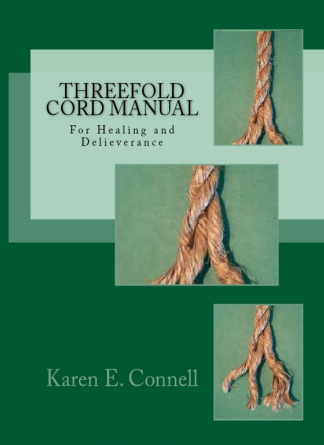




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History: Our Mirror for the End Times

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(Psalms 78:7-10)

And may (you) not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation... that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God... children of Ephraim. They refused to walk in His law ... And forgot His works And His wonders that He had shown them.

King Solomon, who was known for his great wisdom, said, “*History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new*” (Ecclesiastes 1:9, NLT). A wise person studies the



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history of God's dealings with His people and learns from their mistakes. Old Testament Israel is a reflection of God's people within the body of Christ, especially for these last days. Therefore, in order to "rightly divide" His Word, it is important to understand the shadows and types which the Old Testament nation of Israel represents as reflected in the mirror of God's Word. Being able to see this will enable Christians to know God's will and ways for His chosen ones in these end times.

(1 Corinthians 10:5-6) "But with most of them (the Jews) God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted."

(1 Corinthians 10:11-13, NLT) "All these events happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us, who live at the time when this age is drawing to a close. If you think you are standing strong, be careful, for you, too, may fall into the same sin. But remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it."

Old Testament history is filled with examples of what we face in these last days. For example, understanding how the Old Testament enemies of God's people prevailed against them, can give us a wealth of strategy for overcoming the enemy's deceptions in these perilous end times.

For over 40 years I have seriously studied the Word of God and have become very aware of this fact – there is always a division or separation that takes place within the kingdom of God's people. By this I mean, there has always been a true remnant of people who were willing to follow God's *eternal plan*. But for this remnant to emerge, division is inevitable. Every time a division occurred in the Old Testament, it happened because one group refused to choose God's way. His way is to constantly separate what is pure from the vile. As I said before, since mixture defiles, *God uses division to keep His standard of purity and His purposes upheld in order to keep His people on track.* **"But, of**

course, there must be divisions among you so that those of you who are right will be recognized!" (1 Corinthians 11:19, NLT).

Thus, there will always be a need to separate the sheep from the goats. It is interesting to me that sheep and goats come from the same family, but they are entirely different in their characteristics. For example, goats do not flock together! They are stubbornly independent and untrustworthy animals which do not like to be tended by a shepherd. In addition, you have to be careful when you are around them because goats like to attack you with a



“butt” when your back is turned. They are also notorious for eating anything and everything. So, if you give “goats” the truth, they will always answer “Yes, this is the Word of God, but...” Sheep, on the other hand, flock together and it is their nature to trust and follow their shepherd. They are also not like goats when it comes to eating because their stomachs are much more sensitive to what they feed on.

Therefore, Jesus likened His true followers to sheep. Goats do not listen to whoever tends them, but sheep are always attentive to the voice of their shepherd.

Jesus has professing followers in every nation. But is every one a sheep? Since a professing Christian can also be a goat, Jesus said there will be a need to separate the sheep from the goats out from every nation. **“All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left” (Matthew 25:32-33,).**

Division among God’s people happened right from the very beginning between the first two sons of Adam and Eve, namely Cain and Able. Other examples of division among His people are Abraham and Lot, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, and Samaria and Jerusalem and even the nation of Israel itself was divided in two.

A Hebrew word study of “Judah’s” name reveals that this tribe was to be the *true worshippers and warriors of God*. Judah and

Benjamin became the *southern kingdom* (called Judah) and the ten tribes of the *northern kingdom* were constantly at war with



Judah. It is apparent to me that the Kingdom of Judah is a clear picture of those who are the **true standard bearers of God**. They love righteousness and they are willing to contend for the true faith and to be persecuted for the truth of God by all who oppose Him. More-over, Benjamin and Judah were willing to go to war to establish God's plans and purposes for His Holy Nation.

