

Psalm 27 (Part 7) - Breathing Techniques for End Times

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Shabbat Shalom.

Well, we left off in our last message at verse 5 where we saw David say these words. **Psalm 27:5 — For in the time of trouble — Referring to the wrath of God coming upon the sons of disobedience. — He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.** (Emphasis added). Now David is referencing here the resurrection of the dead. This is what we can safely identify as the most intense, the most incredible event the world will ever know.

This is not exaggeration, there's going to be nothing like this that has ever happened, and it will never happen again. The Apostle Paul talks about this day, and he says that this day comes in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet. That trumpet is going to sound, and the dead are going to rise. As you get into first Thessalonians, he talks about how Yeshua is going to descend with the voice of an archangel, with the trumpet of God. As the dead rise, the people who are alive and remain, who somehow made it through the tribulation according to God's plan, will rise with them, and they're going to meet the Lord in the air and be with the Lord forever.

It's absolutely incredible when you think about that because now you have to put this into context. All the men going back to Adam, to the very men that die in the tribulation, are going to resurrect all at once. I mean, you're talking about the prophets, you're talking about Ezra and Nehemiah, you're talking about Joshua, you're talking about all these men and women. We read about Esther, Rahab, and Deborah, and we could go all the way into the first century with all the apostles. And then move forward to the righteous men that will be alive at the end of the age, that is an incredible thought. All of them in concert coming out of the graves.

I want to open today by taking you to Isaiah 66. I want to show you there's a passage here that talks about the resurrection of the dead. How it talks about it is very interesting and instructive so pay close attention as we read this.

Isaiah 66:8 — Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the Earth be made to give birth in one day? — It's talking about that very day that Yeshua talks about in John 6. Yeshua calls it the last day. This is when the resurrection happens on the last day, at the last trumpet. — Shall the Earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children. (Emphasis added). It is amazing because this is prophetic. The way the

prophet deals with the resurrection of the dead, he uses the imagery of a woman in labor. The earth giving birth. Now I don't know about you, but I think most of us in this room, at the very least, have heard about what happens to women when they go into labor. When my wife and I had our first child we took these classes, and they teach you how to breathe. You know, most of the men don't really grasp the intensity at the time, but when you are in these classes, they say how important breathing is, and they instruct you how to breathe and that you need to do this to help your wife. You must get oxygen to certain places in the body. You must be able to focus on this breathing to help this woman who has entered the most painful time of her life. You must get her to focus on this to be able to weather this labor, to be able to weather that storm. That is an amazing thing.

If you've ever seen a good midwife or a good nurse go into action at this time when this woman is doubled over, and some of these women are screaming in pain, it's excruciating. When you watch these midwives and nurses at work, they're amazing. Their ability to come in and navigate this situation, to instruct their patient in labor, "you must be in this position; you need to sit this way," all to get her through these pains and help her with her breathing.

You have all these instructions. I'm going to tell you something. Listen carefully. We have a midwife, we have these instructions, we are given breathing techniques to go through the great tribulation; it's right here in this book. (Referring to the Bible.) The Word of God is going to teach you how to breathe when you come to that time of such excruciating pain and such labor. This is so that when it comes you can breathe.

Yeshua shares this with His disciples in John 16. He says, "You see me now, but a time is coming when you will not see me. And then you will sorrow, you will weep, and you will be in a time of mourning." It's interesting what He says because He brings the exact same imagery to the table. He says this in John 16:21a — **A woman, when she is in labor; has sorrow because her hour has come...** — This is amazing to me how God, who is the creator of heaven, earth, and everything He has created, testifies of Him.

God has embedded realities and deep spiritual mysteries in His creation. Here is an example: marriage. He has given us literal, tangible, physical marriage that we experience, that we can witness. The Apostle Paul tells us great mysteries are revealed, and the tangible experience of marriage helps us understand the reality of the relationship between Yeshua and the church. That is an amazing thing to me.

Well, there's something else God has created that is very instructive. It is something that every single person will experience or be confronted with to some degree, especially husbands and friends of women going into labor. And that is the whole process of what a woman experiences the moment those contractions start. Do you know prophecy is being declared every single day every time a woman goes into labor? The end of the age is being declared. That is God. That is awesome.

