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That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving..." Psalm 26:7

Living in the Land of Goshen

Biblical Truths for the Last Days

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“And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.” (Matthew 7:25-27 KJV).

“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.” (Psalm 127:1 KJV). God has spoken... 2009 is a year of **Building the House**; the inside man; and God is starting with His people. These are fundamental words; words to build a life on. If we work these words into our life, then we are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. When the rain pours down, the rivers flood, or a tornado hits—nothing will move our house; for it will be fixed to the rock. If we allow GOD to build our house, obey His Word and our leaders’ instructions, then our house will stand. But if we just use God’s Word in our Bible studies and don’t work them into our life, then we are like a foolish carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolls in and the waves come up, then it will collapse like a house of cards. So if God doesn’t build our house, then it might as well be a shack! And we know that shacks are not built well, and do not completely cover us. Therefore, when stormy weather comes, we are tossed about like debris in the wind.

Bal Perazim, there is a word for us this season: **Building the House (Apostle Charles Thomas)**. God is still working in a spirit of excellence, and desires for us to be built in that same spirit. We have to remember that we are not God’s second choice. “How blessed is God! And what a blessing He is! He’s the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in Him. Long before He laid down earth’s foundations, He had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of His love, to be made whole and holy by His love. Long, long ago He decided to adopt us into His family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure He took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of His lavish gift-giving by the hand of His Beloved Son.” (Eph. 13-6 Msge). We are God’s personal pride, property and possession; therefore, we must stay committed to Him. “And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.” (Romans 8:17 Amplified). Building is a long, drawn-out process, tempered with inspections and much work. But as we continue to stay in God’s Word, our house will be built-----according to God’s plan!



As God continues to expand our walls, both naturally, and spiritually, He has allowed several keynote speakers to grace us with their presence, as many of them are spiritual descendants of the Azusa Street Revival, led by William J. Seymour, an African American preacher. This spiritual movement, which began in 1906, catapulted into the 20th Century.

These great men and women of God, each had their own unique style of preaching, teaching, and/or prophesying. They are truly a gift to the Body of Christ. These men and women of God make up the Prophetic Ministry and Fellowship Team, and hail from various states; all traveling to Fayetteville, North Carolina, to minister to us.

The platform from which they speak is, “Living in the Land of Goshen: Biblical Truths for the Last Days.” Different men and women may have spoken, but their spirit and message was the same; that of Christ.



Our Breakthrough is Now (Prophet Michael Leavell)! We must do what God would have us to do in order for us to receive our breakthrough and be blessed now. Just as though Pharaoh told Joseph, in Genesis 47:1-5, to put Joseph’s brothers or his father to work in Goshen, over the livestock, God is activating His people into the ministry now. God is using those who have special talents and are willing to use them to benefit the Body of Christ. But like Joseph’s family, we must be willing to change in order to move forward. We cannot allow humanism (ideals that man is self-sufficient, without regard to the supernatural) in the church. Instead of conforming to the world, we need to conform to the church, represent God, and make Jesus the Lord of our life.



With Jesus as the Lord of our life, we are entitled to **Abundant Life (Dave Duggan)**; but this is on God’s terms, not ours! “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10 KJV). Jesus never defined abundant life according to this world. Abundance is fully-sufficient; having more than our needs met; and an abundant life (in Christ) pertains to our character, what we have on the inside of us, and fellowship with our Father. We must work at what motivates us to serve God, so that the enemy cannot steal it away.

Obedience (Tom Lunger) is about bringing pleasure to the Father. The more obedient we are, the higher our intimacy is with our Father. We must lose our life to Jesus; lay it down, so that He can have His way. “Still, it's what God had in mind all along, to crush Him with pain. The plan was that He give Himself as an offering for sin so that He'd see life come from it—life, life, and more life. And God's plan will deeply prosper through Him.” (Isaiah 53:10 Msge). Jesus obeyed God to bring pleasure to the Father. “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work.” (John 4:34 NIV). He pleased the Father in all that He did.

It is important for us to understand that obedience is the only thing we can give to the Father that has any worth or value to it. It is the only reward that Jesus will recognize. So then we must ask ourselves, what choices are we making?



“Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and speak to Pharaoh and will say to him, my father's household, who were living in the land of Canaan, have come to me. The men are Shepherds; they tend livestock, and they have brought along their flocks and herds and everything they own.' When Pharaoh calls you in and asks, 'What is your occupation?' you should answer, 'Your servants have tended livestock from our boyhood on, just as our fathers did.' Then you will be allowed to settle in the region of Goshen, for all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians." (Gen. 46:31-34 NIV).

