

Rivers of Oil pt 3

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[AUDIO VERSION](#)

Precious saints,

It is the 16th of October, a month in which there has been an awful lot of things going on, both in the natural and in the spiritual realm. I did mention when I shared part two of Rivers of Oil that I realized there was going to be a part three. This is probably the most difficult message I have ever had to bring, and I actually had decided against sharing it and was just going to keep the information for my own private prayer and meditation - But the Lord has been impressing upon me that I need to share it. That was confirmed

today when I was listening to another prophet with a very strong warning ministry, that the words that the Lord gives need to be spoken out and released as a sound wave. So, I really have prayed that God would guide my tongue and my thoughts, that my thoughts would be bound to the mind of Christ, that I would be able to share clearly and accurately what the Spirit is showing me. I really ask you to take this to prayer. Take it to the Word, check out what you find in the Word and ask for confirmation. We all see in part and hear in part.

I do know that having released this, there is potential for massive backlash even from amongst the remnant community, and I've already prayed for protection against that.

Do you remember in part two I spoke about Jacob wrestling with God all night and in the morning watch, God dealt with him, touching him in his hip and causing him to limp and changing his name. We all know the horrific events that have unfolded from the 7th of October with the terrible surprise attack that took place in Israel. And the Lord showed me that the nation of Israel and the people in Israel are at present wrestling and contending in this Morning Watch year. They do not realise that the One they are wrestling with is God Himself; the Lord of hosts. This is Israel's Peniel moment.

Firstly, I want to share with you that in 2018, I had a dream which I shared it in a post called 'Call for the Wailing Women', and I'm going to share the most pertinent parts of it now, so you don't need to go and read that, because it's important that you hear it in this message:

'In the third watch of the night on Thursday the 10th of May 2018. I had a very upsetting dream. In it, I could hear a man with an Israeli accent singing a lament over and over. I do not remember all the words he sang now, but I could see him out of the corner of my eye, at the edge of my field of vision, rocking backwards and forwards and grieving over his nation. Some of the words he said were, "Israel, O Israel, how the mighty have fallen. Hear the mothers weeping. O Israel!" And he repeated the same theme over and over, as we watched a long line of plain brown wooden coffins file past us. As long as the scene lasted, that line of coffins did not end.

I woke at 5:55 a.m. the next morning (and I just want to insert here that twice this week. I have woken up at that same time. The Hebrew word H555 is 'ometz'. It means

'strength'. The Greek word G555 means 'to put off') So I awoke at 5:55 a.m. after that distressing dream, and began to pray fervently for Israel, for God to protect her from her enemies, and that He would send confusion into the enemy camp. It was the day after Israel had bombarded Iranian bases in Syria, and I knew there could well be a counter attack, as I knew Iran was furious. But while I was crying out for angelic protection, I heard the Lord say, "I will protect Zion". And again, I prayed and said, "Lord, these are Your people who have been veiled, that we Gentiles could be grafted in. Have mercy and don't let this happen". And He said, **"I will strike the head, that the heart may turn to Me"**. I wondered what He meant about the head and where would this happen? And I suddenly knew that Tel Aviv would be struck and the line of coffins was connected to that attack.

I was reminded of the valleys of Jerusalem, which are in the shape of the chambers of the human heart, and Mount Zion is situated here. He began to speak to me of how His people had turned to idols and worshiped their own intellect and the works of their hands, and He would use their enemies to chastise them in measure and turn them back to Him, just as He did in the Old Testament. I still did not understand how Tel Aviv was connected to the head. And then the Spirit reminded me that this was the place that many nations chose to position their foreign missions and consulates, rather than acknowledge Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. By allowing Tel Aviv to be struck, he would be chastening the nations who refused to acknowledge the truth of His Word. Tel Aviv is also the financial and technological capital of Israel, and therefore the pride of man's achievements is commonplace.

Ezekiel 3:15 connects the name Tel Aviv to a place of captivity in Babylon, and this modern city is famous for its wild nightlife and ungodly lifestyle choices. And then I could feel again the terrible grief of that man wailing his lament, and I remembered how Abraham had interceded for Sodom on the eve of its destruction, and how, because of Abraham's covenant with God, angels had been sent to thrust Lot out of Sodom before it was destroyed. And remember, the Word says that righteous Lot was grieved daily about what was going on in Sodom. So, it was the thrusting out of the righteous that the Holy Spirit was reminding me of.

So, I began to pray and remind the Lord of the remnant in Tel Aviv who, like Lot, are grieved daily in their souls over what goes on in their city. And I began to ask the Father

to send angels to thrust His faithful servants out of the city before it was attacked. I reminded Him of the children and the grieving of the mothers, and I prayed for mercy in the midst of chastening - this chastening that He would bring to turn the heart of the nation towards Him again. "I will strike the head that the heart may turn to Me".

