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IT'S A NEW SEASON (PART 1)



TEXT: DANIEL 2:20-21

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!! Hallelujah!!!

Shall we make our DECLARATIONS OF EXCELLENCE in this very Special Year of Excellence.

... Are you READY? SAY WITH ME:

Out of Zion, the Perfection of Beauty, God shines forth. The Lord my God causes the Righteous to shine forth as the Sun.

His Awesome Hands has formed me; His Creative Spirit inspires my mind. He Skillfully guides my hands.

Therefore, I boldly declare: I am Set Apart for Excellence. The Ruler of the Universe has exalted my horn among the Nations. He sets my feet on high! In His Strength, I rise!

By Faith, I Press forward towards the Prize of my Highest Calling.

I believe in my heart, and confess with my mouth: that Jesus is Lord! He is the Vine, I am the Branch; in Him I abide, in Him I Blossom.

As it is written: God, who commanded Light out of darkness, has Shone His Light in our hearts.

We have His Treasure in Earthen Vessels. That the Excellence of the Power may be of God, and not of us!

In this Year, I commit to EXCELLENCE, I commit to EXCEPTIONALISM, I commit to do the EXTRAORDINARY.

In Jesus' Name - Amen and Amen and Amen and Amen.

And you may be seated in His Presence wherever you are or reading now on the Label of DMC.

So, my Message today is simply Titled: "IT'S A NEW SEASON."

Our lives on Earth is subject to Change.

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If you have lived long enough, by now you know that life is subject to Change.

The Earth itself Physically rotates and revolves constantly. The Earth is constantly turning.

It is interesting that we live on this Earth and think it is stable. But in reality, it is a big ball in the Sky, hanging, driven by Gravity that is constantly on Motion.

And because of that, there are Changes in Season on our Earth. But Spiritually, God is also constantly Changing things.

And we have to know that when God is indicating a Change one way or the other because the way we respond to that will determine how effectively we live our lives.

... So there are Changes in the Seasons of God.

Daniel made that observations in Daniel 2:20-21.

Daniel indicated that God changes Seasons.

it says (NKJV):

Daniel answered and said:

20 Blessed be the Name of God forever and ever, For Wisdom and Might are His.

21 And He changes the Times and the Seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings;
He gives Wisdom to the Wise

And knowledge to those who have Understanding.

The Part that I want you to note is: "He Changes the Times and the Seasons"

So, God changes Times and Seasons - And it is important when Times and Seasons
Changes - to recognise it.

Normally, we recognise it when the Times and Seasons Change.

If we are in a temperate region, there will be Four (4) Seasons of: Winter, Spring, Summer
and Autumn.

... That is four (4)!

In our part of the world, (Africa) it is two (2) Main Seasons - It is either Raining or it is
not Raining. Rainy Season and Dry Season.

But in between, there are normal changes; although we are now in the Rainy Season,
relatively, our weather is a bit cold at this time.

... So weather changes!

Weather is not the only thing that Changes. God's dealing with us also goes through
Changes.

And we have to recognize when God is indicating a Change in Seasons.

A Season is not the same as a Circumstance.

Having a change in Circumstances is not the same as having a change in Seasons.

... A Circumstance is very different!

A Circumstance for example, when it rains, the ground would get muddy - And that is Circumstance.

It is an event or an activity tied to an event because it has rained, the ground would get wet.

That is circumstance! It is not a season.

And if you wait till the next morning, the ground would dry.

So, when our lives go through Circumstances; if we wait a little but, it changes back.

But when there is a Season, it is not just something that you wait and say: Oh, by tomorrow it will be different - No, it is a BIG transformation. It is a BIG EPOCH.

And so, when we say that God is changing the Season, you can't wave it out!

You can't say: Oh, God is changing it; but I will stay where I am - hopefully, the world would return to where it was.

... It would not!

And that is just something I want all of us to understand;

What is happening in this world is bringing about a change in seasons - It is a Seasonal Change.

So, for those of us who are waiting that things would get back to normal; the normal will not be the NORMAL you are used to.

So, we have to know when there is a Change in Seasons.

And then, I just want to talk about a similar thing that happened in Israel when there was a Change in Seasons.

And it occurred when King Saul died.

King Saul had been King of Israel for forty two (42) years. His reign had been a bit turbulent: People's Spiritual Life had deteriorated. And he himself at some Point was consulting witches.

And so, the Nation is in a bad shape. And it is been so for forty two (42) - they were losing battles. But God had indicated that David was going to come in as a New King.

He didn't have to wait for years for that day to come into manifestation.

And then Saul dies in battle, and now there is a Change in Seasons - The Seasons are changed.

Something that they had been doing for forty two (42) years is about to Change!

And if you were an Israelite at that time, if you are the only one who had been King for forty two (42) years, you would Probably be the only one that most People knew.

And his style of Leadership is all that they knew. And his decisions were all that they knew.

Now, David is come - I want you to watch something that happened when this Change of Season is taking place.

1 Chronicles 12 (and in the whole Chapter generally) the Passage is talking about the Armies of Israel that came to ensure that this Change in Seasons happened.

And I want you to Pay attention to 1 Chronicles 12:23, and then later I will read verses 31-33 (NKJV):

23. Now these were the numbers of the divisions that were equipped for war, and came to David at Hebron to turn over the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the Word of the Lord:

I want you to note that Phrase: EQUIPPED FOR WAR.

They came to turn over the Kingdom of 'SAUL' not the Kingdom of Israel. the Kingdom is Saul to David.

Because Leadership is shifting from the House of Saul to the House of David - And so, these People came.

And the Bible says: They were EQUIPPED FOR WAR - To ensure that the Change is Season occurs.

Now you jump to Verses 31-33, and it says:

31. Of the half-tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were designated by name to come and make David king;

32. Of the sons of Issachar who had Understanding of the Times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

33. Of Zebulun there were fifty thousand who went out to battle, expert in war with all weapons of war, stouthearted men who could keep ranks;"

Now, if you read earlier in the context, each Tribe is mentioned and the number of People who went and the weapons they carried.

These were Military People who were going to ensure this Change in Season happens. And they go to make David take over in this New Season.

But then in Verse 32, a Tribe is mentioned (the Tribe of Issachar) and they don't have weapons of war. They are not Military men, they don't have a Shield, they don't have a Sword, they don't have a Spear.

But the only thing they had, the Bible says: "They had Understanding of the Times - Understanding of the Times!

So, the weapon they went into battle with, was not spear, sword and shield; but they went with an Understanding of the Times.

There are moments in warfare where Spear doesn't do the work effectively; but Understanding does the Job effectively.

And that is what the People of Issachar understood - That this is a Change in Season.

You don't just go with weapons of war, you have to go with Understanding of the Times.

And it is very interesting, that of all the Major Tribes of Israel, Issachar should be the one who had Understanding of the Times.

I mean, David's Tribe is Judah; the Bible does not say they have Understanding of the Times. There is the Benjamin - they are the Levite. All of them had weapons of war.

... But Issachar had Understanding of the Times!

The name Issachar means: "One who is Paid to serve; or Wages Paid for Service:"

1. And it came about because of how he was born - Issachar's mother was Leah.

And if you know your Old Testament a bit; Leah was the wife of Jacob that Jacob didn't love.

And unfortunately or fortunately; the one who was not loved, is the one who was giving birth.

So, Leah started giving children to Jacob! - She gave birth to Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah.

At that time, Rachel who was the loved one came to negotiate with Leah (and I am not going to go into that negotiations).

But negotiations took Place, and her maid gave birth. And then afterwards, Leah goes and say well, I will have to come back for my husband!

So Jacob comes back to Leah, and in the Process, Issachar is born!

And so Issachar is like the reward for the Service that has been Provided.

So, all that you can say is that: His birth was not a Glorious one!

