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To My beloved disciples, thus says the Lord of Heaven's armies:

I AM your Good Shepherd. You shall not want.
I AM the One who makes you lie down in green pastures.
I lead you beside still waters.
I, your Lord, restore your soul.
I lead you in paths of righteousness for My name's sake

Even though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you will fear no evil For I AM with you. My rod and My staff will comfort you.

For I have prepared a table - a banqueting table - for you in the presence of your enemies. I anoint your head with oil so that your cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life and you shall dwell in My house forever. Psalm 23 ESV

This is your Lord's promise and the Word to you for this year of 2023.

At first glance, many of you have dismissed the number 23 as odd and meaningless but every number in My Word has meaning and 23 is no exception.

Here are a few examples:

Jezebel is the most evil woman mentioned in God's word. She is referenced twenty-three times in God's word.

Moses set aside twenty-three thousand to the Levitical priesthood.

Ezekiel 13 and 14 each have twenty-three verses. And both of these chapters address topics of great relevance in these end days: false prophets and false shepherds.

And on the 23rd day of the month Sivan, Mordecai wrote the decree that protected the Jews from annihilation.

What are the connections?

- Jezebel will be utterly destroyed in these last days.
- The intercession of My priests prevails in the end days.

- False prophets and false shepherds will be exposed and humbled in these last days.
- My protection over you in these last days will be far greater than what Mordecai provided.

Twenty-three is a number associated with war, with struggle and with stress, but also with transition and victory.

The word transition means “to change to something different or greater”. The world will continue to transition from evil to greater evil.

Even as you experienced difficult days in 2022, in 2023 there will be even more difficult days for the minds of carnal men continue to devise wicked plans according to their own evil thinking. However, fear not, My beloved disciples, but rather recognize that what the world and its leaders are doing simply affirms and confirms all that I have told you about the end of days. They flaunt an authority they think they have while having no idea that they are foolish pawns in My Sovereign Hand.

Transition for you is entirely different. Of course your mind goes to the Rapture, but there is more.

I offer you, My beloved disciples, the opportunity in the weeks ahead to “transition” to a greater and deeper relationship with Me so that you may literally be changed more and more into My image and likeness before that great day.

Beloved, you are living in the greatest of prophetic times. You, My End Time Remnant, were individually selected to be on this earth at this time for My purpose. Know without any doubt, that you have been chosen, appointed and anointed for this hour of human history and you already have ALL that you need from Heaven’s storehouse to navigate these prophesied times in steadfast faith, in supernatural peace, and in resounding victory.

It is all yours already. Would I say such a thing to you if it were not so? Is not My Word forever settled in Heaven? (Ps. 119:89)

What I say ALWAYS comes to pass.

2023 will be a year of war - war in the Spirit and war among men.

Yes there will be earthly battlefields but the greater war will be against the principalities of the second Heaven - the forces of satan himself.

Therefore, in this year, I will raise up among you a "company of Jehu" - strong disciples, both male and female, who will boldly confront sin, oppression and demonic forces. These Jehu's will function in an anointing like David's - an anointing of courage to stand unshakeable, immovable and unflappable even before the greatest of enemies. These Jehu's will operate under authority with only one driving force - to fulfill the will of God.

Be not surprised if some of this company at times seem to be unrefined, and even severe in fulfilling their assignment for by the anointing I give them, they shall be extremely passionate and astoundingly bold in carrying out their assignment.

Yes, some of YOU are being called into this company.

Let us review the calling of Jehu.

Then Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets and said to him, "Tie up your garments, and take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead. And when you arrive, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, son of Nimshi. And go in and have him rise from among his fellows, and lead him to an inner chamber. Then take the flask of oil and pour it on his head and say, "Thus says the LORD, I anoint you king over Israel. "Then open the door and flee; do not linger." So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

And when he came, behold, the commanders of the army were in council. And he said, "I have a word for you, O commander." And Jehu said, "To which of us all?" And he said, "To you, O commander." So he arose and went into the house.

And the young man poured the oil on his head, saying to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, I anoint you king over the people of the LORD, over Israel. And you shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, so that I may avenge on Jezebel the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD. For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and I will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel.

2 Kings 9:1-8 ESV

Elijah was afraid of Jezebel and hid in a cave. Jehu was fearless.

In these days, My Beloved disciples, I call you and equip you to be fearless in doing what I call you to do.

Be fearless in sharing My Word.

Be fearless in standing for righteousness, justice and truth.

Be fearless in living according to My commandments and precepts.

Be fearless like Jehu, who did what I called him to do.

He executed Jezebel. He wasn't afraid of her; he didn't reason with her, he didn't try to "convert" her; she was pure evil in the eyes of the Lord and Jehu killed her.

My Body has been far too tolerant of evil; let that not be true of you. Uphold My Word fearlessly.

Jehu accomplished with fierce determination everything that I told him to do. *Jehu struck down all who remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, all his great men and his close friends and his priests, until he left him none remaining.* 2 Kings 10:11 ESV

And Jehu wiped out Baal from all of Israel. 2 Kings 10:28 ESV

So in summary, Jehu dealt decisively with evil and removed idolatry from the nation. How desperately this is needed across the world in this hour, and particularly in your nation!

However, I must also give you a warning, beloved, for Jehu accomplished much but later turned away from Me:

Jehu did not turn aside from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin—that is, the golden calves that were in Bethel and in Dan.

And the LORD said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in carrying out what is right in my eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in my heart, your sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel."

