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WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE ARE YOU TO BE?

BENJAMIN JUSTER

Yeshua is coming soon! Do not lose the longing for His return.

In my travels, I've recognized a growing doubt and confusion about the literal return of Yeshua to Jerusalem to set up His Kingdom on earth. Though there is a residual hope, the assurance of Yeshua's return has waned. Because there is not a sense of the imminence of Yeshua's arrival, a lack of urgency has crept into the Body. In turn, the passion for holiness and distinctness in the world has declined.

"First of all, understand that in the last days, scoffers will come scoffing, following after their own desires and saying, Where is this promise of His coming? Ever since the fathers died, everything goes on just as it has from the beginning of creation."

2 Peter 3:3,4, TLV



I'm inspired by the times we are living in. We are now in what many perceive are the final stages of world redemption which will culminate with God's "restoration of all things" (Acts 3:21) in the earth. It is as if we are all together on a giant rocket ship headed toward the ultimate destination of human history—the final stage of the rocket has now ignited with the force needed to propel us there.

Since the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts, the professing followers of Yeshua grew from roughly 1,000 in Jerusalem to 33 million by 300 AD—40% growth per decade. This all occurred before the establishment of an institutional, state sponsored church! Today, there are an estimated 2 billion professing Christians out of 8 billion people in the world.

It has been 500 years since the Reformation. This year, Israel surpassed 75 years since being founded as a modern nation state.

Things are speeding up. What used to take a long time will now only take a short period of time.

Just like the final stage of a rocket achieves the greatest speeds en route to its final goal, we are experiencing rapid change like never before.

One website evaluated the rates of adoption of various technologies by the U.S. populace,

- 129 years for the toilet to be adopted by 100% of US households
- 120 years for clean drinking water
- 78 years for the automobile to reach its peak
- 48 years for electricity
- 47 years for radio and refrigerator to reach 100% of homes
- 25 years for the cell phone to go from 10%-96% adoption in 2019; BTW, in the U.S., for every 100 people, there are an average of 125 cell phone subscriptions!
- 24 years for the computer to go from 20%-80% adoption
- 23 years for the internet to reach 80%
- 14 years for social media to reach 80%
- 7 years for the handheld tablet to reach 64% adoption

<https://www3.paho.org/ish/index.php/en/decrease-in-the-time-required-for-the-adoption-of-technologies#>

Here are a few more...

- Netflix, the popular DVD sharing and streaming company, took 1,278 days to get 1 million subscribers.
- In late 2022, ChatGPT's AI surpassed Netflix by over 250x to amass one million users - 5 days; by early 2023, ChatGPT had accumulated over 100 million monthly users.



What was not possible even a decade ago is now within the realm of possibility. The world continues to get smaller as governments, economies, and cultures both influence and clash with one another.

Yet, Yeshua seems to be delayed in His return. Why?

"The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some consider slowness. Rather, He is being patient toward you—not wanting anyone to perish, but for all to come to repentance."

2 Peter 3:9, TLV

As I considered this verse, I was reminded about a habit that parents display when they want their children to stop an undesirable behavior. We count. When a kid continues misbehaving, the parent will say, "I'm giving you til the count of '3' to stop. One...Two...aaaaaaaannnnnd thrrrrrrrrreeeeeeee." They draw out the "three" to extend the maximum amount of time for the child to stop.



INCREASE OF UNIFIED GLOBAL PRAYER

Prayer movements multiplied over the course of the 21st Century. House of Prayer ministries are in hundreds of major cities around the world. Peter Wagner prophesied in 2010 that this was the start of a Third Great Awakening for America and for the world. “Many intercessors across the nation are crying out to God for the nation to once again become ‘a city set on a hill’.” If we continue to pray and call out to God, this nation will shift. This past May on Pentecost Sunday, more than 100 million believers around the world prayed for Israel and the Jewish people!

RESTORATION OF EFFECTIVE EVANGELISTIC, APOSTOLIC, AND PROPHETIC LEADERSHIP

There is a refining and effectiveness of five-fold equipping within the Body of Messiah. We are aligning with God’s Kingdom and preparing the Body for His government to be established on the earth. Though we only see in part, the framework for an interdependent, ordered Body is a step toward greater unity of the Body of believers, while crossing over denominational and institutional lines.