He was not born under a very noble circumstances - He was born under a very shady dicey circumstances.

... That's the first thing to note about Issachar.

2. The second thing to note about Issachar is what his father (Jacob) said about him.

Jacob said in Genesis 49:14-15 - When he is speaking about his children and their descendants, and Blessing them curiously.

Listen to the Blessings he gave to Issachar - Genesis 49:14-15:

14. Issachar is a strong donkey, Lying down between two burdens;

15. He saw that rest was good, And that the land was pleasant; He bowed his shoulder to bear a burden, And became a band of slaves."

Jacob, Predicted that Issachar would be a Tribe of Slaves.

The father says: "He is a Strong donkey. All he knows how to do is to bear burden.

And when they got to the Promised Land, he will see that the land is Good. And he will be a Slave in the land.

So, if you look at this guy (Issachar): His birth, is very shady, the negotiations was not a nice descent one; his father's Prophecy concerning him is that he is going to be a Slave.

But in this Passage (1 Chronicles 12:32) he is not a slave. He is actually Providing Guidance and Leadership.

And the Bible says: He had Understanding of the Times.

So, something happened between what Jacob (his father) said should be the DESTINY of Issachar the REALITY of Issachar.

His father says: He is going to be a band of slaves; here in 1 Chronicles 12:32, they have Understanding of the Times.

That simply means: Sometimes what is Determined about you can be CHANGED by YOU.

Sometimes, what has been SPOKEN concerning you can be ALTERED.

And in this moment of Destiny, when Israel is shifting Seasons; Issachar is the one that has Understanding of the Times - Although Jacob said he is supposed to be a Slave.

I came to announce to somebody (even as you read on the Label of DMC) - It has been said about you that you will not make it, that you will be a slave forever; but in this SEASON, a People of Understanding are going to emerge from us - Amen!

So, something happened; now: If you look at the Passage carefully, it talks of two (2) interesting things:

The SONS of Issachar and the HEADS or the Chiefs of Issachar.

The HEADS or the Chiefs are two hundred (200); but the SONS is the whole Tribe.

When you read through the Passage (the whole Passage) especially if you look at the Hebrews words used to describe them.

Issachar is the only Tribe whose Officers was designated by the Title 'HEADS'.

The others have 'Leaders', but they are not called 'Heads' - Issachar's Leaders are called 'Heads'.

I believe there are some importance to attach to this!

They are not 'Heads' only in terms of Leadership, they are 'Heads' also because they are THINKERS.

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So, out of a supposed Band of Slaves, emerged THINKERS.

What changed them from the expectations of Jacob (for them to be Slaves) to Reality where they are Leading with Knowledge is because the New Generation of Leaders - who were THINKERS; and it is this Group who went out to turn the Kingdom over to David.

So, it is very Possible for People to decree that you will be a Slave, and you turn that Prediction around because you have a HEAD.

Somebody says: I HAVE A HEAD, I can THINK!

Because Issachar could THINK: they had Understanding of the Times.

They could read what was happening, they discerned what was happening, they had clarity of focus about this Season of Transition from Saul to David and they knew what

Israel ought to do; they knew not what they as a Tribe ought to do; but what the whole Nation ought to do.

So, in essence: this very insignificant Tribe became the Influencers of National Thought because they knew what Israel ought to do.

... Very Interesting!

SO WHAT WAS THE CONSEQUENCE OF THIS?

If you know what to do, then you must do what ought to do!

You cannot say: Oh, I understand the Season, I understand the Season that we are in; and act in a way that does not conform to the Season that you are in.

And we see from Issachar: His birth, very dubious, the Prophecy by his father (concerning him) not encouraging, the Reality, very different from the Prophecy because he had Understanding of the Times!

I believe we can rewrite History, we can change Outcomes, we can change Projections because we have Understanding of the Times.

Now, when you go to Verse 40 of the Passage we are looking at (1 Chronicles 12:40):

There is something said about Issachar again, with other Tribes - including Zebulun (that is the Tribe of his Younger brother).

"Moreover those who were near to them, from as far away as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing food on donkeys and camels, on mules and oxen —provisions of flour and cakes of figs and cakes of raisins, wine and oil and oxen and sheep abundantly, for there was joy in Israel".

An Army is gathering to go and make David, King. And there are thousands of People!

And if you know anything about an Army: An Army marches on his stomach - They need food!

People are happy that the Season has changed, but they made no Provision; the People who made (based on the Change of Season) is Naphtali, is Issachar and is Zebulun.

And I can say clearly, that I believe that Issachar influenced them because in this Change of Season, you must make Provisions for the Season.

You cannot say there is Change and your Action does not reflect that!

So, if there is a Change in Season, if the kingdom is turning over to David; and an Army is gathering; then there must be Practical Solutions Provided.

And Issachar was right there - Providing the food for the Army, making sure there is Provisions. Making sure that this Assignment becomes a Reality.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO US?

It means that, knowing that there is a Change in Season - is one (1) thing; Making Provisions for the Change in Season is another thing!

It is possible for us to theorize and say: if things are going to Change, things are going to be different but do nothing about it - Make no effort, and hope that by just talking about it, it will be well for us!

You know sometimes you can see something, and even talk about it but not Partake of it simply because you did not Plan ahead for it.

So, is there a Change in Season?

... I believe so!

I believe our world is in such a Change of Season. There is a Transition. And this is my conviction.

You don't need to believe it but I believe it:

1. And I believe that if we join together, it will work out well for us - Amen.

2. I believe that the band of Slaves - The band of People whom the world says would be Slaves are coming this time, to Change the cause of History.

And they are not coming with weapons of war (as others came with); hey are coming with the Understanding of the Times.

Africa has never been known as a Place of Knowledge and Information, and Science and Technology. We have been known as People with Energy, People with Vibrant Culture: We dress colourfully, we have Art, we have Physical Structures and more so.

That era is coming to an end! - A New Band is coming from this Place. Our strength will not be muzzled. It will not just be Athletes: Winning a hundred metres (100 M) Race. Boxing and beating People up - It is going to come because they have HEAD, and they have Understanding of the Times; and they will know what the world ought to do!

The People who know what the world ought to do, are the People who lead the world.

And that (my Friends) is where I believe this Change of Season is leading us.

I believe God is bringing us into a New Opportunity. And in this New Opportunity, those who were condemned or spoken of as Slaves, are going to come into this Season and show direction for the rest of the world.

But it is going to come because they have HEAD - We have Head.

... May God give you Understanding - Amen!

Somebody put your hands upon your head and say: "Lord, give me UNDERSTANDING!"

May God give you Understanding - Amen; May God give me Understanding - Amen; May God give Our Nation Understanding - Amen.

I want my Nation to be a Nation of Understanding; I want Africa to be a Continent of Understanding.

I don't want our Greatest achievement to be Athletes, Sports, Boxing, Wrestling.

Our Greatest Achievement should not be Giraffe, Lion, and Elephants - Who live in our Continents.

Our Greatest Achievement should not be what Nature gave us.

Our Greatest Achievement should be what UNDERSTANDING has given us!

Men of Issachar: Men of Africa, Women of Africa: the Seasons have Changed.

And God is bringing us Heads of Understanding; in our homes, in our Businesses, in our Churches. Heads of Understanding.

That is what Changed this Group - They moved from a Group without a Positive Destiny; to a People of a Positive Destiny; a People of clear Destiny, a People who went out and made a difference.

And I don't know about you, I believe we can also rise like Issachar.

Nobody expected much from them - Not much is said about them.

Infact, when you read through the Bible, not much is said about them.

But in this Epochal time, this Major Transition in the life of Israel: they stood TALL because they had Understanding of the Times.

And may God give us People of Understanding that recognized the Significance of the Times they were in - Amen.

