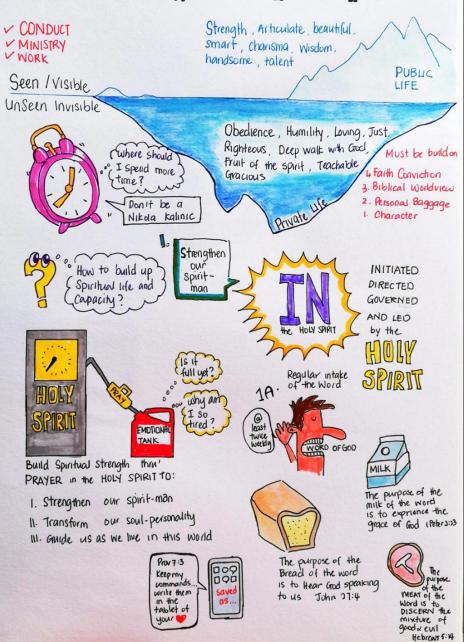


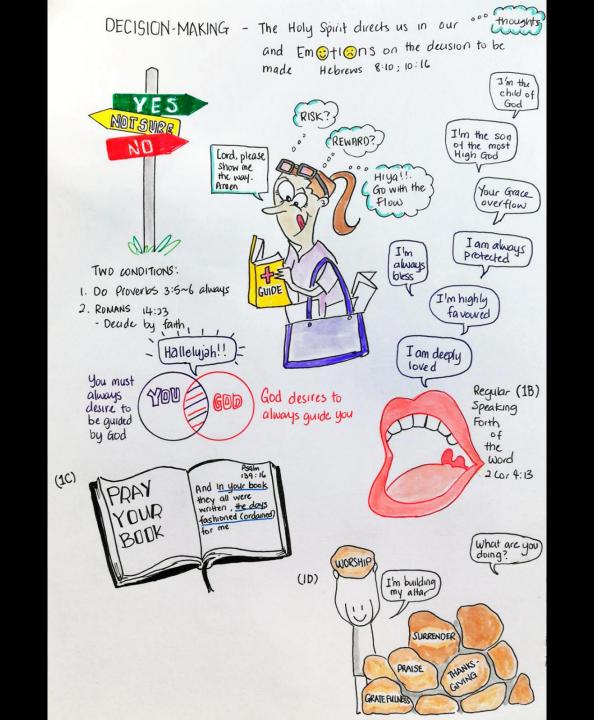
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EFFECTIVE PRAYER (PART 6)

