

Before I begin, please revisit the post from 2020 called [Provision and Protection](#) on my website. The Lord had me post it on my telegram group this week, in order to remind the remnant of what He had spoken – and how encouraging that was!!

In South Africa, as I recorded this podcast, it was the first watch of the night of 21st Adar Bet 5784, the evening of 2nd March 2023. Because of what occurred in history in the last week of Adar, I want to release this message now so as the week progresses, you can meditate on what God was doing back then and what He is doing NOW amongst His faithful remnant.

The Inauguration of the Branch ~ pt 1



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Zechariah 6:12 & 13 identify God's bondservant, the Branch with the Melchizedek priesthood. How do I know this? Because Melchizedek, meaning 'righteous king', ruled Salem and was the priest of El Elyon; the Most High God. It is this order of priesthood that Jesus was declared a High Priest of. This order of priesthood is referred to in Psalm 110 and again in Hebrews 5.

Heb 5:5 So too Christ (the Messiah) did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed and exalted by Him Who said to Him, You are My Son; today I have begotten You

Heb 5:10 Being designated and recognized and saluted by God as High Priest after the order (with the rank) of Melchizedek.

The appointment as High Priest was connected to God acknowledging Him as His Son. The word translated 'begotten' in Hebrew actually means 'to declare pedigree, to show lineage'. It speaks to authenticity of the vessel. We speak often of the adoption or setting in place of the sons and we must look at Jesus to find out what this actually looks like on an earthly plane. After the silent years of his life from 12 to 30, He suddenly appeared at the Jordan where John was baptizing. Because John was born at Passover and was 6 months older than Jesus, and because Israelite priests entered into ministry at age 30, we know that John had been speaking his message of repentance for 6 months before Jesus, age 30, arrived at the Jordan. So, we can assume that the baptism of Jesus took place during the Fall feasts, probably around the beginning of Tabernacles (15th Tishrei).

The placing of a son is via the waters of the Jordan. There is no other way. Jesus Himself said this was required to 'fulfil all righteousness'. Jordan means 'to descend'. It speaks of a humbling of oneself before God and man; a submitting to the fullness of His will and His plan. The Greater was baptized by the lesser; essentially opening the door to being set in place or 'adopted'.

As soon as Jesus had completed this final step, the Father openly acknowledged Him as His Son and declared He was well pleased with Him. This is the adoption' or more accurately, 'the placing' or 'begetting' of the Son. Then the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descended and remained on Him. This depicts the fullness of anointing of the seven Spirits of God, equipping Jesus, the Pattern Manchild, with all He needed to complete His assignment. How do I know this? Because Isaiah 11:2 tells us that the seven Spirits of God rested upon Jesus.

It is really significant that He was baptized during Tishrei, as another name for this 7th month was Ethanim, which is a plural word meaning 'perennial or permanently flowing streams' (1 Kings 8:2). It comes from a root word H386, meaning 'permanent, chieftain, mighty, strong'. Jesus the One Who called people to Him to receive rivers of spiritual water, was filled with the seven Spirits or streams of God, which never ran dry (Isaiah 11). This is such an important point, because we see that when the manchild company are filled with the seven Spirits of God, these 7 streams are perennial – they never run dry. All around them, those who operated in seasonal anointings will be dried up streams, but the Manchild, filled with the Spirit of the Sovereign Lord, will continually operate in revelation,

wisdom, counsel, might and the fear of the Lord. In fact, they will be the ONLY source of living waters during the time of dense darkness. The Body of the Manchild, continually directed and fed by the mind of Christ will be men and women of miracles; men wondered at, as Zechariah 3 speaks of. Let's go over that whole passage to glean other gems from it:

Zec 3:7 Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in My ways and keep My charge, then also you shall rule My house and have charge of My courts, and I will give you access [to My presence] and places to walk among these who stand here. Zec 3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your colleagues who [usually] sit before you--for they are men who are a sign or omen [types of what is to come]--for behold, I will bring forth My servant the Branch.