To see my wife going through 38 hours of back labor with our first one. You could go to classes and learn how to breathe. But I wasn't really prepared to see her in that much pain, it was actually painful for me. And she was so exhausted, she was trembling, she couldn't even stand, she was just shaking all over the place. Have you ever seen a woman in labor like that? All hell had broken loose. And what you are witnessing is the tribulation, you are witnessing what women experience.

God has embedded this prophecy. When you see that, get ready. Understand that you better get your breathing techniques; you better learn how to breathe. You better be taking in the voice of the midwife. You know at times the Bible likens that she is a tree of life to those who take hold of her and happy are

all who hold her fast. The Word is likened to a woman. You take those words in to get through because it is a time of suffering; it is a horrible time of suffering. But listen to what Yeshua says next in **John 16:21b — ...But as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.** — The thing that is hard to wrap your mind around is that two minutes ago she was writhing in agony and in pain, screaming. The second that child comes forth and you put that child in a mother's arms she's smiling, she has joy and complete peace, and you're thinking, what just happened? Yeshua brings this to the table, and scripture spends a lot of time on this because this is your breathing, (referring to John 16:21b), technique.

You have to remember that for you to go through what is coming you must remember the end result. As these women go through this experience, the midwives are amazing. They're encouraging; they're strengthening all along the way. This is what the Word will do; it will strengthen them every step of the way. A mother is determined to get through this because she knows what is going to follow and that it's all worth it for that child. And it's amazing.

I've talked to a lot of you women, and we make jokes that after they have given birth they have forgotten about the pain. You forget that excruciating pain otherwise there'd be no humanity left. I mean, who wants to go through that? Right? Who wants to do that twice? For women yes, they do. Why? Because they forget the pain. What does that teach you? The Lord is telling us something. He's instructing us: you will forget about all the suffering and the pain that you're about to experience. It'll be gone in a moment, the second the earth gives birth to the dead.

I want to build on this, and I want to take you to chapter 3 in the Book of Genesis. God has an amazing way of declaring prophecy and bringing us into deep prophecy at the very end from the beginning. In Genesis chapter 3, you'll note right at the beginning Satan comes to deceive Eve, and he is successful in his campaign; she sins, Adam partakes with her and they both sin.

God comes on the scene. He reprimands and curses the devil, but then he proceeds to curse Eve. This is amazing. I want to read this to you. **Genesis 3:16 — And to the woman He said: I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children...** (Emphasis added). In pain you shall bring forth children. I want you to see God has declared the end from the beginning. He is talking about the great tribulation. He is talking about the earth giving birth to her children, and it will happen in great pain.

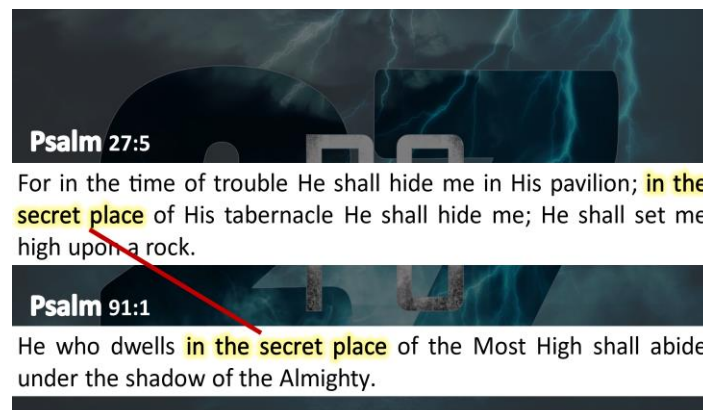
Genesis 3:16 — Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you. Think about that because what are we talking about? We're talking about Yeshua prophetically. Now there's another application here I've covered in the past, but prophetically we're talking about Zion wants her husband, and He will rule over the earth, and He will rule over her. (Referring to Genesis 3:16.) Absolutely amazing.

