

Strong as Steel Transcript

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Hello, Beloved of the Lord.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. What I want to share with you today is just an example of us all seeing in part, all having something to contribute, and as we share with one another, we begin to see a bigger picture of what the Spirit is saying.

A good friend of mine was woken up early in the morning on the 21st of June, with a vision of a very big fat book, and on the cover it said, 'Steel the Lamb'. And that's all she saw. When she shared it with me, immediately the Holy Spirit started unfolding more about what this vision entailed. So these are my thoughts and what has been shared with me, and I pray that it would be an encouragement to you. I pray that it would be not informative, but an impartation to you in these days, bondslaves of the Lamb.

So, to steel one's self means:

- to make oneself ready for something difficult or unpleasant.
- To fill oneself with determination and courage.
- It describes a mental and emotional readiness for what is about to happen.

Soldiers steel themselves before they run out of their foxholes into the thick of battle, and the decree on the front of the book said that the lamb must be steeled at this time. The lamb must be made ready for something difficult or unpleasant, and be filled with determination and courage. Those who constitute what is described as 'the lamb' must have a mental and emotional and spiritual readiness for what is about to happen.

The etymology or origins of the word 'steel', when used as a verb, means 'to make hard and strong like steel'. And we all know that steel is very hard, very resilient. It was first used in the 1580s. So, what are synonyms for steel?

- Brace yourself.
- Make up your mind
- grit your teeth
- fortify yourself
- harden yourself

so that you are ready for something difficult and unpleasant that you are about to experience.

Now who is the 'lamb' referred to? The thought came to me, "Is it the lamb destined for slaughter?" In Isaiah 53:7 there is a description of Jesus, and it says:

'He was oppressed, yet when He was afflicted, He was submissive and opened not His mouth. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth.'

And of course, we are all familiar with the term, '*The Lamb that was slain is worthy to open the seals*' in the book of Revelation. I also think this decree 'Steel the Lamb' describes the lambs or precious ewe lamb; His Bride. His Bride must be steeled, must be braced, must be fortified, must make up her mind and harden herself for the difficult things that are ahead. So, I think it has to do with being dead men walking. When people are dead men walking, they have steeled themselves, no matter what, to follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

That big fat book my friend saw reminded me of the Book of Remembrance, described in Malachi 3, with the names are recorded of those who fear the Lord and think on His Name. And He says, "They will be My jewels in the day that I openly declare them". These ones who fear the Lord are connected to those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. In Revelation 14, they are those who bear His Name, the name of the Lamb. Therefore, they are close disciples of the Lamb, firstfruits unto the Lamb, the body of the Lamb.

So, the lamb must be steeled. The title of the book in the vision decrees it, on the solstice, the 21st of June. The Spirit of the Lord is decreeing that we must be braced. We must fortify and strengthen ourselves and make up our minds and harden ourselves in preparation for what we are about to experience, because it will be unpleasant and very difficult. We must fill ourselves with courage, encourage ourselves in the Lord, and fortify and strengthen ourselves in the Word. In 2 Samuel 10:12, David said, "Be of good courage. Let us play the man for our people and our cities of our God. And may the Lord do what seems good to Him". Now when we look at the Hebrew of that verse, we find that what's translated as 'be of good courage' and what's translated as 'play the man' are the same word in Hebrew - chazak. H2388. So, it is repeated twice. It actually says in Hebrew, 'Chazak chazak for our people and the cities of our God'. Now when a word is repeated twice, it intensifies it to its maximum degree, and the word 'chazak' means 'strengthen, harden, become strong, be courageous, be firm, be resolute, gross, stout'. So, the ones who bear the name of the Lamb must be of good courage and play the man. Now is not the time for childishness. Difficult decisions will have to be made, painful things will be experienced... and we must brace ourselves for this. If you are expecting a rose garden up ahead, you are totally unprepared for what you're stepping into.

Now, I have often discussed a verse in Zechariah 9:13 which says, *'when I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up your sons of Zion against your sons, O Greece, and made you as the sword of a mighty man...'* But today we're going to discuss it from the viewpoint of the fact that swords are made from steel. If we are being made into the sword of a mighty man, then we are being steeled for the environment we will be used in in the days ahead.