Though a humorous example, it shows that parents delay the final moment of judgment and ultimate punishment. The desire is for the child to choose to correct their behavior on their own, without being forced to do so. Our Heavenly Father also desires that as many as possible would return to Him, recognizing that they have fallen short from His standards, to repent and accept the offer for a restored relationship.

BUT ARE WE CLOSE TO YESHUA’S RETURN?

Though I don’t support any prognosticating regarding the specific time of Yeshua’s return, here are a few key indicators that we are close:

MESSIANIC JUDAISM

Existence of an identifiable movement of Jews who believe in Messiah Yeshua and a growing, viable population of Jewish believers in Israel who are ready to cry out, “Baruch Haba B’Shem Adonai”.

FOCUS ON ISRAEL

The eyes of the church are turning in large numbers towards Jerusalem and the Jewish people. There is an associated focus of the nations on Israel, with accompanying, varied levels of animosity or support. Goat nations and sheep nations are making themselves known.

EXPONENTIAL SPREAD OF THE B'SORAH (The Gospel)

Multiplication of the church in China and Iran and within other "closed and persecuted" nations, where millions are coming to faith in the midst of tremendous trial and oppression.

BIBLE TRANSLATION

With focus, resourcing and utilization of modern technologies such as AI, it is conceivable that the Bible could be translated into every known language of the world within a generation.

EXPANDED VISION FOR MISSIONS MOVEMENTS

It is 50 years since the 1974 Lausanne Covenant where the focus of missions became '10/40 Window'; But now, world missions is shifting its focus to pursue an immense goal of having a Bible and a believer within every Nation, Tribe and Tongue by 2033. And as Yeshua promised, *"This Good News of the kingdom shall be proclaimed in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come."* Matthew 24:14, TLV



So this end is surely on the horizon of history. Come Lord Yeshua!

In part 2 next month, I will address the answer to the question, "What Kind of People Are You to Be?"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Juster". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "B" and a cursive "Juster".

Benjamin Juster
Editor in Chief

**“What
Kind of
People
Are You
To Be?”**

BENJAMIN JUSTER



THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL LIVE

Someone asked me the other day, "What does Am Israel Chai " mean? And if you don't know, I want to tell you.

Because it's not just a slogan, it's a prayer and a proclamation. From the Hebrew, Am Yisra'el Chai translates into English, "The People of Israel Live." It is well-known in Jewish culture and celebrates the enduring strength and resilience of the Jewish people.

It affirms that despite the systematic attempts to exterminate and annihilate the Jewish people, but thanks to God's guiding hand, we have stubbornly persevered and have miraculously lived. Am Yisra'el Chai is also a prayer, a longing for a united Jewish people living together in safety, security and with unity and harmony.



AM YISRA'EL CHAI

BROOKE ALLSBROOK

At the March for Israel Rally on November 14, 2023 in Washington D.C., we saw nearly 300,000 mostly Jews who had gathered. The feeling of unity was powerful and strong. At the Rally, I felt the Holy Spirit several times and wept at one point, but it was partly because there was a deep longing in my spirit that my people, who are most well acquainted with suffering and pain and don't know the Lord yet!

When I look back to the lives of the ones who have survived things like the Holocaust, I feel deeply connected with the sentiment “Am Yisra’el Chai.” When I saw the faces of the Jewish people at the Rally, I felt “I know you,” I know you deeply, because I know your suffering and pain. I know your heartache.” It’s embedded in the fabric of the people.

The Jewish people are the most persecuted people in history. From the Book of Esther, down through all the centuries, there have been repeated attempts to destroy them. Yet, they remain a distinct people group with a homeland. It is miraculous and this miracle is only because of God’s Eternal covenant with them.

In Messianic Judaism, we exalt and celebrate the name of Yeshua (Jesus) as God’s eternal sacrifice for us and for the Jewish people, but we also live in this tension in thinking “God, how are you going to do this?”- knowing full well, as a nation that they do not recognize Him (Yeshua) as such. Only you, Lord, can set yourself in the inward part of the hearts of men and women.



These things are too lofty for us to understand and yet God works mysteriously behind the scenes as a master chess player. He is moving chess pieces and is putting things into position.