That word translated 'sign' is H4159 'mopheth', meaning 'a miracle, a sign, a wonder'. Joshua in his new rich garments; garments to rule in, is told that if he continues in the Lord's ways and is faithful, he will be given throne-room room! Places to walk before the throne – what does that suggest? Well, it is here you find the seven lamps of the Lord. John was called up higher in the Book of Revelation and given throne-room room; places to walk amongst those who stand before the throne. Who are those referred to? The 24 elders and the living creatures have throne-room room. This is a place of face-to-face with the One on the throne; a place of continual pulses of light and revelation – the place where the continually flowing streams emanate from! In Zec 3:8, the Lord of Hosts indicates that His servant the Branch is a corporate company. Joshua and his friends are a prototype of this company. Zec 3:9 confirms that this company will operate in the 7 Spirits of God or seven 'eyes'. The Hebrew word for 'eye' also means 'fountain'; a source of living water that continually bubbles up.

Now, here is something important... In Zech #9. It says '*behold, I will engrave the graving thereof*'. The Hebrew word translated 'engrave' also means 'to open wide, to unstop, to loose'. Do you remember my dream of the sluice-gates being opened in the mountains? The mountains represent the manchild company, in whom the permanently flowing streams of the seven Spirits of God are unstopped and opened wide at a Heaven -appointed moment!

In the case of Jesus, the Spirit descended and remained, leading him immediately into the desert to be tried for 40 days. This is understandable because even on

earth, whenever ever a new prototype is created, it has to be tested and tried to ascertain whether it will function according to the blueprint from which it was created. Jesus did not receive the seven Spirits of God at birth. The empowering for the assignment came after the hidden growing and training years. Then after the assaying during those 40 days, He was let loose upon mankind, moving in the power of the Spirit, to demonstrate the Father's heart and ultimately to pay the Bridal price in His Blood to purchase a bride fit for Himself. Look at how the Scriptures describe it:

Luk 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert, Luk 4:2 For the space of forty days, and was tested by the devil.

Luk 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit, into Galilee: and the fame of him went out through the whole country.

You can be full of the Spirit and yet not be released to function in the power of the Spirit until the assaying is complete. And who does God use to do the assaying? None other than the enemy himself! So be aware of this, remnant. Infilling is followed by assaying, a veritable onslaught of temptations to NOT walk in God's ways or keep His charge. This tells you the enemy does not want you to be granted throne-room room! Remember he used to be there, the covering cherub as he is described in Ezek 28:16.

We know that Jesus was not part of the Aaronic priesthood, but that priesthood and the setting up of the physical tabernacle in the wilderness are patterns and templates from which we can learn some principles of how a priest was set in place.

The following is from the post 'Ready and Waiting', which I am going to quote but will also interject and add revelation that is being given currently:

According to Jewish records, on 25th Kislev, which is the beginning of Hanukkah, in the ninth month of the first year of God's revised calendar, all the components for the tabernacle in the wilderness were completed and inspected for purity of adherence to God's blueprint. Just an aside here, Jesus was conceived at Hanukkah!

Exo 39:32 Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting was finished; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so the Israelites had done.

Exo 39:43 And Moses inspected all the work, and behold, they had done it; as the Lord had commanded, so had they done it. And Moses blessed them.

Moses had come down from the mountain on Yom Kippur with the blueprint for the building of this tabernacle, and on 11th Tishrei, he commissioned Bezalel and Aholiab and every wisehearted man in whom the Lord had put wisdom and understanding to do the work (Exod 36:1,2). It took a phenomenally short 12 weeks to complete every small detail of God's instruction; to put together the components of His will on earth as it was written in Heaven.

The tabernacle components passed the authenticity test on what would later be the first day of Hanukkah—This very detailed and expertly crafted construction would be the setting in which His manifest presence would ground and display itself as a cloud.

Ready, Steady....Wait!

