

A Rising of Light



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For some days before Hanukkah, I kept hearing the phrase 'a rising of light'. Eventually I worked out the Holy Spirit was trying to show me something and discovered that this phrase is actually the meaning of the Hebrew word 'zerach'; H2225 in the Strongs Concordance. A rising of light can refer to a steady increase in revelation and understanding, especially of what lies before you. The tribe of Issachar had understanding of the times, so that they knew what the people ought to do. If you can't see and understand, you cannot make a wise decision about which way to move. How we need there to be a rising of light within our spirits!

Then as Hanukkah began and I contemplated the extra candle lit every day until all nine were blazing on the candelabra, I began to see that this phrase I had been hearing was also connected to what happens at Hanukkah. This feast depicts a time of increasing light. The Book of Proverbs tells us that the path of the righteous grow brighter and brighter until the full light of day. During the dawn watch (the 4th watch of the night), this is exactly what is experienced. The sun moves incrementally closer to the horizon as it rises, until finally it appears in all its glory and floods the earth with the fullness of light. Dawn is a time

period when the earth becomes increasingly filled with light but the sun is not yet visible. Hanukkah is a feast of the dawning.

The great army spread like the dawn upon the mountains in Joel 2 is a company consecrated to their Commander in Chief, set apart and holy for the battle ahead. This battle is the Sons of Light pitted against the sons of darkness and we can rest assured in the outcome because the light shines on in the darkness and the darkness has never overcome it! How is the battle fought? Firstly, we must understand that when light arises, darkness retreats. Is this not why we are called to arise and shine with the glory of the Lord upon us?

Recently during prayer, I had a brief vision of a filthy flowing river. I could see in the water that its flow was made up of people raging, their fists raised, wrestling, fighting, killing. There was a lot of darkness in that flood of water as it rushed by and then suddenly, I saw a pillar of light rise up here and there. Those pillars did not move, they just stood fast, shining with a white brilliant light and the dark river parted as it came across them and flowed by on either side. It made me think of that Scripture that says that when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Lord will raise up a standard against him. I could see those standards so full of light in contrast to the vile filth of the rushing water. I knew those pillars represented saints, holy and set-apart, their lives flooded with the pure light of Heaven – and the very brightness of them exposed the darkness of the waters of the flood rushing past them.

What is a standard? According to the dictionary, it is a level of quality which is the norm, a level which other things are compared with and quantified by. I knew those pillars of light were standards of righteousness and holiness that God considered to be the norm by Heaven's standards... and HE was measuring and evaluating the quality of those lives in the river of darkness by the 'norm' of these pillars. It is necessary for the Lord to raise up the standard in order to expose the level of darkness of the flood that the enemy spews out.

Isaiah 60 says that nations will come to our light and kings to the brightness of our rising. That word translated 'rising' is 'zerach'; 'a rising of light'. The Lord is

coming to be glorified in His holy ones and He will be admired in them. Just as the light rises and increases in quantity in the morning watch, even though the earth is blanketed in darkness, so too, nothing the enemy does can stop the rising of the Son of Righteousness in those who are holy standards in the earth. He has promised and He will accomplish it; a rising by degrees of light within just as the increase of light occurs as the days of Hanukkah pass by. Tonight at 6pm, the 7th day of Hanukkah begins and so does the 1st day of the 10th month – the month of Tevet. Yes, tonight is the anniversary of the evening when a fully prepared Esther was led into the King's palace... and the rest is history. Esther was positioned in advance for the deliverance of her people, because God knew that Haman would hatch a plot to try and wipe out the Jews in the 127 provinces which the King ruled over. 6pm; the start of Tevet and the 7th day of Hanukkah marks the end of the preparation season and the beginning of the fulfilment season for the prepared Bridal company. It marks the end of maidenhood and the beginning of the season of union. Many are called but only Esther was chosen. The King loved Esther more than all the other women he had encountered, and placed the royal crown upon her head. All had undergone the same preparation process but only Esther won the heart of the King! On the morning of 1st Tevet, she arose and shone as the choice one of His Majesty the king. She was placed, crowned and endued with royal authority, forever to dwell in the palace with the king. That's a remarkable amount of change in one person's life within a 24-hour period!