King Solomon, on the other hand, was a *"peacekeeper"* and not a *"peacemaker"* like his father King David. In order to *keep* peace, you have to compromise at some point with the enemy and Solomon did just that. To appease his pagan wives, he erected different forms of worship which brought mixture into God's holy nation and division thereafter. After Solomon died, God divided the nation into two kingdoms. The first King to rule over the ten tribes of the northern kingdom was Jeroboam. **(1 Kings 11:26) "Another rebel leader was Jeroboam son of Nebat, one of Solomon's own officials. He came from Ephraim..."**

God made it clear that He chose Jerusalem in Judah to be His capital city. **"For ...one tribe (Judah) the descendants of David my servant will continue to reign in Jerusalem, the city I have chosen to be the place for my name" (1 Kings 11:36, NLT, parenthesis mine).**

But the ten tribes of the northern kingdom refused to acknowledge David's throne and Jerusalem as the holy nation's capital. They refused to accept "Jerusalem" —the place that represents what every professing Christian must embrace as true worship. I say this because, the Hebrew word for "Jerusalem," which is "**Yeruwshalaim**," consists of two root words. **The first** is (Strong's 3384) "**yarah**"— which means: *to "point out, aim the finger, inform, instruct, shoot an arrow, flow as water" and to "throw down."* **The second** root word is (Strong's 7999), "**shalam**" — which means: *to be "safe in mind, body or estate, made complete, friendly, to make amends, make an end, finish,*

make full, give again, make good, repay again, to be at peace, to prosper, recompense, render, requite, make restitution, restore and reward."

Overall, these literal definitions for "Jerusalem" clearly depict how God brings great blessings upon His people who are true worship warriors. The word "**shalam**" can also mean "perfection (i.e. maturity), prosperity and restoration." But these things can only come through "**yara**," which has a two-fold emphasis. One is to be "taught and informed" and the other pertains to warfare that "throws down" whatever needs to be destroyed. Therefore, "Jerusalem" represents the worship of God in Spirit and in truth. Notice that "**yara**" means "to flow as water." Teaching the truth from the living water that flows from our lives from God, becomes the means for warfare that destroys the enemy's works so we can have the "**shalam**" of God. Jesus said, "**He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly will flow rivers of living water**" (John 7:38).

However, people, like King Solomon, inherently hate instruction and correction - and are self-indulgent people who love their creature comforts, to give them a counterfeit form of peace. Since they love to be entertained and love to live a pleasant life style, they will be compromising "peacekeepers," like Solomon, and not warriors like his father David, who said, "**Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teaches my hands to war, and my fingers to fight**" (Psalm 144:1).

On the other hand, true worshippers of God do without earthly comforts and pleasures and learn how to fight and truly sacrifice and endure suffering as a good soldier. This concept is illustrated even by the natural landscape of the territories in which the divided kingdom existed. *Fausset's Bible Dictionary* makes the following comment...

"The northern kingdom, which was made up largely by the tribe of Ephraim, enjoyed the 'precious things of the earth,' (such as) flowers, olive valleys, and vines, but Judah and Benjamin's lot (the southern kingdom) was among the comparatively barren rocks. The grand conservative element of Judah was its divinely appointed temple, priesthood, written law, and recognition of the one true God Jehovah as its true theocratic king. Hence many left northern Israel for Judah where the law was observed. This adherence to the law produced a

succession of kings containing many wise and good monarchs, and a people in the main reverencing the word of God as their rule. Hence, eliminating all that was pagan and attracting all the godly in northern Israel."

Like Judah, God takes the barren and rocky places in the lives of His true worshippers and uses them for His glorious purposes. True worshippers do not have all of the outward trappings of "prosperity" because they are attracted to God's Word and His ways as their standard. They are not carnal and self-centered.



The northern ten tribes made Shechem, Bethel, Shiloah and Samaria, all of which were located in the territory of Ephraim, their designated places of worship. This was done to appease the people, not only so it would not have to be an inconvenience to go to Jerusalem to worship, but their king did not want the people to hear God's Word and turn away from him. This is significant because Ephraim is both a type and example of false worship that revolves around convenience and selfish motives such as we see in apostate Christianity now.

(1 Kings 12:25-27) "Jeroboam then built up the city of Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim... Jeroboam said in his heart, Now will the kingdom return to the house of David... if this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of Yahweh at Jerusalem, then will the heart of this people turn again to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of Judah." WEB

When the nation was divided, the tribe of Ephraim (a half-tribe of Joseph), was the largest among the twelve tribes. Joseph's half-tribe began with his two sons Ephraim and Manasseh who were born to him while he was banished in Egypt. Later, the majority of the tribe of Manasseh joined Judah and Benjamin in the southern kingdom while Ephraim made up the majority of the northern kingdom. Therefore, Ephraim symbolizes the majority of those who claim to be professing Christians with "goat"



characteristics. In other words, Ephraim represents those who worshipped the true and living God but also participated in heathen practices throughout the land. They have mixture in their lives and other Ephraim traits that can also be seen in those who now have a form of godliness.