*Now I don't know about you, but when I acquire a new garment or pair of shoes, I cannot wait to wear it and usually appear the very next day with my new outfit all put together for anyone to see. But God's ways are not our ways. **Having approved every small detail of the work of these wisehearted men, He puts the whole project on hold for THREE MONTHS!!***

Exo 40:1 AND THE Lord said to Moses, Exo 40:2 On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting [of God with you].

Exo 40:16 Thus did Moses; according to all that the Lord commanded him, so he did. Exo 40:17 And on the first day of the first month in the second year the tabernacle was erected.

Now why on earth would God go to all the trouble of getting the tabernacle components crafted in record time, only to let all the parts wait in the wings until His appointed day of first use?? The answer is kairos timing. Everything that happens in the Kingdom of God must be synchronized to dovetail with a multitude of other things He has been busy with. And sometimes it looks like God is doing absolutely nothing in the lives of His people. I cannot find any record in the Word of what occurred during those 3 interlinking months between the work of the tabernacle being finished and approved (Exod 39:43) and the seven day training period for the first priests just prior to Aviv 1st (the process of which is laid out in

Exodus 29)! It was wilderness life as usual during that time— manna pickup in the morning, prepared and eaten during the day...and tomorrow, wake up and do it all over again.

Now, let's compare this to the life of Jesus. The Saviour was born, but did not begin functioning in power and anointing as God's openly recognized Son until 30 years later. God brings forth a Saviour and then has Him be totally ordinary in obscurity for 30 years! Then He begets Him or approves Him and declares Him authentic and then He disappears for 40 days. In the same way, the whole tabernacle's components were beautifully completed, approved as authentic reproductions of the blueprint and ready to be erected before the eyes of the Israelites on the 1st day of Hanukkah. And then they were set aside in obscurity and not used FOR 3 WHOLE MONTHS!

From 25th Kislev to 23rd Adar, no visible advancement concerning God's tabernacle in the wilderness was evident in the earth. Everyone had given sacrificially and generously. All the parts were fully constructed according to the pattern. Everything was ready to provide the setting in which God would manifest Himself, but those finished components were then laid aside until the appointed time of being launched into permanent use. And, most importantly, it was not until the inauguration and anointing of the appointed priests had been fully accomplished, right at the end of the waiting period, that the whole blueprint for tabernacle function was seen clearly by God's people.

What can we glean from this? You may have been diligently carrying out every step of the preparation process God has instructed you to complete. You know you are appointed to be a part of what God is doing in the season ahead. Then the time comes when, using the wisdom and understanding He has given, you have fulfilled all His expressed requirements and He comes and inspects what you have done. You receive His seal of approval. Yes, you exactly match the DNA blueprint Heaven has drawn up for your part in His Kingdom purposes.

It seems logical that the next step would be to issue more instructions and to set things in motion; for God to connect you to others who are also parts of His plan for the wilderness tabernacle—then He must come and inhabit and fill this portable tabernacle you have all diligently worked towards completing. But no, it seems the 25th Kislev, first day of Hanukkah, marks the beginning of a waiting period in which no further instruction is received on the topic and no further action is carried out.

In today's climate of fast-encroaching darkness, this seems crazy! Wouldn't it be sensible to assemble the tabernacle parts, bone to its bone, make strong connections, start the inauguration of the endtime priests immediately and put them to work, so that the manifest presence of God in our midst can combat the dense darkness? Well, that's how the human mind would think!

The kings of the earth are assembling themselves against Him, spouting their threats for world domination, and taking counsel against God and His anointed—time seems to be of the essence if you are looking from an earthly point of view. But psalm 2 tells us that God sits in Heaven and laughs! He says He HAS 'set' His king on His holy hill, Zion. That word 'set' means 'to pour molten metal, to anoint a king'. God is saying He is one step ahead of them; the setting in place of one who will break them like a potter's vessel has already been accomplished. Well, yes, as far as all the components for the tabernacle being complete, that box is ticked. But the joining together in appointed endtime connection, joint to socket, has yet to take place. And yet, our mysterious God sees the end from the beginning and announces it already done!