I would like to share a prophetic picture that the Holy Spirit unveiled to me in recent weeks which concerns the rising of light. It occurred during an incident in the Israeli war against Hamas. ON 23RD Oct 2023, an Israeli soldier who had been taken hostage was rescued from Gaza by the Israeli Military. Her name was Ori Megidish.

She had been held captive for 23 days – that is 3x7days +2 days

3 watches of a dark night of the soul, and early in 4th watch Ori brought forth out of darkness and the shadow of death.

Ori is a Hebrew male name meaning 'my light'

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy **light** is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. **Isa 60:2** For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. **Isa 60:3** And the Gentiles shall come

to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

H216 אור

'ôr ore From H215; *illumination* or (concretely) *luminary* (in every sense, including *lightning*, *happiness*, etc.): - bright, clear, + day, light (-ning), **morning**, sun.

H215 אור

'ôr ore A primitive root; *to be* (causatively *make*) *luminous* (literally and metaphorically): - X **break of day**, glorious, **kindle**, (be, en-, give, show) light (-en, -ened), set on fire, shine.

So Ori also means 'My dawn, my kindled one' – the one set on fire!

Before the darkness appeared, God said 'Let there be light' but there were 3 watches of darkness first, then the God who brings light (Or) out of darkness brought forth the morning of the first day. Ori is a prophetic sign of God bringing forth one bearing His light after 3 watches of a dark night of captivity.

Darkness: H2822 חֹשֶׁךְ

chôshek kho-shek' From H2821; the *dark*; hence (literally) *darkness*; figuratively *misery*, *destruction*, *death*, *ignorance*, *sorrow*, *wickedness*: - dark (-ness), night, obscurity.

So, JUST AS Ori was released suddenly from captivity, the company, that army who is like the dawn on the mountains is going to be released suddenly (Joel 2) and their release will bring a great rejoicing among God's people, just as the whole of natural Israel rejoiced and danced in the streets when Ori Megidish came home.

*Joe 2:1 BLOW THE trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on My holy Mount [Zion]. Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of [the judgment of] the Lord is coming; it is close at hand Joe 2:2 A day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and of thick mists and darkness, like the **morning dawn** spread upon the mountains; so there comes a people numerous and mighty, the like of which has never been before and shall*

not be again even to the years of many generations.

As I said before, Ori is actually a male name. Ori Megidish is a daughter who is also a son in terms of inheritance. The female equivalent of Ori is Orit, which means 'small light'. So, we have a woman with a man's name brought forth out of captivity after a prophetic 3 dark watches. She depicts the bringing forth out of darkness of the manchild Bridal army, held captive by darkness and the man of violence (hamas means 'violence') until the moment of release

Psa 18:48 Who delivers me from my enemies; yes, You lift me up above those who rise up against me; You deliver me from the man of violence.

Violence= chamas

H2555

חָמָס

châmâskhaw-mawce'From H2554; **violence**; by implication *wrong*; by metonymy unjust *gain*: - cruel (-ty), damage, false, injustice, X oppressor, unrighteous, violence (against, done), violent (dealing), wrong.

H2554חָמַס

châmaskhaw-mas'A primitive root; to *be violent*; by implication to *maltreat*: - make bare, shake off, violate, do violence, take away violently, wrong, imagine wrongfully.

Gen 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.

Quite interesting that because the land was filled with 'hamas', both they and the land had to be destroyed.

Ori's surname is Megidish. This word is very similar to Megiddo

H4023מִגִּדּוֹן מִגִּדּוֹן

m^egiddôn megiddô meg-id-done', meg-id-do' From H1413; *rendezvous*; Megiddon or Megiddo, a place in Palestine: - Megiddo, Megiddon.

H1413מִגִּדּוֹן

gâdad gaw-dad'A primitive root (compare **H1461**); to crowd; also to gash (as if by pressing into): - **assemble (selves by troops)**, gather (selves together, self in troops), cut selves.

Abarim Publications says Megiddo means 'invading troop'

Gen 30:11 and Leah saith, 'A troop is coming;' and she calleth his name Gad.