Take it a step further: do you ever notice that in chapter 1 God says *Peru U'revu*, which means be fruitful and multiply. In Genesis chapter 1, this is the creation account. He creates man; he creates Adam. And then he commissions Adam, mankind, to be fruitful and multiply. *Peru U'revu*, be fruitful and multiply. Then you read where God puts Adam into a deep sleep, and He takes a rib out of Adam and creates what is called woman, *Ishshah*, Hebrew for Woman. Because she was brought out of *Ish*, Man. He does this, and then what's interesting is this *Peru U'revu* never happens in the state of Adam and Eve in immortality. When they're immortal, *Peru U'revu* never happens. Do you know it doesn't happen until the fall; it doesn't happen until the curse is proclaimed. Isn't that interesting?

After the curse is proclaimed, you get into Genesis chapter 4. Guess what you read? *Peru U'revu*, and they start to become fruitful and multiply. And what is recorded right at the front end of chapter 4 is that she brings forth two children. She brings forth Cain, the wicked, and then she brings forth Abel, the righteous.

That is fascinating considering what Yeshua says in **John 5:28 — Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice,²⁹ and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.** (Emphasis added). The wicked and the righteous will be brought forth and will be delivered as a woman delivering her children in birth, and the wicked will not be delivered in righteousness by Yeshua.

So, as we look at what David is describing here in Psalm 27:5, understand this is a loaded statement. There's a lot to consider. To further build upon this, to get some more breathing techniques and more tools, I want to take you to Psalm 91. I'll keep verse 5 up here with this because it coincides with Psalm 91.



And the reason I highlight this is to show you the exact terminology is being used in Psalm 91; it's the identical context.

This is very helpful because now we're going to learn some other things as the psalmist goes on.

Now I love this imagery “abiding under the shadow of the almighty” because ultimately it's described as total deliverance. It describes all the pain and suffering of all the atrocities that have been committed against the righteous. All these things that you experience, all the injustice, and all that affliction comes to an end. This is the moment where the righteous become untouchable, this is the moment when you no longer have to do battle with principalities and powers and spiritual hosts of wickedness that had tormented you and afflicted you.

This is the moment where the wicked of humanity no longer have access to do you harm. You've come under His shadow, under His protection. **Psalm 91:4 — He shall cover you with his feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge.** You can't help but draw back to Matthew 23:37 where Yeshua says, **O Jerusalem, Jerusalem... How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!**

The whole aspect of what Yeshua is conveying to the people of Jerusalem, which is a synecdoche for Israel as a whole, is that He wants to deliver them. His heart is to save them. This goes back to Jeremiah 29:11 — **For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.** That's what is in His heart; it is to deliver. So, this is a very powerful statement.

It goes on and says in **Psalm 91:4 — *ă-mit-tōw*** (“His truth” in Hebrew) **...His truth shall be your shield and buckler.** (Emphasis added). Now that becomes powerful when you go to John 14:6 and Yeshua comes out and says, **I am the way, the truth, and the life.** Yeshua will rise as your defender. He said He would not leave us orphans. He would send His spirit, and He has prepared a place for us: where He is we may also be. He will come back to get us. He will; it's going to happen.

Now moving on to verse six in **Psalm 27:6a — And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me.** There are two things I want you to see here, and I'm going to do them in reverse order. The first thing is that David mentions the enemies are all around him. This goes back to what we covered early on in this series where we talked about the prophet Joel. The prophet Joel mentions the United Nations; that this coalition of all the nations would come up against God's people. They will surround them with one purpose; to destroy them.

The world comes to a place where they become completely intolerant of God. They become intolerant of His ways of scriptural truth. They hate the truth, they want the lie, and so they're being led by the Antichrist in this situation. But notice what David says going to the front part of **Psalm 27:6a — But now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies.** (Emphasis added). When you come to this great time of tribulation, when the enemy comes to destroy all God's people, the righteous, David declares victory.

