connects to God's larger purpose. Nothing He established was meaningless. As we continue studying these patterns, you will begin to see how they fit into God's prophetic timeline and why they are essential for understanding the events of the end times. The Lord continued His instructions concerning the Year of Jubilee:

"In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession." —

Leviticus 25:13 (KJV)

He further instructed: *"And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest ought of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another."* — **Leviticus 25:14 (KJV)**

The value of land was to be determined by the number of harvests remaining until the next Jubilee. If many years remained, the price would be higher. If only a few years remained, the price would be lower. God Himself governed Israel's economic system. He established justice even in business transactions. No one was permitted to exploit another. The Lord declared:

"Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God." — **Leviticus 25:17 (KJV)**

When God's statutes were obeyed, He promised:

"Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety." — Leviticus 25:18 (KJV)

Then He added:

"And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety." — Leviticus 25:19 (KJV)

God's Provision for the Sabbath Year

Naturally, someone might ask: "What will we eat if we do not plant during the seventh year?" God answered that question Himself. He declared:

"Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years." — Leviticus 25:21 (KJV)

The harvest of the sixth year would sustain them through the Sabbath year and until the following harvest. Notice God's pattern. Whenever He asks for obedience, He has already prepared provision. Sometimes God blesses people so abundantly during the week that they have more than enough to rest on the Lord's Day. Yet some still choose business over worship. God's provision was never intended to compete with obedience. It was designed to make obedience possible.

The Many Sabbatical Laws

By this point we have already identified several Sabbatical principles:

- The Sabbath for Hebrew servants.
- The weekly Sabbath for people.
- The Sabbath for the land.
- The Year of Jubilee.

There was still another Sabbatical command.

The Lord's Release

In **Deuteronomy 15**, God instituted what was called **the Lord's Release**. The Scripture says:

"At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release." —
Deuteronomy 15:1 (KJV)

The Lord explained that every creditor was to release the debts owed by his fellow Israelite. After seven years, the debt was cancelled. The creditor was not to continue demanding repayment. Again, notice the pattern. Throughout Israel's life, God repeatedly built mercy, freedom, restoration, and release into every cycle of seven.

These were all part of the Sabbatical laws. Read the entire chapter carefully. These principles become much clearer when studied together.

Eight Hundred Years in the Land

Now consider something remarkable. Israel remained in the land of Canaan for approximately eight hundred years before the Babylonian captivity.

Remember what we read in **Jeremiah 34**.

There was a generation that honoured God's covenant. But after them came generations that ignored His commands. For about three hundred and ten years, their forefathers

observed the Sabbatical laws. Then, for approximately four hundred and ninety years, later generations abandoned them.

They reclaimed servants they had already released. They refused to honour God's appointed Sabbaths. When God delivered Israel from Egypt, He prevented Pharaoh from bringing them back into slavery.

Yet Israel did exactly that to their own brethren. They returned former servants to bondage. That became part of the reason for God's judgment.

Why the Captivity Lasted Seventy Years

When God declared through Jeremiah that Judah would remain in captivity for seventy years, the number was not arbitrary.

It was deliberate.

Think carefully.

For four hundred and ninety years they had violated the Sabbatical laws. Every seventh year that should have belonged to the land had been ignored. Four hundred and ninety divided by seven equals seventy.

Those seventy missed Sabbath years had accumulated before God. Now the land itself would receive the rest Israel had denied it. This is why the captivity lasted seventy years.

The Land Finally Rested

Scripture confirms it plainly.

"To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths..." — 2 Chronicles 36:21 (KJV)

Israel had cultivated the land continuously. They never allowed it to rest. They ignored God's command year after year. So while they lived in Babylon, the land finally received the Sabbaths it had been denied.

God's judgment was precise.

His timing was exact.

Nothing was random.

God Works According to His Appointed Times

Sometimes people wonder why God tolerated the sins of many kings before finally allowing Babylon to conquer Judah. It was not because God overlooked their sins.

Neither was it because He had forgotten His covenant. God was waiting for the appointed time. The kingdom of God operates according to divine timing.