The word 'sword' in Hebrew is 'chereb'. It means 'a cutting instrument, a knife, a sword or an ax'. Now Psalm 91 says, *'A thousand will fall at your side and 10,000 at your right hand...'* Have you ever taken a moment to think what that will be like, to experience

that? You're standing there with the protection of God upon you, and yet to your left and your right, people are dying in droves. That will be traumatic! If you are not braced and filled with courage, it could seriously affect your ability to press on. Your emotions must be harnessed before the time. You have to encourage yourself and brace yourself for experiencing that kind of thing. Do you know that a high-quality steel sword is unmarred by being used in battle? It has a very sharp edge, and that sharp edge is not dulled by the thick of battle. There's no need to go back to the blacksmith's shop and get it sharpened again before the next battle comes. A high-quality steel sword stays sharp even after it's been used in battle.

So, we are going to become the sword of a mighty man. Both Judah and Ephraim are described as being made into the sword of a mighty man in Zechariah 9:13. What is the word 'mighty man'? In Hebrew it is 'gibbor'. And what does it mean? 'A champion, a warrior, a strong man, a brave man'. So, which mighty man is wielding the sword? Well, it says that the LORD has bent Judah as His bow. So, if both the bow and the arrow are also being described as a sword, it's the sword of the Lord. And we get a confirmation of this in Isaiah 42:13, where it says:

'The Lord will go forth like a mighty man. He will rouse up His zeal like a warrior. He will cry. He will shout aloud. He will do mightily against His enemies'.

So here is the zealous, valiant, strong, champion, warrior. And Judah and Ephraim have the privilege of being made into His sword, the sword of this Mighty Man. How on earth do we get made into a sword? Well, Isaiah 54:16 helps us to understand. It says:

'I have created the smith (or blacksmith) who blows on the fire of coals and produces a weapon for its purpose, and I have created the devastator to destroy.'

In that verse, the word 'weapon' is 'keliy'. It means 'something prepared, a utensil, a weapon, a vessel, artillery, jewels'. Keliy is both a weapon and a jewel, 'and they shall be My jewels in the day I openly declare them'. Now, the making of a sword involves the furnace the blacksmith is blowing on the coals. It takes great heat to make a sword, and it's not a simple process!

The English word 'steel' and the German 'stahl' contain a root that can be found in the German verb 'sterhen', which means 'to stand', and is related to the Sanskrit 'stakati',

which means 'it resists'. So, in the word 'steel' is the quality of being able to stand in something difficult and unpleasant, and to resist anything that comes against it.

Now there is a very famous kind of steel used to make swords from ancient times, and it's called Damascus Steel. It's exceedingly strong and sharp. Many years ago, I was sitting in a dentist waiting room reading the coffee table books, and there was a big book on the making of Damascus Steel with the most amazing photographs. And I have never forgotten that book because it was like a prophetic parable of how the Lord deals with His remnant bondslave company, in order to build steel into them. The ancient methods of how they did this have been lost, but eventually scientists discovered that certain ores produced one property and others produced different properties. Some ores imparted flexible material and others strong material. Centuries ago, Damascus Steel was known as wootz steel and it was some of the finest steel in the world. It was first produced in India from iron ore with a high level of carbon and additional trace elements, and then it was sent from India to Damascus, Syria, where it was made into swords.



Damascus Steel has beautiful surface patterns and was famous for its superior physical ability. It is a fused steel - that is two different elements being made one. Didn't Jesus pray, "*May they be one as We are one*". Swords made of wootz or Damascus Steel are characterized by distinctive patterns of banding and mottling reminiscent of flowing

water. Such blades were reputed to be tough, resilient to shattering, and capable of being honed to a sharp, resilient edge. The word 'Damas' in Arabic means 'water', another reason why possibly the swords got their name of Damascus Steel. Damascus Steel swords were very prized. They were difficult to make because of their long, slender shape, and the best steel was required to make them stable and flexible.

RESILIENT... It's no good just being strong, immovable and rigid, because you will break under a strong blow. You need flexibility built into your being. These blades were reputed to be tough, resistant to shattering and, as I said, capable of being honed into a sharp, resilient edge. The increased folds resulted in greater impact, strength and toughness. So, it forges a blade not dulled by repeated blows.

