

New Year 5786

Next Wednesday, March 18th 2026 at sunset is the Biblical New Year! Time isn't just a measure of passing days. It is a rhythm that points us back again and again to what matters most in the Kingdom of God! — Shabbat, the appointed times, and the story of redemption. We are commanded to observe it:

Deuteronomy 16:1. "Observe the month of Aviv, and keep Pesach to ADONAI your God; for in the month of Aviv, ADONAI your God brought you out of Egypt at night.

Observe in Hebrew is: Shamar which is to keep, guard, observe, protect, and attend. This is the same command God gave Adam in Gane'den, the Garden of Eden. Adam was to Shamar the Garden, not tend but watch, guard, preserve, and protect. We are to observe, guard, and keep the biblical new year! What will the new year hold for us? Let's look at the prophetic meaning of the year 5786/2026. Hebrew letters also serve as numbers, so every year's number can be read as a word or phrase:

5000: Heh, "behold" or "the" when added before word. The number 5 represents grace, God's unmerited favor through His empowering presence. It signifies victory and divine enablement!

700: Shin, often tied to fire, divine energy, or transformation. The number 7 (Sheva in Hebrew) is the DNA, the building blocks of creation. Seven is the central key to God's creation and design. The world was created in seven days. There are seven feasts of the Lord in the annual feast day cycle. There are Sheva festival days when work is forbidden. Sheva days of Matzah! Sheva days of Sukkot. Sheva (seven) is the number of creation and is the number of perfection. It speaks of completion and perfection through warfare.

80: Peh, means "mouth" in Hebrew. It's linked to speech, proclamation, declaration, and prophecy. The Number 8 symbolizes new beginnings. It points to the transition from the old into the new, the breaking forth of a new day, and the power of renewal and transformation through Yeshua.

6: Vav, means "hook" it relates to connection, unity, joining heaven and earth. The Number 6 is associated with humankind, as humanity was created on the sixth day. It functions as a nail that fixes two things together or as a hook that draws something into place. Symbolically, it is the divine link between Heaven and Earth.

So, 5786 can be read as: "The year of connecting (Vav) and transformation through the mouth with decrees (Peh), with divine fire/energy (Shin)." It's a

year of Divine Connections, decrees and proclamations, Divine Shifts, renewal, and Divine Alignments from Heaven to our Earth.

The number 26 from the year 2026 in the gematria is the value of God's Name YHWH, symbolizes authority and love, marking a year with divine connections and the fulfillment of long-awaited promises. 5786/2026 is described as a year of reaping, where believers are expected to witness the fulfillment of prophecies decreed and the manifestation of God's Word in power. We are to decree and proclaim Gods word with Authority and power! This new year will be one of the most significant transitional shifts that we will see and experience. This New Year will be one of divine connections, radical divine shifts, coupled with divine alignments with the authority of the Kingdom of Adonai! Nations will feel this radical shift profoundly. Political, economic, and spiritual strongholds will not remain the same. Adonai is connecting, aligning, and joining us into His Heavenly purposes here on the earth. It is a year for remembering God's mighty works throughout history and in personal lives.

There is a prophetic warning for believers to transition their mindset from the past to who they shall be in the future. The Hebrew letters associated with 5786 (Tav, Shin, Pey, and Vav) hold deep spiritual significance, indicating a time of spiritual awakening. Themes of wealth transfer and divine connections are also anticipated during this year.

Six is the number of man and often signals the completion of earthly things. 5786 will mark the completion of certain earthly eras and the passing of assignments from one generation to another, from the gentile age to the Messianic age. For Modern-Day Esthers, this is a call to discern when one chapter has ended so that God can connect you to the next. These past several weeks have supernaturally revealed that there is a God in Israel and that Islam is a false religion!

Partnered with our ally Israel we just eliminated Iran's military for good reason, Iran has been at war with the US for 47 years! They and their proxies had killed thousands of Americans and thousands of Israelis! Many people are confused and upset but it's because they're ignorant of the Sunni and Shiite Muslim difference. Sunnis Muslims are Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Most of Iraq. Shiites are mostly in Iran.