Scripture says:

"When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son..." (Galatians 4:4, KJV)

God's dealings are never chaotic. Everything happens according to His appointed seasons. The seventy years of captivity fulfilled His covenant concerning the land.

The Captivity Was Already Prophesied

Long before Babylon invaded Judah, God had already spoken through Moses. He declared:

"Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land..." — Leviticus 26:34 (KJV)

Again He said:

"Then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths... because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it." — Leviticus 26:35 (KJV)

The captivity itself was part of God's prophetic word.

While Israel lived in exile, the land rested exactly as God had foretold.

The Lord continued:

"And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies..." — Leviticus 26:36 (KJV)

Fear would overtake them. They would flee though no one pursued them. They would have no strength before their enemies. Everything happened exactly as God had spoken.

This is why we can trust His prophetic word. His consistency in the past gives us confidence in His promises for the future.

Daniel Understood the Timing

That is why Daniel later wrote:

"I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet..." — Daniel 9:2 (KJV)

Daniel understood that the seventy years were almost complete. So what did he do?

He prayed. He fasted. He put on sackcloth and ashes. Then he confessed:

"We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly..." — Daniel 9:5 (KJV)

Notice the repeated words throughout Daniel's prayer:

- Confession.
- Covenant.

- Commandments.
- Sin.
- Iniquity.
- Rebellion.

Daniel was praying according to Scripture.

Daniel Prayed the Word

Return again to **Leviticus 26**.

After speaking about the captivity, God made another promise:

"If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers... if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled..." — Leviticus 26:40–41 (KJV)

What did Daniel do?

He confessed his own sins. He confessed the sins of his fathers. He humbled himself with fasting. He accepted God's righteous judgment. Exactly as the Lord had instructed.

Then God declared:

"Then will I remember my covenant..." — Leviticus 26:42 (KJV)

Notice how Daniel began his prayer:

"O Lord... keeping the covenant and mercy..." — Daniel 9:4 (KJV)

Daniel was not inventing a new prayer. He was praying the Scriptures. His confession was built directly upon what God had already spoken through Moses. This is a powerful lesson.

The most effective prayers are often those that agree with the Word of God. When Scripture reveals God's conditions, faith responds by praying according to those conditions.

The Beginning of Deliverance

So I told you, even though Daniel was in captivity, he did not forget to take the books with him.

But many of you, when affliction comes, forget your Bible. You forget what God has spoken concerning you. You forget the things you have written in your journal. You forget the prophecies that have gone before you. There were no open visions. Daniel was not seeing anything. Yet he said:

"Let me go back to what the prophet Jeremiah said. Let me go back to what has been spoken concerning us. Let me go back to the Scriptures."

Even in captivity, he carried the Word with him. And that became the beginning of his deliverance—and the deliverance of his people.

(The congregation worships.)

"You are worthy of my praise...

You are worthy...

You are worthy of the song...

You are worthy..."

Can you see how accurately God declared events that would happen hundreds—even thousands—of years later, and every detail came to pass? Then why can't you trust tomorrow into His hands?

Tomorrow is only a moment away. Even from Leviticus, God had already said:

"You shall be delivered into the land of your enemies. You shall remain there until the land enjoys her Sabbaths."

He said: "As long as the land lies desolate, it shall enjoy her rest."

Let me show you something.

The Land Also Has a Voice

Ezekiel 33:28

"For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through."

Do you see it?

The land itself had to enjoy its rest. Many of us think God only listens to our prayers. But Scripture says that **creation itself groans**. While Israel continually exhausted the land, refusing to observe God's Sabbaths, the land itself was crying before God:

"Lord, did You not command that every seventh year I should rest? They have refused to obey Your word. Vindicate me."

In **Isaiah 41:21**, God says:

"Produce your cause... bring forth your strong reasons."

Prayer is not merely emotional expression.

Prayer is a legal presentation before the Judge of all the earth. Jesus even taught this principle through the parable of the persistent widow who continually presented her case before the judge.

Creation itself presented its case. The land brought its complaint before God. The Lord rendered judgment. For every Sabbath that had been denied the land, justice demanded restoration. Four hundred and ninety years contained **seventy Sabbaths** that had been violated.