## BUILD SPIRIT UAL STRENGTH





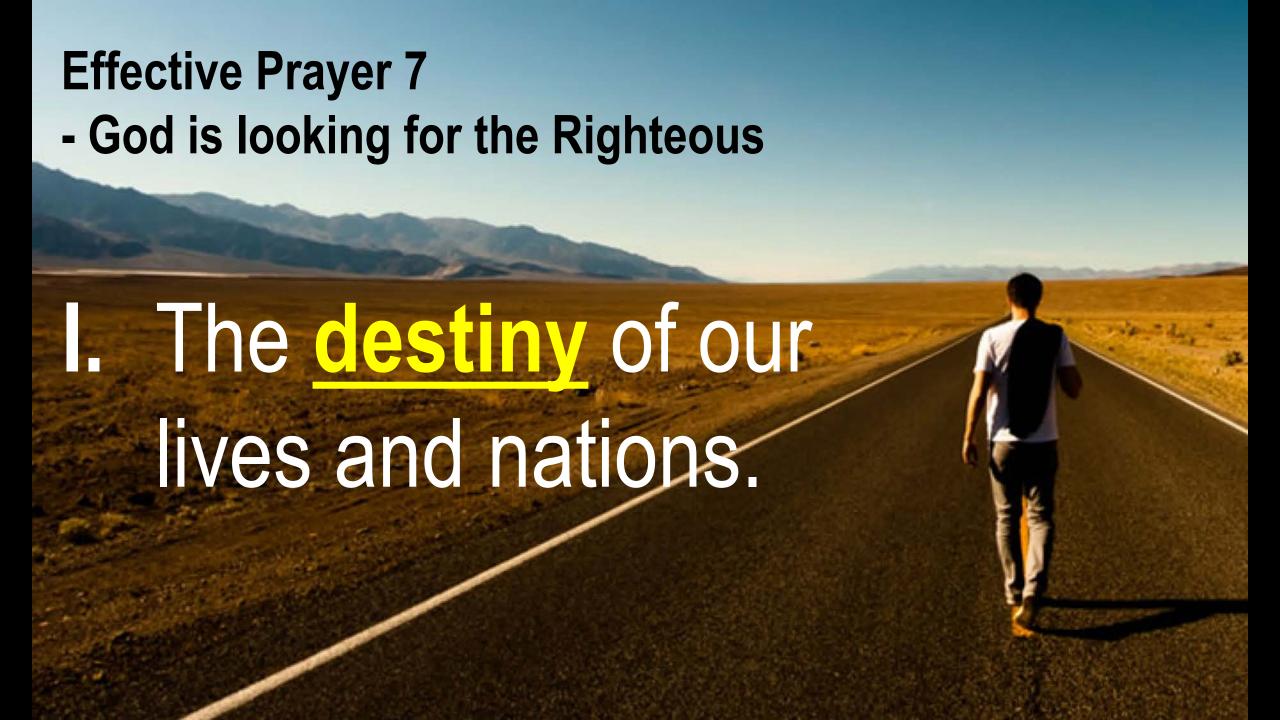


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- covered in Effective Prayer Part 3 -

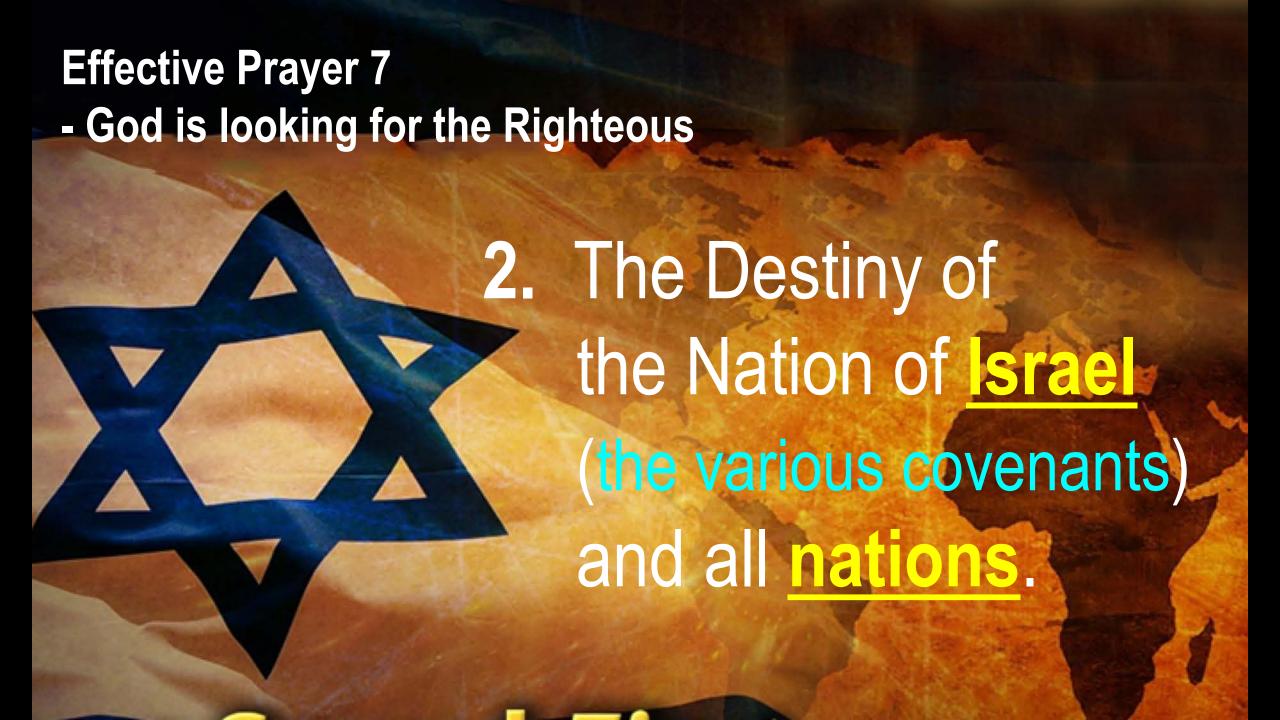
# Pray the Book!



1. Our Personal Destiny is written in a book in heaven.

Psalm 139:16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned (ordained-NIV) for me, when as yet there were none of them.

2 Timothy 1:9 who has <u>saved</u> us and <u>called</u> us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but <u>according to His own purpose</u> and <u>grace</u> which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.



2. The Destiny of the Nation of <a href="Israel">Israel</a> (the various covenants) and all <a href="nations">nations</a>.