At the beginning of the Covid Pandemic, I said this Season is a SET UP for our Continent (Africa).

It is Set Up for the Shifting of Kingdoms - People who have been drawers of wood, drawers of water - Slaves to the world; are going to SHIFT BACK into gear.

Because there is something happening here that is going to equalise and level the Playing Fields in our world.

And if we go in with Understanding, we are going to turn over this world into the direction that it should go.

And I Pray that Africa will not miss her Day of Visitation - Amen.

It cannot be Business as usual.

We cannot just use Muscle Power to win the Battles of life; we cannot use rude force to win the battles of life - We are going to use Delicate Thoughts, Delicate Thinking, Clarity of Thoughts, Clarity of Understanding.

And that is one of the things I want to speak to every Christians: It is great that we Pray. We Pray a lot!

And during this time, all of us have Prayed.

But as we Pray; the Number One (1) thing that we should be Praying for, is Understanding.

And if our Prayers becomes: Lord, give us Understanding. Give me Understanding; Give my Pastor Understanding; Give my father Understanding; Give my mother Understanding; Give my children Understanding - If that becomes our Obsession and Preoccupation; eventually, we are going to see the answer to Prayer of Understanding of the Times.

... People who know what ought to be done at every time!

We are the New Issachar of our Generation. You are the New Issachar. God will give you Understanding in whatever Fields that you are in, in whatever Industry you Participate in, in whatever efforts that you put in.

If you are a Pastor, that is your Field. If you are not a Pastor and you are an Industrialist, that is your Field. If you are a Farmer, that is your Field. If you are a Lawyer, that is your Field. If you are a Doctor, that is your Field!

Whatever Fields that you are in, we are not just supposed to be, "Low Level Players" in the world; God has ordained us to be "Top Players".

And the key to that, is to be like the People of Issachar: They had Understanding of the Times: They went into battle, what they simply had is Understanding.

... Can you imagine that?

If you were in that Battle Field, and you saw People with Spear, some with Sword and some with all kinds of weapons of war and then this one (1) Tribe comes - they are holding nothing!

Then you ask them: Where is your Weapons?

It is in our HEAD!

What are you going to fight with? - It is in our Head!

You would look at them and despise them. And say: Oh, they have lost it. They don't even know what a battle is.

The Bible says: They knew what Israel OUGHT TO DO.

In other words, they became the Leaders of Thought of the whole Nation in that Particular Season.

It is Possible to win with Understanding; it is Possible to win with Knowledge; it is Possible to win with Wisdom.

May God cause you to win - Amen. May God cause us to win - Amen. May the Lord lift us up to the Place, where in this battle in our world, we will become LEADERS.

If you are ready to be in Power, just Stand Up wherever you are. (Standing up is a Sign of alertness). And lift up your hands.

And just talk to God, and tell Him: Lord, in this Season, may I become a "Major Player" in the world.

If you are in Trade, you must be a "Major Player" in Trade.

If you are in Agriculture, you must be a "Major Player" in Agriculture.

A "Major Player" in the world - Not just in whatever Town you are in but a "Major World Changer"!

Because in this Season Transition, the Hand of the Lord is upon you - Amen.

... Just talk to the Lord!

And ask the Lord to open your eyes to Opportunities.

COVID is an opportunity; it has caused havoc, it has caused pain, it has caused death but within it, there are Opportunities.

And if we keep our eyes only on the havoc, we can never see the Opportunities.

Just Pray and say: LORD, help me to see the Opportunities, help me to see the Doors You have opened. Help me to see what You are doing. Help me never to miss it.

Now I want you to put your hands on your head, and I want to Pray with you.

CLOSING PRAYER

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Father I Pray for everyone under the sound of my voice (and those reading now on the Label of DMC); as you did for Issachar - With a dishonourable birth; and with a damaging Prophecy upon his life. At the crucial time he rose up with Understanding.

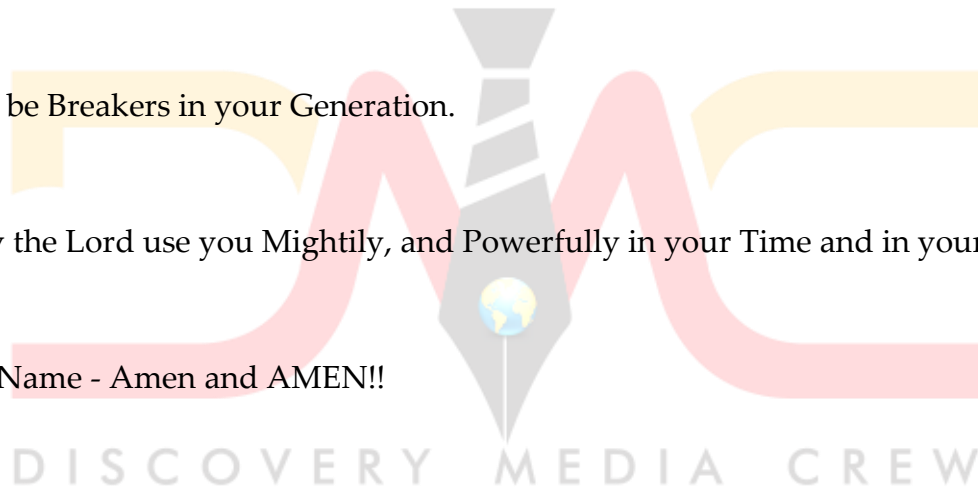
And I Pray for everyone, whose hands are upon their heads, that in this crucial time of World History; You will overturn the Negativity of their Past, and give them Understanding for this Season.

And may you cause these men and women to break Barriers, to break Pains, to break the Yokes of Slavery, to break Inferiority, to break Limitations.

May you be Breakers in your Generation.

And may the Lord use you Mightily, and Powerfully in your Time and in your Season.

In Jesus' Name - Amen and AMEN!!



IT'S A NEW SEASON - PART TWO (2)

DATE: 16TH AUGUST, 2020

TEXT: EXODUS 5:20-23; EXODUS 15:22-25 AND NUMBERS 14:2-3

I am going to continue the Message I started last week, when I titled the Message "IT'S A NEW SEASON."

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And we talked about the sons of Issachar, who had understanding of the Times and knew what Israel ought to do.

And today I am doing PART TWO (2) of: IT'S A NEW SEASON.

When we say a New Season, obviously, it means there is an Old one.

So anytime we talk about the New Season, we are referencing a Change in Seasons.

And when there is a Change in Season, there must of necessity, be a Change in ATTITUDE.

One of my memories as a child, was in Primary School - When I was in Middle School; in those days, one of the Prized Possession for the Boys and Girls was to become a 'Bell Boy' or on rare occasions a 'Bell Girl'.

But mostly, it was a job given to the Boys.

And this was a Pupil who would go and ring the School Bell at certain times, to indicate a Change in the School Period.

And normally when there was a Change in the School Period, they would go round and ring the Bell.

And usually when they rang the Bell, they would announced: "Change Lesson Please!"

It simply means: When that happened, the Teacher would move from the Subject he or she is teaching, to the next Subject.

And one of the things that happens when there was a Change of Lesson - When the Bell is rung was that the Teacher move from one Subject to the other.

The first (1st) thing the Teacher would do, is to CLEAN everything that is on the Blackboard. Everything that the Teacher wrote from the Previous Lesson is wiped out from the Blackboard, and a New Lesson is about to be taught.

I believe that our world is the Place where a "Changed Lesson" is taking Place. And the Blackboard or Whiteboard, or whatever board is been WIPED OUT.

And some New Things are about to be written.

Some New Attitudes must be learned and we have to learn them, in order to function effectively in this New Season that we have entered in.

Our World's Blackboard is being CLEANED. Our world is going through some Major Changes: and what you learned yesterday may not be valuable today.