Later on in that post... I say, 'a few days ago I sent out a word called 'Pearls Bring Out the Swine'. And while receiving this message about Israel, I was shown how this precious little nation is so valuable to God, and how He is going to do exactly what He did with those pearls I saw cast to the ground. He is going to allow it to be trampled in order to unmask the swine amongst the crowd of nations - those who presently mingle and say all the right phrases. Yet, when this pearl of great price is cast down before their eyes, their true natures will be revealed, and they will fall upon Israel and seek to devour her. I am not talking about those who presently openly oppose her and call for her destruction, but rather those who masquerade as benign nations who seek her good, and yet within are ravening wolves. One of the reasons the Lord is allowing the strike to the head is to expose the swine nations and their hidden agendas, that they may be judged by the light. And then He will again gather this precious nation to Himself as she turns towards Him as her only protector.'

So, after the 7th of October, a reader sent me a link to a [message by Rick Joyner of Morning Star Ministries](#), and in it, he shares a dream he had in 2018, the very same year I had this dream, and in the dream, he saw antagonistic nations surrounding Israel and Hezbollah and Hamas beginning to bombard Israel with rockets in great numbers. And then he saw, in the midst of those rockets. Hezbollah slipped in a nuclear bomb - and it struck a wicked city!. And the Lord told him in the dream that the striking of the city was judgment because of its wickedness. And Rick said that as a result, the whole of the rest of the nation would return to the Lord and it would be the beginning of the last great harvest of the Age! It would begin in Israel and spread to the other nations of the earth.

So, this dream was an incredible confirmation of what the Lord had shown me in that same year, but with more detail. The destruction and striking of the head would be with a nuclear bomb. Now, this is a terrible, terrible thing, but the Lord's judgments are righteous altogether. I looked up on the internet, and Tel Aviv has a population of about 450,000 people. So, precious remnant, we need to begin praying that God would send

angels to remove the righteous from that city, so that it would be the wicked that perish, and not the righteous in that judgment. Just as Lot and his daughters were thrust out of Sodom, before the fire and the brimstone fell upon it and destroyed it completely.

So, I want us to go back to Genesis 32, where Jacob was wrestling with God, and it says in verse 24 that a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day or until the morning watch. In verse 25, He touched the hollow of his thigh and put it out of joint. And I've dealt with that in detail in part two of Rivers of Oil. Jacob was not going to let go and stop wrestling until he received a blessing. He did not know that he was wrestling with God, and God had to make him look in the mirror and bring a change of heart. He had to touch him in the place of his strength and bring him a permanent limp. so that He could change his name to Israel, which means 'God will rule and prevail'. Remember I said to you last time that the Strong's Concordance says that the meaning of Israel is 'he will rule as a prince with God'. I think they take it from Genesis 32:28, where God says, *'thy name no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for as a prince you have prevailed or endured with God and with men'*. So, I mentioned last time that's not actually a compliment, because Jacob's whole life, even from inside the womb, he had used his natural strength and his intellectual abilities and his cunning in order to sidestep, circumvent and get his own way and fulfil his own desires. God needed to change his heart, and therefore He touched him in the place of his strength.

The place of Israel's strength is their military might. And even now, in this Morning Watch year, God has begun to touch Israel in the place of their military might, when the borders were breached/ The first line of defence was the army that was there in the places of watching over the border, and they were completely taken out and decimated, and it left the nation bewildered. There are all sorts of, uh, I don't want to say 'conspiracy theories', but there are all sorts of opinions and contrasting ideas about why this all happened. But ultimately, the One who keeps Israel never slumbers or sleeps - and God **allowed** this to happen. As terrible as it is to think about, God allowed this to happen. God Almighty allowed the fence to be lowered, even if it was perhaps orchestrated by evil men externally or in government. He allowed Israel's enemy to breach their walls of protection. And we see the principle in the Old Testament that God often used the enemies of His people to discipline them when they went into sin and wandered from Him.

It says in the Word, (I couldn't find the place) that *'the pride and self-sufficiency of Jacob testifies before his own face'*. Israel has always had pride in the strength of their military might, and pride in the strength and resilience of their people to rise above whatever happens to them - and God in this Morning Watch year has an appointment with the nation of Israel, and HE has made the appointment! They are having a face-to-face moment with the God who brought the nation into existence in the first place.

I am going to go through all the scriptures the Lord led me to afterwards, but first I want to share with you the other portion of Scripture where He showed me what is actually going on, with Him having a Peniel moment with Israel. He took me to 1 Samuel chapter 4, and I was just so overwhelmed and emotional when I read that story, because the Spirit was speaking to me about what He'd already shown me about touching Israel in the place of their strength.