#### **Genesis 17:7-8**

7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

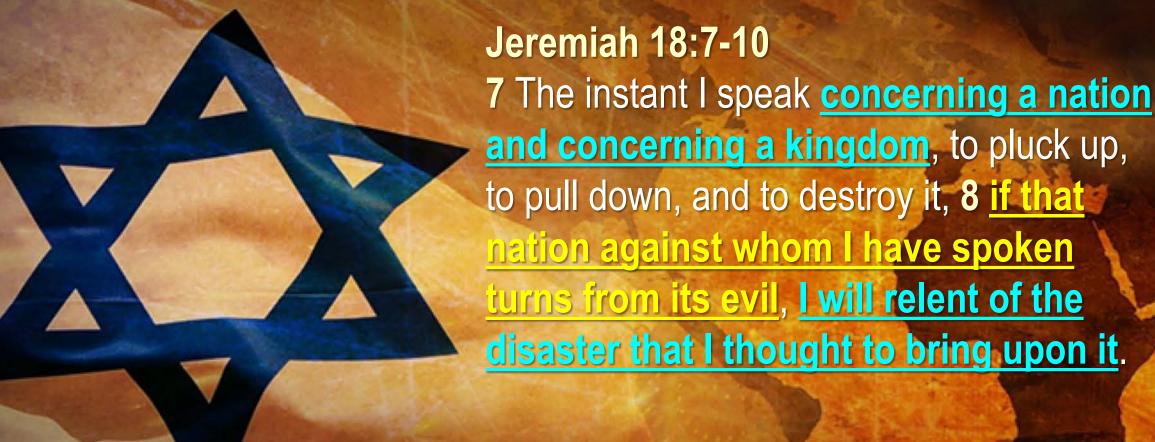
8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

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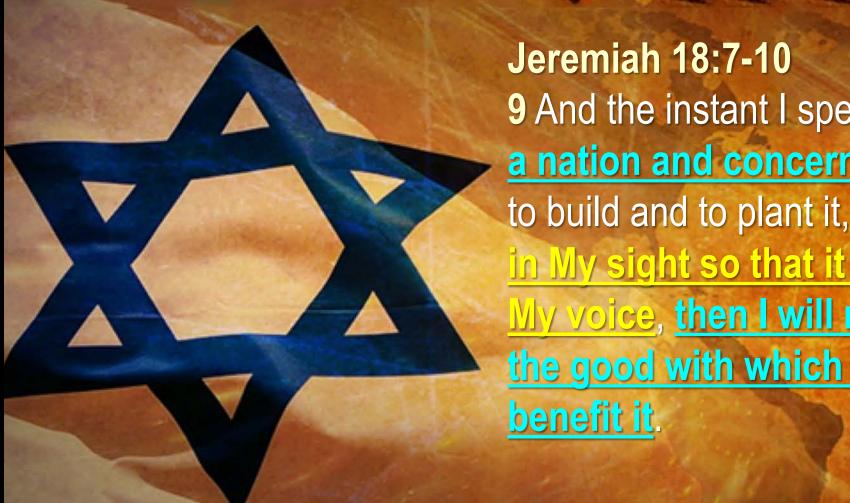
Jeremiah 23:18 For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, and has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it?

Jeremiah 25:13 So I will bring on that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied Concerning all the nations.

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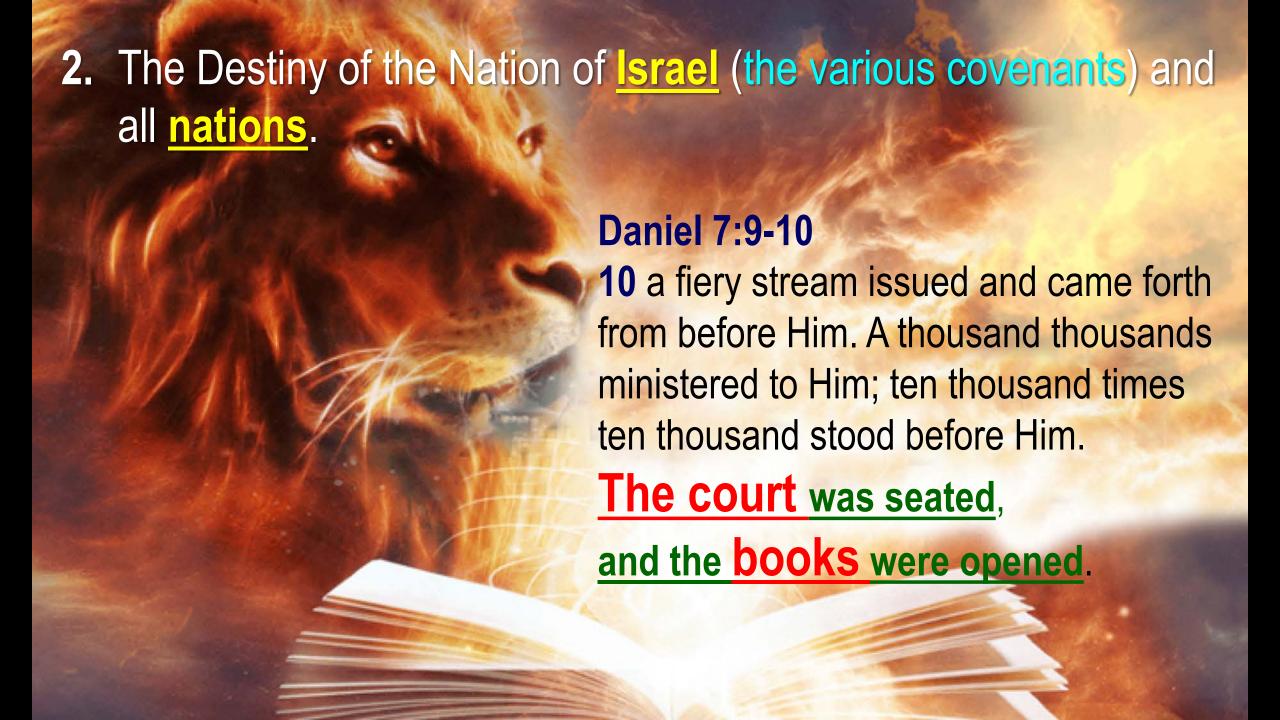