As a matter of fact, what should be an advantage to in the Previous Season may not be an advantage to you in a New Season.

When we were in High School, we sometimes move from the classroom to the Sports Field for Physical Education.

So, you may have been very Good in Mathematics but when the Season Change and you have to go and Play Football or run around the School field; you may be a very Poor Student in that.

So, one time you are exceptionally Good, another time you find yourself becoming a Liability!

So, in a New Season, something similar happens: One moment you are at the Top of your game, another moment, you are finding yourself struggling to catch up!

And so, we are going to look at some things in the Bible; to help us to bring this understanding to focus.

When Seasons Change, what used to work "FOR" you, could work "AGAINST" you!

... That is the difficult thing about a Change in Season.

What used to work for you, what used to be your Strong Point, may actually turn out becoming your weakest.

And so, as we are excited about a Change in Season, we also must be Mindful about this
- We make the right adjustment that God wants us to make.

So, we will look at Israel, and how they related to God. And I am going to Present: THREE (3) CASES of their relationship with God.

And we are going to draw some Conclusions and then we learn some Lessons.

... We are going to look at:

1. How Israel related to God - WHEN GOD WAS DELIVERING THEM FROM EGYPT.

2. Then we are going to look at How they related to God, WHEN GOD HAD JUST BROUGHT THEM FROM EGYPT INTO THE WILDERNESS.

3. Then we are going to look thirdly, at: how they related to God, WHEN GOD WAS PREPARING THEM TO ENTER INTO THE PROMISED LAND.

... And then some interesting things that I want you to Pay attention to.

So, let's start with the first one;

1. WHEN GOD WAS DELIVERING THEM FROM EGYPT.

And the Passage I am going to read is from Exodus 5:20-23.

And this happens when Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and demands that he let the People go.

And Pharaoh is so annoyed, he is so incensed; that he intensifies the affliction of the People.

So naturally, the Israelites were very upset with Moses and with God because now they are suffering worse than before.

And so they approached Moses and Aaron.

And so let's read the conversation: Exodus 5:20-23 (NKJV);

20 Then, as they came out from Pharaoh, they met Moses and Aaron who stood there to meet them.

21 And they said to them, "Let the Lord look on you and judge, because you have made us abhorrent in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us."

22 So Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Lord, why have You brought trouble on this people? Why is it You have sent me?"

23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people; neither have You delivered Your people at all."

So, the People came, they complained to Moses. And then Moses complains to God.

And then, in Exodus 6:1, God responds:

"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a Strong Hand he will let them go, and with a Strong Hand he will drive them out of his land."

So, they complained to Moses, Moses complains to God, and then God ACT against Pharaoh!

So, their complain is working! - God is not angry with their complains; they complained, Moses complained, and GOD ACT.

If you were there observing, you would say Wow! - That is an interesting thing.

You know if you want God to do something for you, you COMPLAIN - and God ACT!

And God act AGAINST Pharaoh and not against THEM - I want you to note that!

So that is the first (1st) case I want you to note: God is bringing them out, He wants to deliver them. As their situation is getting worse for them, they complain to God. And then God Acts against Pharaoh.

And after that, there were ten (10) Major Plagues that God brought against Pharaoh.

2. WHEN GOD HAD JUST BROUGHT THEM FROM EGYPT INTO THE WILDERNESS.

Then, when they entered the wilderness, they had no water.

And then they got water. And then later they found out that it is not Good for Human Consumption.

... So, they used the Method they had learnt - COMPLAINS!

Exodus 15:22-25 (NKJV);

22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

23 Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were BITTER. Therefore the name of it was called Marah.

24 And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

25 So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them.

So, when God had delivered them, things go bad. They complained, God Acts against Pharaoh, and God delivers them!

They got to the wilderness, they want water then they got water. It was not Good for Human Consumption; the complained to Moses; Moses complains to God, and they get water.

So, by this time, if you were an Israelite, you will just begin to Notice a Pattern - Complaining to get results.

... This thing seems to be working!

Exodus 16:2-4; this time, they are HUNGRY and they used the Tried and Tested Method.

2 Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

3 And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

They COMPLAINED, God gives them water; they are hungry, and God rains bread from Heaven for them.

Now, if you were in their company, by now the Principle has been Tested and Proven: The way to get God's attention is COMPLAIN, and He will solve your Problem for you.

I am sure the Israelites think: Now we have the Blueprint of how to survive in dealing with Jehovah - When you are in trouble, COMPLAIN - and God will ACT!

... That is a lesson they have learned.

But the BELL is about to be RUNG; and there is going to be a CHANGED LESSON.

And when you have Studied the Bible for a while, you would get to understand that: God actually responds to FAITH and not to Doubt!

... Because when we complain, we are DOUBTING God.

But for some reasons, at these Seasons of their lives, DOUBTS seem to work! Doubts and Complains seem to get God's attention. God seems not to mind their doubt at all.

And I believe they are in a certain Season of their lives - They are in what I consider as "A BABY SEASON" of their lives!

They are a New Nation, they have just been delivered; they are babies in the sight of God.

And isn't that how babies behave when they want food? - They cry, they throw tantrums, they fall to the ground and they throw a force and the mothers respond!

The fathers sometime don't respond that quickly but the mothers do!

So, at this Stage, Israel through their experience and through God's Dealings with them, they have learnt a Major Lesson.

And the lesson is: If you want God to act for you, if you want things to go on well for you, if you are not happy with something, COMPLAIN, throw a tantrum force and God will ACT!

It works for Israel; it even works for Moses because when they complained against Moses, Moses complains to God - and God ACTS.

... That is the LESSON!

3. WHEN GOD WAS PREPARING THEM TO ENTER INTO THE PROMISED LAND.

Now they are about to enter into the Promised Land, and God wants to Prepare them for the Promised Land.

And this is very important, because the reason why He took them from Egypt is to take them to this Land.

Now He wants them to get into this Land.

And something happened there - Almost similar to the Lessons they have learnt in the Past.

God told Moses to send twelve (12) Spies to go and see the Promised Land. And then the Twelve (12) Spies went and they saw the Promised Land and came back:

Ten (10) of them, gave a very, very "Gloomy Report" to Israel - They told them: Listen folks, it is not Possible, we cannot enter the Promised Land.

... So the whole Nation is discouraged!

But two (2) of them - Joshua and Caleb said: Well, we saw the Land, we believe God will give us the Land.

And the People were offended that some People had a Positive Vision for the Nation. And so they said: We don't want that; we want Gloom!

And they get back to what they know: They start complaining, they are angry - They are angry at God, they are angry at Moses, they are angry at everybody!

So, let us read how God responded this time in Numbers 14:2-3 (NKJV);

2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!

3 Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"

Now, if you have been studying Israel - This is a very rare Lesson! It is complains they have mastered, majored in.

Because if you Pay attention, it is similar to what they said in Exodus 16:3: Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt."

So, whenever they are in trouble, this is how they complain - And when they complain this way, God ANSWERS them!

So they realized, well: You know situation is bad; let us do what we know how to do!

... So they complained again!

In Numbers 14, they complained the same thing - Used the same words. But look at how God responds to them - in Numbers 14:26-29:

26 And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

27 "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me.

28 Say to them, 'As I live,' says the Lord, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you:

29 The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.

So, God set out to eliminate the whole Generation of plPeople (Twenty (20) Years and above) for doing the SAME THING that got them results in the Past.

In the Past, it got Pharaoh eliminated; in the Past, it got them water; in the Past, it got them food - This time, it got them death!

So, something has Changed! - It is a CHANGED LESSON!

God says: I am not going to deal with you the same way I used to deal with you in the Past!

So let's ask ourselves: *WHAT HAS CHANGED?

HAS GOD CHANGED?

No! - He is the same God.