But Jehu was not careful to walk in the law of the LORD, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He did not turn from the sins of Jeroboam, which he made Israel to sin. 2 Kings 10: 29-31 ESV

Jehu served magnificently but he did not end well. Jehu was outstanding at doing what I told him to do but because he never developed a strong relationship with Me, his end was tragic. He departed from the faith and turned to idolatry.

What has been, will be...this is happening again even now within My Body. It is the apostasy which was prophesied.

Faithful followers have become unfaithful; respected leaders are now dis-respected.

And why, My beloved disciples? Because one of the great tools of the enemy in these last days is to get My disciples so focused and preoccupied with

what they need to do, that they fail at the most important thing - spending quality time with Me.

Be forewarned so that you are forearmed.

In this year, demonic forces will war against your private devotions; they will war against your commitment to abide in My Word; they will war against your study of My Word. I am not talking of a light skirmish. They will WAR against your prayer life because they know their time is short.

But fear not: for My Spirit is always one step ahead of the enemy. Listen to My Spirit, obey His voice and heed His urgings for He has been given to you to remind you of everything I told you and to show you things to come. Don't miss your appointments with Me.

Be diligent to listen to My Holy Spirit for He will lead and guide you; He will protect and preserve you in these days of confusion, violence and tyranny. Join the company of which Daniel the prophet spoke:

"...the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action."

Daniel 11:32b ESV

This will be a year of testing for My Body. But I say to you what Moses said to the children of Israel:

"Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of Him may be before you, that you may not sin."

Exodus 20:20 ESV

Remember, disciples that a test is always for the purpose of promotion!

A test offers advancement. A test successfully passed moves you forward in your walk with Me. The test is based on what you have learned. Isn't that what testing is all about? You will be tested on what you've been taught. Many of you are diligent to take notes as you hear the Word but a notebook full of notes doesn't pass the test. It's the application in your life of what's in that notebook that matters in My eyes.

Every healing evangelist was tested with something physical. My son, Smith Wigglesworth, suffered with kidney stones while those he prayed for walked away fully healed.

Testing is a normal part of growth, beloved. Do not despise the testings of the Lord but welcome them, embrace them for what they really are - promotion in the Spirit.

Some have become weary of waiting for My appearing. You have believed I am coming soon, but your patience is wearing thin and distractions are

creeping in. My beloved, take this admonition to heart: Never change what you believe to accommodate a situation or an emotion.

I AM COMING! It was settled in heaven before the earth was formed.

James wrote to you:

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. James 5:7-8 ESV

Demonic powers are afflicting many in My Body with fatigue and discouragement. Guard yourselves from being among them but do as Paul wrote to you: "...let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9 ESV

There will be a great acceleration of wickedness in the months ahead and My disciples will have to choose sides just as Israel was called upon to choose. Be not like the Israelites who wavered between two opinions but choose even TODAY that you are on My side and you will remain on My side.

Wear your commitment proudly; be My witness boldly.

As the shakings continue in the world around you, as everything seems to be increasingly unstable and nothing seems "normal", as earthly institutions show themselves unreliable, worship and prayer will be your source of stability, both privately and within the assembly.

Keep the exhortation of Peter close to your heart:

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. I Peter 4:7 ESV

Forsake NOT the assembling of yourselves together, as My Word says, for it will be a source of great strength, great resilience, great victory.

Recognize that the enemy is doing all he can to draw you away from fellowship, away from prayer, away from worship, away from the protection of a church family. When he whispers to your mind, "just stay home this time", jump up, grab your Bible and RUN to the church! What a glorious migraine headache you'll give him when you do!

Press in, Beloved, to hear the voice of My Spirit; and once you hear, obey quickly. Recognize that you are living in days that have no precedence. There has never been a "last days" people. You have no model to follow but

you have ME! I shall lead you; I shall guide you. Obey Me without hesitation and without compromise and you shall walk triumphantly.

I am coming for a Bride "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing", for a Bride that is holy and without blemish.

Understand, My beloved, that "spots" represent sin but "wrinkles" are something different. Wrinkles imply imperfections.

For example, if the Holy Spirit prompts you to call a friend or send an encouraging message to a fellow disciple and you hear Him, but you procrastinate and then end up forgetting to do it, that's a wrinkle. It's like a 'crease' in your otherwise well-ironed clothing.

It's not sin but the "wrinkle" deprives you of a blessing you could have received if you obeyed more promptly instead of procrastinating and sometimes forgetting all about it. When we've quenched the Spirit or grieved the Spirit, that's often not deliberate sin; it's a wrinkle!

I am coming for a Bride without spot or wrinkle or any such blemish? Is that possible you ask?

Yes, because as you surrender every spot and wrinkle to Me in repentance, the power of My shed Blood cleanses you to the uttermost and you stand before Me as a pure and beautiful Bride.

Therefore, listen to what I say to you: *For I, the LORD your God, am living among you. I AM a mighty savior. I will take delight in you with gladness. With My love, I will calm all your fears. I will rejoice over you with joyful songs.*"
(Adaptation of Zephaniah 3:17 NLT)

For the world, there are three defining words in 2023:
deception, discouragement and depression.

You will see these play out across the nation and the world.

For My disciples, the three defining words in 2023 are:
vigilance, vision and victory.

1) Be vigilant over your words, your actions and your emotions.

"For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."
Matthew 12:37 ESV

"...having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame."

I Peter 3:16 ESV

Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city.

Proverbs 16:32 ESV

2) Hold to the vision of being transformed into My image and likeness.

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:29 NLT

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

3) Walk in the victory I have already provided for you over the enemy and the flesh.

"...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Romans 8:37 ESV

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Cor. 15:57 ESV

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

John 5:4 ESV

2023

a discouraging, depressing time for the world but a powerful and victorious season for My Beloved Disciples