And Psalm 91 elaborates on this. **Psalm 91:5 — You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. — Listen to this; this is huge — ⁸ Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.**

We learn something here about what David is talking about in Psalm 27, when his head is lifted above his enemies. David, in that statement, is also stating this reality (Referring to Psalm 91:8) that the righteous will see the destruction of the wicked. You will be eyewitnesses. And it is amazing to me when you start to look at scripture. This is all testimony of this (Referring to Psalm 91:8). When you think of Israel coming out of Egypt, and they're at the Red Sea, God parts it, and they go across on dry ground, but the enemy is hot on their trail.

The army wants to take them back to oppress them and bring them back into bondage. And what did they see? Notice this because it's prophetic: Israel turns around looking at the sea as the Egyptians are coming right at them. Then God destroys them in a moment, and they were the witnesses to this. Lot was a witness to the destruction of Sodom. He was terrified by what he saw. Abraham was a witness to the destruction of Sodom. Scripture says he saw the smoke ascend; he saw its destruction.

Psalm 37:34 — Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it. (Emphasis added). You will witness this. So, take this in; these are breathing techniques.

So, when you hear of Hamas entering Israel raping and pillaging the women, literally dismembering and plucking out the eyes of Jewish people, and chopping babies heads off, learn how to breathe. Understand this is temporary. That this is the hour and the power of darkness where darkness is prospering and it grows strong; learn how to breathe through this because a day is coming that the righteous, Israel, will rise, and they will see the destruction of the wicked.

There's a reason that these things are here because these are techniques to help us get through this. Listen to Isaiah 66, the last chapter of the book. **Isaiah 66:24a — And they — the righteous — shall go forth and look upon the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me.** (Emphasis added). You will be witnesses. I'll never forget, and I don't think I've ever shared this from the pulpit, but several years ago I had a dream. The dream was so terrifying I couldn't bear it, and the dream was this: I was shown destruction like I've never known before; I've never seen anything like this. I was so fearful of what I saw I could not even move. I couldn't pan to the right; I couldn't pan to the left. I didn't want to move. I didn't even want to continue to look up because what I could see in my line of sight was no end to the destruction. I was given this dream a second time, it was crazy, not long after the first one. This time in the dream, I barely had enough strength to start panning. I'm telling you I couldn't see the end of the destruction; it was like nothing I could ever imagine.

One of the things that was so bizarre is that I remember standing there and felt, and this is the only way I can describe it, that this destruction came in a moment. There was something that impressed upon me that I knew that the destruction would happen quickly. No one had time to prepare. And all the evidence that I was looking at was there, it was crazy. And I merely bring this up because as I look and I read these passages, you will look on the corpses of the men, it was so awful what I saw.

And I'm going to tell you when I had these dreams, I didn't know what to make of them. Lord, are you showing me what's going to happen to America? Are you showing me what's going to happen at the end of the age? I didn't know. I didn't want to see it again; it was that awful. But it was also amazing, and I couldn't figure out why I was there looking. This is going to happen at the end of the age, it's going to come to pass.

Psalm 58:10 — The righteous shall rejoice — Listen, you're going to rejoice — **when he sees the vengeance;** — Meaning the vengeance of God. The Lord says vengeance is mine — **He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.** (Emphasis added). Do you want some perspective? Go to the Book of Revelation where it talks about God's wrath in the imagery of a wine press. And do you know that when He presses these grapes of wrath that the blood, there's so much blood that we're told it, ascends to the bridles of the horses. How do you even put that into perspective? Let me say it this way, the earth has never known such death and destruction as to what is coming upon the wicked.

Moving on, I want to take you to **Psalm 52:2-5 — Your tongue devises destruction, like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. ³You love evil more than good, lying rather than speaking righteousness. ⁴You love all devouring words, you deceitful tongue. ⁵ God shall likewise destroy you forever; He shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, and uproot you from the land of the living.**

If I didn't know any better, you would think David was talking to this country right now. He's talking to this world and the wicked of the world who call evil good and good evil. David unloads on the wicked, but then he says this in **Psalm 52:6 — The righteous also shall see and fear,** — They're going to see their destruction. But then he adds this, and this gets interesting — **And shall laugh at him; saying, ⁷Here is the man who did not make God his strength...** (Emphasis added). You know we have a saying in this country, "yeah, we'll see who gets the last laugh."