What does the word 'resilient' mean?

- capable of withstanding shock without permanent deformation or rupture
- tending to recover from and adjust easily to misfortune or change.

STEEL THE LAMB, make them resilient, capable of withstanding shock, and recovering easily from misfortune and change. Perhaps you understand why what you've been going through is the process of steeling you for what is ahead.

The word 'resilient' has an etymology. It comes from the Latin, which means 'inclined to leap or spring back to the original position', and figuratively resilient is used of 'persons who bounce back from difficulties'. Do you understand why God is saying those who are named by the name of the Lamb must be steeled? They have to be tough. They have to brace themselves. They have to be resistant to shattering. They have to be flexible and they have to be stable.

The title of the book in my friend's vision had the instruction 'Steel the Lamb' - in other words, work with the lamb; those who are named by the Name of the Lamb, in such a way that they are strengthened, instructed to brace themselves and prepare for the unpleasant things that are coming. Normally one braces oneself just before impact of something fast incoming! God has been working on you in the furnace. He has got a blacksmith or a certain agent who is blowing on the coals and making your refiner's furnace hotter. He has got some situation in your life that is raining blows on you. Damascus Steel was stretched, folded, put in the fire to fuse, stretched again, folded, put in the fire to fuse; lifted and returned to the flames multiple times. Beloved, you are stronger than you realize. You are more flexible and resilient than you know, but your mettle will be put to the test in the battle ahead. He has made you sharp in the Word, of

quick understanding, and you are a weapon forged to be wielded in the Man of War's hands.

Remember the Word says in 1 Peter 4:12, *'Beloved, do not be bewildered at the fiery ordeal which is taking place to test your quality as though something strange was befalling you. But in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, rejoice so that when His glory is revealed, you may also rejoice with triumph.'*



That word 'fiery trial' is the Greek G4451 in the Strong's Concordance. It is 'pyrosis'. It means 'ignition, specifically smelting, burning and trial. It is the burning by which metals are roasted and reduced'. So, this is how God makes the sword of a mighty man - and I suspect He's making a Damascus Steel sword, a sword with patterns on it, and markings of the flowing of the water of the Word; a sword made of the lives of people who have been stretched to the point almost beyond endurance, and then bent and folded and back into the fire, and then stretched. Remember Zechariah 9:13 says, *'I have bent Judah as My bow'*, and I've shared with you a number of times that that word

'bent' in Hebrew also means 'threshed'. So there is the stretching, there is the bending and folding or threshing, back in the fire, the fusing as one with the water of the Word built in in ripples in between, and then further stretching. God is working to make an extremely sharp, stable, flexible, resilient sword for the hand of the Mighty Man, the warrior Jesus, as He goes to war against the enemy.

As Isaiah 41:10 says, *'Fear not, I am with you. Don't look around you in terror or be dismayed. I am your God. I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties.* (Goodness, that sounds like a steel blade being made with strengthening and hardening). *Yes, I will help you. I will hold you up and retain you with My victorious right hand of justice'*. That word, used and translated as 'strengthening and hardening' is 'amats'. It means 'to be alert, mentally encourage, to be strong, to establish, to fortify or strengthen, to harden, to make strong'. AMATS - It describes the making of a Damascus Steel sword blade.

Beloved, there are some very unpleasant things incoming. Steel yourselves, remnant of God. Now one of the synonyms for steel is 'brace yourself' and in 2020, I shared a word called 'Braced for the Road Ahead'. I want to just read a bit of that for you, as the Lord took me back to it this morning:

'On the 22nd June 2020 (Oh goodness, that's today four years ago!), I fell and broke my ankle. And because the break consisted of the ligament ripping out a chunk of bone right at the bottom of the fibula, the doctor placed my ankle in a brace. Every morning as I prepared for the day, I heard the words 'Brace Yourself' as I put on my brace and was very aware that I was living out a message, that the bracing of ourselves was not something to be done now and again, but daily, and that without the necessary bracing it would mean the healing and strengthening in order to be able to stand would not be accomplished. I found myself in a wheelchair because of a previous back injury which had left my right leg too weak to hold up my whole body weight, and the doctor indicated a six week or 42 day recovery period. And immediately the Holy Spirit said He was going to begin teaching me what the 42 months or the three and a half years ahead was going to be like. This was my orientation course for the tribulation period ahead.