HAVE THE PEOPLE CHANGED?

No! - These are the same People of Israel, not Philistines.

... God has not Changed, the People have not Changed!

Has the People's Method Changed?

No! - It is the same Method they have been using from Egypt through wilderness.

So, WHAT HAS CHANGED?

... THE SEASON!

... The SEASON has CHANGED!

Now, they are about to enter into the Promised Land, to be Responsible Owners of the Property God has Promised them.

And God says: You are not going to use the same thing you used as BABIES, when you have become ADULTS.

So, when we say, "IT'S A NEW SEASON", it has serious repercussions for all of us.

It means that something we think works, may not work!

1. Some Lessons we learn in the Past, and have Mastered; may not be useful.
2. Something that used to be an advantage to us may be a disadvantage to us.
3. What is allowed and celebrated in one Season, could be rejected and Punished in another Season.
4. What got you results yesterday, may not get you results today.

So, I am excited about future. I know you are but some of you are scared.

But we are not going to live in the future the way we lived in the Past because when the Season Changes, Attitude must Change.

It is almost like leaving Ghana during December wearing light shirt and trousers (because it is warm here) to go to London in December.

You move from HEAT in Ghana, when you get to Heathrow Airport, you will realize: Although you are the same Human Being and you are on the same Earth but you have moved from one Season to another.

And your shirt has now become a liability. If you don't have Winter clothing, you could freeze to death!

It is the same Earth, same Human Being but the Seasons have Changed.

What used to be an Advantage, is no longer an Advantage.

Most of you; who are a little older would remember that on Sunday, the 4TH of August, 1974; Ghana changed from driving on the left side of the road to driving on the right side of the road.

And those of us who were alive then, remembered all the advertisements that went out at that time.

When we used to drive on the left side of the road, having a Right Hand drive car, was an advantage. Because it helped you to see clearer - if your car was a right hand drive Car.

But overnight - One Sunday, we moved from driving on the left side of the road, to the right side of the road (which we still do).

... And having a car that was Right Handed, was now a liability.

You have got to have a LEFT HAND drive Car - to ride on the right hand side of the road.

So, overnight, those who had cars that seemed to be at Advantage to them, were now liabilities. Something that had worked for them for years, was a liability!

Can you imagined: If somebody had imported so many of those cars to sell; all of a sudden, they are not appealing because Overnight, Seasons have changed and what used to work is not working any longer.

So what am I saying?

I believe that the era we live in, is Presenting us a similar Season.

Year 2020 is a CHANGED LESSON!

It is a Season's Change - COVID 19 did not create it. It only accelerated something that was already happening.

So, what Probably would have taken us generally about ten (10) or twenty (20) years to get in to; we have now been ushered in Speedily, Quickly, Instantly.

And in the Season, some things that worked for so long are not working!

One (1) of the things I have seen happening this time is People who spent a lot of money building Office Blocks for Companies to use (as Rent) are having difficulties.

Just last year (2019) that seemed to be the Best Real Estate Investment - for most People.

Overnight, People are working with Laptop, Phones and iPad at home! And Offices are now a liability!

... So, Investment in that Hard Building doesn't seem to work!

It is not the only thing that doesn't seem to work.

Can you imagine if somebody had spent all his money, all his investment to say that the Hotel Industry is the Best Industry in the world?

And finally, built his Hotel last year. And finally, opened it at Christmas last year (2019) waiting for the Christmas Market and the New Year Market; And hoping for the Easter Market.

.. And all of a sudden, no Hotels!

Or can you imagine somebody who started his Airline Business last year; spent all his Savings just to start an Airline?

Then just overnight, it is not working!

There is a Change in Season.

Listen, something that was as Predictable as much as Possible last year, may not be working for you this year!

So, normally when things change, you can decide - YOU WON'T CHANGE!

And there are very confident People; who believed that they can weather the Season and the Season will adjust to them.

For those I would kindly say that: That approach is not the Smartest!

The Season doesn't adjust to you; you adjust to the Season.

The interesting thing about Israel though is that - When God finally got a Generation that did not complain; and it took Him forty (40) years or about that to get a Generation that had to UNLEARN the OLD Lessons, and LEARN a New Lesson.

When He finally got that, in three (3) days, they went to the Promised Land and they took over the Promised Land.

And they took over Jericho, and then went on and won almost all their battles.

So, what seemed so difficult became so easy; because they adjusted the Lesson.

And when they ADJUSTED the Lesson, they started WINNING.

So, sometimes what it takes to WIN is not as DIFFICULT as it appears.

So, THREE (3) MAIN THINGS I WANT CONCLUDE WITH:

... Based on everything I have said.

I believe that we are entering a Season of ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT and ADVANCEMENT.

I believe with all my heart that after CHAOS, would always come CONSTRUCTION.

After CHAOS, would always come something NEW.

God created ORDER out of Chaos: "The Earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, LET THERE BE LIGHT! And there was Light." - Genesis 1:2-2 (NKJV).

God moved from Chaos to ORDER; from darkness to Light; from destruction to Construction.

So after every System of Destabilization comes an ERA OF STABILIZATION; and of Growth, and of Increase, and of Abundance.

So, I believe that we are getting there. I believe it is going to happen. Whether you want it or not, it is going to happen.

It is a Change Lesson, it is a Change in Seasons.

It does not need your cooperation for it to happen.

It will happen in spite of your lack of cooperation. So it is better that we just do it!

So I believe that we are going to Advance, and we are going to Develop.

And for everyone who is listening to me or reading now on the Label of DMC: You are about to enter a better Season of your LIFE - A More Prosperous Season, a Greatest Season, a More Flourishing Season - Amen.

... It is going to HAPPEN!

You must have lost so much, but you are about to GAIN SO MUCH!

So, if what you built have been destroyed - it is sad but something BETTER is about to be BUILT AGAIN in your life - Amen!

You are about to enter a New Promise; that I can say with every CERTAINTY.

But TWO (2) THINGS MUST HAPPEN - If we are going to BENEFIT from the New.

And I believe (just from my observation) that these two (2) things are important. That if we are going to really seize the New Season.

1. We must Develop SELF DEPENDENCE.

Everything we need for our survival must be WITHIN our reach - Both as a GROUP and as INDIVIDUAL.

So, as a Nation, everything we need for our Survival must be within our reach. We cannot Outsourced Survival.

And as Individual, as a Business Person; everything you need for your Survival must be within your reach.

That is the most Important Lesson!

Because if this thing has taught us anything, it is that: There comes a time when all Nations SHUT DOWN!

And if you don't have Capacity to survive by yourself, you are dead!

So, for everybody who is thinking of the Next Season, this is a Lesson!

2. That at the same time when we are becoming SELF DEPENDENT; we have to become MORE EFFECTIVE at working with People.

That Linking Up with People is going to be very much important. But this Linking Up is not going to be done Physically - So, what we used to do in one (1) Place together, we must learn to do in a different form.

And this Lesson is going to continue: whether it is Church, it is Business.

... Even our Education - That Transition has taken Place!

And we have to find effective ways of doing the old things we used to do in the New Way.

If we can adjust, then like Israel, we will enter the Promised Land.

But if we insisted on using the same Old Lessons; we may be very Good at it, but it may not work for us.

So, I am speaking to this Nation, I am speaking to Africa, I am speaking to Churches, I am speaking to Businesses, I am speaking to Individuals: That some things that used to work for us, may actually work against us in this New Season.

... Next week when I do PART THREE (3) of "IT'S A NEW SEASON" - I will go a little further in that direction.

But today, I just want you to get this Principle: "When there is a Change in Lesson; when there is a Change in Seasons; What you were a Master of in one Season, may not EQUIP you EFFECTIVELY for the Next Season."

That means: No matter how Good you are; you must learn New things. All of us must learn New Things.