The primary distinction between Sunni and Shia Muslims lies in their views on leadership. Sunnis accept a broader interpretation of leadership, allowing for leaders from various backgrounds, while Shia Muslims believe that only descendants of Muhammad through his cousin Ali should lead the community.

In Shi'a Islam, the 12th Imam, Muhammad al-Mahdi, is believed to be in a state of "occultation" or hiding, and will eventually return as the Mahdi (is a messianic figure in Islamic belief) to establish justice on earth. This belief is central to

Twelver Shi'a doctrine, with the 12th Imam considered alive and hidden until his reappearance. They believe the al-Mahdi returns when the world is in chaos which is why Iran is shooting missile at all their neighbors and why they seek nuclear weapons! They seek world war and chaos to herald the Mahdi's return.

These insights suggest a year of transformation, remembrance, with a spiritual awakening. 5786 will demand discernment. Do not let the number six stir fear or speculation about the end times. Stay focused upon Yeshua! Practice discernment. This year is not about panic. It is about divine connections to the King. We must live our lives in this new year with great biblical intentionality!

In the Bible, the month of Nissan holds spiritual significance as it marks the beginning of the Jewish sacred calendar. This month is often associated with themes of new beginnings, redemption, and deliverance. One of the most important events linked to Nissan is the celebration of Passover, which commemorates the our liberation from slavery in Egypt.

The spiritual meaning of Nissan, therefore, revolves around the idea of freedom and salvation. It serves as a reminder that just as God delivered our people from bondage in Egypt, He can also bring deliverance and redemption to individuals who trust in Him today.

Overall, Nissan carries a message of hope, renewal, and the promise of a fresh start in one's spiritual journey. It encourages believers to remember God's faithfulness in the past and look forward to His continued divine work in their lives. It's a new season of power and influence, that will bring about radical, transformative change!

Scripture records and reveals our destinies as believers and servants of our covenant keeping God to be that of kingdom activists, boldly influencing society, facing down our giants, challenging the worldly status quo, and taking this nation for the Kingdom of God. Nehemiah, one of the most thought provoking, encouraging, and moving books in the Bible is the Biblical Manifesto for divine, heavenly activism and restoration. There's no book that you could purchase today that is the equivalent of Nehemiah regarding leadership, power, and influence. The book opens with a compassionate Nehemiah inquiring about the remnant of the exiles in Jerusalem with intentionality:

Nehemiah 1:1-4. The words of Nechemyah the son of Hakhalyah: It was in the month of Kislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the capital, ² that Hanani, one of my kinsmen, came out of Y'udah with some men; and I asked them about the remnant of Judeans who had escaped the exile, and about Yerushalayim. ³ They answered me, "The remnant of the exile left there in the province are in great distress and are held in contempt, the wall of Yerushalayim is in ruins, and its gates have been completely burned

up." ⁴ On hearing this answer, I sat down and wept; I mourned for several days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

The name Nehemiah means "The Lord is compassionate" and certainly Nehemiah lives up to His name. Nehemiah launches the foundational elements for restoring a nation: Fasting and Prayer with a broken heart. This is a dual edged sword for us. We seek the restoration and revival of Israel and America. Nehemiah has the compassion to inquire, to ask how things are going in Jerusalem. There's no apathy or complacency within Nehemiah. Nehemiah is not struggling with a raging internal battle over identity, Persian or Jewish.

He knows his identity. First and foremost, a Jew. A devout Jew, a man of prayer and son of an activist, a person of action. He doesn't love Persia, the world's only superpower at the time and all of its associated creature comforts, culture, and security more than Jerusalem, that was at that moment, an unsafe and inhospitable place to be. For the rest of Nehemiah Chapter One Nehemiah repents and pleads with God to hear his prayer and forgive Israel's offense of disobedience of God's commands and to grant Nehemiah favor.

Nehemiah 1:11. Adonai, please, let your ear now be attentive to the prayer of your servant and to the prayer of your servants who take joy in fearing your name: please let your servant succeed today and win this man's compassion"- for I was the king's personal attendant.