This northern kingdom was dominated by spiritual apostasy. Those tribes rejected the tribe of Judah and the Davidic throne and became known for their self-importance and for trusting in their *natural advantages*. Like Ephraim, “form of godliness” people rebel against God’s true and ordained authority and power and rely on their natural advantages and abilities. David’s throne is important because Jesus came from King David’s tribe of Judah. The tribe of little Benjamin, who embraced David’s throne, represents the small minority of genuine Christians who allow Jesus Christ (i.e. Judah) to rule over their lives.

“Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Those who are of a like-mind and judgment represent those who embrace what the throne of David represents - a seat of God ordained authority and true unity. His throne was founded in Jerusalem which God established as the foundation for “*shalam*” or **true peace**. Our authority from God (His government) gives us all power over the enemy as Jesus said we have in (Luke 10:19), and is established by God ordained apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ, who is the head cornerstone.

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ... Our Peace, For He Himself is our peace (shalam). For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father (our source). Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints

and members of the household of God (the holy nation of God) having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone” (Ephesians 2:13-14, 18-20, parenthesis mine).



By first allowing Jesus Christ to be the absolute authority in our lives, and then by submitting to His God ordained apostles and prophets, He establishes His rule over us, then we will have God’s true unending **“shalam”**- His peace, prosperity and restoration. As His rule increases, our peace increases. **“Of (or by) the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order**

it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this” (Isaiah 9:7, parenthesis mine).

I am constantly amazed by many people who profess to be God’s “saints” when in reality, they have the heart of Ephraim. They are so consumed with their own life and happiness that to endure hardships as a warrior for God is not in them. This explains why they are so easily led astray by any doctrine that promises anything to their advantage or liking. **“The warriors of Ephraim, though fully armed, turned their backs and fled when the day of battle came” (Psalm 78:9, NLT).**

Those who have Ephraim’s heart have a little bit of God, a little bit of the world, and a little bit of whatever deceit sin promises. In other words, they are a mixed-up bunch of supposed Christians who believe we can all worship God anywhere that pleases us and in any way that makes us feel good. Unlike Judah, who warred against His enemies, the tribe of Ephraim went to war only when it was for their own advantage. It never ceases to amaze me that so many are willing to go to war with us in prayer and intercession when we fight for something they want. But, oh,

how quickly their enthusiasm fades when we need them to war for something that has no personal interest to them. “Ephraim’s” live in a very small world called “it’s all about me” and compromise the little bit of God they have knowledge of by agreeing with a “feel good” Christianity that Satan always promotes. This is exactly what happened to Ephraim when they came into agreement with an enemy of God named Syria...

“And it was told to the house of David, saying, “Syria’s forces are deployed in Ephraim... Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil against you, saying, ‘Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a gap in its wall for ourselves, and set a king over them, the son of Tabeal’...The head of Ephraim is Samaria, And the head of Samaria is Remaliah’s son. If you will not believe, Surely you shall not be established” (Isaiah 7:2,5-6,9).

Satan hates true worship warriors of God because they are his biggest nightmare! I have personally experienced Satan’s “*Syrian strategy*” many times in our ministry, which is a prophetic and apostolic warfare deliverance ministry. By that I mean we rely on hearing from God as to how, when and where to war against the enemy’s strategies, which are meant to keep us from establishing God’s kingdom purposes in the lives of His people here on the earth. In the above text, Ephraim joined with Syria to plan the following **three-part strategy** against Judah.

Part One - “Let us go up against Judah and trouble it.” Satan knows one very effective way to weaken God’s people, so they give up the fight. How? He brings trouble into their lives. I have seen many people give up the battle because they were overwhelmed with trouble. They then turn to a “feel good Christianity.” This strategy can be effective if the enemy is able to do the next part.

Part Two - “Make a gap in the wall.” A wall represents “unity” through the Word of God that raises up a hedge (wall) of protection through intercession. In the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, you will find that the first thing the Jews did when they returned to Jerusalem was to rebuild their walls. Walls represent agreeing together in prayer with those of like mind and like faith. The protective wall of unity is based upon God’s Word given by Him to true watchman intercessors. But Satan knows that if he can sow seeds of discord in a body of believers, no wall

of prayer covering will exist. Neither will prayer! Discord comes when trouble and its cause is not dealt with, according to God's perspective. We must be quick to fall on our faces before God when trouble comes and not become fearful, discouraged and complaining. We need to seek and hear His voice from His Word. Otherwise we will attempt to deal with trouble through our own power and carnal perspective rather than the power of God's perspective that comes from Him through prayer. Once there is no prayer covering, the vexation of the enemy is free to infiltrate a place that was once guarded by prayer. This means our sin nature (flesh) will not be controlled by our spirit, and the enemy then gains access to our city (our walled dwelling place). **(Proverbs 25:28) A person without self-control (i.e., not being controlled by God's Spirit) is like a city with broken-down walls. NLT**

Part Three – “Set a king over them, the son of Tabeal.”

