

Separation, Distinction and Portion 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2022



**AUDIO VERSION**

The tip of spear is part of the whole spearhead, so although it passes through an area as a forerunner, the rest of the spear passing through that same area impacts the tip. If there is turbulence as the main part of spear head passes thru, the tip will feel it. In the same way, although some of us have celebrated the beginning of the Fall Feasts, the rest of the spearhead following the

orthodox calendar will be marking them towards the end of September, and we are still connected to them as part of the faithful remnant. I believe the Spirit of the Lord needed a forerunner company who were willing to step out in faith according to what they believed and move ahead of the rest of the remnant, even if it meant they were out of sync with the majority of the spearhead throughout the last 6 months of 5782.

God needs courageous forerunners who will be willing to be unpopular, while being obedient to what the Spirit is showing them personally. The two spies who went into the Promised Land ahead of the rest waiting on the other side of the Jordan were exposed to more revelation and information that the rest of the people of God did not see or hear – **and they were doing it on behalf of the whole company.** In the same way, the tip of the spear pierces through veils and boundaries, cutting a path and opening the way for the rest of the spearhead to follow in.

Do you remember the Lord speaking to me some time during 5781 about the door to the Bridal Chamber closing. At the time, I knew the Lord was connecting this event to the parable of the wise and foolish virgins; the wise and foolish 'Bethulah' in Matthew 25. However, because of the Lord taking a group as the 'tip of the spear' and marking the Feast of Trumpets a month earlier than the orthodox Jewish Calendar, I have had questions as to how this closing of the door applied and when it would take place.

Firstly, I want to suggest to you that this is what this early Feast of Trumpets celebration has been about. The tip of the spear is sharp and penetrates the target before the rest of the spear head – and even then, not the whole spearhead penetrates the target but only a portion is hidden. Up to half of the whole spear head remains clearly visible and exposed and shakes along with the shaft of the spear. Early celebration of the Feast of Trumpets means early preparation of the heart; getting our inner hearts rightly aligned to His plumbline of holiness and receiving of endtime mandates ahead of the company following on behind. It provides distinction and orientation; movement out of a larger company into a smaller company with a specific calling. There is a smaller company who needed to go ahead of the bulk of the remnant, in order to be assigned to their specific roles and endtime mandates BEFORE the larger company came to their Fall Feast appointment.

Now, we need to refresh our memories concerning the types and shadows in the ancient Jewish wedding ceremony. Once betrothal had taken place the bride would wear a veil (indicating separation unto the prospective bridegroom in holiness) and would focus upon getting herself fully ready for the big day. The bridegroom would leave the betrothal ceremony and go immediately to prepare and build a place attached to his father's home. This room would be the bridal chamber and only once the father decided it was ready and done to his satisfaction, would he release his son to go and get his bride.

So, the almost 'completely ready' betrothed woman would put a lamp in the window to signify she was watching for her beloved's coming. She did not know the exact day or hour in which he would arrive. Then, at midnight on the appointed day (remember the Jewish day starts at 6pm), the friend of the bridegroom would blow a shofar very loudly to awaken the betrothed woman, alerting her that the bridegroom was on his way and she should go out to meet him. She would awaken, do the last-minute things (like fill her lamp and trim the wick) and leave her father's house with her bridesmaids to spend the last little bit of her waiting time making her way towards her groom in the darkness. Some time in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> watch of the night, he would arrive and whisk her and her bridesmaids away to the place he had prepared and shut the door to this chamber. The bridal company (bride, groom, friends of the bridegroom and bridesmaids) would enjoy a private night-time banquet and then towards the end of the morning watch, she and her bridesmaids would go to do the final mikvah (cleansing bath) and get ready for the public wedding on the morning of the same day.