Nehemiah held a high-ranking position of importance and power within the government of Persia, the palace of the King. Nehemiah was the Kings personal cup bearer. Cupbearers often served as unofficial advisors. Their consistent access to the king, offering the cup to the king regularly, allowed for opportunities to convey observations, insights, or appeals.

Cupbearers exemplified fidelity and unimpeachable character. Their appointment signified that the king held them above suspicion, trusting them with his very life. This honor was sometimes coupled with material and social benefits. In Nehemiah's case, he was entrusted not only with ensuring Artaxerxes' safety but also with navigating royal permissions and resources to restore Jerusalem's fortifications

Like Mordecai's words to Nehemiah's predecessor Esther in Chap. 4: "Don't suppose that merely because you happen to be in the royal palace you will escape any more than the other Jews. For if you fail to speak up now, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from a different direction; but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows whether you didn't come into your royal position precisely for such a time as this.

Nehemiah, in his mourning, prayer, and fasting came to revelation that most believers today don't realize:

Position + influence = Power

These gifts are not bestowed by God upon His servants to inflate our own ego, obtain personal gain, or even to wield and lord power over others. These gifts and resources of position and influence achieve their highest purpose when they are placed upon a godly man or women

Nehemiah 2:1-5. In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of Artach'shashta the king, it happened that I took the wine and brought it to the king. Prior to then I had never appeared sad in his presence. ² The king asked, "Why do you look so sad? You're not sick, so this must be some deep inner grief." At this, I became very fearful, ³ as I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why shouldn't I look sad, when the city, the place where my ancestors' tombs are, lies in ruins; and its gates are completely burned up?" ⁴ The king asked me, "What is it that you want?" I prayed to the God of heaven, ⁵ then said to the king, "If it pleases the king, if your servant has won your favor, send me to Y'hudah, to the city of my ancestors' tombs, so that I can rebuild it."

Nehemiah had everything. He was living the dream life. He had safe and secure employment. As long as the king remained King and no one attempted to poison him Nehemiah could have led the rest of his life cultivating his career and maybe even get further ahead. I'm sure Nehemiah was familiar with the story of Y'oseph. Nehemiah is in a great position of influence in the court of King Artaxerxes yet he chose to risk it all and risk disfavor with the king, risking imprisonment, even possible death (no grumpies were allowed in the kings presence) to intercede for God Holy City of Jerusalem. Displaying a sad countenance before the king was analogous to Esther going before the king uninvited. The King in fact notice Nehemiah's sadness and surprisingly asks why? Nehemiah boldly responds in verse 3:

"May the king live forever! Why shouldn't I look sad, when the city, the place where my ancestors' tombs are, lies in ruins; and its gates are completely burned up?"

The Kings court would have been filled with people: Astrologers, advisors, courtesans, citizens petitioning the king, the queen, her court and advisors, and scribes to record the official records of every word the King spoke. I'm sure than when this foreigner (non-Persian) Nehemiah, employed as the Kings cupbearer spoke those words there was a collective gasp in the room followed by deafening silence for the people in the King's court would have been waiting for the Kings commands regarding Nehemiah's punishment.

Jerusalem, the city of Gold, the City of Kings, The city of David, God's Holy City lay in ruins. The gates had been burned, the walls had been torn down and all but a miserly remnant of its inhabitants had been carried away into captivity. Why would the pagan King of Persia, Persia being the only superpower in the

world at that time be concerned about or care about such a despairing place or even grant such a request? Because God cared! Nehemiah's unique privilege as cupbearer to King Artaxerxes was pivotal in securing royal support and safe passage to rebuild Jerusalem. His direct petition to the king illustrates the favor a cupbearer could hold in the monarch's eyes. This favor further highlights how God providentially worked through an esteemed position to accomplish national restoration.

Proverbs 21:1. The king's heart in ADONAI's hand is like streams of water -he directs it wherever he pleases.