Notice again how the enemy works to gain the rule over our lives. If he can *discourage us in troubled times*, we lose our ability to endure hardship. We will no longer pray and hear His voice, which produces unguarded or open door to demonic deceptions. If we have been overcome by his vexation, Satan's most effective trap is to offer something that seems as if we should welcome it. This is what he did to Jesus in the wilderness after His forty day fast. In His most weakened condition and most vulnerable time, Satan offered Jesus some things that would have pleased the flesh. But if Jesus had succumbed to these temptations He would have lost the battle against the enemy. But thank God, He never gave in! He endured to the end!! What Satan offers as something we would “naturally” welcome. That was what the enemy planned for Judah, by setting an enemy king named **“Tabeal”** over Judah. “Tabeal” in Hebrew means *“the god of pleasure!”* (Strong's 2870).

This plan to invade Judah through carnal pleasure never worked and God tells us why...

(Isaiah 7:7-9) But this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "This invasion will never happen; it will never take place... for Syria is no stronger than its capital, Damascus, and Damascus is no stronger than its king, Rezin. As for Israel, within sixty-five years it will be crushed and completely destroyed... Israel is no stronger than its capital, Samaria, and Samaria is no stronger

than its king, Pekah son of Remaliah. Unless your faith is firm, I cannot make you stand firm." NLT

The enemy could not invade Judah and carry out his plan, because Judah had Jerusalem as their capital! Those who don't pay the price for choosing "Jerusalem" (true spiritual warfare) and choose instead a form of godliness with no power, will not stand in firm enduring faith! This is exactly how people who start out as strong warriors for the truth often end up. Since warfare can be so exhausting, they end up being troubled, discouraged and deceived. They do not endure the hardship of true warfare.

(2 Timothy 2:3-4) You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ... No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

When trouble comes we must see it from God's perspective or it wears us out and we can become open to compromise, because we are more willing to justify our discouragement and self-indulgence in order to find relief from the enemy's vexation.

"The warriors of Ephraim, though fully armed, turned their backs and fled when the day of battle came. They did not keep God's covenant, and they refused to live by his law. Yet they kept on with their sin, rebelling against the Most High in the desert. They willfully tested God in their hearts, demanding the foods they craved... But he rejected Joseph's descendants; he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim. He chose instead the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion, which he loved. There he built his towering sanctuary, as solid and enduring as the earth itself. He chose his servant David, calling him from the sheep pens. He took David from tending the ewes and lambs and made him the shepherd of Jacob's descendants God's own people, Israel. He cared for them with a true heart and led them with skillful hands" (Psalm 78:9-10,17-18, 67-72, NLT).

Troubles always draw our flesh to seek for comfort. But if the Holy Spirit is not our source of comfort when we are troubled,

then something or someone that the enemy dangles before us is what we will embrace as a source for false comfort. **“In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, even to His ears” (Psalm 18:6).**

This verse says that God hears our voice and answers us from “His temple.” Again, His temple is founded in Jerusalem, the place where His Word flows like water into our weary souls. Wearing out the true saints of God through distress is one of the end time strategies of the anti-Christ spirit. The prophet Daniel describes how it will attempt to use this same tactic to gain control over the saints, by opening a door to to him in times of trouble and distress. **“He (the anti-Christ influence) shall speak words against the Most High (false accusations against God), and shall wear out the saints of the Most High... (Daniel 7:25)**
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The enemies from the northern kingdom of Israel (in the Old Testament) were bent on destroying those in the southern kingdom of Judah who were committed to the throne of David. Satan in these end times is just as committed to destroying the very elect of God who are committed to the establishment of His kingdom of righteous and peace on earth. We are going to see great persecution from “Ephraim type Christians” in these end times. We will be falsely accused and betrayed by them. Satan’s best weapons in his war against true worshippers is to use “Ephraim type Christians” against true worship warriors.