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9 And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, 10 if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would





#### **Revelation 5:1-5**

1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a **SCroll written inside and on the back**,

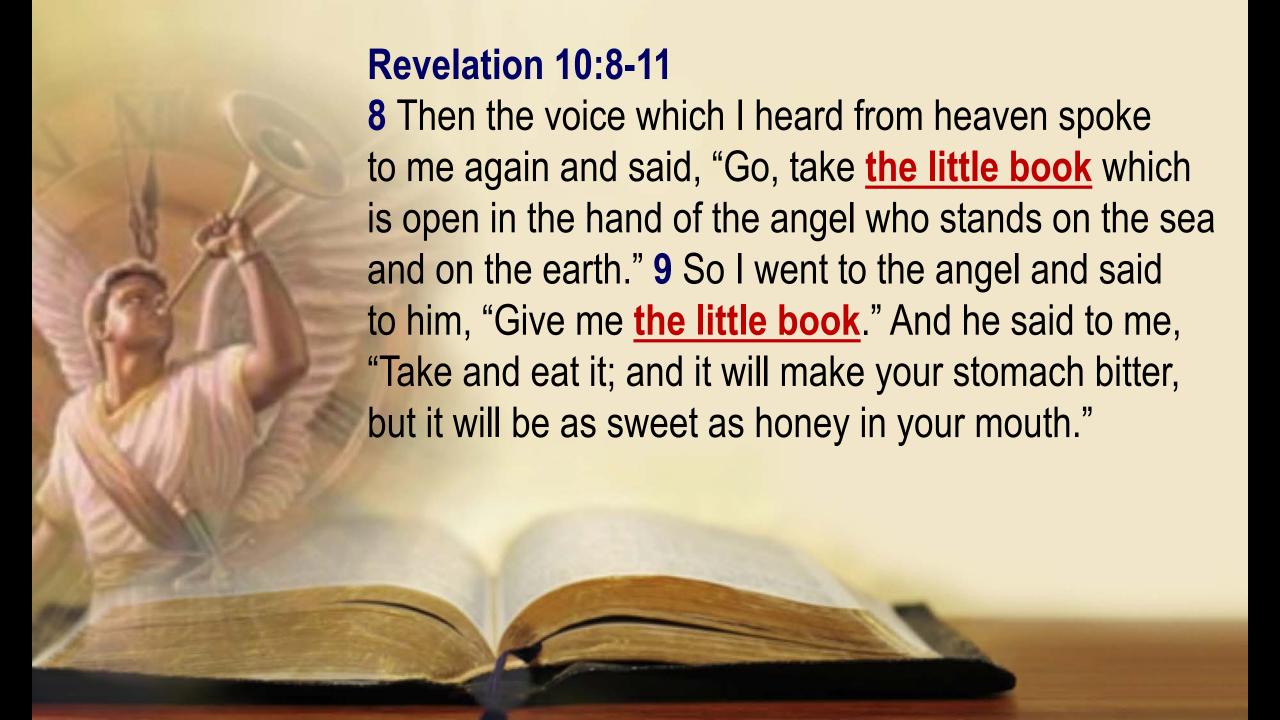
sealed with seven seals. 2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming

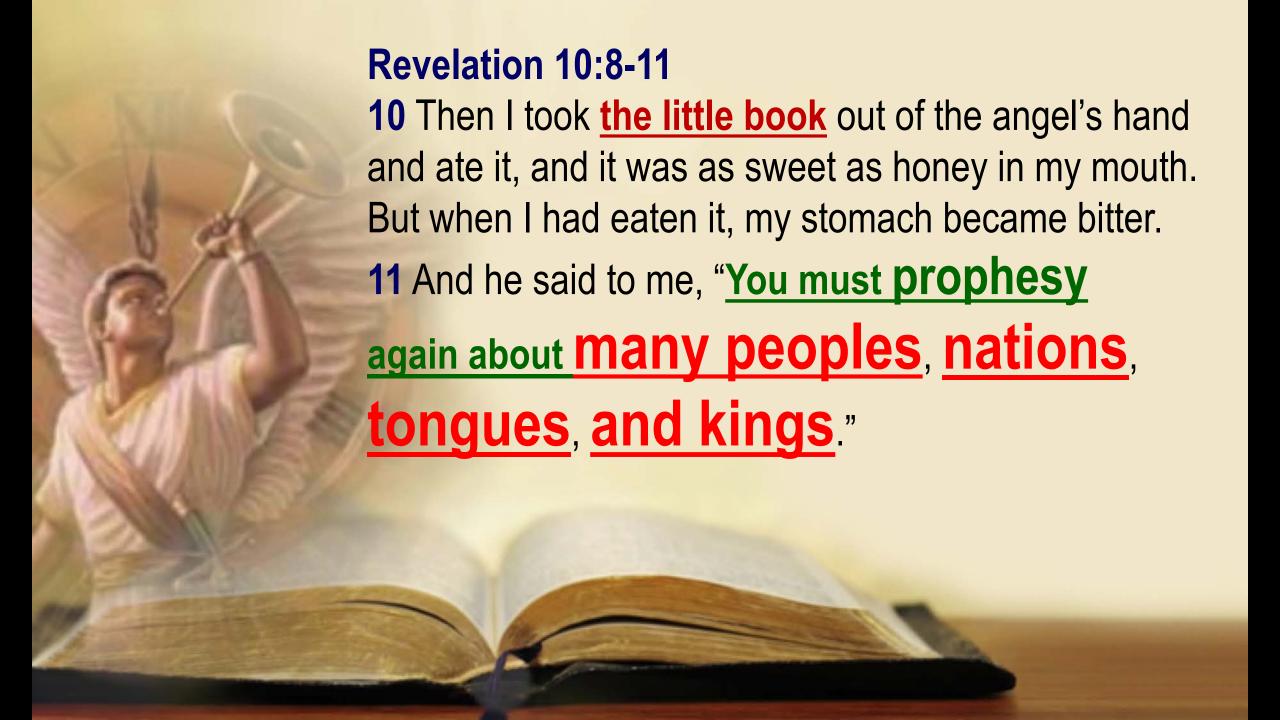
with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the SCroll and to loose

its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. 4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of

David, has prevailed to open the SCroll and to loose its Seven seals."

If the scroll is not opened, God's purposes cannot be fulfilled!





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Ezekiel 22:30 So sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

Jeremiah 5:1 Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem; see now and know; and seek

in her open places if you can find a man, if there is anyone who executes judgment, who seeks the truth, and I will pardon her.

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Isaiah 43:25-26

25 I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.

26 Put Me in remembrance; let us contend

together; state your case,

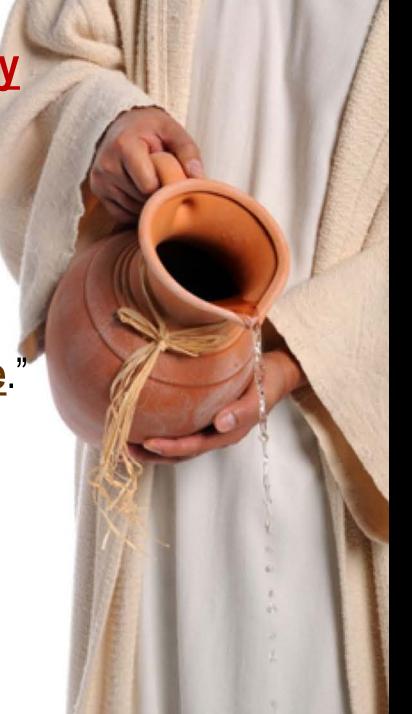
that you may be acquitted.

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  - Such a person <u>walks in spiritual authority</u> with God.
     Genesis 18:22-33 Abraham
    - Abraham's intercession for Sodom and Gomorrah
    - From 50 to 10 righteous men.
    - There were fewer than 10 righteous men!
    - Sodom and Gomorrah were judged and destroyed!

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#### 2 Kings 2:19-22 [Elisha]

19 The people of the city said to <u>Elisha</u>, "Look, our lord, this town is well situated, as you can see, but the <u>water is bad and the land is unproductive</u>."
20 "Bring me a <u>new bowl</u>," he said, "and <u>put salt</u> in it." So they brought it to him.



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#### 2 Kings 2:19-22 [Elisha]

21 Then he went out to the spring and threw
the salt into it, Saying, "This is what the Lord
says: 'I have healed this water. Never again will
it cause death or make the land unproductive."
22 And the water has remained pure to this day,
according to the word Elisha had spoken.