I am reminded of God’s eternal covenant with the Jewish people, that they are designed for Him and for His glory and ultimately will lead to the full knowledge of Yeshua, “... **and so Israel will be saved**”. (Romans 11:26)

We also see this clearly in Genesis 17:7 stating,

“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.” (NIV)

Am Yisra’el Chai.

It's not a pride thing, instead it is a remembrance thing as God so often calls us to remember His promises. Since God is Eternal and sets an Eternal covenant with the Jewish people, we need to remember what He has taken us out of, and as a people, to remember where we are going. God has many promises to restore them. To restore them to Himself. To restore them to His blessings which He has for them and to restore them to their land in peace.



For this, Hosea 2:14 is a prophetic decree of how God is going to work out her restoration,

"Therefore, behold, I am going to persuade her, bring her into the wilderness, and speak kindly to her."
(CSB)

So often the way God does things is not the way we think He will do them. Therefore, we need to be watchful, or we will miss what God is doing. So often God deals with us in a way that we don't understand and yet we feel drawn. This is what God says concerning Israel - He will bring her into a desert place. The desert is not normally a place of blessing and it's there that He will speak tenderly to her. In Hebrew, the word here is that will speak to her heart. Isn't that a beautiful expression of God's love!

You know it's not always easy for God to speak to our hearts. Our hearts are sometimes closed, not responsive. So, God has to work in our lives and bring about situations in life where He can get our attention. He therefore brings Israel into the desert so He can speak to her heart. He leads her into the desert and once He has their attention, He speaks,

"Then I will give her vineyards from there, and the Valley of Achor as a door of hope. And she will [respond there as in the days of her youth, As in the day when she went up from the land of Egypt." (Hosea 2:15, CSB)

I have seen that in my own personal life where God has been so patient with me. If He's that patient with a nation, don't you think He will be patient with us? I believe that. It wasn't too long ago that I went through what some might call "a dark night of the soul" and it really felt like I was in a desert place. I was so dry, I felt barren, like nothing good could come from me but it was there that God drew me in, spoke to my heart and when He did, I did not return the same.

This is the purpose of God and the revelation that He wants to give to us as seen, continuing in verse 16,

"And it will come about on that day," declares the Lord, "That you will call Me my husband, and no longer call Me my Ba'al." (servant)

In the first covenant, it was like a marriage covenant, but God was more like a master in the relationship. This didn't really translate to a heart commitment, on a deep-personal level. But, when God says, I will restore you, Israel will not come back the same with the same level of revelation. She will come back higher because God is always leading us onward and upward. It will be like a husband, but with tenderness and love in her heart.



God wants to bring us all, Israel included, to a place where she is at the end of her confidence in her own knowledge, strength, or ability.

That's a death. To me, it seems like Israel is going through a death. But we need to go through death to get to the resurrection. The Valley of Achor becomes a door of hope. That is a full revelation and gives prophetic meaning to the words,

Am Yisra'el Chai!



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For EVERYTHING THERE *is a* SEASON

STEWART LIEBERMAN

What an incredibly fast-paced year 2023 has been, and it's not over! Both personally and in ministry this has been a year of transition, re-alignment, breakthrough, and war. As I write this, Israel has been in an existential conflict with Hamas and other terrorist groups that was launched on October 7th, being marked by the brutal and evil attack where 1,400 Israelis, (mostly civilians) which included women, children and even holocaust survivors who were murdered. All of us, especially the faithful remnant know, just as after 9/11, that we are living in a different world than we were on October 6th.

That means we cannot “do” ministry, lead our communities, relate to others, or even read the Scriptures and worship the way we did on October 6th! I’m not trying to be dramatic or extreme, but just stating the obvious, that the urgency of the hour requires us to be much more intentional and Kingdom-focused than ever before.





The world-wide shaking that began in 2020 has ramped up to what I call “JOSHUA 5 Level”, just like “DEFCON 1” it is the most severe level for military alertness. We all know the story, as Joshua is leading the Israelites, and they are about to enter the Promised Land at Jericho. It had been quite a journey; 40 years with a lot of detours, disappointments, false reports, stubbornness, and even outright rebellion. That generation is gone, and a new one, not steeped in the fear-based mindsets of the “good-old days” of slavery in Egypt, has been circumcised and they are ready to go into the land which God promised. I liken it to the faithful remnant who in the midst of all of the shaking of the last few years have consecrated themselves, some at great cost, and have said, “Hineni” to do whatever it takes to see His Kingdom purposes come to pass in our day! Joshua, a man who knows how to fight and win battles, comes face to face with the “Prince” of Adonai’s army (Yeshua), and is overcome with the holiness of this encounter, and submits to HIS strategies for the upcoming battle.