It may sound scary, but it is not that scary. We can learn them.

As a matter of fact for Israel, they had a man called Caleb, who was eighty five (85) Years old! Who learned the New Things and survived in the Promised Land.

So, you can still be OLD, and NEW. You can be Old and Fresh.

And I Pray in this New Season, you will not miss your Visitation.

That when the Abundance come you will not miss it. When it is a time to REBUILD, you will not miss is - Amen.

For some of you who have struggled for years; you are about to rise in a way that will shock yourself - Amen.

For some of you who have lost SO MUCH in this time; you are about to receive a FULL RECOMPENSE: Good Measure, Pressed down, and Shaken together, and Running over - Amen!

... That is the way of the Lord God you serve!

And He will Bless you abundantly, He will increase you abundantly, and He will cause you to redeem everything to the Full.

I just want us to spend a little time Praying, before we close today.

And I just want you to ask God to help you to learn everything NEW that you must learn.

Just say: Lord, I am ready to learn, I am ready to Change, I am ready to do it differently. I am read Lord, help me.

Give me a learning heart. A heart that is open to New Things. A heart that is yielded to you. And a heart that will not fight and RESIST the New thing that You are doing in my life.

CLOSING PRAYER:

So Father, we Thank You this morning for reminding us (through Your Word): That what used to work yesterday may not work now. What we used to get result yesterday may not get results now.

But You remain the same God yesterday, today and forever!

And we trust You to open our hearts; Teach us New Things, and help us Lord to be Part of the New Thing that You are doing in this New Season of our lives.

In Jesus' Name we have Prayed - Amen and Amen and AMEN!!!



Thank you so much for staying all through to read.

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IT'S A NEW SEASON - PART THREE (3)

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TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 3:1-3

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!! We give God Praise and we honour Him for this morning.

Rise up wherever you are as we make this DECLARATIONS OF EXCELLENCE, in this year of Excellence.

... Are you READY?

SAY WITH ME:

Out of Zion, the Perfection of Beauty, God shines forth. The Lord my God causes the righteous to shine forth as the Sun.

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His Awesome Hands has formed me; His Creative Spirit inspires my mind. He skillfully guides my hands.

Therefore, I boldly declare: I am Set Apart for Excellence. The Ruler of the Universe has exalted my horn among the Nations. He sets my feet on high! In His Strength, I rise!

By Faith, I Press forward towards the Prize of my Highest Calling.

I believe in my heart, and confess with my mouth: that Jesus is Lord! He is the Vine, I am the Branch; in Him I abide, in Him I Blossom.

As it is written: God, who commanded Light out of darkness, has shone His Light in our hearts.

We have His Treasure in Earthen Vessels. That the Excellence of the Power may be of God, and not of us!

In this Year, I commit to EXCELLENCE, I commit to EXCEPTIONALISM, I commit to do the EXTRAORDINARY.

In Jesus' Name - Amen! And Amen, and Amen and AMEN!!!

Two (2) weeks ago I started a series that I Titled: IT'S A NEW SEASON.

I did Part One (1) Two weeks ago, and I did Part Two (2) last week. And today I am doing PART THREE (3) of: IT'S A NEW SEASON.

DMC NOTES: TO CATCH UP WITH THE FULL TEXT OF THE PREVIOUS SERIES, CLICK ON THESE LINKS:

FOR PART 1:

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I truly believed that: This is a New Season - God is opening a door of opportunity for us! It may not be familiar, it may not be comfortable, it may not be what we would have wished for or expect but God is going to use this to our advantage. And it is a New Season for us - Amen.

So, we are going to the Scriptures - Ecclesiastes 3:1-3 (NKJV);

Most of you must have heard this Passage read before, you must have read it yourself. But it is a familiar Passage in the Bible.

... And let's hear the reading of God's Word:

1 To everything there is a Season, A time for every Purpose under Heaven:

2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to Plant, And a time to Pluck what is Planted;

3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;

It is a very interesting Passage of the Scriptures that talks about contrasting activities taking Place at different times.

And some of those contrasts are very, very DIFFERENT from each other.

Some of them, we wished there will be no time for.

For example, it says there is A time to kill and a time to heal; A time to break down and a time to build up;

It simply says that: Although some things may not seem appropriate and comfortable for us, there are times that when they occur, they seem right to us.

And that is just what it is saying!

... And the Passage says: To everything, there is a SEASON!

Everything in this world has a Season - And a SEASON is a Set Period during which things happen.

...Everything has a time when it happens.

And then it says: Every Purpose has a Time!

The word "PURPOSE" means that which we delight in or desire.

For everything we delight in or desire - THERE IS A TIME.

And the word TIME, as it is used in the context of that Scriptures means - The right moment for something to happen.

So, there is a right moment for everything we desire in and delight in - There is a right moment for it to happen!

When things happens at the wrong time, that is when we see abnormality. But when things happen at the right time, we see beauty in them.

Normally, for us in the English Language, time is time!

So, when somebody says: it is my time or it is time, let's be on time.

We use the word "Time" although the meaning may be different.

So, when somebody says: Let's be on time! - It means, let us go according to the clockwork. Appointment is supposed to be 12:30; let's be there at 12:30.

When somebody says: 'It is my time!'

He is not talking about a clock time. He is saying - A moment has come for me, for something Good to happen to me.

But we use the same word "TIME" - to refer to the clockwork and time to refer to opportunity.

But in the Greek Language, Time has different words.

And there are two (2) that I want to emphasis on:

1. The first (1st) one is CHRONOS.

"Chronos" in the Greek Language is Time.

But it is Chronological Time - Time that can be measured in distance.

Whether it is long or short; you can literally say: "WATCH TIME".

That is why the watch is called a CHRONOGRAPH.

... Time that can be measured - Chronos!

But there is another word for Time that the Greeks use:

2. And it is KARUS.

And "Kairus" simply means - A Season when things HAPPEN.

So, when somebody says: IT IS MY TIME (for example); we are not talking about Chronos - we are not talking about watch time - We are talking about a Season for something (Good) to happen to me!

And when somebody says: I have to be "ON TIME" for the appointment; we are talking about Watch Time.

... These are the two (2) differences!

But in English, we use the same word - "TIME".

Whereas in Greek, there are different words for them.

So, for our Study today, when we are talking about: "IT'S A NEW SEASON"; we are not talking about "Clock Time"; we are talking about an "Appointed Time" - A Season when things must happen to us.

And we will focus our Study today on how God brought a New Season in the life of a Beloved couple in the Bible - They had served God for years, yet they have not had the thing they DESIRED MOST happening to them.

The Purpose is not happening; the Desire, the Delight is not manifesting - And we know the couple because we have encountered them many times in the Bible;

... ABRAHAM AND SARAH!

And their greatest desire is for a child - Particularly a Boy child (A Son)!

And for years they have desired a child. And it got to a long time, when they are now very advanced in age - They have given up hope of having that child.

And just when it seemed like:

I. It will never happened; there will never be a time for this Purpose to be achieved.

II. It looked like a DESIRE which will never find time of expression!

III. Just when they thought, this desire of ours, this Purpose of ours will never have a time for it to happen.

... SOMETHING HAPPENS - They have a VISIT!

And that Visit changes everything - It changed their Season from Dryness to Fruitfulness.

There are moments in our lives when we think that something we desired will never have its Season; but then God Visits.

And when God Visits, what we thought will never happen, He CREATES a moment for it to happen.

And I Pray that: That Season will be YOURS - Amen!

*And so, I am going to focus my attention on Genesis chapter 18 - I am not going to read the entire Chapter; although it is Good for you later on to read the entire Chapter!

But for the brevity of time, I am going to Pick selected Verses from Genesis Chapter 18 to tell the Story and to teach the Lesson.