The God of Israel had other plans and was waiting for an obedient and faithful servant, Nehemiah, to stand up, become active, involve himself in the political affairs of a nation that wasn't his and influence the KING. God was waiting for a loyal, obedient servant who would have enough Chutzpah to take the step of faith and address the King! The Kings Answer?

Nehemiah 2:6-8. With the queen sitting next to him, the king asked me, "How long is your trip going to take? When will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a time. ⁷ I then said to the king, "If it pleases the king, have letters given to me for the governors of the territory beyond the [Euphrates] River, so that they will let me pass through until I reach Y'udah; ⁸ and also a letter for Asaf the supervisor of the royal forests, so that he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress belonging to the house, for the city wall and for the house I will be occupying." The king gave me these, according to the good hand of my God on me.

When Nehemiah realizes that the King is open and listening to him, he seizes the opportunity. Remember, the opportunity of a lifetime must be seized within the lifetime of the opportunity. Nehemiah made three bold requests:

1. "If it pleases the king, if your servant has won your favor, send me to Y'udah, to the city of my ancestors' tombs, so that I can rebuild it." **Verse 5. Nehemiah asked be allowed to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls. He didn't ask for someone else to do it and the King just fund it. Nehemiah was directly involved and ask that he himself be allowed to go.**

2. "If it pleases the king, have letters given to me for the governors of the territory beyond the [Euphrates] River, so that they will let me pass through until I reach Y'udah". **Verse 7. Nehemiah petitioned for safe passage through the territories to Jerusalem. Rebuilding could have been and will have been considered an act of rebellion by various people as the work moved forward.**

3. "and also a letter for Asaf the supervisor of the royal forests, so that he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress belonging to the house, for the city wall and for the house I will be occupying." **Verse 8. Provision, Nehemiah asked for**

and received complete and total provision to rebuild and restore the gates and walls.

Nehemiah took advantage of God's open door and move forward. However, just because you have the favor of the Lord, favor with the King, and the Chutzpah to move forward its doesn't mean you'll do so without opposition:

Nehemiah 2:10-16. When Sanvalat the Horoni and Toviyah the servant, the 'Amoni, heard about this, they were very displeased that someone had come to promote the welfare of the people of Isra'el. ¹¹ So I reached Yerushalayim. After I had been there for three days, ¹² I got up during the night, I and a few men with me. I hadn't told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Yerushalayim; and I didn't take any animal with me except the animal on which I was riding. ¹³ I went out by night through the Valley Gate, to the Dragon's Well and the Dung Gate, and inspected the places where the walls of Yerushalayim were broken down and where its gates had been burned down. ¹⁴ Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was no room for the animal under me to pass. ¹⁵ So I went up the valley in the dark and went on inspecting the wall; then I turned back, entered through the Valley Gate and returned, ¹⁶ without the officials' knowing where I had gone or what I had done. Till then, I hadn't said anything about this to the Judeans, cohanim, nobles, officials or anyone who would be responsible for the work.

Nehemiah was aware that there would be opposition. He used great discernment and judgment in that:

1. He kept quiet. Far too many times we as believers get excited about what God is doing and prematurely trumpet our plans to the public which forewarns the enemy to what God and you are about to do. Nehemiah didn't even tell the nobleman and Judeans that were living there!

2. He moved swiftly and silently. When Nehemiah went to inspect the damage and what needed to be done he went and night and took only a few men and the animal he was riding in order to not draw attention to himself and what they were about to do. They were, as we say in the military, flying under the radar.

Upon briefing the remnant of Israel in Jerusalem they immediately received and understood Nehemiah's vision and began fulfilling the prophetic task of rebuilding the walls, gate, and eventually the Temple itself. Let me pause here and bring correlation to us, here today some 2,400 years later.