Son 6:10 [The ladies asked] Who is this that looks forth like the dawn, fair as the moon, clear and pure as the sun, and terrible as a bannered host?

Megidish = Megiddo + ish

H376 אִישׁ

אִישׁ BDB Definition:

1) man

1a) man, male (in contrast to woman, female) (Gen 2:24)

1b) husband (Gen 3:6; Gen 29:32)

So Megidish= assembled troops of the husband or

betrothed man ie. The coming Bridegroom's assembled troops in Joel 2.

He is uttering His voice before His assembled army, His Dawn Company, and is causing them to know their places of operation for the battle ahead!! They are arising and shining and will lay hold of the ends of the earth and shake out the wicked that they may be judged by the light!

When she was photographed as she was returned to her family, Ori wore a teeshirt with the word 'marvel' written on it in big letters. She is a marvel, a miracle. Out of the chaos of war, bombing, death and destruction, misery and everything else that is defined by the Hebrew word 'darkness' this marvel of His light was delivered and returned to her family. In essence this is a display of Jubilee. In the 50th year, a captive or slave was returned to their family and their ancestral possession!

Etymology: marvel (n.)

c. 1300, *merivelle*, "a miracle; a thing, act, or event which causes astonishment,



G2296

θαυμάζω

thaumazō *thou-mad'-zo* From **G2295**; to wonder; by implication to admire:
- admire, have in admiration, **marvel, wonder**.

OT equivalent is in this verse:

Zec 3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men **wondered at**: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the **BRANCH**.

Men of miracles

H4159 מִפֶּת מִפֶּת

môphêth **môphêth** *mo-faith', mo-faith'*

From **H3302** in the sense of *conspicuousness*; a *miracle*; by implication a *token* or *omen*: - miracle, sign, wonder (-ed at).

Ori Megidish was an observation soldier at Nahal Oz

Nahal Oz (**Hebrew**: נַחַל עֹז, *lit.* "Mighty Stream" or "Mighty **Nahal**")

H5158 נַחַל נַחְלָה נַחְלָה

nachal nachlâh nachălâh nakh'-al, nakh'-law, nakh-al-aw'

From H5157 in its original sense; a *stream*, especially a winter *torrent*; (by implication) a (narrow) *valley* (in which a brook runs); also a *shaft* (of a mine): - **brook, flood, river, stream**, valley.

H5157 נַחַל

nâchal naw-khal'

A primitive root; to *inherit* (as a (figurative) mode of descent), or (generally) to *occupy*; causatively to *bequeath*, or (generally) *distribute*, *instate*: - divide, **have ([inheritance])**, take as an heritage, (cause to, give to, make to) inherit, (distribute for, divide [for, for an, by], give for, have, leave for, take [for]) inheritance, (have in, cause to be made to) possess (-ion).

Psa 110:7 He shall drink of the **brook** in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head triumphantly.

Passion translation: **Psa 110:7** Yet he himself will drink from his inheritance as from a flowing brook; refreshed by love he will stand victorious!

SO, ORI WAS A WATCHMAN POSITIONED AT THE MIGHTY STREAM OF INHERITANCE AND WAS TAKEN CAPTIVE BY THE MAN OF VIOLENCE (HAMAS)

On the 23rd day, she was delivered out of darkness, out of the underground tunnels, out of captivity and revealed to the world. Be encouraged, righteous remnant army. Even though you may have felt trapped, held captive and bound and unable to break free or be all you were purposed to be, deliverance is coming in the morning watch. There will be a rising of the sons of Light as the God of Glory comes to fill you with His brilliant light. God is speaking everywhere, reiterating His promises, proving His faithfulness to His holy bondservant army. You will experience the fullness of the inheritance appointed you. You will skip for joy like calves released from the stall in the morning light! The Deliverer sees you and knows the depth of the darkness that you sit in. He who is the Light of the World is also the One Who causes the rising of His light by the command of His mouth. Your darkness will turn to the dawn as you take your appointed place as the invading army of Light.

May the last two days of Hanukkah be filled with revelation light and understanding for you, so that you may find your place, take hold of the ends

**of the earth and shake the wicked out of it, in the mighty Name of Jesus,
amen.**

Selah