Deception produces frustration within God’s people and if it is not exposed and repented of it will wear them out. Deception also frustrates God’s kingdom purposes. Therefore, it is crucial to deal with ALL SIN and its deceitfulness whenever God makes it known to us. The Ephraim crowd will have to experience His judgment in order to become humble so they can experience God’s restoration and reform in their life.

God will Judge and Redeem Ephraim

The name “Ephraim” means “doubly fruitful” (CSWD 669). As said before, the tribe (house) of Joseph (was comprised of the tribes of Ephraim & Manasseh) and was very large. But being “fruitful in size” does not always mean God’s blessing is upon it. Since a large number of FRUIT can be sweet and good, or sour and bad, **it is quality that matters - not size!** When the tribes of Israel divided into two kingdoms, Ephraim and Manasseh (of the

northern kingdom of Israel) were much larger than the southern kingdom of Judah. In the same way, there are two kingdoms in God's holy nation today, called the church. Just as Ephraim led the majority of the northern kingdom tribes, I see "Ephraim-type ministers" leading a large majority of professing Christians with only a form of godliness. They profess to be religious when, as previously stated, they are only serving the god of "self." Ephraim-type leaders and followers appear to be prosperous or fruitful. However, their sin issues are not seen because of pride that opens the door to deception. Jesus found these Ephraim types in the church of Laodicea and described them. **"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy (fruitful), and have need of nothing' and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked, therefore, be zealous and repent" (Revelation 3:17,19, parenthesis mine).**

The northern kingdom is associated with "darkness" because the word "northern" literally means "darkness" (CWSD 6828). When people in pride are blinded by sin, they dwell in spiritual darkness. Jesus said they are miserable, poor and naked but they do not see themselves at all in these conditions of darkness, because their sin of pride creates a different image of themselves which they firmly embrace. They also expect their prideful self-image will impress others and it often does. But it does not impress God! He says these professing Christian's need to repent because the masks they wear do not reflect the real condition of their hearts. But prideful people are not interested in seeking God to find this out. They do not like to feel compunction or pain when they are found to be in the wrong. In other words, when they look into the mirror of God's Word, they will not allow it to reflect their true image because they want to be seen as something they are not. Like the old saying goes, "you can't judge a book by its cover!" **"For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).**

What the Word of God says about the Northern kingdom of Ephraim gives us much insight into the form of godliness or the "apostate church." God's Word says much about Ephraim's in this church that characterizes this northern kingdom.

"And the pride of Israel testifies to his face, but they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek Him for all this. The iniquity of Ephraim is

bound up; his sin is hid. Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the Lord shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels. Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword” (Hosea 7:10,13:12,15-16).

God says in this text that those of the apostate church live in the pride of Ephraim because this church rebels against the established standard that constitutes genuine faith. They are the apostates among God’s people. These professing Christians are not willing to turn to Him and seek Him because it means they will have to be honest and confess areas that do not line up with God’s standard and principles of truth.



As a Christian, I understand this place. This is exactly the way I chose to live for a large part of my professing Christian life. What I failed to see, however, and what other “form of godliness” apostate Christians do not realize, is

that they are bound up. **“The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up” (Hosea 13:12).** To be “bound up” means to experience the pressure to sin, which comes from iniquity operating within us. A Hebrew word study for the word *Iniquity* literally means **inherited sinful tendencies** we possess in our human nature that deceive us and lead us astray, *if we choose to yield to them*. In other words, iniquity influences us to choose sin and pressures us into not confessing it. **“For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He ponders all his paths. His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his sin. He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray” (Proverbs 5:21-23).**

A wicked man is one who “chooses” to do what is wrong. Ephraim chose to go against what God ordained for His chosen people. Like Ephraim, prideful people excuse, blame and justify themselves for every wrong choice they make. Unless we humble ourselves, seek God and allow Him to search our hearts, we will never see these areas of deception because they are hid

in darkness. But prideful people do not like to receive correction or instruction which explains why they are so easily deceived. **“He shall die for lack of instruction and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray”** (Vs. 23 above).

We will see many large and fruitful looking ministries experience a drying up in the days ahead. What I hear God saying in (Hosea 13:15-16) is that Ephraim-type ministries are like springs and fountains that have dried up. Water is a type of the Word of God according to (Ephesians 5:26) and (Hebrews 10:22). Thus, when a ministry does not flow in “present truth” revelation, this means the “springs of living water” within the minister are dried up. No one in ministry can live exclusively off revelations from past seasons. Like the children of Israel, we need manna that is current and fresh to get us into the Promised Land.

