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## Raising up Judges?

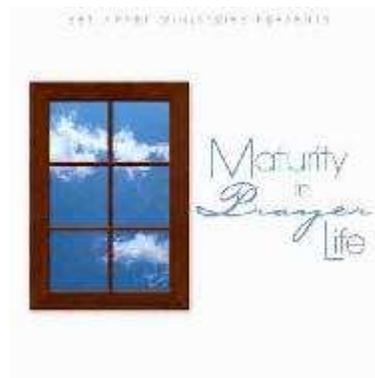
**December, 2007**

Shalom!

This month finds us adjusting to yet another change here at SAM. Marilyn will only be able to be here for a few hours in a week, though her heart is here full time. I will be adjusting to assuming her daily tasks while she hopes to be able to continue some of her monthly responsibilities. I am grateful to Cheryl and Carla for their offers of volunteer help.

I have been able to consult with four fellowship groups in the past few weeks about various issues of leadership concerns. It has been a joy to me to hear people respond with such relief as they better understand how to shepherd their people. We all meet challenges as we lean in to the "echad" that is the intent for those who follow our Messiah; in and through Him with one another.

One teleconference has grown out of the recent meeting in Southern California in which we have discussed the subject of recognizing Victim/Persecutor/Rescuer



### Our **Maturity in Prayer Life CD**

is now available for sale through our website. Verbal responses to the material have been positive all around. Your assistance and help getting this resource made known to others would be greatly appreciated. Our prayer and hope is that the material found here will encourage

elements in conflictual situations so as to minimize relational damage; to the fellowship group, member, and leaders involved. We are hoping to take our next local Life Model Group and record a discussion on this topic for distribution as we have for the Maturity in Prayer Life CD.

Our local community has completed the spiritual gifts study and is currently in review of Scripture pertaining to spiritual warfare matters. We continue to apply a Hebraic perspective to these subjects and have been blessed with growing understanding and strength; and yes, some additional challenges, too.

As we have completed our discussions of the Isaiah 62: 10 verses in both this newsletter and our general interest coaching newsletter we are taking the insights gained there to apply to our understanding that YHWH has said He will raise up judges as at the first.

***And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness. Isaiah 1:26-27***

It has been several years now that we have prayerfully understood that we are being prepared in this manner, though we have yet to fully comprehend how and where. (Long ago we gave up asking why!) It was such an encouragement then, to see Dr. Oliver's confirmation through the Word that this is indeed what our Elohim is doing.

We believe it has something to do with the need to grow in maturity, psychologically as well as spiritually, in order to be in a position of authority; and that our call pertains to helping people grow into this maturity that will be needed in the future.

With Dr. C.R. Oliver's gracious permission I would like to offer you a portion of his 2005 newsletter on this very subject. As you may recall, he has gone "on record" to declare the significance of ministries that are teaching a return to the ancient paths, as we quoted from him several months ago.

the development, joy and growth in prayer for those who hear.

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## Comments on Messianic Leadership Teleconference

Ever wondered what happens at our Leadership Teleconferences?



Some of our recent participants were kind enough to let us know about their experiences. We have spent our time recently talking about conflict resolution and discipline vs. punishment as these subjects apply for fellowship leaders.

*Blessings to you, your family, and Set Apart Ministries. Thank you for the tremendous effort to host and facilitate the discussions regarding what leadership experience within their Messianic communities. These teleconferences are good learning sessions. These talks are very helpful to connect leaders from various parts of the country and provide a forum to share ministry situations. May*

These days of uncertainty continue as we watch events unfold in the Middle East. It seems such foolishness to us to even dream that there could be a genuine peace there before Messiah's return. We certainly understand the longing for a workable solution, even as we pray for our Abba's will to be done in all of it. May we not forget to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, that our flight not take place in the winter or on Sabbath, that we will remain faithful in season and out, ready to proclaim Yeshua, the Living Torah no matter the perceived danger. May we not faint along the way!

May we earnestly pray for the ingathering of both houses of Israel, Judah and Ephraim, by our coming King and One Shepherd who will again make us one flock.