Now we need to look at the bridal typology in the Fall Feasts – of which there are 3. The Feast of Trumpets on 1<sup>st</sup> Tishrei (also called Rosh Hashanah) equates to the awakening and warning blast of the shofar blown by the friend of the Bridegroom at midnight (Matt 25:6). The message of the friend of the Bridegroom is that the Bridegroom has already left His Father's house and is en route to whisk away His Bride (an event described by the Jewish culture as 'coming like a thief in the night'). His instruction is, "Go out to meet Him". Immediately, this day brings a revelation and a separation. Some are sufficiently prepared with extra oil. Some are not. I want to point out that the wise virgins were prepared AHEAD of time. They had extra oil in their lamps –

this is to do with choices made in the past season. At the moment the Bridegroom came and took them to the Bridal chamber, they were fully equipped and prepared. So, immediately after the shofar call was heard, those who are wise are identified and they excitedly fill and light their lamps and go forth into the night to meet their Bridegroom. The foolish are also clearly visible as they go into frantic last-minute buying from the oil sellers.

Then, after the Feast of Trumpets, there 10 Days of Awe; the tenth day being Yom Kippur which is the holiest day on the Jewish Calendar. These Days of Awe are for final aligning of the heart, repentance and putting in order and journeying for the face-to-face moment with the Beloved. This is why Yom Kippur is known as 'Face to Face'. It is also the day the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies to pour the blood on the Mercy Seat. Yom Kippur is also a type of the moment when the Bridegroom comes to whisk His beloved away; leading His fully prepared Bride to the place He has prepared especially for her. This is the time when the door to the Bridal Chamber is closed, once the fully prepared Bridal party is inside... Five days later, on 15<sup>th</sup> Tishrei, is the Feast of Booths (Tabernacles) which is a type of the wedding feast held during daylight hours.

So, we can see that the closing of the door of the bridal chamber occurs some moment after midnight; after the blowing of the awakening shofar. Now I want to remind you how the Spirit showed me that these recent years in the Hebrew calendar have been like watches of the night. He began by telling me about 5780:

5780	evening watch	3pm – 6pm
5781	1 <sup>st</sup> watch of the night	6pm – 9pm
5782	2 <sup>nd</sup> watch of the night	9pm -12am
5783	3 <sup>rd</sup> watch of the night	12am – 3am

So, we can see that the end of 5782 is the 'midnight' moment; the hour the shofar gets sounded loudly to alert the Bride that the Bridegroom is on His way. No wonder the first of the Fall Feasts is called 'the Feast of Trumpets' or colloquially, 'the day of the awakening blast'. It is at this moment that the waiting virgins are alerted that the moment they have longed for and prepared for is at the door. Now it is important to note they are all virgins; they are all

expecting the Bridegroom, but some are not sufficiently prepared – and amongst them is one who is the Bride and the rest are bridesmaids. Five of the nine bridesmaids disqualify themselves because of a lack of sufficient preparation and when they knock on the closed door of the Bridal Chamber, they are told that the bridegroom has never had any real relationship with them – he never knew them! That is shocking. This is the part of the spear head that remains vulnerable and visible and shaking once the tip of the spear and the part closest to it have sunk into the target. The Bridal Chamber is our target.

Now let's see how the early Barley celebration of the beginning of 5783 fits in... Before the Bridal Company go out to meet the Bridegroom, there is someone else who needs to be prepared and released to function. It is the friend of the bridegroom; the one appointed to blow the shofar. I believe that the Tip of the Spear Company who prepared ahead of time represent the Friend of the Bridegroom Company; the manchild who have had their own trumpet call and face to face moment BEFORE the Bridal Company. WHY? Because they are the ones who release from their innermost being the breath that carries the sound of the awakening blast. Their anointing is that of the Spirit of Elijah and they ARE the shofar that is filled with the breath of God and blown at the midnight hour. Their message and endtime ministry is that of awakening and alerting the Bridal Company to the very soon coming of the Bridegroom. Their frequency or voice calls the preparation season to completion and galvanises the Bridal Company into action. The voice of the Friend of the Bridegroom Company; comprising some or all of the Manchild Company, triggers the revelation of the true state of the waiting virgins. Suddenly it is clear who is wise and who has been foolish in the last season. It is a ministry of separation and distinction; the sound of a call to GO OUT to meet the Bridegroom face to face.