Just like Mary, singing in the house of Zachariah during Hanukkah and announcing the completed works of the hand of God, while it is still only a minute foetus in her womb. Mary is celebrating Tabernacles, God in the midst of us, as the DNA in the chromosomes just begin to release their instruction for assembly of the Son of God in her womb. She heard the sound of the blueprint and, with the eye of faith, declares it done!! Isn't that what all pregnant women do? Having discovered they have conceived, they tell everyone they are going to have a baby! Right at the beginning of the process, when the DNA blueprint is implanted in the wall of the womb, they announce the end result!

And so it is with God. He looks at everything unfolding in the earth realm; at the plots and plans of the kingdom of darkness, and He laughs. He announces at Hanukkah that He has already poured out the anointing oil for kingship even though the inauguration week for the priests is almost 3 full months away. He speaks as if the tabernacle parts are fitly joined together and the anointed priestly kings are stepping into their first day of service on 1st Aviv.

He knows the individual parts of His endtime wilderness tabernacle look fairly powerless on their own and the enemy thinks he has no opposition to his diabolical schemes. That's because he has no clue about the design of the finished holding place for God's glory; he can't picture the setting all assembled together when he glances dismissively at the individual parts of the bondslave company.

This is one of the reasons why God keeps the parts separate—He is protecting His prototype from destruction. As long as the enemy has no clue what the finished product looks like, he cannot destroy it, which, by the way, is why God had Jesus born in a stable in obscurity and grown until the age of two before the wise men showed up and Herod got to hear of Him.

REMEMBER TOO, THAT JESUS, began making connections and collecting disciples straight after He was baptised. They must have been pretty confused when He then went off into the desert alone for 40 days! Usually, a leader picks a trustworthy team to support and surround him and then he begins leading, training and launching forth on the assignment. But not Jesus... He collects disciples and then seemingly abandons them for 40 days. I wonder, did they hang about at the edge of the desert all that time, scanning the horizon for a sight of him returning? Imagine what they spoke of – Old Testament prophecy being fulfilled, dreaming of what this Messiah would do and marvelling that He had called them to follow Him. Perhaps this 40-day period was also a testing time for the 12 disciples as to whether they had endurance and staying power. Would they remain faithful when they understood nothing of what was going on; when there was no sight or sound from their Master?

So, bear all this in mind, manchild company. Once through the Jordan, humble and submitted and filled with the Spirit, you may be openly acknowledged by the Father as part of His Branch Company, you may be filled with the seven Spirits of God and then find yourself plunged into a difficult dry testing period, before being released to move forward in the power of the Spirit.

Also, thinking of the separate pieces of the tabernacle in the wilderness, lying ready and waiting and connecting them with the recently chosen inner circle of disciples ready and waiting on the edge of the desert, you may even now have been introduced to other members of the manchild company, but are yet to function as a corporate cohesive whole Branch. Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God, but the anointing and filling is not necessarily followed immediately by the leading of the Spirit in powerful miracles or operating in the spirit of Might. The first leading will be into the thick of testing. All the waiting periods are testing and assaying periods. There is nothing like waiting to test a person's mettle! Meekness is harnessed strength and submitted power. It is not you who hold the reins, it is the Lord of Hosts who commands His army and then they move accordingly.

Actually, this time of waiting is weeding out of you any buried inclination or desire

to lead, rebel or control your own destiny. Satan failed that test. He wanted to sit where God sat, call the shots, get the praise and wield the power. The waiting time is ultimately a proving of whose seed you are! Who is your Father? Whose spiritual DNA do you carry? If there is rebellion in you, it will manifest during extended waiting times.