Firstly, I was unable to do anything for myself. I was completely dependent on another for everything I needed, and the Holy Spirit indicated that His people would be in the same position. We will be completely dependent upon God and other saints to meet our every need. During this time, we will have no ability to earn our own income, provide our own needs or be independent. We will be, however, completely provided for.

Miraculously, my daughter and son in law had moved in with us two days after my accident. So, I had a blessed volunteer nursing team for which I was very grateful. However, anyone who has been confined to a wheelchair will know the frustration involved. Bathing or showering is a major undertaking. All independence is removed. You just cannot do your own thing anymore... and I was made starkly aware of just how very independent I was at my core. Pride had to be repented of because it did not sit well with me having to ask for every glass of water or piece of clothing for the day. And the Spirit whispered, "Ask and it shall be given you. Do not worry about what you will wear, for your Father knows you have need of these things".

Then I had to learn that it was not about when I wanted things to happen. They took place when others had time to do them - yet my needs were all met. I learned what it was like to not be in control of my own welfare, and to entrust myself fully to another. And I have been very well cared for. God wants us to know He will not forsake us, will let us suffer lack. He knows our needs and He has already made plans for us to be taken care of in the 42 months of tribulation. I also had to give instructions on how to tend my vegetable garden and care for my chickens, because I was unable to get outside. I had to enter into rest and cease from my labours. I had entered a time when I could not work.

Then the Lord began speaking to me about His portable throne with the fiery wheels and how His judgments were executed from this place. I was tutored by the Spirit about what it meant to rule from a seated place of rest, using the sound of my voice, and how to phrase sentences in the right way to accomplish the intended result. During the three and a half years of tribulation, the Lord will release His righteous judgments and execute His decrees through the sons of the right hand, who are seated with Him in heavenly places. They will speak His word, not adding or subtracting from it, and extend His rule in the middle of his foes.

After a couple of weeks, I progressed to a pair of crutches and one foot on the ground and had to be very careful about where I walked. I had to take careful note of every step I took or I would fall and cause further injury. In the days ahead. Beloved, we will not be able to plunge into our days carelessly. We will have to stand at the crossroads and look and hear a voice saying, "This is the way. Walk in it," when we turn to the right and to the left. We will have to be watchful and focused and aware that any unwise movement will bring disaster. We will have to commit our ways to the Lord and He will make our paths straight. Remember that all during these weeks I was braced every

morning. Of course, we all think we commit our ways to the Lord now, but I can assure you that I learned by painful experience that we lean on our own understanding far more than we realize every day.

Finally, I progressed to one elbow crutch and the Lord began to speak to me about the staff of His Word and how we would need to lean our full weight upon the unshakable promises He has given us in these 42 months, how this would build strength in us and allow us to move forward surely without stumbling. As the days went by, I grew stronger and got more confident and began to chafe against having to pick up the crutch every time I wanted to walk anywhere. Sometimes I thought, "Oh, I'm only going to the kitchen to make tea. I don't need that old thing", and I would launch forth without any seeming disastrous consequences. But the little trips without the crutch grew more and more numerous, and because it hadn't hurt much, I paid little heed to any slight twinges. And finally, I noticed my inner ankle was swelling up quite a bit. My body was subtly redistributing my weight onto my knee and inner ankle, and this was taking all the strain. What a lesson. When we do not lean upon the support of His Word in everything we do, other parts of the Body pick up the strain and are adversely affected... and when one part of the Body hurts, we all hurt. The choices you make in the days ahead to fully throw your weight upon the Word of God will help the whole Body to grow strong. We must not look only to our own needs, but to the needs of others. We are one Body and we all partake of the one Bread. We must acknowledge Him in all our ways and not lean on our own understanding, and He will direct our paths. (You can go to my website and search using the word 'brace' to read the whole post, but I'm just going to share one more little section).