That's interesting because the Bible tells you who it's going to be. It's the righteous who made Yeshua their strength, who made Yeshua their Lord and Savior. They will have the last laugh. So, you know

what? Evil Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, all this filth, all the pedophiles, and all the damage that the wicked wrought on this earth, know this: the righteous will have the last laugh. We will.

This gets interesting when you couple this with **Psalm 2:1 — Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed...** (Emphasis added). This is Bible prophecy. When you go to the book of Acts in chapter 4, the first century Apostles looked at this and said, man we're living this. This happened to our Lord. Our rulers took counsel together with the Romans, and they put our Lord to death. They saw a fulfillment of this. Pay attention because there's ultimate fulfillment at the very end of the age. It is a crescendo into the tribulation where all the nations rage and they're plotting a vain thing. Do you see them rising up today? You see it, and it is against the Lord, it is against His anointed, it is against the righteous. It is everyone who confesses Jesus as the Messiah and wants to keep the commandments. It is those who are of Israel and has been grafted into Israel; all Israel is going to be hated. The enemy is coming. The rumblings have already begun; it's where we're at. They're going to move to destroy.

This is what I talked about before in the last message, these people are going to come after Yeshua. These people are so delusional, they are so insane, they actually want to fight the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. It's totally delusional. And this is what they say in **Psalm 2:3 — Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.** — In other words, the world has come to a point of total intolerance. They don't want to hear about your Jesus anymore. They don't want to hear about God's commandments and about His righteousness. They don't want to hear about sin. They don't want to hear about judgment. They don't want to hear about biological sex when you have men running around that are identifying as women. They don't want to be told anything else.

Do you understand that in the Great Tribulation when the beginning of Sorrows happen the world comes to a place of total intolerance. They're not going to listen anymore. They're sick and tired of you and your Jesus, and that's when you're going to see affliction. That's when you're going to see Christians being imprisoned. That's when you're going to see Christians losing their jobs over their faith. That's when all hell breaks loose, you need to learn to breathe. Take in the promises of God and remember every promise that God has promised you. You are going to need this because you have never been through anything like this in your life. It's like a woman entering labor, it's unreal.

Psalm 2:4 — He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. (Emphasis added). Amazing. We're told scripturally the Lord is going to laugh at Hamas. He's going to laugh at Hezbollah. He's going to laugh at Iran and Turkey. He's going to laugh at all the wicked, evil, and vile people who come against His people. And guess what? We were just told by David that we will laugh with Him; we will have the last laugh.

Let me build on this even further. I want to take you back to Genesis where God has promised Abraham that He would give him a son. And of course, you know Abraham's response was that Ishmael may live before You because that was plausible and realistic. God said, No. You don't understand. Your wife will bear a child." Remember that it is impossible for her to bear children. We are talking about a 90-year-old woman, According to God, she is the one who is going to bear you a son. He is the promised one.

In the book of Hebrews, Isaac is called Abraham's only begotten son. He is a typology of the Messiah. Abraham took him up to sacrifice him. This is the *Akedah* meaning "the binding of Isaac." This is the one that God said, I will establish my Covenant with Abraham through him. He is the promised child. And in

every dimension you look at him, it resounds Yeshua; that's what it is. Do you know Isaac's name in Hebrew? It's Yitzhak. And what does that mean? It means "he laughs." יִצְחָק Think about that. The promised child, the one that was to come, is called "he laughs." That is a victory over sin and over death. That is a victory over the enemies of God.

What's even more amazing is when this child is born, Sarah prophesies. Listen to what she says when this child comes forth. **Genesis 21:6a — And Sarah said, God has made me laugh...** You can understand the name.

Where you really need to appreciate this is as you start peeling back prophecy on Sarah. Go to the book of Galatians. The Apostle Paul looks at Sarah in a very different light than most people. She represents New Jerusalem. She is called the mother of us all; hence her name was changed from Sarai to Sarah. So, there is deep prophetic inference here of her being representative of Zion. And she's saying God has made me laugh, Zion is going to laugh, collectively.