Fitly Set

Recently, the Lord instructed me to do an in-depth study on the month of Adar, which is the last month of the Jewish year. It is followed by Aviv. Every time I heard the word 'Adar', I would see a jewel being set in place in the setting that had been crafted for it. Now, on looking into Hanukkah, I understand that what I am seeing is the jewel of the tabernacle being set up in the midst of the encamped tribes of Israel in the wilderness, and even the priestly corporate 'jewel' being placed within the setting of the wilderness tabernacle, whose individual parts have been assembled and firmly joined together to best display the jewel they will cradle.

Do you remember I shared in 'Impartation and Overflow' that Mary spent 3 months with Elizabeth in the house of Zechariah? These are the same 3 months in which the completed tabernacle components seemly lay idle. But Zechariah means 'God has remembered' and Hanukkah is the time records are written in God's Book of Remembrance of those who fear Him and who speak often to one another and meditate on His Name. They will be His jewels in the day He openly displays them. How do you display a jewel? By setting it in place in its crafted and assembled setting.

When God looked from Heaven at that meeting between Mary and Elisabeth, He saw four faces— Mary, Elisabeth, John and Jesus. He saw the completed work this foursome would allow Heaven to accomplish in the earth. He saw His divine blueprint fully manifested in the earth realm. But the eyes of man (and the enemy) saw only an old woman in her 6th month of pregnancy and her niece spending time together. There was no outward evidence of the cataclysmic change the fruit of their wombs would bring. The enemy just saw two individual parts of the full setting God had crafted to display His will in the earth and he had no clue what the full blueprint looked like. If he had, he would have tried to destroy those two women right then, during Hanukkah. THIS is why God sits and laughs. He has everything ready to obliterate the enemy's schemes step by step and NONE of it is visible to the naked eye at this juncture!

... it may seem to you that you have come to some kind of spiritual halt, that no progress is being made. Is it the enemy causing problems? Are you under attack?

Such uncertainty can cause anxiety and stress—especially if you keep looking at what the enemy is doing and achieving day after day! But you must rest in God's wisdom. He can see His Kingdom calendar. He knows exactly when the perfect time is to quickly bring all the parts of the tabernacle together, then commission, anoint and train all involved and meet His deadline for full manifestation right on time with Heaven! During the week of Adar 23-29, the tabernacle was erected each morning and dismantled each evening; Moses served as the High Priest and initiated Aaron and his four sons into the priesthood. Then, on the 'eighth day'—the 1st of Aviv, the tabernacle was 'permanently' assembled (that is, put up to stand until the Divine command would come to journey on).

From Laidback to Frantic

Imagine the time from Kislev 25th to Adar 23rd—nothing significant happened. Previously, there had been the busyness of completing all the components for the tabernacle, and then a fairly long period of absolutely nothing significant happening in the Kingdom business department! And then that last week before Aviv clocked in must have been frantic! Imagine putting everything together to form the tabernacle EVERY morning and dismantling it EVERY evening for a whole week. They must have been exhausted. It reminds me of the last part of labor; the time when the mother says she can't do one more thing and the doctor says, "Just one more push!" And then the face of what God has been crafting in secret is seen.

Exo 40:34 Then the cloud [God's visible presence] covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle!

The setting components which will form the surroundings in which God will display His endtime jewels to their best advantage are just about ready now. He knows how they will be fitted together but, in the case of the original tabernacle, when Hanukkah kicked in, those approved parts were still separate and disconnected from each other for 88 days before they will be fitly joined together with a view to full functioning. Those 7 days of the inauguration of the first priests of a new order can be likened to the polishing and final touches of the setting for the cut jewel. Then finally, it is fastened into the custom-made appointed place, cemented into its appointed endtime role of displaying the glory of God in the earth.

Malachi 3 says that those who fear the Lord are recorded in the Book of Remembrance and they will be openly declared as His jewels as the day that burns like an oven unfolds. This is another version of showing lineage, declaring pedigree, announcing those who are His. As the bridegroom says to his bride in

*the ancient Jewish wedding ceremony, “You are mekudeshet (holy unto me)”,
openly declaring her as his alone.*

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