The Bible tells us in (Exodus 16:20) that manna which was not **fresh** became infested with *worms* which caused it to stink! The word “worms” literally refers to the color purple which symbolizes “ruling authority” (CWSD #8438). Those trying to minister in a place of God’s authority using “old manna” are using what God says “stinks” or that which He considers offensive. Springs (which represent the flow of God’s current revelation Word) come from underground rivers. God’s springs of revelation from His Word flow deeply within all true disciples of Jesus Christ. **“He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water” (John 7:38).**

Those who fall into deception no longer experience this flow of living water. Personal revelation truth flows in all who spend the time to seek God’s face through His Word and not just seek His hand of power. The Hebrew word for “spring” in (Hosea 13:15) is **“maqowr.”** It refers to the “source” for “wisdom” (CWSD 4726). When we no longer receive revelation from God, we will not act according to His wisdom. Instead, we will rely on our own abilities and understanding to form opinions and judgments. Those who also lack God’s wisdom will be led and lead others astray every time.

The Hebrew word for “fountain” in this same verse is **“ma`yan.”** It means a “source of satisfaction” (CWSD 4599). There are many professing Christians who are dissatisfied. They struggle with addictive and compulsive behaviors, constantly trying to find a relationship with another person, or searching for the right career to give them the satisfaction they desperately want. Their struggle with *dissatisfaction* is simply because they are dried up.

They are not able to obtain the deep sense of satisfaction that comes only from the flow of God's living water which is our only source for the satisfaction of true life.

I have experienced this place of dryness and discontentment that has always led me into deception and into constantly looking for a new "this" or different "that" to find some sense of satisfaction, whether it be through people, clothes, houses or material possessions. However, those who are in this place, also thirst for something "new" in the way of knowledge. They end up embracing teachings, philosophies and ideas that are often disguised as "deep" or "new spiritual revelations."

Pride, which is fed by insecurities coming from this state of "dryness" but only leads the seeker into the place of **"ever learning but never coming to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Tim 3:7)**. Pride causes people to be in a position where they find satisfaction in "knowing" something that others may not. One of the Hebrew words for "dry" is **"yabesh."** It means to be "ashamed, confused" or "disappointed" (CWSD 954). When we find ourselves in this condition, it is because our fountain is no longer bringing forth the living Word and our ability to be satisfied no longer exists! **Nothing can quench our thirst for satisfaction and contentment except to follow the Spirit of truth who always leads us into the true ways and will of God.**

When we do our own thing to find satisfaction, I can personally attest to the fact that we are surely headed for destruction! In other words, when we are not ruled by the true wisdom of God's Holy Spirit, we can easily fall prey to a false anointing from a false spirit, coming through a false teacher that seems to temporarily satisfy the



dryness in our spirit. However, what is false appeals only to our soulish intellect and emotions. When we follow our souls, we can be easily and quickly deceived, for our ability to truly discern comes ONLY from our spirit, not our soul (intellect and emotions). If our spirit becomes dried up by sinful pride, (which is defending the pain of guilt and fear) we cannot discern good from evil. We must remember that one definition for sin is "error." Error and truth is a mixed drink we must avoid because any false teaching, spirit or false anointing will have an intoxicating influence. I cannot tell you the number of times I have heard

those in deception tell me things like, "I know in my heart this good or right." The Bible is clear about the state of those who go in search of that which is deceptive. **"Those who go in search of mixed wine (that which is deceptive), when it sparkles in the cup, when it swirls around smoothly, will find it bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart will utter perverse things" (Proverbs 23:30-33, parenthesis mine).**

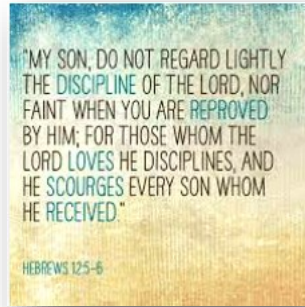
As I have repeatedly stressed, mixture is the primary basis for deception. Anything that is alien to the true standard of God's Word has the ability bring us down just like mixing with what was alien resulted in the downfall of Ephraim. **"Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned. Aliens have devoured his strength, but he does not know it; Yes, gray hairs are here and there on him, yet he does not know it" (Hosea 7:8-10).**

Please notice that the Word says those who get involved with "aliens" are robbed of their strength. Only those who are strong in the Lord will have the power to be discerning. Since "Ephraim's" rely on their own power and abilities because they are not teachable or correctable, they can discern nothing. Let us remember that black and white, is a mixture of truth and error, which creates **gray** areas of compromise. For this very reason, those whom Ephraim represents are continually robbed of their strength without realizing it because there is no self- examination about the gray areas.