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### James 5:16-18 [Righteous Man - Elijah]

16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The <u>effective</u>,

## fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

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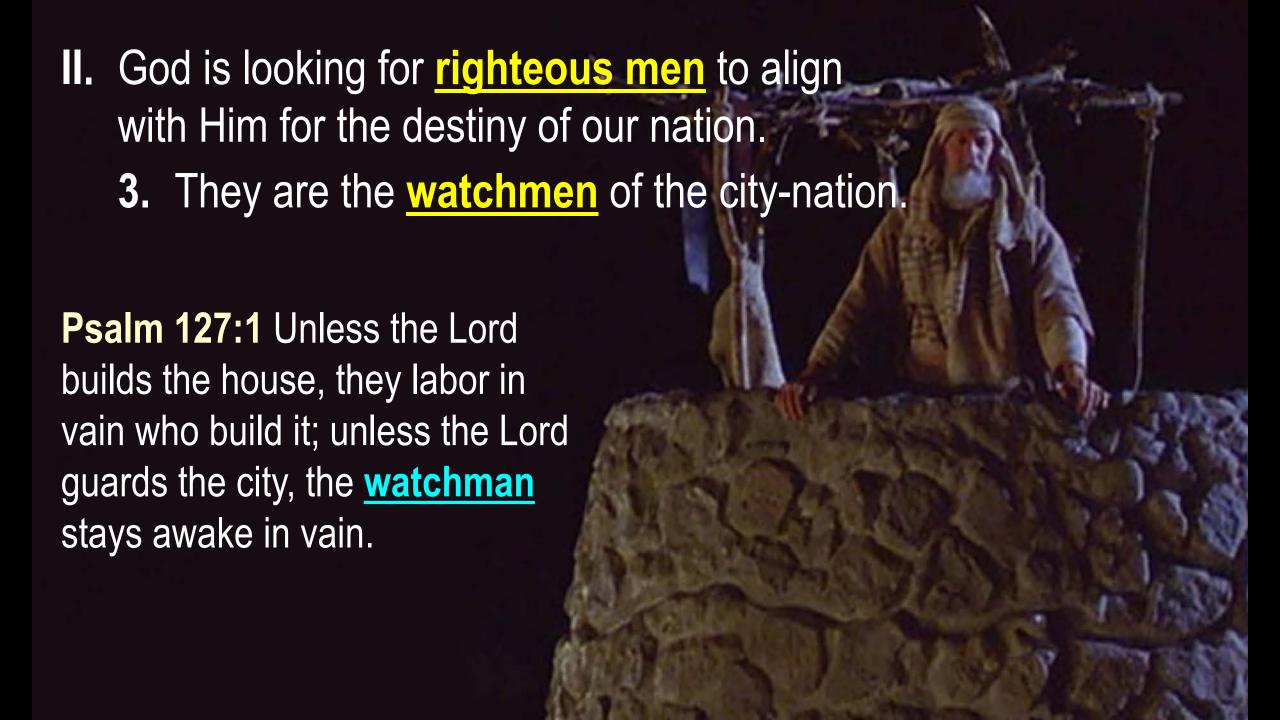
#### Matthew 16:18-19

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church (Ekklesia), and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

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## Elders at the gates: Ekklesia

- generally meant to be the Church the called out ones
- particularly, those who know how to wield the keys of the Kingdom
- the overcomers
- those who walk in spiritual authority and power
- those rooted to the Word and led by the Spirit of God





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Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for <u>brethren</u> to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the <u>precious oil upon the head</u>, <u>running down</u> on the beard, the beard of Aaron, <u>running down</u> on the edge of his garments. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; <u>for there the Lord commanded the blessing—life forevermore</u>.

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## A. Must walk together in relational unity

**Ephesians 4:16** from whom (Christ) the whole body, **joined and knit together by what every joint supplies**, according to the effective working by which **every part does its share**, causes **growth** of the body for the **edifying of itself in love**.

Colossians 2:19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.

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- **4.** These righteous persons at the gates of the nation:
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Isaiah 2:2 Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.

Mountain = Governmental Apostolic Authority

House of the Lord = Family: Connected and Related with one another



2 Samuel 3:1 Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David.

But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.

#### **Genesis 13:6-11**

6 Now the land was not able to support them, that they <u>might dwell together</u>, for their possessions were so great that they <u>could not dwell together</u>.

7 And there was **Strife** between the **herdsmen of Abram's** livestock and the **herdsmen of Lot's** livestock. The **Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land**.

#### **Genesis 13:6-11**

8 So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. 9 Is not the whole

land before you? Please **Separate** from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."

### **Genesis 13:6-11**

10 And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. 11 Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east.

And they separated from each other.

- **4.** These righteous persons at the gates of the nation:
  - B. Walk in <u>alignment</u> with people operating under God's <u>covenantal / apostolic</u> authority and agenda.