We too have a prophetic destiny and task assigned to us. We too have rebuilding to do. We too have been given favor with the King and provision to carry out our task. God is once again on the move to restore Israel, the land and the people. The new year is the time to renew our efforts. He is opening doors of opportunity as miraculous events occur every day. It is Adonais desire:

Psalm 130:7-8. O Israel, wait for Adonai. For with Adonai there is lovingkindness, and with Him is full redemption, ⁸ and He will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Once again Israel will be redeemed and revived, all Israel shall be saved. We are inquiring about Jerusalem and the state of affairs of the people in Israel and America. Sha'ul gave us the understanding and insight to what I'm referring to:

Romans 11:26. and that it is in this way that all Isra'el will be saved. As the Tanakh says, "Out of Tziyon will come the Redeemer; he will turn away ungodliness from Ya'akov.

Our prophetic destiny assigned to us as a Messianic Congregation is right here at America's Eastern Gate. We are to rebuild the Body of Messiah so that ALL ISRAEL will be saved. The once powerful and influential body of Messiah that was the crowning Jewel of God's diadem and the bride of His son has fallen into apostasy, idolatry, and disrepute. The gates are burned and destroyed, no longer keeping the world out of the body of Messiah. The walls are fallen leaving the body of Messiah unprotected and exposed. It's like a compromised dike or levee with water pouring through. The dike or levee of protection around the body is compromised and the world is pouring in contaminating the pure bride.

Emaciated, broken, compromised, and ineffective the body of Messiah is not able to effect social change or provide moral compass to a dark and sinful world. Division, disunity, and offense has become our name sake and trademark. Should anyone bother to inquire of our wellbeing they would sit down, weep, pray, and fast as Nehemiah did for in the Lords eyes there is only a remnant and the body of Messiah is tired and in desperate need of immediate help. There are those who are listening and understand that as it was in the beginning so it will be in the end.

Isaiah 46:9-10. "Remember things that happened at the beginning, long ago - that I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. ¹⁰ At the beginning I announce the end, proclaim in advance things not yet done; and I say that my plan will hold, I will do everything I please to do.

We have an overwhelming yet miraculous task of restoring and unifying the body, to be the match to light the fire of Jewish revival and prepare the bride for the grooms return. To restore the ancient foundations, to re-dig the ancient spiritual wells of the Patriarchs and have our days renewed as of old.

God is waiting for the Nehemiah's of our generation to "Risk Everything" for the Jewish People, the Land of Israel, and the Body of Messiah.

God is waiting for the David's of this generation to declare: "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he dare challenge the Armies of God".

God is waiting for those Esther's who would go before the King even if they might lose their life.

God is waiting for the Son's and Daughter of Tzadok to minister unto Him and teach the people the difference between holy and common, clean and unclean.

God is waiting for the Jeremiah's that say, "I won't think about him, I won't speak in his name any more," then it seems as though a fire is burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I wear myself out trying to hold it in, but I just can't do it.

God is waiting for the Kefa's, the Peter's of our time who will stand up with great boldness and declare the Good News to the Judeans and have 3,000 saved that day!

God is waiting for the Sha'uls of this generation to start declaring with utmost seriousness the same message to Jews and Greeks alike: turn from sin to God; and put your trust in our Lord.

God is waiting for those righteous few who possess rock solid character, integrity, and honor to be His Emissary and Voice Piece here.

Like Nehemiah when we rise to God's vision and Destiny we will experience now and in the future the naysayers. Just like Nehemiah "When Sanvalat the Horoni and Toviyah the servant, the 'Amoni, heard about this, they were very displeased that someone had come to promote the welfare of the people of Isra'el."

As soon as you begin work in a Jewish ministries the haters and Sanvalat's come out of the woodwork. They have done little or nothing to forward the Kingdom of God and they don't want you to do it either. (I'm not yelling, I'm extremely passionate and I hope and pray you'll get passionate too!).

A growing Congregation is a side benefit for us. We are here to influence Virginia, America, and the World regarding God's "One New Man" of Ephesians 2:15, the unification of the believing Jew and Believing Gentile. We are here to teach and influence the greater body into understanding and promoting the Salvation and Revival of Israel, Messianic Israel's restoration as the leaders within the body of Messiah and the return of the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua, Jesus to Rule and Reign in God's Holy City of Jerusalem. God is sounding a call to action in this hour to prepare and get ready for the Son's return and as we fulfill His commands