1 Sam 4:1 'Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer (which means 'the stone of help'. It was named Ebenezer as a memorial because God had helped His people in battle), and the Philistines pitched in Aphek. And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel. And when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines, and they slew of the army in the field, about 4000 men.'

Now, what we are seeing now in Israel is their preparations literally, to go into Gaza by sea, by air and by land, to deal with Hamas once and for all. And I want to remind you that Gaza and that whole coastal area was once Philistine land. And this phrase just leapt out at me when *'Israel went out against the Philistines to battle'*. That is exactly what they are busy doing. And it says the Philistines *'put themselves in array'*, that word means 'to arrange or set in order, to prepare, to set in place'. And we see that the enemies of Israel, Hezbollah & Hamas & even in Jordan, the army is being sent to the borders, and Iran is having diplomatic meetings with military leaders in Syria - And there's all sorts of background things being set in place as the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel. And then in verse two, it speaks of the moment when the battle really begins....

I would equate that to when Israel goes into Gaza in a land invasion. Their tanks are waiting at the border of Gaza, but there's this whole issue of the Palestinians being

evacuated from Gaza down to the south, and the nations are in an uproar about this happening. And Israel has extended the time of moving the Palestinians to the South to get them out of the way of what they want to do against Hamas in Gaza. So far, there hasn't been the ground invasion yet, except for a few special forces that went in, gathered information and found the bodies of some of the hostages. But this phrase *'and when they joined battle'* has not yet taken place, because the Philistines are still putting themselves in array. Hezbollah is putting themselves into array in Lebanon. The Syrian army has moved south. All sorts of things are happening for potential huge escalation of this whole event.

It broke my heart when I read Israel was *'smitten before the Philistines, and they slew of the army in the field, about 4000 men'*. Now, I'm not saying that exactly 4000 men in the army of Israel will be killed, but what the Spirit is emphasizing to me is that the smiting before the Philistines is Israel being touched in the place of their strength. And you read in verse 3 of 1 Samuel 4 that when they returned to camp, the elders of Israel were absolutely confused and horrified at what had happened. "Why has the Lord smitten us today before the Philistines? Let's fetch the Ark of the covenant out of Shiloh, that it may save us out of the hand of our enemies". So, they're absolutely shocked at what has happened, because they so used to going into battle as God's people and God giving them victory. And when this happens, with this battle with the Philistines, and instead there's a slaughter of the Israeli army, and they have to retreat back into the camp. They are just in disbelief that this could have happened, because this is not their track record. God always goes with them, protects them, and it's the enemies that are slaughtered.

This is the touching of Israel in the place of their strength. And then, of course, they go and call for the ark and the two vile sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, come and carry the ark of the covenant into battle. They are so encouraged that the ark is in their midst that they give a great shout of victory even before the battle. And the Philistines hear this shout of victory coming from the Israelites (they're not even fighting them yet in this section of the battle) and they were terrified, sore afraid. It says in verse 7:

'and they said, God has come into the camp. Woe to us. Woe to us, who will deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods? These are gods that smote the Egyptian with all the plagues in the wilderness.'

Notice that the Philistines know that the One True God is 3-in-1. They say 'gods', plural, Elohim. These are the ones that smote Egypt. God, this God is now in the midst of them. And they say to themselves, '*be strong and behave like men*'. They encourage themselves and say, you don't want to be overcome by these Israelites! Fight like men. And then in verse 10 it says,

'And the Philistines fought and once again, Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent... (And these terrible words) There was a very great slaughter, for there fell of Israel 30,000 footmen'.

My heart just broke when I read that, in connection with what the Lord was showing me about the Peniel moment with His nation, Israel. Firstly, there's the initial smiting and 4000 falling, and then they go and get the Ark of God and it doesn't make any difference. God hands them over to their enemies and there is a very great slaughter. What terrible, terrible words!

One doesn't even know what to say. But the Lord said that I must warn the remnant to pray. This is why God has said to us to pray in tongues. Because how does one pray? When you read these things, we know that God used that battle with the Philistines, where the ark was temporarily taken captive to cleanse the priesthood and wipe out the wicked priests and Eli and the whole bloodline of the wicked priesthood was removed that day from Israel. And little Samuel, the manchild worshiper was in the temple worshipping God, while God was cleansing His nation of the wicked.

You know Jacob had had battles before and prevailed, but this time, God says, "I will strike the head to turn the heart". In Rick Joyner's dream, the whole of Israel returned to the Lord in repentance, and there was a very great harvest of souls for the kingdom. I had to wonder, you know, about this mention of the Ark, because those who are preparing for the Third Temple in Israel know where the Ark of the Covenant is. I'm wondering if when things don't go so well in their attempt to deal with Hamas and Hezbollah, I'm wondering if they aren't going to bring that ark out. Who knows? Or perhaps the bringing out of the Ark in this story is just a metaphorical prophetic picture of pulling out all the stops. The Israelites were used to incredible victory when the Ark went before them into battle, like what happened at Jericho.