## **Abraham and Lot**

- Moment Lot separated from Abraham, Lot's destiny was out of alignment from Abraham ... everything went down for Lot.
- Abraham is the key person carrying the blessing. Not Lot.

# Other Examples:

- ✓ Laban blessed because of <u>Jacob</u> Genesis 30:27
- Pothiphar blessed because of <u>Joseph</u> Genesis 39
- Saul blessed because of David 1 & 2 Samuel



- B. Walk in <u>alignment</u> with people operating under God's <u>covenantal</u> / <u>apostolic</u> authority and agenda.
  - ✓ The Anointing-Blessing is always in the House.
  - Blessings flow from the top
  - We must stay aligned plugged in the house.
  - It is Not about geography or location but being in alignment to the godly spiritual authority over us.



Genesis 14:14 Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

- (1) Born in the **house** [same DNA].
- (2) Trained [Protocol of the house].
- (3) They were <u>armed-empowered</u>.

### **Ephesians 4:11-12**

11 And He Himself gave some to be <u>apostles</u>, <u>some prophets</u>, <u>some evangelists</u>, <u>and some pastors and teachers</u>, 12 for the <u>equipping</u> (<u>alignment</u>) of the saints for the work of ministry, for the <u>edifying</u> of

the body of Christ ...

## **Arm out of Joint Re-aligned**

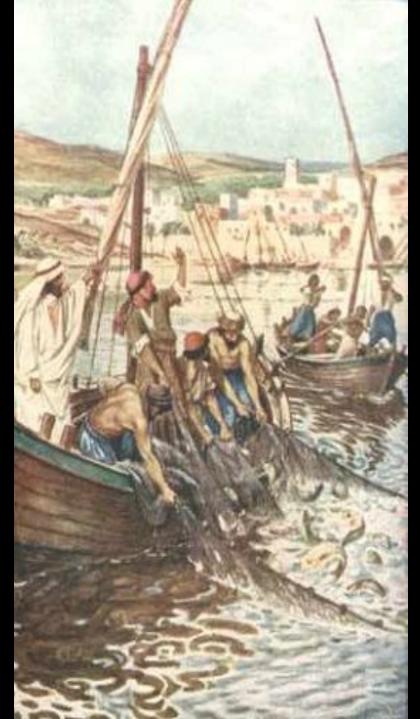
- otherwise limp!
- Be spiritually joined
- Relationally joined
- Alignment is the Biblical principle
- Alignment pulls you up in authority
  - get benefits you did not personally work for

Matthew 10:40 He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

Whoever receives you (apostles)

Whoever receives you (apostles) receive Me and the Father Walk in alignment with God and those / in apostolic authority over the city



### **Luke 5:4-7 (NKJV)**

4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

7 So they signaled to their **partners in**the other boat to come and help them.

And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

# Widow of Zarephath - 1 Kings 17:8-16

- widow's last meal
- E pushed her to be in alignment by prep of last meal for him first
- she obeyed and reaped the blessings of many more meals
- her last meal became the first of many more to come
- her house blessed because she aligned with a man of God



### **Exodus 32:11-14 (Golden Calf Incident)**

11 Then Moses <u>pleaded</u> with the Lord his God, and said: "Lord, <u>why</u> does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

12 Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them

out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume

them from the face of the earth'?

Turn from Your fierce wrath,

and relent from this harm

to Your people.