The Lord gave me Isaiah 30:26, *'The light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold (In other words, it's going to be very hot) in the day that the Lord binds up the breach of his people and heals the stroke of their wound'*.

I discovered on digging into this verse that the word for 'breach' means 'fracture, broken foot, or destruction'. This ankle of mine was a speaking sign in the earth. And the word 'sheber', which is the word for 'breach', comes from a root word meaning 'to crush'. But amazingly, it also means 'to bring to birth'. Remember, there is a leader who arises to crush the power of the holy people for a 42-month season. Daniel 12:7 tells us this. The amazing spiritual truth of this word 'sheber' is that this crushing for three and a half years brings something to birth. The continual flow of oil to the menorah in the vision of

Zechariah 4 is produced by a continual pressing and crushing of olives. These sons of oil are subjected to crushings day after day, that light and understanding may flow to the lampstand.

In Isaiah 30, there is a powerful promise, but also a prophetic message for the difficult times that we are bracing ourselves for. In verse 20, the word for 'adversity' also means 'tribulation and affliction', in other words, the rule of a tyrannical leader during a time of tribulation. Reading from verse 19 *'Oh people who dwell in Zion at Jerusalem, you will weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. When He hears it, He will answer you. And though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity (tribulation) and the water of affliction, your teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes will constantly behold your teacher, and your ears will hear a word behind you saying, this is the way. Walk in it, when you turn to the right hand and turn to the left.'*

During the time of tribulation and harsh oppression for the people of God, we will constantly behold His face and hear clear instruction as to the way to go and what to do. God is allowing the time of tribulation to sift the nations. Multitudes will be in the valley of decision, but at this time He will also extend His scepter from the midst of His heavenly city, the Zion above, and we will have a song and gladness of heart because He is in our midst. These three and a half years will be times of utter dependence, of continual pressing, of discomfort, but they will also be times of seeing Him and receiving His daily counsel. They will be days of being miraculously provided for, of being upheld, strengthened and comforted by the sure staff of His unshakable Word. They will be days of doing exploits and ruling from a seated place and decreeing His righteous judgments. Selah.

So, when I was meditating on this decree, 'Steel the Lamb', and I realized that it was referring to those who are named by the name of the Lamb and have His Name on their foreheads, the 144,000; the bondslaves of the Lamb, the firstfruits who follow the Lamb wherever He goes, there was a song that began to flow out of my heart, line by line, as I realized that part of steeling yourselves and ordering your thoughts and bracing yourself needed a. A decision to be made about the way you're going to live in the days ahead and what your launching pad for each day is going to be, as you step out into the day - no matter what difficult and unpleasant and painful things it holds. So, here are the words and then I will be ending off.

Be it unto me, be it unto me
whatever brings You glory,
be it unto me, be it unto me
whatever brings You praise,
Let Your kingdom come. Let Your will be done,
whatever brings You glory,
I will follow on right behind the Lamb
for the glory of Your Name.
Be it unto me, be it unto me
whatever has been written
for the lifting up of the Son of God,
let Your will be done in me
for Your glory.

And I want to say to you, beloved, who are going to make up the sword of the Mighty Man - You were born for such a time of this. You, like Esther, have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. God appointed you to live during this time of tribulation, and He has a plan and a purpose and He is going to use you. It's not a mistake that you're here. Don't keep wishing you'd already gone home to be with Him. It's an honour and a privilege to be chosen to live and represent Him at this time in world history.

I'm going to remind you of a message I shared in 2021 called [Save the last dance for Me](#). The Lord is standing before you and He's saying, "Will you take my hand? Will you step onto the floor; the end time dance floor, and allow Me to guide and lead and move you in the way that I know will bring the most glory to My Name - no matter what is going on around you?" Beloved, brace yourselves. Encourage yourselves. Strengthen yourselves. And be comforted in knowing that if the God of all heaven and earth has purposed you to be alive at this time as a witness and a testimony to His Name and His faithfulness, then He will equip you. This is the reason for the furnace you've been undergoing. This is the reason for the stretching. This is the reason for the threshing, the bending, the folding. You're becoming part of the most beautiful, flexible, strong, resilient sword that will be wielded by the strong right arm of the Lord. Hallelujah.