All through 2023, Israel had been in upheaval and chaos. Protests in the streets over judicial reform and social justice issues had led to general strikes and governmental gridlock. Internal division, partisan factions and exposure of corruption had brought the nation to a dangerous impasse. In a way, it seemed like Israel had taken their proverbial “eye off the ball” and had lost sight of its uniqueness (see Deuteronomy 7:6 and Romans 9-11) in a dangerous neighborhood.



It is a time of war and we are at a **"JOSHUA 5 LEVEL!"** This is not just an existential struggle for Eretz Israel, but is also for the Body of Messiah, the Ecclesia, for both Jew and Gentile alike.

Just as Joshua was commissioned to lead the Israelites from the wilderness to the land of Promise, so the Body of Messiah today is called to prepare the way for the return of the Conquering King Yeshua! I am not here to say when that will occur, it could be tomorrow or in a hundred years, but He will be returning as it is proclaimed in Revelation 19:11-16, where not as the suffering Messiah but as the "Prince" of angel armies with.

"His eyes like a flame of fire, and many royal crowns on His head ... clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the Name by which He is called 'the Word of God'".

So, what is the urgency for us in the Body today? First of all, as Joshua fell on his face before a Holy Warrior, we are called to be holy as He is holy. As the writer of Hebrews says *"get rid of every weight and entangling sin and let us run the race with endurance, focusing on Yeshua, the initiator and perfecter of faith."* (Heb. 12:1) It is time (past time!) - to deal with the flesh and world which we have allowed into our lives and communities, and respond to His invitation to abide with Him in holiness! A desire for holiness will create an environment where intimacy with God, and obedience to do what He says will radically change our lives and the communities we are called to be part of.

Everything changed on that Shabbat morning of October 7th, the end of the joyous Sukkot celebration and Shemini Atzeret, a day to celebrate and dance, instead, an unspeakable evil was unleashed on the nation. One season, a season of protest and dissension gave way to a new season in an instant ... a season of war.

Ecclesiastes 3:1; 8 thus says,

"For everything there is a season and a time for every activity under heaven: ... a time to love, and a time to hate, time for war and a time for peace."

Secondly, to get to a “Joshua 5 Level,” to accomplish the Great Commission and to see the nations, especially Israel, reached with the Good News of Yeshua, we need to glorify the Messiah by walking in John 17 unity in our communities, cities and regions. We are involved in a state-wide initiative here in Colorado involving church and ministry leaders to see this state come into revival. In the last year, there has been incredible openness and revelation to the scriptural imperative to pray for the Spiritual and physical restoration of Israel and the Jewish people! It has become a priority in our weekly gatherings to pray for the land and the people of Israel, and that is a key to revival in our region, and also for Yeshua’s return. How is this happening?

We have grown from relating as leaders to loving one another as dear brothers and sisters, serving each other in genuine ‘koinonia.’ and regularly coming to Yeshua’s table in genuine humility. All of this to fulfill what Yeshua prayed,

“...that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them as You loved Me.” (John 17:23)

This is a season of great kingdom advancement in a time of global chaos and upheaval. Yet, as we move forward as the “Joshua 5 Army,” King Yeshua will have His victory!



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STRUGGLING WITH GOD!

MARK RANTZ

"... What is your name? Jacob, he said. Then He said to him, Your name will no longer be Jacob, but rather Israel, for you have struggled with God and men, and you have overcome."

Gen. 32:25-29 (TLV)

We have all had times in our lives which at best can be defined as seasons of struggle. Times, when it seems, we have fought the hardest battles and faced the greatest challenges – where it seems in the physical to be no possibility for a positive outcome, times of doubt, dread and unbelief, or even unrelenting hardship – yes, struggle!