The Land of Goshen (Pete Maldonado) was a land protected and blessed by God; it was a place of refuge and peace. Goshen, today, symbolizes a holding place; a place of deliverance and healing; a place where we can shake off what the enemy is doing to us. We are living in the land of Goshen and many of us don't even realize it enough to praise God in it. We should be going from Goshen to the Promised Land.

“But now, God's Message, the God who made you in the first place, Jacob, the One who got you started, Israel: "Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine. When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end—because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior. I paid a huge price for you: all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in! That's how much you mean to me! That's how much I love you! I'd sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the

creation just for you.” (Isaiah 43:1-4 Msge). It is God who has called us; He formed us and we are His! It is finished, because Jesus paid the price (for us).

Goshen was a place between Egypt and the Promised Land. It should be a place of expectation; thus we shouldn't be coming to church just to be between the world and God.



Goshen (Lorraine Aquillo) is a place of safety and grace.....momentarily! But we need permanent safety and security. And we have that in the Rock! God is our final resting place. Who will declare God in this generation? Prophetess Aquillo's personal testimony about her faith in God concerning the healing of her father was a true testament to the power of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. When God speaks, everything will happen exactly as He says it will.

God's Word teaches us to live well, but if we don't, then **Our Sins Will Find Us Out (Pastor Robert Lamb)**. As stated in the Message version of Genesis 45:1-11, Joseph couldn't hold himself in any longer, keeping up a front before all his attendants. He cried out, "Leave! Clear out—everyone leave!" So there was no one with Joseph when he identified himself to his brothers. But his sobbing was so violent that the Egyptians couldn't help but hear him. The news was soon reported to Pharaoh's palace.

Joseph spoke to his brothers: "I am Joseph. Is my father really still alive?" Joseph asked. But his brothers couldn't say a word. They were speechless—they couldn't believe what they were hearing and seeing.

"Come closer to me," Joseph said to his brothers. They came closer. "I am Joseph your brother whom you sold into Egypt. But don't feel badly; don't blame yourselves for selling me. God was behind it. God sent me here ahead of you to save lives. There has been a famine in the land now for two years; the famine will continue for five more years with neither plowing nor harvesting. God sent me on ahead to pave the way and make sure there was a remnant in the land, to save your lives in an amazing act of deliverance. So you see, it wasn't you who sent me here but God. He set me in place as a father to Pharaoh, put me in charge of his personal affairs, and made me ruler of all Egypt.

Joseph's brothers thought they had killed him, and worse, they thought that no one would find out. They were wrong! This was God's plan all along, as it is with us. God uses others in mysterious ways to increase our faith, and to bring us all closer to Him. He is the same God today as He was yesterday.

If we are **Dwelling in the Land of Goshen (Ethiel Jones)**, then we must have a Word from the Lord to sustain us. To dwell is to make your home or residence in a particular place. Living is actively participating in life; therefore, if we are going to actively participate in having peace and healing in our lives, then we must take action with the Word of God, and use it to attack the enemy.

The Land of Goshen is fertile land; a land of plenty; and God's Word in our life is an Abundant Life!



God is truly maximizing His Word in our lives this season. But we must not allow that seed to fall on stony ground. God is truly building the house, from the inside out; and He used these great men and women of God to set a few more pillars in the spiritual foundation that has already been established here at Bal Perazim.

The Prophetic Ministry and Fellowship Team is unique in the gifting that God has blessed them with. They minister with wisdom, joy and in full obedience to the move of the Holy Spirit. In them, we saw what our leaders have been teaching us here at Bal Perazim.....how to be in submission to, and flow in the move of God. They not only ministered to us as leaders, but to the Body of Christ as a whole, including the children and young adults in the ministry, of whom we know God has His hand on!

Each service was filled with personal and ministry prophecies; as the Prophetic Ministry and Fellowship Team worked relentlessly through the congregation, moving out swiftly, as God spoke to them. Miracles took place, confidences were restored, faith was lifted, spouses reconnected.....all through obedience to the Spirit of the Lord!

The Prophetic Ministry and Fellowship Team were able to take something back with them from Bal Perazim.....a ministry that flows in the spirit of excellence! As we continue to "Build the House: The House that God Built" will never go lacking!

Congratulations to Apostles M.K. & D.A. Braxton, on the 2009 Gathering of Churches!