Genesis 18:1 - "And the LORD appeared unto him in the Plains of Mamre: and he sat in the Tent door in the heat of the day;"

Although no name is mentioned here, the 'he' is Abraham.

And the Picture that the Verse one (1) Paints for us is a normal day for Abraham and his wife Sarah.

They are at home, they are minding their own business - It's a hot day because the Bible talks about 'the heat of the day.'

And Abraham; Probably because the weather is hot, or Probably it is his habit is sitting outside the Tent, just whiling away the time. And his wife Sarah is in the Tent.

This is a normal day; it is a sunny day - The tent is there, Sarah is in the Tent, Abraham is sitting outside the door of the Tent.

Then he sees three (3) men coming. - Three (3) Guests!

Then they are on their way, by the Tent to go wherever they were going.

Somehow, Abraham knew that these are "Important People".

He invited them to come to his Tent; he tells Sarah, go and get some Meal and Prepare some food for these Visitors.

So, they Prepared the food for his visitors!

But these visitors are not just "Human Visitors", they are "Angelic Visitors" on their way to Sodom and Gomorrah - Passing by Abraham's Tent.

And when they finished eating, they announced a New Season for Abraham and Sarah.

And may God bring YOU a New Season in your life - Amen!

And so in Genesis 18:9-10;

9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the Tent."

10 And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the Time of Life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son". (Sarah was listening in the Tent Door which was behind him.)

Out of nowhere, a New Announcement comes to Abraham and Sarah: "I will VISIT you according to the TIME OF LIFE, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son."

I want you to note the Phrase: "TIME OF LIFE."

And there are two (2) ways to translate that Phrase - "TIME OF LIFE."

And Chronologically there are two (2) meanings:

I. First (1st), it is understood as: 'A year from now!'

So that Phrase means: 'A year from now.'

... And that is one (1) way to interpret it.

Another way it is understood - "Time of Life" talks about the Gestation Period for life.

That is Nine (9) months.

When a woman becomes Pregnant, and delivers the Baby; it is a time of life! - It is a Nine (9) Months Period.

So, some People interpret this as One (1) Year, or as Nine (9) Months.

Whether it is a one (1) Year's time or a Nine (9) Months' time; it simply means - Within a Year!

So, Sarah hears a message that says: Within a Year, you will have a son!

The Statement is so BOLD! It is so Audacious that Sarah laughed!

It is almost like somebody hears something that is too Good to be true! - And when you hear it, you say, as for this one, I don't think it will happen.

That is what she is saying - 'it is too Good to be true!' It is flabbergasting! It is out of this world! It is impossible!

... But it is from God!

God says to Sarah: What you are waiting for; that desire that you thought there will be no Time and there will be no Season for it; within a Year, I will create a Season for it, and it will happen.

And when Sarah heard it - she LAUGHED!

... I am sure if you hear something like that, you would LAUGH too!

God can give you a Message that is so BIG and out of this world, that your immediate response is to laugh at it -because it DEFILES LOGIC.

And today I Pray that: God will bring you into a Season that DEFILES LOGIC - Amen!

Now, when you hear it, your first (1st) response is to laugh and say: Ha, this one is TOO BIG!

May God do something that your Mind cannot comprehend and your Vision cannot even grasp it - Amen.

So, Sarah hears, and she laughs!

Then the Angel of the Lord spoke again, in Verses 13 and 14;

Genesis 18:13-14

13 And the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?'

14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the Appointed Time I will return to you, according to the Time of Life, and Sarah shall have a son."

When Sarah heard this, she said: 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?'

So, she is referring to TIME! Because 'OLD' is the effect of Time.

When time has been against you, and time has fought you, and time has resisted you and time has been delayed; you will come to a Season or a Place in your life where you think: According to the Time's Scheme of Life; it is impossible for me to have a child.

So, she says: CHRONOS is against me - The Clock is against me; the Calendar is against me.

I have lived for too long; I am on Retirement. Time is not on my side!

So, God is speaking about Time, she is also speaking about Time.

But her time is a "Clock Time"; God's time is "Appointed Time"!

So, whereas God says - I am going to give you a Season. She says, I don't have Clock time.

In other words, the Calendar doesn't favour me.

It is almost like God saying: I am going to Bless you and make you RICH! And you say: but I am on Retirement!

Retirement is your AGE (which has now disqualified you); but what God is saying has nothing to do with "Clock Time"; it has to do with "Appointed Time"!

It is the NEW SEASON, it has nothing to do with Calendar!

So, she says, according to my reckoning: Time is against me - CHRONOS is against me.

*Listen to God's response: "At the APPOINTED TIME I will return to you, according to the TIME OF LIFE, and Sarah shall have a son."

Now, I am going to explain those two (2) Phrases because they are very Powerful Phrases: "At the APPOINTED TIME!"

Somebody say: God has and APPOINTED TIME for me!

Somebody say: I have an APPOINTMENT with Destiny!

So, God says to Sarah: You say you are OLD. And the reason you say you are old is because you checked your Calendar, you checked your Birthday!

And according to your Birthday markings, you are Probably getting to Ninety (90) years old.

And it is impossible by every human theory for a woman to give birth to a child at Ninety (90)!

Even in these days of Scientific Advancement, and all the things that the Scientists can do and the Doctors can do - I have never heard of that happening.

... Maybe we will get there - When Science will catch up with God!

But so far, that is an impossibility; in everything stretches of imagination.

So, Sarah is saying: According to Chronos - according to Time, the Clock says it can't happen!

Gos says: I Am not working with Clock. I am working with "Appointed Time"; I am working with Season.

So, He uses the Phrase "At the Appointed Time!"

Somebody say: I have an Appointed Time!

The Hebrew word for "Appointed Time" is 'MUOED'.

And it simply means - "A Place of Meeting."

It is a word that is used in the Old Testament to refer to Periods that God sets apart to meet His People.

So, when God says the People should meet with Him in the Tabernacle, or He would visit them, or He would meet them on the mountain; that's what He means!

So, when He says: An "Appointed Time", He is not even referring to Dates and Months; He is referring to a Place in the Realm of the Spirits, when God intervenes in the story of Mankind!

So, what God is talking about is KAIROS; what Sarah is talking about is CHRONOS - I don't have the Time!

God says: I have the Time, because I am not working according to your Clock; I am working according to your SEASON!

To EVERYTHING, there is a Season. To EVERYTHING there is a TIME!!!!

So God says: I have an "Appointed Time" with you - A Prearranged Meeting and the Place of Meeting.

God says: I have set an appointment for you, Sarah. I have Prearranged a Schedule for you!

And then He says: At the "Appointed Time" I will return to you, according to the time of life,

So, there are two (2) Times here - God says: at the "Appointed Time", I will return. within the Time of Life!

Remember, I said the TIME OF LIFE is within a Year! According to the normal Gestation Period for a woman to conceive and have a child.

Within that Chronological Period, I will create a Divine Appointment for you.

So sometimes, God is able to superimpose His TIME over your a time.

When your time says: I have only a Short Period; I have only one (1) Year, I have only six (6) Months, I have only seven (7) days, I have only one (1) day.

God says: Within that simple time, I will create my KAIROS!

So, God is able to intervene in our TIME, in a way that superimposes His Time over our time.

... And that is the Message I have for somebody.

Remember, during this Covid Period, I have been saying that:

1. This moment is a moment Set Apart for PLANTING and for BUILDING.
2. I have said over and over that: This is a moment for the Previously Disadvantaged to be Advantage.
3. I have said over and over that: This is the Season for People who in the past have struggled for relevance and they have never had it; it seems as if their worst days are over!
4. But I have said it again and again, that: In this TIME, God will Visit His People.

God will use this "TIME OF LIFE", to establish His "Appointed Time".