In their role as the Friend of the Bridegroom, the Manchild Company release their understanding of the times. They carry this sound birthed out of intimate communion and face to face fellowship with the Bridegroom. He tells His secrets to His friends! THIS is why the Tip of the Spear needed to go ahead of the rest of the Bridal Company. Just as depicted in Revelation 12, they come forth or are birthed from the midst of the Bridal Company, becoming separate and distinct in their calling and function (the birthing and separation began as the early barley ripeness was noted and early Passover celebrated and was complete as the early barley Feast of Trumpets was celebrated. These

forerunners are caught up to the throne to receive their endtime instruction and mandates. This sound and shofar blast they release is the last warning given before the arrival of the Bridegroom and it is sounded exclusively for those who have been in a season of preparation for His coming – His Bridal Company. The rest of those sleeping in other houses do not even stir or turn over in their sleep, because their ears are deaf to the message of the Spirit of Elijah. They are not part of the Bridal Company and never will be. At best, they may be the guests at the wedding.

There are 4 weeks between the early barley Feast of Trumpets (28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022) and the orthodox Feast of Trumpets. BY the time the orthodox Feast of Trumpets is celebrated beginning on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the Manchild functioning as the Friend of the Bridegroom Messenger are beginning to release their awakening sound! They have had their own face-to-face moment (Yom Kippur) on evening of 6<sup>th</sup> Sept through 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. They have become one with the will and purposes of the throne; having entering the Speaking Place or Holy of Holies and receiving their mandates face-to-face. From this time forward, like John the Baptist, they prepare the Way for the coming of the Bridegroom. Complete focus is on His soon coming and it is their job to wake up the Bridal Company who have fallen asleep because it has taken so long! Remember in the last message of the constellations on the orthodox Feast of Trumpets, the messenger Mercury and Venus (the Morning Star) are so close together as to look like one celestial body (hidden below the horizon at sunset) and they are positioned at the ear of Virgo or Bethulah saying, “Wake up, He is almost here! Your face-to-face moment is fast approaching!”

For the wise virgins, the midnight hour shofar blast sounded by the friend of the bridegroom is a signal that they will be moving out of the house of their fathers and into full separation to the bridegroom. They are no longer referred to as the ‘betrothed’ but as the ‘bride’, because the day of the wedding is at hand. Never again will they do chores in their father’s house. From now on, they go forward with their lamps newly filled with stored oil and their wicks trimmed, their eyes searching for that face-to-face moment and the joy of the private banquet in the seclusion of the bridal chamber.

How I would like to share with you an astonishing prophetic action that took place in 5780 (the evening watch year). I first shared it in a message called ‘Under the shadow of His wing’ (written in Elul 5780). On the first weekend of

5780, I participated in a Firestarters Conference in Bloemfontein, South Africa. Part of what the Lord instructed us to do is to hold an invitation-only banquet for 12 people at midnight in the King David Chamber at the facility. Actually, we sent out 16 invitations but 4 refused, saying they had other priorities and previous appointments or were too busy - yet again, a very prophetic occurrence (Luke 14:18-24).

The blueprint given for this meal was that, apart from the lavish meal, the people who accepted their invitations would receive scrolls, new sandals, new shofars, have their feet washed in wine and receive two anointing oils: the Spirit of Burning oil and 'The Sound of Extraordinary Power' oil. The instruction was to tell them, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the inheritance stored up for you" and that they represented a people who would be taken into the chamber prepared by the Bridegroom and fed and instructed before being released with an apostolic anointing in the earth. Because the Lord always declares the end from the beginning, this banquet at the beginning of the year 5780 was a prophetic display of what would be occurring at a later time, sometime after the prophetic 'midnight hour' (end of 5782), when the shofar blast announced His coming for His Bride...