Now get this. **Genesis 21:6b — And all who hear will laugh with me.** (Emphasis added). All who hear. Oh, what is that in the Hebrew? Shema. Shema Israel. That term does not simply mean, I heard what you said audibly. Shema is to hear and do it. I will walk in His commandments. I will do what the Lord says. She prophesies that all who Shema, who hear the Lord, who do His commandments, they're going to laugh with all of Zion.

So, as we look at what David has to say here in **Psalm 27:6a — And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,** we find this to be a loaded statement. There's so much to consider, so many techniques that the Bible has to offer. Breathing techniques to help us breathe.

Now David goes on and he says this in **Psalm 27:6b — Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy—** When you go to the Hebrew, this is much more powerful. It's *tā-rū-‘āh*; this is "shouts of joy!" — **Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle —** And then it says — **I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.** (Emphasis added). Well, isn't that interesting. Go back to what we covered in our last message where we ended off in Isaiah 26:19 — **...Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; for your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth will cast out the dead.** We're literally told that at the resurrection there's going to be great singing. Now go back to what I was telling you. We're talking about a resurrection from Adam all the way to the men that die in the tribulation. All these righteous men and women in concert will be rising together. They're going to break forth out of the graves, and it's literally going to be a concert of worship of praising Yeshua for what He has done, for coming back, and for saving them.

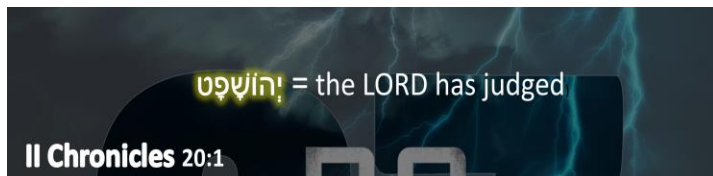
The Lord will be drenched in the praises of His people. I'm going to tell you where there is praise, there is power. It is no coincidence that it's recorded repeatedly in Scripture. At the resurrection there is great praise by all the saints. They're going to wake up singing. And then guess what's going to happen in the end? Their enemies will fall.

There is an unbelievable and a very instructive relationship for us to understand between praise and deliverance. I want to talk about that and what that looks like. I want to take you to 2 Chronicles. If I'm going to talk about what David talks about in Psalm 27, if we understand the magnitude of what we just learned here and the power of praise, you can take this passage and lay it right over on top of Psalm 27; it will blow your mind.

There are techniques, breathing techniques that we are given, that we are going to need. They are embedded here for the tribulation for us in this lifetime to succeed. And so, I cannot talk about Psalm 27 without bringing this story to the table. So, in 2 Chronicles 20:1 this is what we read—**2 Chronicles 20:1** — It happened after this *that* the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and *others* with them besides the Ammonites, **came to battle against Jehoshaphat**. (Emphasis added).

I want to stop here because there's something here that you need to appreciate. If you look at this closely, there's a coalition of nations. The nations in his day were uniting against him to come to battle against Jerusalem and against Jehoshaphat. Understand this is a direct parallel to Joel 3. You can go to the ancient Rabbinic Sages like Ivan Ezra who connected 2 Chronicles 20 specifically to Joel 3. Remember in verse one what did it say? God would bring His people back to the land; He would establish them in the land. And then it says this. **Joel 3:2** — I will also gather all nations, and bring them down — Oh, interesting — **to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there**. (Emphasis added).

Make no mistake there is an incredible amount of prophecy embedded in this story; it is not simply a story. This story needs to be told today. We need these breathing techniques, we need these tools, we need to learn about this because this is so profoundly deep and incredible. And let me put this up here.



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Jehoshaphat means “the Lord has judged.” The Lord has judged is the context of both of these. (Referring to II Chronicles 20:1 and Joel 3:2)

The Lord is gathering these nations against Jehoshaphat to bring them into judgment. That is the exact same template as in Joel 3.