It would be easy for us if life was perfect and every avenue of our lives was problem free, but we all know that this is not a reality. Yet, there is that place in our hearts where we still yearn for eutopia or Tikkun Olam, where all of our dreams will one day come true! Yet the truth still remains, our human existence is full of pain, where our path is full of bumpy roads and unsuspecting potholes. Yet through it all we still reach for hatikvah (hope), but why? I believe Parashah Vayishlach and specifically Genesis 32 provides the answer!

If any one of us were to take the time to examine Jacob's life, we would find the example of struggle. Prior to his birth, Gen. 25:22 notes that Jacob and his brother Esau "... fought with each other inside [Rebecca's] so much that she said, 'if it's going to be like this, why go on living'...". (CJB) This foreshadowed them in life where rivalry and tension marked every aspect of their relationship, and even affects us to this day. This is best seen in the context of inheritance, and the promise of current and future blessings as Jacob convinces Esau in Gen 25:30-33, to sell him his birthright, in as Esau demands,

"Give me a swallow of that red stuff! I'm famished! ... 'First sell me your birthright,' replied Jacob. 'Here I am about to die! exclaimed Esau, 'What good is a birthright to me?' 'Make an oath to me right now,' said Jacob. He made the oath and sold his birthright to Jacob."



(The Living Torah, trans. Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan)

In reading this passage, we are further reminded of the promise God made to Rebecca,

"There are two nations in your womb. From birth they will be two rival peoples. One of these people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."
(Gen. 25:23, CJB)

Certainly, Jacob's life with relationship to his brother was marked by struggle. This is now especially true when considering "Esau", as we collectively and individually try to process the massacre of October 7th and the war in Israel against Hamas. Even with regards to the time of tribulation, we are reminded of Jacob's trouble, where the Prophet Jeremiah declares,



"Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress [struggle] for Jacob; yet he [i.e. Israel] shall be saved out of it." Jeremiah 30:7

Both from our Parashah and the words of Jeremiah, we are nevertheless reminded that despite what we are now seeing or experiencing, and the tribulation to come, we are promised that Israel will be saved and brought out of it, and that in the Kingdom to Come, Yeshua will reign from Jerusalem in majesty and glory forever! But is this all we can learn from Jacob and the struggles which he faced, or is there more encouragement and exhortation that we can find amidst our trials, and hardship as Israel is attacked and anti-Semitism is growing throughout the world? Is there an answer to our deepest questions? Our answer here is found in both Jacob's greatest struggle and blessing in Gen. 32:25-27, *"Then a man wrestled with [Jacob] until the break of dawn. When He saw that he had not overcome him, He struck the socket of his hip, so He dislocated the socket of Jacob's hip when He wrestled with him. Then He said, 'Let Me go, for the dawn has broken.' But he said, 'I won't let You go unless You bless me.'"* From this passage it is clear that the one of whom Jacob wrestled and struggled with was not just a man, but in fact the Lord Himself! This is confirmed by the Rabbi's in Bereshit Rabbah stating, "you [Jacob] have fought and struggled with a divine being and have won." This is later confirmed in Gen. 35:11-12,

“God said to him [Jacob], ‘I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and increase.’ A nation and a community of nations will come into existence from you. Kings will be born from your loins. I will grant you the land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac. I will give the land to your descendants who will follow you.” (The Living Torah)

In spite of his trials, struggles, and even fears – God has brought Jacob to this very place and promises him as he did to our Father Abraham and even Isaac, that from him will still come forth a great nation; the Jewish people. Yet it is interesting, is it not, that the very struggle which marked Jacob’s life and for him, the realization of the promise is the same for us, where through seasons of struggle, the hardest of battles and even perceived physical impossibilities – the promises of God in our lives is being fulfilled!

In his book, “Walking with God through Pain and Suffering,” Timothy Keller reminds that the sufferings we face at times may even feel as that of a fiery furnace as seen in 1 Peter 4:12-13, where we read,

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange is happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share [in Messiah’s] sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed.” (ESV)

Of this, Keller exhorts that, “Anything with a degree of heat is, of course, a very dangerous and powerful thing. However, if used properly it does not destroy. Things put into the furnace properly can be shaped, refined, purified, and even beautified. This is a remarkable view of suffering, that faced and endured with faith, it can in the end only make us better, stronger, and even more filled with greatness and joy.”