In fact, without looking in the mirror of God's Word, they will never see the gray! This is why I believe it is vital to hear words of warning and correction when He brings it to us through His watchmen-prophets. They see the gray areas that contain compromises and deception. **"But they also have erred through wine (yayin), and through intoxicating drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through intoxicating drink, they are swallowed up by wine, they are out of the way through intoxicating drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment for all tables are full of vomit and filth; no place is clean. 'Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message?' (Isaiah 28:7-9, parenthesis mine).**

In (Isaiah 28:5), the prophet speaks about a remnant of people who will finally yield to the truth, repent and come out of Ephraim type churches. This will not happen, however, until God's

chastisement comes through His judgments. These are being released even now and will increase in intensity as we near the end of this age. God must judge His own household first before He can rain down judgment upon the heathen who fight against Him and follow the anti-Christ influence. I see God's judgments as a catalyst for true revival among His household. Even though it breaks His heart to see the us broken and punished. The "Ephraim's" WILL go through judgment, we must remember that the purpose of God's judgments is to restore and redeem those He loves. Judgment is God's way of getting His rebellious ones to bend their will to His through repentance.



"I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself: 'You have chastised me, and I was chastised, like an untrained bull; Restore me, and I will return, for You are the Lord my God. Surely, after my turning, I repented; and after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh; I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated, because I bore the reproach of my youth.' Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a pleasant child? For though I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still; Therefore, My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says the Lord" (Jeremiah 31:18-20).

God says that Ephraim's need to experience a turning so they can have true repentance. The Hebrew word for "turned" in (verse 18) is "**shuwb.**" It means to "return to the starting point" so there can be a "rescue and restoration" (CWSD 7725). Jesus says, "**Remember therefore, from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place unless you repent" (Revelation 2:5).**

True revival is all about repentance and about starting all over from the beginning. Many are looking for a great worldwide revival among the lost, but I submit to you that God has to bring revival to the largest segment of His household first. "**For the time has arrived for judgment to begin with the household of God" (1 Peter 4:17, AMP).**

Jesus Christ is coming back for a glorious church, which He de-



scribes as pure and holy. The Ephraim crowd cannot be a part of this glorious church until they are given a chance to repent so they can be **made holy** (sanctified, set free and set apart from everything that defiles them). Again, this will not happen without God's judgment falling upon them. But Ephraim type Christians do not want to talk about God's judgment. They only want to talk about the blessings and the goodness of God, which is certainly true in part. However, those who refuse to acknowledge the severity of God and are in for a rude awakening! **"Therefore, consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell severity (by refusing truth); but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off"** (Rom 11:22, parenthesis mine).

God loves us enough to do whatever He must to bring us to repentance. Even if it means a good old fashioned trip to the "woodshed"; which means a good spanking to those of you who are too young to know about this kind of correction. I believe one of the greatest deceptions God's people have embraced is the lie that corporeal punishment is child abuse. **"Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of correction will drive it far from him"** (Proverbs 22:15, NKJV).

God does not abuse His children, but He does believe in physical pain as an effective way to bring correction.

Because Ephraim has made many altars for sin, they have become for him altars for sinning. I have written for him the great things of My law, but they were considered it a strange thing. For the sacrifices of My offerings they sacrifice flesh and eat it, but the Lord does not accept them. Now He will remember their iniquity and punish their sins" (Hosea 8:11-14, NKJV).

Notice how Ephraim-type Christians consider God's law to be strange. They love to hear about His grace but not about His law! They do not worship God in spirit and in truth. Instead, they love to serve Him according to the means and ways of their flesh and soul. God is clear about not accepting those who try to worship Him while they love to indulge in their sinful fleshly ways. So much of what goes on inside the sanctuaries of Ephraim-type Christians is nothing more than altars for sinning and this will be

punished. Yet God said there would be a remnant from this group who would yield to Him because of His punishment and turn in a place of repentance. **“They shall come with weeping, and with supplications I will lead them (not their flesh). I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd does his flock.’ For the Lord has redeemed Jacob and ransomed him from the hand of one stronger than he (Jeremiah 31:9-11, NKJV).**

I firmly believe we have entered a time when God is gathering all the tribes of His Holy nation, including the Ephraim's, to Himself. Yes, He will do this is through some very painful judgments which are always meant to redeem and restore those who are willing to “turn and learn” from them. Therefore, we must continue to seek God in order to understand His directives concerning those who have been scattered because of their rebellion and deception. Even though He promised to punish and chastise “Ephraim's” His heart is to see them repent and not perish. But the choice to repent or perish is up to them. **“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance...Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless” (2 Peter 3:9,14, NKJV).** †

My Walk Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death

By Karen Connell

The last week of February our autistic grandson, who lives with us, went to a sporting event (the first one they allowed since the covid thing started), and come to find out half the teams tested positive for covid-19. A week later our grandson came down sick for a week, which didn't seem serious, for he was back on His feet in less than a week.