Therefore, the judgment was seventy years of captivity. The land received its rightful rest. Do you see it?

Sometimes you think your problem exists because you are praying.

No.

Creation is praying. The enemy is also presenting accusations. Even what happened to Job came through legal presentation before God. Satan appeared before the Lord concerning Job.

Do you understand?

So God legalized the seventy years. He had already prophesied it through Jeremiah. Israel entered captivity so the land could finally rest. Someone's captivity became someone else's rest because that person's case stood strong before the court of Heaven.

(The congregation continues in worship.)

"You are worthy...

You are worthy of our praise...

Jesus...

Son of God...

You are worthy..."

Someone said:

"No matter what Satan attempts, God is still the Most High."

That was Satan's greatest mistake.

He said:

"I will exalt my throne above the Most High."

But there is only One who is the **Most High**.

(Extended worship continues.)

"We won't stop praising You...

We won't stop loving You...

Forever and ever..."

Daniel's Prayer Was Written Before Daniel Prayed It

You may think Daniel was simply intelligent enough to know the correct prayer to pray.

No.

It was God who had already written the very words Daniel would pray. Can you see the greatness of our God?

Perhaps someone still cannot see it. Maybe there are still scales upon your eyes. I told you before:

The Scriptures are a code. What you are reading is not merely English. It is the most sophisticated code ever written in plain language. It is a divine puzzle.

When the Holy Spirit begins to reveal it to you, every piece starts fitting together. If you came late today and feel you have caught something, you have only received crumbs.

This is only the beginning.

Amen.

Is somebody here?

God is great.

I wish we could continue today, but I cannot pour everything out in one meeting. Come tomorrow. We have only just stepped into the waters. This is only the first day. I told you this series may take two weeks. It may even take three.

When you return home, read every chapter I mentioned today. Read them carefully. Study the laws Moses gave Israel. Study what God said would happen if they disobeyed.

Then the entire story will become beautiful before your eyes.

(The congregation worships again.)

"Creator of the universe...

Able God...

Come and finish what You started...

We are Your sons..."

I have realized something. I cannot do this on my own. Lord, finish what You started.
We are Your children.

If a God knows the daily activities of men...

If He knows every prayer...

If He declares the end from the beginning...

If He is Alpha and Omega...

Then He can certainly be trusted.

Closing Exhortation

Our God is not confused. He knows the end from the beginning. You can trust Him. By the time this series is complete, you will understand that waiting to hear from God is never a waste because He cannot fail.

Jesus said:

"Not one jot or one tittle shall pass."

Do you know what a *jot* is?

It is like the tiny dot above the letter **i**.

Do you know what a *tittle* is?

It is the small stroke that distinguishes one Hebrew letter from another. Even the smallest detail of God's Word cannot fail. If that is true, then how much more the many promises He has spoken concerning your life?

We have not even begun the main subject yet. Today was simply to establish one truth:

God can be trusted.

Lift your hands and begin to thank Him. "Father, we thank You. We worship You for opening our understanding. Thank You for speaking to us.

Thank You for revelation.

Continue to teach us Your ways.

Open the Scriptures to us.

Grant us understanding.

Bring us into the knowledge of Your truth.

Help us understand the prophetic timelines of the last days.

May Your children take full advantage of everything You have prepared in the Spirit.

In Jesus' mighty Name.

Amen."

God bless you.

The Lord be with you.

I will see you tomorrow.

If you serve in any department, please come early. I am not saying this to condemn anyone. I am simply asking you to become serious with God.

When you pursue Him consistently, Heaven responds to that pursuit. Do not allow small excuses to rob you of spiritual growth. If something genuinely prevented you, God understands. But the little excuses that repeatedly keep you away—those are the things you must overcome.

Please take your walk with God seriously. Those small habits can quietly rob you of great things. God bless you. If you are watching online, the Lord is already at work. There is already movement in the Spirit.

Join us again tomorrow.

God bless you.

Bye-bye.



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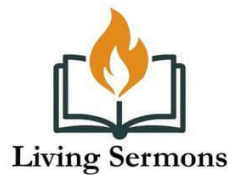
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