Both the friends of the Bridegroom and the Bride and her bridesmaids partake of the private banquet in the Bridal Chamber. All of the preparation season has been working toward this event for His remnant company; His good and faithful bondservants. There comes a fiery anointing of consuming zeal for God's house. Blueprints and scrolls will be handed out, new shoes, a double portion anointing of powers of the age to come and the Spirit of Burning. This is the private appointment with the Bridegroom which we have prepared ourselves for, setting ourselves apart in holiness daily. Our desire is to be among those who are taken into His chamber before the door is closed for the darkest part of the night. To this end, we have watched, making sure we have enough extra oil for our lamps, in case our understanding of the times has not been entirely accurate.

I had had a dream some time before this event which we held, of being taken into the Bridal Chamber, which had a smaller chamber off to the side of the main room. In this area, a table was being lavishly set, with candlesticks and beautiful crockery and cutlery and then a veil covering was placed over it to indicate that this table was for an appointed meal at an appointed time, for invited guests. Then, in the dream, I was in this chamber and the Bridegroom

arrived during the night with a giant armful of white roses for me. He set them down on the floor and they became a large sheaf of grain. Out of the stalks at the bottom came a hen with her wings around a number of chicks.

Immediately, I thought of what Jesus had said about Jerusalem and His anguish that she had not known the time of her visitation and that He desired to gather her as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. He had gathered this bouquet in order to bring it into the Bridal Chamber.

In Revelation 14, we are told of 144000 who are gathered as the firstfruits to God and the Lamb. They follow the Lamb wherever He goes. In other words, they do what they see Him doing. The sheaf of grain in my dream represents this company; the early barley firstfruits sheaf gathered by the Bridegroom (the manchild company) and those they bring with them; the ones the Lord has awakened and gathered, like a hen gathers her chicks – those He wants to cover under the wing of His marriage covenant. The bunch of white roses and the stalks of grain are one, yet two distinct companies. So, the Bridegroom goes to gather His Bride and bring her into the chamber - along with His friends. He has prepared to enjoy a banquet with them all in the darkest night-of-trial hours. This speaks of the Bridegroom gathering for protection and provision a certain company made of two parts, to shelter them during this difficult and dangerous period. This does not mean that they are gathered off the earth necessarily, but rather taken into the spiritual place He has prepared for them, just as the woman in Rev 12 is given the wings of a giant eagle to carry her to the place prepared for her.

While others sleep, this group will experience face to face encounter and be given scrolls of instruction for their kingdom purposes. Their feet will be washed with the wine of the Word to remove all the dust and debris of the last season. The new shofars we handed out represents a new sound and new sandals represent walking in the inheritance stored up in heaven for us. Like pure white roses, the Bridal Company are virgins, having kept themselves consecrated to their Betrothed Bridegroom and having intimacy with no other.

I believe the Day of the Awakening Blast is a season, not a 24-hour day, just as the Day of the Lord does not refer to a 24-hour day, but a season of prophetic fulfilment. The Spirit's reference to the door to the bridal chamber closing



must surely refer to the time after the orthodox celebration of Yom Kippur (evening of Oct 4<sup>th</sup> through Oct 5<sup>th</sup>), because this is the calendar associated with the Bridal Company, as opposed to the early barley ripeness calendar being associated with the manchild company equipping and positioning.

This year of 5783 is also a Jubilee year, meaning that on Yom Kippur, another shofar is blown, decreeing cancellation of debt, freedom for the enslaved and return to original land and inheritance. It is a frequency of restorative justice; a message embodying as never before the ministry of Yeshua described in Isaiah 61 – the unlocking of the prison door, beauty for ashes and oil of joy for mourning. I have to ask, is this Jubilee shofar a depiction of the endtime ministry of the Bridal Company? Two shofars blown in the space of 10 days; one to awaken and call out, one to release and restore. May the manchild and the bridal saints function in the fulness of their respective kingdom blueprints during the days of intense darkness!

There are some Jewish Rabbis who believe that 5783 is the last Jubilee and will usher in their Messiah. Unfortunately, the antichrist is about to step onto the stage and be embraced before the true Messiah comes. So, let us not get distracted by his antics, but keep focussed on true North, taking our instruction from the throne of the True King of the Universe and being led by the Spirit of Truth. Dense darkness is going to be on the peoples but His glory shall rise upon us.

Selah