So, God did not let all the army of Israel be killed. He didn't let the Philistines overtake the whole nation, but there was a very great slaughter. What terrible words! What terrible, terrible words! There was discipline in measure, but they were not cast off! Now, we know that Iran has been saying for many years that they want to wipe Israel off the map. We know that Hamas and the Palestinians have been demanding that the Jews be removed from the territory, which they say was stolen from them, but in actual fact, we know from Genesis that God gave them that land. God gave the nation of Israel specific boundaries and territory. And seeing as God owns the whole earth, He can give portions to any one He pleases, and He gave that land to the descendants of Abraham. But ever since, the enemies of Israel have been wanting that land!

When this first smiting happens that we read about in 1 Samuel 4, the enemies of Israel are going to rejoice. We see already with the terrible slaughter that took place on October the 7th, there was rejoicing in the streets in Gaza. There was rejoicing in Pakistan, there was rejoicing all over the world where people were waving Palestinian flags and rejoicing in the brutal murders and people being taken hostage from Israel/ When they were living peacefully and actually celebrating a feast, the enemies of Israel celebrated. And no doubt, when this '*very great slaughter*' happens, they will celebrate even more, but I want you to know that God is allowing it to happen. He will strike the head to turn the heart. When Tel Aviv is struck, it is judgment on that wicked city - a very terrible judgment, but we're going to trust God that He will thrust the righteous and the innocent out of that city, before that judgment happens, so that it is only the wicked who perish in that judgment.

When the '*very great slaughter*' happens, there's going to be so much said on social media and in the different nations, that God has cast Israel off, that they got their just deserts. Its wickedness to speak like that! Jeremiah 31:35 to 37 says this:

'Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who divides the sea, when the waves thereof roar, the Lord of Hosts is His Name. If these ordinances depart from before Me... (In other words, if these patterns and timings of the moon and the stars and the sun stop and depart) then, sayeth the Lord, the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me forever. Thus says the Lord, if heaven above can be measured, and

the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I also will cast off the seed of Israel for all that they have done, says the Lord.'

So, we have to understand that although God has an appointment to wrestle with His people, Israel, and that He will touch them in the place of their strength, and they will come away from that, limping, we have to understand it is discipline IN MEASURE. He will never cast them off. As long as the sun and the moon and the stars remain in the sky in their cycles, He will never cast off the seed of Israel. So, when you see that on the news, on the social media or whatever, remember Jeremiah 31 Israel will never cease from being a nation. God instituted them. God called them. God chose them and although He has to discipline them, and although He had to wrestle with Jacob, Jacob walked away from Peniel with a blessing, and the sun rose upon him. He walked, yes, he limped, but he walked away from that place, having seen the face of God and having survived.

Now, as of today, Israel has still not invaded Gaza with a full ground operation. And I asked the Lord, is there an appointed moment for this to happen because it will cause a severe escalation? And He reminded me that in the Orthodox Jewish calendar, the month of Cheshvan began yesterday. And in history, it was the 17th of Cheshvan that the great flood in Noah's time began. That date falls on the 1st of November in the Orthodox Rabbinic Calendar. If God's judgment by fire (Because, remember, the next judgment is not water but fire), if this that I am sensing with the synchronicities does take place on the 17th of Cheshvan, we have to ask, which calendar is God moving by? Because originally, He instructed His people to start a new month when the new moon was sighted. And if we are watching for a new moon sighting, the 17th of Cheshvan would be the 2nd of November. That is when the fountains of the deep opened and the heavens opened the floodgates, and it rained for 40 days.

Now, if you remember, when I shared about Dana Coverstone's dream, the second and the third week of October were blocked out. The third week of October ends on the 21st of October, which is this coming Sabbath. But remember, in his dream there was also a date, the 3rd of November, with a great big red ring around it. The 3rd of November is 13 days after the end of the third week of October. It would be the 18th of Cheshvan. So, we need to watch and pray and have understanding of the times, remnant, with this whole situation. We are in fearsome days, the Day of the Lord is here. The Day of the

Lord is beginning. These incredible earthquakes that go on all the time in these days are the birth pangs of the Day of the Lord. Even in the last day or so, Tel Aviv was flooded. Now that's quite significant that it was Tel Aviv, isn't it? God is wrestling with His nation, Israel, in this Morning Watch year, and He is going to touch them in the place of their strength, and they are going to come away limping. He's going to strike the head to turn the heart. It is God's desire that His people in the nation of Israel return to Him, and we need to pray for the veil to be lifted, that they might see their Messiah, Yeshua, and recognize Him, and that they would be saved in these terrible times that they are going to be going through.