Now with that said, let's move forward to **II Chronicles 20:2** — **Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar (which is En Gedi)**. (Emphasis added). So, news comes to Jehoshaphat that the world is gathering against you. I think today we could talk about having a tangible expression of perhaps what Jehoshaphat felt. Look at Israel today. Look at how Israel feels as the entire world and all the various countries around the world have erupted in pro Hamas protests. As they're taking to the streets to protest, it gives you a semblance of an idea of what Jehoshaphat feels.

So, what is the initial response? **II Chronicles 20:3** — **And Jehoshaphat feared**, — That makes sense. Let's be clear, that is the natural response. I would expect nothing less. The entire world is gathering against him. They're coming up to kill him; they're coming up to destroy the people of God. And when you understand this coalition in the flesh, Jehoshaphat knows in the flesh he doesn't stand a chance. There is no way to win this battle in the flesh. He's outmatched, and he's outgunned in every way.

When you're in that situation, what is the response? What should be done? This is what needs to be done— **II Chronicles 20:3 — And set himself to seek the Lord.** He doesn't cave to fear. The fear doesn't control him. No, it's *yō-wm'î-rā'ă-nî; 'ê-le-kā 'eb-ṭāh*, which is Hebrew for **Psalm 56:3 — Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.** (This is what David said.) Jehoshaphat is a descendant of David. Jehoshaphat is doing as David would. This is incredible. This is how you respond to fear, and you set yourself to seek the Lord.

Oh, my heart is that Israel would do as Jehoshaphat did (Referring to II Chronicles 20:3) in the context they're in right now. You know I think of **Psalm 20:7 — Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.** So, we don't trust in our military might, we don't trust in the Iron Dome, we don't trust in our technology that is the most sophisticated in the world, and we don't trust in our tanks. You shift that trust. And listen to me carefully: when you see Israel shift that confidence away from the flesh to the name of the Lord Yeshua, watch out because they will see deliverance. It is absolute; it's guaranteed.

Now, as we continue to look at how he practically walks this whole concept of seeking the Lord out, this is what we read. **II Chronicles 20:3 — ...And proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.** (Emphasis added). This is the most powerful tool that you will ever utilize in your life pertaining to warfare. You starve the flesh to feed the spirit; it's the ultimate power, it really is, when you're over your head. When you're in a situation where there is nothing you can do, there's nothing people around you are going to be able to help you with, you basically are looking at a report of death, and you are in that predicament, this is where to go. Jehoshaphat is seeking the Lord; he's going to starve the flesh to feed the spirit. When I think of this story, there's so many examples of the power of this moment and what is going to happen.

Think about Esther. How did the Jews survive? She called for a fast; that's how they survived. We should call for a unified and independent fast. This nation should be calling for a fast. They shouldn't be calling for more murder of the unborn. They shouldn't be calling for more immorality like we are. It's a disgrace. We should be calling for repentance and for fasting.

The most powerful example I can give you that has spoken to me louder than any is in the Book of Jonah. God had had it with Nineveh, which is a city that was built by Nimrod, so He sent His prophet Jonah to the land. **Jonah 3:4 — And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, Yet 40 days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!** (Emphasis added). Not maybe, not might, God isn't saying, I haven't really decided. God has declared this is the Word of the Lord. And when the Lord says something, that's it; it's over. God has declared judgment.

We look at the response and this is parallel to Jehoshaphat, this is amazing. **Jonah 3:5 — So the people of Nineveh believed God...** — That's the first step. Nobody's going to truly fast in a proper context without faith. Faith being defined as they believe the Word of the Lord. I'm going to tell you right now, if you cannot believe this, I don't care what you do you'll never make it. You won't make it into the kingdom. You're not going to make it through the tribulation. He believed God. And what does he do? He proclaims a fast and puts on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them. The beggar to the King. The King humbled himself because they believe God's going to take us out. This was the only recourse, as God declared destruction.

Jonah 3:10 — Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it. (Emphasis added). That is power! Even when God himself comes down and declares you're dead, and you turn and repent,

believe in Him, and you begin to fast, there's no power like this to soften God's heart. There's no greater power on this earth than to soften God's heart to where He cannot help Himself but to show compassion and show mercy. Mercy is a breathing technique. This is a part of learning how to breathe through the Great Tribulation.

Let's close in prayer.