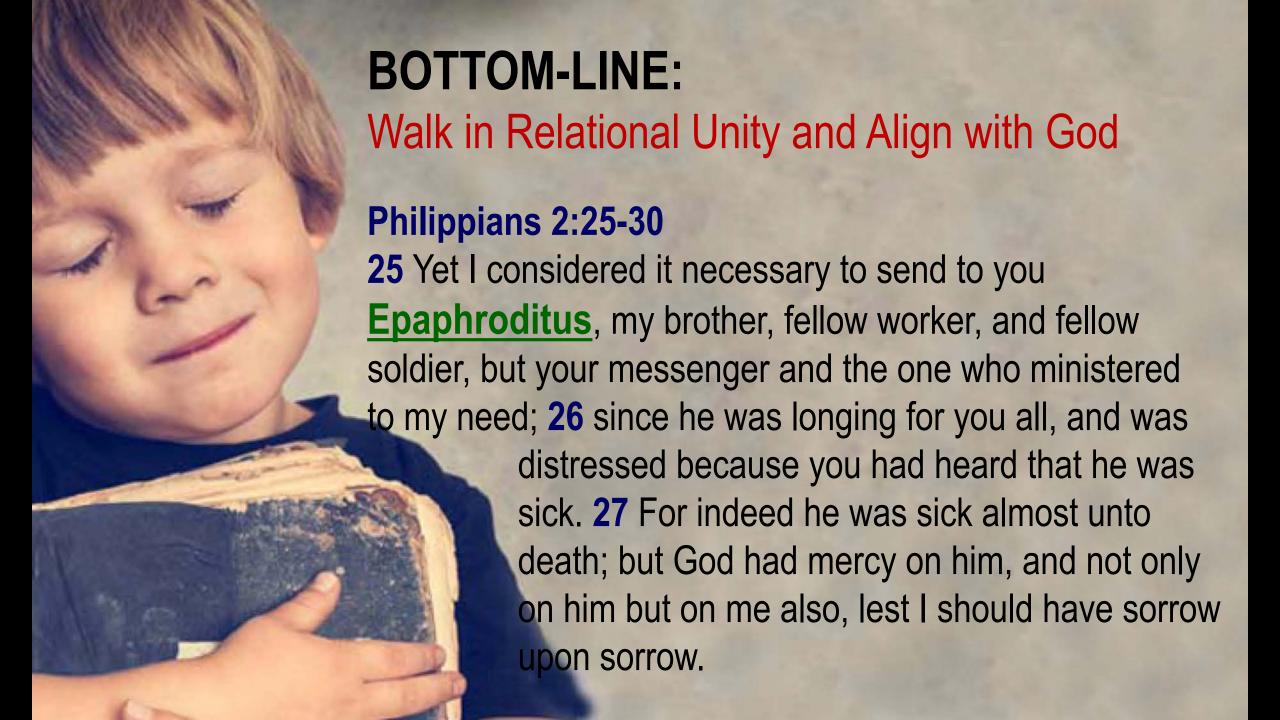
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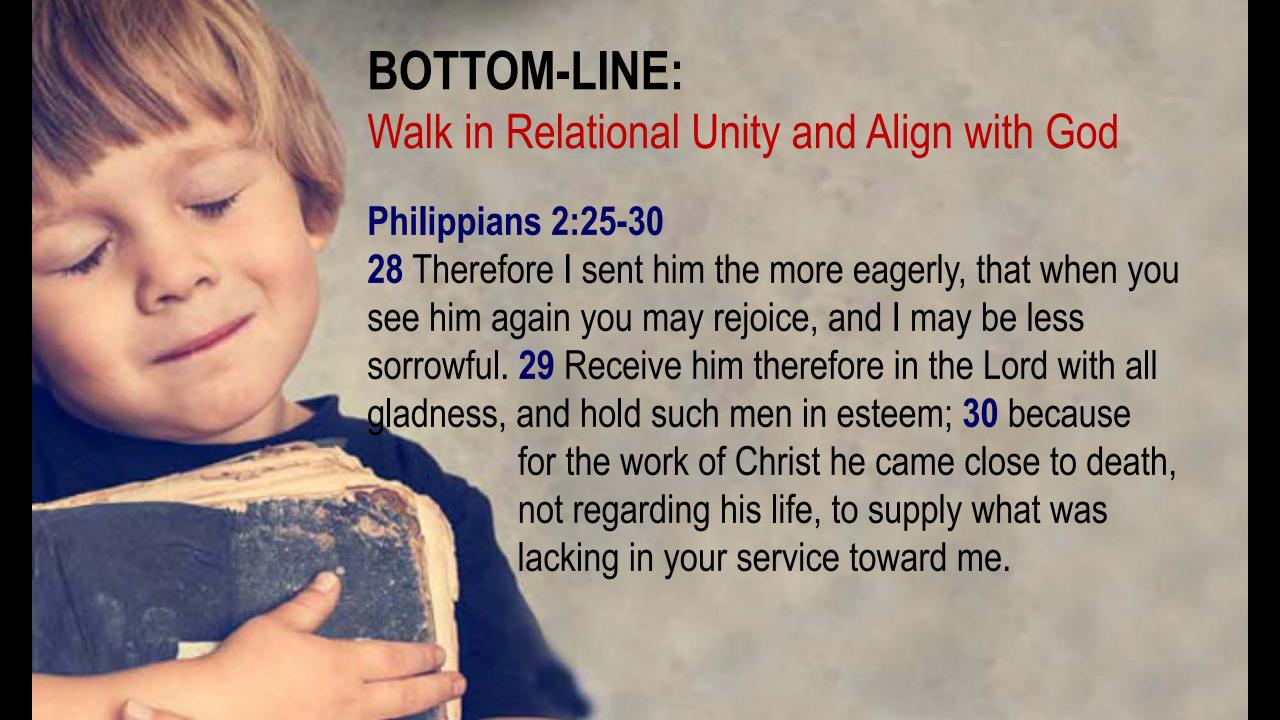
13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' 14 So the Lord relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.

God's Name (reputation) + God's Purpose (Covenant) + God's Glory

1 John 5:14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.





# BOTTOM-LINE: Walk in Relational Unity and Align with God



Philippians 2:25 Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need.