I want to just go through some scriptures in Isaiah, Amos, Zechariah and Zephaniah that speak into this time prophetically - the day of the Lord and His righteous judgments. All the nations round about Israel are appointed judgment – Syria, Lebanon, Gaza, Ashdod and Ashkelon (which is inside Israel) are mentioned in these prophetic books as receiving judgment from the Lord. We have many times heard in church circles, Isaiah 17:1, that Damascus will be a heap of ruins, and Syria will have a remnant left behind. But if you read the whole of Isaiah 17, you find that it also speaks of God dealing with Israel. In verse 4 it says:

'In that day the former glory of Jacob shall be enfeebled, and the fat of his flesh shall become lean'.

And then it says in verse 7, *'in that day will men look to their Maker, and their eyes shall regard the Holy One of Israel, and they will not look to their idolatrous altars any more.'*

Now I know that what I feel the Lord has given me to share will make some people who love Israel extremely angry, because they believe that God protects Israel, and nothing terrible is going to happen to it in these days, and they will call me a false prophet and goodness knows what else they will say, but we must remember that in the book of Revelation, when the two witnesses are standing in Jerusalem, God calls it 'Sodom and Egypt', because it has become defiled, the holy city has become defiled, and God will not leave His holy city like that. He has to come and deal with it. Isaiah 17:9 says, in that day will her strong cities be like the forsaken places ('desolation' in the Amplified) It says, in that day will Syria and Israel's strong cities be like the forsaken places in the wood **because of the children of Israel**, and there will be desolation. So, we see that

what is going to be done to Damascus is done by the children of Israel. Just the other day, Netanyahu said that if Hezbollah gets involved and starts nonsense in the north, he will strike Damascus. So, there we have the fulfilment of prophecy being even spoken out in these days by the leader of the army of Israel. But this verse nine says 'their strong cities'. In other words, both in Syria and in Israel, the cities are going to be forsaken and there's going to be desolation. 'Desolation' is a very strong word. It is the word 'shemama' in the Hebrew, and it means 'absolute devastation'. And verse 10 tells us why – *'Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the Rock of your strength'*. So, this is not talking to Syria because Syria doesn't serve God. It's talking to Israel. The reason why there's going to be desolation in these strong cities is because they've forgotten God and haven't been mindful of Him.

Isaiah 17:12 and 13 speak about the nations making a great uproar concerning what's going on. It says, *'woe to the multitude of many people which make a noise like the noise of the seas, and the rushing of the nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters. The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters, but God will rebuke them, and they will flee far off, and be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind'*.

So, all the nations are making an absolute uproar concerning what's going on with the devastation and the desolation. And it's God who will rebuke them, and they rush back to where they came from. They flee far off from what has happened with the desolation. And Isaiah 17:14 gives us a clue as to WHEN this desolation of a strong city is going to take place. It says, *'behold at evening trouble and before the morning, it is not'*. So, it's in the night that the strong city is going to be struck; in the night, in between evening (6 p.m.), when there is already trouble. But before the morning light dawns, the city will no longer exist.

In Isaiah chapter 1, Isaiah the prophet addresses Israel, *'the sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity. Children that are corrupters, that have forsaken the Lord and provoked Him to anger with their backsliding'*. Yeah, those are strong words. And it says in verse 5, 'the whole head is sick and the whole heart is faint'. God said He's going to strike that sick head to turn the faint heart towards Him. Look at verse 7:

'Your country is desolate. Your cities are burned with fire. Strangers (or foreigners) devour it in your presence and it is desolate, overthrown by foreigners.'

What a heart shaking verse that is. The Book of Amos is a very important prophetic book for these times that we're going into like a snowball rolling down a hill. It says in Amos 1:2, *'The Lord will roar from Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem'*. God is going to speak mightily in the earth, out of Jerusalem. And in Amos 1:3, He mentions the punishment and the judgments written on Damascus. He says, *'for three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof, because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron'*. In other words, they have acted very harshly towards God's people.

In verse 6 of Amos 1, the Lord speaks about the judgment written upon Gaza: *'for three transgressions of Gaza, and four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof, because they have carried away captives...'* Did you hear that?? Gaza is going to have a punishment because they carried away captives? And what is the punishment? In verse 7; *'I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces and the fancy buildings thereof'*. And then He goes further in verse eight about all those coastal cities that once belonged to the Philistines, *'I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him who holds the scepter from Ashkelon (Ashkelon is now part of Israel) and I will turn My hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, says the Lord'*.