Like Jacob, we may feel that our trials (especially now) are pushing us over the edge, but when we place our thoughts, hearts, and lives completely in Yeshua’s hands, then we will discover that our present sufferings and trials are able to refine us, and never destroy because God Himself is the one who is walking with us through the fire, as He reminds us that His promises will soon be fulfilled!



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PRAYING WITH AUTHORITY



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“**I**n that day you will no longer ask me anything.

Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my Name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my Name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.
-John 16:23-24 (NIV)

When we see the flashing lights of a police car behind us, we pull over to the side of the road and await the officer approaching the vehicle to ask for our license and registration. We comply because we know that the officer has the authority to do that. The officer cannot do that when they are off duty or when driving their own car. They can only stop us because of the authority of their badge.

Similarly, as Messianic believers, we carry a badge of authority in prayer because we belong to Yeshua. We have His badge and His authority. As we accept Yeshua as Lord, we are adopted by the Father through the justifying work of the Spirit, who allows us to cry out “Abba Father.” (Rom 8:15 and Gal 4:6) As adopted children of God, we therefore can come to Him anytime. The late Timothy Keller best expresses this concept when he said:

“The only person who dares wake up a king at 3:00 a.m. for a glass of water is a child. We have that kind of access.”

It is not any child that can get a King out of bed. It is a child of the King. They are the ones who have direct access to their father. As born-again children of the King, we have this kind of access.

Take a moment to reflect upon that profound truth. We are, through adoption, a child of the King! We have direct access to our heavenly Father, the creator of all things, and He is a Good Father who delights to receive us!

With such access, we can come before the Lord at any time. We can confidently approach God’s throne because we have the authority of His children (Heb 4:16). We have the authority of access and the authority of request.

When we come to the Father in the Name of Yeshua, we are promised by Him that, “My Father will give you whatever you ask in my Name.” (John 16:23) Our requests are heard through Yeshua, and the Father will respond to all our prayers.

Of this, Paul reminds,

“Even when we were dead in our trespasses, He made us alive together with Messiah. (By grace you have been saved!) And He raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Messiah Yeshua.” Ephesians 2:5-6 (TLV)

In this, we are promised that through Yeshua we are all positioned with Him in Heaven as we pray!



Messiah's work of redemption therefore allows the reconciliation of humanity with God. Adam's relationship with the Father is being redeemed, as is the task God gave Adam. Also, Adam had dominion in Eden. He had authority and was a co-labourer with God. Thus, Adonai invites us today into that place of domination and authority, as through the Holy Spirit, we are invited to join in the work that the Father is doing just as Yeshua did. (John 5:19)

The Police officer has the power to pull us over, but they can only act on that authority which they have been given. In fulfilling their responsibility as a law enforcement officer, they must first take the action of putting on their lights and then pull the individual over. We, as believers, likewise have a God-given authority, but it is only helpful to us and God's Kingdom if we step out and act. One of the primary ways that we can do that is through prayer.

As believers we get to pray in the Name of Yeshua. How amazing is that! But to pray in His Name, we must have trust and faith in Yeshua. This trust is not just an intellectual acknowledgement that he is the Saviour, Lord, and King, but a deep trust and reliance upon Yeshua coming from a personal relationship with Him. In this, Yeshua told his disciples,

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father." - John 14:12 (NIV)



We need faith in Yeshua and the power of the Ruach. In John 14, Yeshua promises the Ruach to His followers. It is the work of the Ruach to give us discernment and guidance about God's will and to empower us with the gifts we need to do the work of prayer.

So, as we have the power of the Spirit and trust in Yeshua, we can step out and ask. Yet, we must ask in the Name of Yeshua. Our Messiah here reminds, "Ask and you will receive" (John 16:24), and Ya'akov (James) reminds us that "... the reason you do not have is that you don't pray." (James 4:2)

Where is Yeshua calling you to step out in authority and pray? Is it for your family members to know Yeshua as Messiah? Is it for your community? Is it for the geopolitical movements unleashing division and chaos in our world? Is it for Israel, during this time of war? Nothing is too small or too big to be a topic of prayer. When we come to our heavenly Father, through the blood of Yeshua and in the power of the Ruach asking in the Name of Yeshua, we will be heard, and God will act! 

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