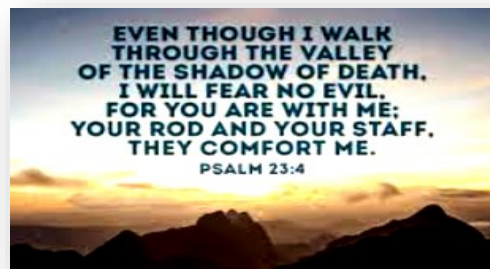
However, two weeks or so later, Garry and I became ill. At the time I was trying to take care of my 2-year-old granddaughter, because our son and daughter-on-law were going through a very serious family crisis. However, we were both getting weaker by the day, until my oldest daughter intervened and made Garry and I go the emergency

room, where we were diagnosed with pneumonia, and of course we tested positive for COVID-19.

I was hit harder than my husband, and was immediately placed on a ventilator and my children were called in to say their “goodbyes,” as they were told I was not going to make it. Both Garry and I were put on A Life Flight and flown immediately to the intensive care unit in Wausau Wisconsin for specialized care. I was in a comma for 10 days, and experienced complete kidney failure and was about to be put on dialysis, when the Lord intervened through the prayers of so many who were alerted to our situation.

Three days after awakening I was taken off of the ventilator, and the supernatural strength of the Lord invaded my body! When I first woke up, I could not even lift my arms and could not stand or move myself at all. Within a week, I was able to stand and take a few steps, and even feed myself. The medical staff said they had never seen such an unexpected and fast recover, ever! My oxygen levels were back normal (which they had never seen that happen either so quickly) and I was taken off oxygen, and also my kidneys were functioning normally. So, a week or so after waking up, both Garry and I were able to be taken back home to a rehab facility (only 3 blocks from our house) where we quickly regained our ability to walk and strengthen the muscles in our body where atrophy, from being bed ridden for those weeks, had taken its toll. I was told it would probably be at least 6 weeks of rehab, but it only took us both around two weeks, and we were able to go home. We are taking walks, going up and down stairs and getting stronger and our stamina is also increasing daily. I have had ample opportunity to give God all the glory to those who were assigned to our medical case and all who witnessed God at work in our lives. His grace is truly sufficient!

About a week or so before all this happened, the Lord was ministering



to me from the 23rd Psalm about WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH... And soon after, we (the Lord and I) walked through that place together, where I encountered a major principality and had some things I experienced in this place called

the VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH. I am planning on writing and sharing more of what I went through there, at some point, when the Lord releases me to do so...

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...One thing that I am trusting the Lord for now, and do ask your prayers for also, is the restoration of my voice. It seems like my vocal cords were damaged when they put the tube down my throat when I was put on the ventilator. Until my voice is restored, I cannot sing and worship, and I so love writing and singing the worship songs the Lord gives me. One thing I do know is that He didn't bring me this far to leave me! Garry and I are living proof that our Heavenly Father is genuinely the God of our restoration! What Satan meant for bad, has increased our love for and our faith in Jesus Christ our Savior!

God's chosen people are going to face many fiery trials in these end times, in order to purify them and produce greater endurance that will see them through to the end. So I will choose to praise Him in & for ALL things!

I pray that the God of our restoration and strength will renew and refine us all in the coming days, as we face whatever lies ahead for each of our lives, enabling us to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that He is our provider and that He will never leave or forsake us!

(Hebrews 13:5-6)

Be free from the love of money, be content with such things as you have, for he has said, "I will in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you." ... So that with good courage we say, "The Lord is my helper. I will not fear. What can man do to me?"



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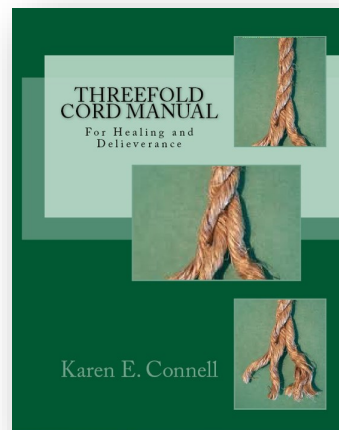
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