We have to understand that the hand of God is moving in the earth in these days. Don't just look in the natural. God will use Israel to deal with the enemies of His people, and He will use the enemies of his people to discipline Israel. In Amos 1:11 to 13, He speaks about the judgment written on Edom and Ammon (that is Jordan). Why? *'Because he pursued his brother with the sword and cast off all pity, and he held on to wrath'*. In other words, there was no forgiveness. And then God says the judgment will be fire. And for Ammon, which is the north of Jordan, why are they being judged? Because they have ripped up woman with child to enlarge their borders. *'And God will kindle a fire on the wall of Rabbah and devour the palaces thereof.'*

These prophetic scriptures are speaking of the Day of the Lord, when the judgment by fire will come - the one mentioned in. Jude, Amos is speaking into that. Zephaniah 2 also speaks about the Day of the Lord, and in verse four, it also speaks about the

judgment on Gaza. It says, *'Gaza shall be forsaken (In other words, it will be evacuated) and Ashkelon will be a desolation. They shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron will be rooted up'*. So, it literally speaks in Zephaniah 2 about Gaza being evacuated and the people leaving Gaza. It's speaking about Ashdod being evacuated at noonday. These are judgments upon the ancient cities of the Philistines, but they still exist in this modern day.

It says in Zephaniah 2:5, *'woe to the inhabitants of the sea coast, the land of the Philistines. I will even destroy you, that there shall be no inhabitant.'* Isn't that astonishing? When you watch what's unfolding in these days, and all the nations of the world are protesting about those who dwell in Gaza being evacuated - but it's written. It's written in the Word of God.

Let's go back to Amos 2. We weren't finished there. I mean, Amos 2: 1 to 3 is speaking about the judgments on surrounding nations, but then Amos 2:4 speaks about a judgment on Judah that is written: *'for three transgressions of Judah, and for four I will not turn away the punishment thereof.'* What does that mean? It means that even though you pray for mercy, God is not going to change His mind. He's done. It is written, and it will be executed. And why? Why will He not turn away the punishment? *'Because they have despised the law of the Lord and not kept His commandments, and their lies caused them to err in the same paths in which their fathers have walked'*. Now what paths of sin did the fathers of Israel walk in? They walked in idolatry. They walked in harlotry. They backslid. They worshiped other gods. Israel is a very strong proponent of abortion. The women in the army in Israel get two abortions paid for by the State of Israel. Israel is also a strong supporter of the alternative lifestyle community, which God calls an abomination. This is turning away from the law of the Lord and not keeping His commandments to be a holy people that is different from the peoples of the other nations. They are walking in the sin that their fathers have walked in, and therefore God says that He's not going to turn away their punishment. These things have been written. And it says in Amos 2:5, *'I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem'*. Yes, people, Jerusalem is also going to be hit. Buildings are going to be destroyed in Jerusalem.

Judah is the southern part of Israel. Judah and Israel were separate in the olden days, and the southern part where Jerusalem was, was called 'Judah', and the northern part

was called 'Israel'. But Amos 2:6 speaks of the northern part: *'for three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof, because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a piece of shoes'*. Speaking about human trafficking, an unrighteous treatment of the poor, and the father will go in to the same woman as the son has slept with and profane God's holy Name. He's talking about sexual sin. He's talking about treating the things of God lightly - and yet, still calling themselves the nation chosen and called by God. Verse 9 says that God destroyed the Amorite before them and gave them victory and brought them up out of the land of Egypt and led them through the wilderness, and raised up their sons for prophets. You can read all of Amos yourself, but God says the weight of their sin is pressing on Him. And in verse 40 He says, *'therefore, then the flight shall be lost to the swift, and refuge shall fail him. The strong will not retain strength, neither shall the mighty deliver himself. Neither shall he stand who handles the bow, and who is swift of foot shall not deliver himself. Neither he who rides the horse deliver his life. And he who is courageous amongst the mighty shall flee away naked in that day'*.

This is strong discipline. It's speaking about military loss in battle. It's saying military strength and prowess is not going to deliver you, because God is dealing with Israel. God is wrestling with Israel. Is the enemy going to get total victory and wipe out Israel? No. They are not. But God is going to use the enemies of Israel to touch them in the place of their strength, and they will walk away from this wrestling in the Morning Watch year, limping and knowing that they have been before the face of God and they have survived.

Amos 3 is a word to all the people of Israel, the whole nation, the whole family He brought up out of the land of Egypt. And He says, *'I chose you, and I have loved you of all the families of the earth. But I will visit upon you all your wickedness, and punish you for your iniquities'*. And then in Amos 3:6, He says a very riveting thing:

'Shall a trumpet be blown in the city (In other words, an alarm warning that the enemy is at hand) and the people not be afraid. Shall misfortune and evil occur, and the Lord has not caused it.'