You know, most especially when we talk about African Development; we talk about the 'Good Old Days!'

... And that is one Particular Phrase that I do not like.

What is 'Good Old Days?'

If your "Good Old Days" are in the Past, you are saying that your life is Retrogressive.

Our "Better Days" are always ahead of us!

And I understand why People talk about the "Good Old Days" - They talk about the days of Kwame Nkrumah, and the days of so and so. And they mentioned the names of all these People who have gone ahead - even in those DAYS!

In the days of Patrick Lumumba, we never made it, we never had success!

Well, God is having a New Appointment with us. And this New Appointment is not according to the PAST.

... It is according to a New Time Schedule.

And God is telling us: What was impossible to achieve in the "BEST OF TIMES", I will achieve for you in the "Worst of Times".

Can you hear that?

The best time for Sarah to have had a child was Probably seventy (70) years earlier - when she was Probably in her twenties or her teens - Fertile, Ready, Able.

That is when to have a child!

Now, that is the Best of Time but it didn't happen in Best of times.

Now, God waited for the Worst of Times! - In the Worst of Times He created an APPOINTMENT.

And in that Appointment, the time which is considered the worst time ever for something Good to happen became the BEST TIME for God!

So God says: At the Appointed Time, according to the Time of Life, I WILL RETURN. I will Visit you!

Did God return? Did He honour His word? - YES, HE DID!

... And just something for you to Note:

This whole encounter that Abraham and Sarah are having with the Angel of the Lord, it's almost like a Parentheses.

It's like God is doing something; there is an inbetween what He is doing. He finds time to do it.

Because the Purpose of this Angelic Mission is to go to Sodom and Gomorrah, who have been doing some bad things and about to get Judgement.

And in that Process, they visited Abraham and Sarah - So two (2) things are happening at the same time: There is destruction for Sodom and Gomorrah; but there is LIFE for Abraham and Sarah.

So sometimes, in the midst of what we call chaos and disorder, God is able to create a New Season - in Parentheses, for a People who are on His Plan.

And that is why I believed that: In this Global Chaos, God is creating a Parentheses for the African Continent.

And it is our time for PLANTING and for BUILDING.

And I announce to you; You may see destruction all around you. You may see failure all around you. But you are in God's Parenthesis!

He has made space for you, He has made room for you, He had made an Appointment for you. And He will Visit you.

Did He honour His word?

Well, Genesis 21:1-2 says this - This is the record of Scriptures:

21 And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken.

2 For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the SET TIME of which God had spoken to him.

Did God show up at the Appointed Time?

YES Sir! He did not miss the Appointment.

And that is one thing about God: When He makes the Appointment, He does not miss the Appointment.

... At the SET TIME, He visited Sarah.

The interesting thing is: The first (1st) time a visit took place a year ago - Three (3) Angelic visit took place; this visit, there is no Angel but a visit takes place!

So, whether you see an Angel, or you don't see an Angel -God is able to visit you!

If you are waiting to see Angels showing up, to say: Oh, now God has visited me!

No, God visits, even when we don't see any evidence of a Visitation.

He visited Sarah, and honoured His Words.

Last thing I want to touch on, before I close:

When you look at the story of Sarah, it looks as if all of these things that are happening, she does not believe it and she is laughing at it!

So, when you only look at the account in Genesis, it would seem as if, this woman didn't believe anything and it happened.

It is only in the New Testament that we are given a Commentary on Sarah that helps us to put her actions in Proper Perspective.

So, final Scriptures - Hebrews 11:11-12.

And I like that!

11 By Faith Sarah herself also received Strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him Faithful who had Promised.

12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude —innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore."

"By Faith Sarah herself also received Strength ..."

... So she did not end only laughing!

1. When she heard the Promise, it seemed like laughter to her! But when it was confirmed, she BELIEVED it.

She moved from Unbelief to Faith.

... And the Bible says: She BELIEVED the Promise.

And I want you to believe the Promise of God.

2. And when she believed the Promise, the Bible says: "She received STRENGTH for body.'

Her body was REJUVENATED - It became Youthful again!

She believed the Promise, she Received Strength. And;

3. She CONCEIVED Seed.

Something her body was not made for at that age happened!

4. She conceived seed, she bore a child.

And I like how Hebrews clarifies it: "She bore a child when she was PAST the age."

When the Chronological Time was against her (Sarah); DIVINE APPOINTMENT ushered her into a New Season.

My job is to let you know that within a Chronological Arrangement of year 2020 - Which seems like the most wasted Year on the Planet Earth - I have heard People say: God should REPLAY 2020.

He will not replay 2020!

Because in the midst of Sodom and Gomorrah's destruction; there is a Parentheses for Abraham and Sarah.

I don't know what is happening to the whole world but for you and your house; for me and my house: God is creating a Parentheses for a Divine Visitation.

There is a space, there is a cocooning of God's Presence.

And in this moment, you would see the Visitation of God.

And within this Time of life; within this 2020 - When everybody says everything has been destroyed, everything has gone up; you would call 2020 as a Year of "The Beginning of your Lifting up - Amen!

You would say: In the Year when there was Coronavirus (Year 2020), when everything was in chaos; the Lord helped me to BUILD this - Amen.

In the Year when everybody said, things are down; God Lifted me up - Amen!

May the Lord create a Divine Appointment for you in this Season of your life - Amen!

And I have every confident, there is a BOLD, AUDACIOUS, RIDICULOUSLY Fantastic Promise of God for you - Amen!

It may seem like a laughable matter, but you have to be like Sarah;

You must BELIEVE the Promise, you must receive STRENGTH and you must CONCEIVE the Seed and Give BIRTH to that Miracle that God has Appointed for you.

I believe God has VISITED you.

I believe He will DO Great Things for you;

He will HONOUR His Name in your life.

So, this morning before I close, I just want you to talk to the Lord. For He is your God. He is your Father!

I want you to just lift up your hands to Him, as a sign of Faith. And I want you to believe to talk to God and say:

Lord I believe Your Promise for me; I believe Your Set Appointment for me; I believe that in this Chaos moment, in this Divine Appointment Time; You will overrule the Time of life; You will overrule what Time has done to me.

Time has made me old, Time has withered me, Time has destroyed my work, Time has destroyed the work of my hand.

But I trust You, that by your Divine Season, You will cause something New to come out of me.

... Just talk to the Lord, wherever you are reading now on the Label of DMC.

There is a Visitation of God coming on you. God has your Package; it has your name on it!

Your name is on that Package! God will visit you. God will show Himself Strong unto you. You will begin to count days and time from this year.

This is not a "Wasted Year". This is not a "Destructive Year"! - It may destroy others; but you will have life - Amen.

Sodom and Gomorrah may be destroyed; but Abraham and Sarah would have life!

In the midst of chaos, there is Order! In the midst of destruction, there is Productivity!

When everybody is going down, you would RISE UP - Amen!

Let this be a beginning of Divine Visitation for you - Amen.

Just talk to the Lord - Talk to Him from your heart; talk to Him from your Spirit. Cry out to Him - He will hear you! He knows your Needs. He hears your cry.

Time has fought you, but Divine APPOINTMENT will favour you - Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, Thank You!

Thank You for Your Holy Words. Thank You for Your Promises, which are Yea and Amen!

When it seems like time is not on our side, you create APPOINTMENTS for us.

And for everyone listening to me Lord or reading now on the Label of DMC - who has believed:

May You create and APPOINTMENT for us!

May You create SPACE for them!

May You create a New Season for them!

A season of Your Visitation and a Season of Your Return.

May You TOUCH them, may You RESTORE them!

May You cause them to Overflow; may You do something that is Fantastically, Boldly, Audaciously out of this world!

May it happen to them, in the Name of JESUS - Amen and Amen!

Thank you so much for staying all through to read.

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