***And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.***

***And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.***

***Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off. ..***

***He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 5: 7-9; 6: 8***

In Service to Him, the Gatherer of the Flock;

Barb Klika

## Teleconferences

### **FOR WOMEN ONLY**

Our next monthly teleconference will be held on December 30, 2007 at 9:00 am CST. Watch for the announcement in your email box or contact us



*Abba  
strengthen you and Bob and  
provide your every need.*

*Shalom,  
Dave  
Sheep of Israel.*

*The drama triangle greatly helped us in a situation that had developed in our fellowship with an individual that wanted to join us in our community facility. After having spent years in many different types and kinds of communal environments with many different people with many varied expectations we recognized the initial rush of someone new wanting to join, and the need to make them happy and satisfied plus the rush to meet all their expectations. In the midst of settling this person in, disquieting attitudes began to emerge and the familiar feelings on our part began to rise i.e., feeling taken advantage of, becoming the "little red hen" again, frustration. Only this time we didn't go very far down that path. A timely phone call with some very helpful counsel, thank YHVH! and His servant Barb, and we were able to clearly see our situation in the light of the drama triangle.*

*The drama triangle clearly demonstrated to us that we were allowing this individual to work us like a puppet on a string. When we saw the dynamics of the triangle at play in our situation we were able to extract ourselves from the triangle and look more objectively at what was really*

if you'd like to receive an invitation.  
[info@setapartmingb.org](mailto:info@setapartmingb.org) and ask to be included!

This month's gathering will be an open mic time for those present to bring up concerns or joys they are experiencing as they continue to walk out our return to the ancient paths.

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**MESSIANIC FELLOWSHIP LEADERS TELECONFERENCES**

These general conferences are on hold until resources permit beginning again.

We do have one current teleconference group with the Messianic Community Development Leaders group, though we will not be taking new members in that group for the near future.

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*happening. We realized that we could not accomodate this individual and still walk the halacha of our community. When we set out the parameters for this person they decided that they were not a fit with us.*

*It was ever so refreshing and rewarding not to fall into the trap of resentment, frustration, anger and hostility that so often accompanies failed relational attempts and continue to love and pray for this individual.*

*Thank you Barb and Set Apart Ministries for your awesome leadership in the realm of community relationship dynamics!*

**NEW LINK AVAILABLE TO ONLINE OSWALD CHAMBERS DEVOTIONAL!**



Here is a link to the online devotional book by [OSWALD CHAMBERS: MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST.](#)

This is a classic devotional and one that is deeply challenging for all who desire to get to know our Messiah ever more fully.

## General Study of Judges

### Introduction:

The Bible mentions 17 judges. Four are not cited in the book of Judges (Samuel, Eli, Joel and Abijah). There are also several classifications of Judges with the Warrior Judges being Othniel, Shamgar, Deborah & Barak, Gideon and Jephthah. Regardless of how man might classify them, Judges stood in a special office delegated by God. They received their mandate from heaven and were not swayed by the drama of politics. The office was an appointment by God and not one sought after. Judges did not pontificate; they postured according to the Spirit.

In Isaiah, God said He was going to restore the office of Judge upon the earth. Most assuredly, there are those being prepared for this office at the moment. Just as the Lord prepared forerunners who mirrored the Savior prior to His first coming, He is preparing forerunners of similar status prior to His second coming. Because the righteous will judge the earth during His reign, there are those in place now--declaring righteous determinations in advance of His appearing.

***And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness. Isaiah 1:26-27***

Fortunately, as the church age winds to a close and the offices connected to it begin to wane, there will be a return to the Old Testament prophet-judge. Samuel was both, as he was a transitional person reaching between the two offices in a time just prior to God's acquiescence to Israel's kingships. Indeed, it is appropriate to search out this new office of the old order even as the Day of the Lord approaches.

Unfortunately, there are those who define various offices like prophet or judge without the Spirit's dictionary. Their definition of a prophet today seeks to flavor Paul's construct of the New Testament prophetic office. They claim the office is vastly different to the office of the Old Testament prophet. Not so! Rabbi Paul was well versed in the Scriptures and knew the prophets who entered his life were of the old variety. Ananias was sent specifically to him with a special word and an ordered task to perform. Agabus also was sent to describe what Paul would experience in Rome down to the letter, even though Paul sloughed against it. Old Testament prophets didn't miss; they didn't speak in nebulous terms.

Just as the New Testament prophet was modeled after the Old Testament office, so the Judge of the future will ascend to a position similar to those of the Old Testament. He or she will be "judges," "rulers," "deliverers," or "saviors." (These are definitions of Shophetim, translated Judge.) Their duties will exceed the passing of "sentences" and issuing "verdicts."<sup>[1]</sup> Their emphasis will be upon liberating and delivering. In the Last Days, a deliverance ministry will not mean casting out demons so much as liberating people from false doctrines and false teachers. It will entail stepping between the oppressors and the oppressed. The office of Judge will have a fierce demeanor turned toward those who preach false doctrine. The intent of these Judges will be that of a warrior as well as a discriminator. These Judges will be able to draw fine lines between good and good, be the "critiquer" of manifold words and the determiner of saliency within messages. They will attain to the highest form of higher criticism.

[1] Eckhardt, John, The Ministry Anointing of the Apostle, Crusaders Publications, Chicago, pp. 20, 23

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Blessings of strength and peace to you all!

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