For those of you who say God will not cause evil to come upon His people, you are setting yourself in opposition to the Word of God in Amos 3:6! That is also confirmed by

Isaiah 47:7 and Lamentations 3:38. I'm not going to go to those verses now, but check that out. It speaks about the Lord bringing both good and evil. He is good, but for those who wander far from Him and are long without repentance, He allows evil to come to cause chastisement and cause people to return to Him.

Amos 3:11 says this: *'Therefore, thus says the Lord God, an adversary shall surround the land, and he will bring down your defences from you, and your strongholds shall be plundered.'*

For all those of you with your theories and your answers about how on earth Hamas was able to get through the border fences and that none of the alarms went off, God says HE will bring down the defences, whether He used jamming equipment put into the hands of Hamas or whether He used some other method, Amos 3:11 says HE WILL BRING DOWN YOUR DEFENCES FROM YOU, AND YOUR STRONGHOLDS SHALL BE PLUNDERED. Verse 13 says, *'hear and bear witness in the house of Jacob* (Now he's calling him Jacob again, because Jacob is the one who contends. Jacob is the one who is proud and relies on his natural strengths and abilities), *hear and bear witness in the house of Jacob, says the Lord God, the Lord of hosts, that in the day when I visit Israel's transgressions upon him, I will also visit with punishment the altars of Bethel, with its golden calf, and the horns of the altar shall be cut off and fall to the ground and I will smite the winter house with the summer house. And the houses of ivory will perish, and many great houses will come to an end'*.

Let's read Amos 4:11. *'I have overthrown some among you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a brand, plucked out of the burning. Yet you did not return to Me, says the Lord. Therefore, thus will I do to you, O Israel. And because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel. For behold, He who forms the mountain and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, Who makes the morning darkness and treads on the heights of the earth, the Lord, the God of Hosts, is His Name.'* O Israel, prepare to meet your God. He has come to wrestle with you in this morning watch. Yes, you are having a Peniel moment with God. He will strike the head to turn the heart, because He wants you to return to Him. He wants you to return to Him.

Amos 5, God says, *'seek Me and you shall live'*. In verse 4, *'but don't seek all your idols.*

Verse 5: *'Seek the Lord, and you shall live, lest He run down like fire upon the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it'*. Verse 8 *'Seek Him, seek Him who made Pleiades, and Orion, who turns the shadow of death into morning..'*. And verse 9, *'who causes sudden destruction to flash forth upon the strong so that destruction comes upon the fortress'*. It is God who causes sudden destruction to flash forth upon the strong. When Jacob was wrestling with God at Peniel, he was strong. He had managed to prevail and keep wrestling all night, for three watches, but in the morning watch, God caused sudden destruction to flash forth upon the place of Jacob's strength; upon his hip - and he could not wrestle again after that because it was a permanent injury that changed him.

I don't know what to say. I just want to say, this is terrible. These things the Lord is showing me are terrible, but His judgments are right and just and righteous altogether. Seek the Lord that you may live and the Lord will be with you.' *As you have said, hate the evil and love the good, and establish justice in the gate'*. There's been that whole thing in Israel where Netanyahu passed some law or other concerning the power of the Supreme Court and putting himself above it. God says to hate evil & love good. Don't call evil good and good evil - and alternative lifestyles good. Don't call abortion and offering your children to Molech good. Hate evil. Love good. Establish justice in the court of the city's gate. Establish justice in the courts. Don't override the courts. Verse 15 *'It may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph'*. And in verse 16 it says, *'there will be wailing in all the broadways and in all the streets they will say, alas, alas! Verse 18. Woe to you who desire the Day of the Lord. Why would you want the Day of the Lord? It is darkness and not light. It is as if a man fled from a lion and a bear met him. He went into the house and leaned on his hand against the wall and a serpent bit him'*.

Look at this verse 21, (and remember that Israel was celebrating a feast when Hamas struck). Verse 21 says, *'I hate and despise your feasts, and I will not take delight in your solemn assemblies. Take away from Me the noise of your songs. ..But let justice run down like waters and righteousness as an ever-flowing stream'*. God has come to contend with His people. We are having a face-to-face moment. First the natural and then the spiritual. All you who serve the Lord God and know the Lord Jesus Christ, know this, that if this is happening to the natural Israel, Peniel is coming to the spiritual

Israel, to the church. God will execute His righteous judgments for idolatry and wickedness and worldliness and backsliding and calling evil good and good evil, and yet declaring you are the people of the Lord. In recent weeks, some churches have been promoting Transgender agendas. That's vile. It's an abomination in the Lord's sight for a man to wear woman's clothing. Read your Bibles and tremble at the Word of the Lord. There is no fear of the Lord in the church anymore. It's shocking.

You know, in Amos 7, God brings a judgment of locusts, and Amos intercedes and says, "*how can Jacob stand? He's so small,*" and the Lord relents. And then in verse 4, the Lord called for punishment with fire, '*and it devoured the great deep, and would have eaten up the land*', and in verse 5, Amos intercedes and says, "*Lord, stop! How can they stand? They are so little.*" Israel is so little... And it says in verse 6, '*the Lord relented and revoked the sentence. It shall not be, said the Lord*'. But then in verse 7, the Lord stands on the wall with a plumb line in His hand, and He says, '*Amos, what do you see? And Amos says, A plumb line. And the Lord says, I am setting a plumb line as a standard in the midst of My people Israel. I will not pass by and spare them any more. The idolatrous high places shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries shall be laid waste. I will rise up with the sword...*' Et cetera. So, there is a certain amount of time when one can pray for mercy and for God to relent concerning His righteous judgments, and then He comes with his plumb line. And unfortunately, this is what happened. On October 7th, the Lord is showing me, is Israel's Peniel moment. And they immediately, in their confusion and in their horror about what had been done - and yes, it was absolutely horrific! And what those poor hostages in Gaza are undergoing, I don't even want to think about. I've been praying for God to send angels to expose the hiding place so that they can be rescued, but God allowed the defences to fall, and God is setting a plumb line in the midst of His people, Israel and saying, "Jacob, what is your name? Who are you? Look how you've fallen far from Me." And He's going to touch Israel in the place of their strength, just as in 1 Samuel 4. Israel was smitten, and 4000 men died in the first encounter with the Philistines, who arrayed themselves against Israel. And then even when they took the Ark of God, it didn't help. It was a very great slaughter. Because God wants to cleanse those who call themselves by His Name - and first the natural and then the spiritual. We should all be trembling with the fear of the Lord, as the Day of the Lord begins to unfold in this morning watch year!

Read the whole of Zephaniah two. It's very relevant. It speaks about the time for repentance which is going by like drifting chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord comes; before the day of the wrath of the Lord comes upon us.

'Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who have acted in compliance with His will. Seek humility. It may be you will be hidden in the day of the Lord's anger.' And then verse 4, I mentioned, says Gaza will be forsaken. And it goes on to say why it will be forsaken. But in Zephaniah 2:8, He says this, it's very interesting because you know how people are speaking against Israel - and this goes for all those who've stood up in the nations waving the flag of a nation that they don't live in, and standing against Israel, the nation that God established, it says in Zephaniah 2:8:

'I have heard the taunts of Moab (Moab is the south of Jordan) and the revilings of the Ammonites (North part of Jordan) by which they have reproached My people and magnified themselves and made boasts against their territory. Therefore, as I live, says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Moab shall become like Sodom, and the Ammonites like Gomorrah'.

God is speaking a judgment upon those who revile His people and magnify themselves and boast against them. If you want to invite the judgment of God upon your life, when you do not have full possession of the facts, and you are unable to discern and have no understanding of the times, you can set yourself in array and opposition towards God Almighty Himself, and you will bring judgment upon your life.

Zephaniah 2:10 'This shall they have for their pride, because they have taunted and boasted against the people of the Lord of hosts. The Lord will be terrible to them, for He will make lean and famish all the gods of the earth, and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles and coastlands of the nations'.

Well, therein is a warning to the nations of the earth that are taunting and boasting against the people of the Lord of Hosts. He will be terrible to you. Now, obviously, most of these nations that are standing up are criticizing Israel for wanting to deal with Hamas in Gaza and criticizing Israel for living in the land that God gave to the seed of Abraham. Beware and be warned, and let the fear of the Lord take possession of you. Read the

Word of God and get a godly perspective and reset and calibrate your compass needles according to understanding of the times!

So, to summarize, the Lord is showing me that Israel is like Jacob before the face of God, wrestling in their own strength. Israel in the wilderness trusted in God, but now they've grown prosperous and strong militarily, and they've had many achievements in all fields science, technology. They have pride in their ability to prevail and they don't realise it is God they are wrestling with in this morning watch year, and because the Lord wants to turn the hearts of His nation, Israel, towards Him, so that they can truly be Israel, the nation whom God rules.

Yes, Israel has had battles before and prevailed in the Six Day War which struck on Yom Kippur. They had swift victory but this time it's going to be different, because God is going to strike the head to turn the heart. God is going to touch this nation that is behaving more like Jacob than Israel, He's going to touch them in the place of their strength. But He will change the hearts, and they will limp away from this face-to-face appointment with God, and the sun will rise upon Israel. The glory of the Lord will be seen.

I really pray that you will take these things that I've shared with you - as terrible as they are to contemplate for those who truly love the Word of God and love the people of God and desire to serve him with all their hearts! Let's really lean on the Holy Spirit as to how to pray, and in the fear of God, let us ask Him to search our hearts, that if there is any wicked way in us, that He may show us, and that He may lead us in the way everlasting.

Selah