

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S TIMING

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DAY 1 – OUR COVENANT GOD IS FULL OF COMPASSION

Our guest again this week is Greg Stephens, professor of First Covenant Studies at Kenneth Copeland Bible College®. When sin is full and ready to destroy everything, judgment must come. God told His people who these Amorites were. The LORD gave the Jews instructions before they entered the Promised Land. Too much of our nation has submitted to the spirit of the Amorites. Many people want the earth to be cleansed and healed, but they want to do it apart from the Cross on which was the sacrifice for sin. Another man thought he was doing God's will—Saul of Tarsus.

STUDY IT

- I. Our guest again this week is Greg Stephens, professor of First Covenant Studies at Kenneth Copeland Bible College.
 - His understanding of the Hebrew language gives us insight to word meanings in the Old Testament.

- II. When sin is full and ready to destroy everything, judgment must come.
 - The devil is the destroyer. He steals, kills and destroys (John 10:10). If he can steal The WORD of God, he can kill and destroy.
 - The LORD is gracious (*chesed*), slow to anger over all His works. All thy works shall praise thee and bless thee. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing (see Psalm 145:8-10, 16).
 - Sin is as bad as God is good. God's purpose is to keep every human out of hell.
 - Hell was created for the devil and his angels.
 - We're in Christ, so it's our desire to keep everyone out of hell.
 - The Hebrew root word for sin is *haatah*, חָטָא.
 - In Paleo-Hebrew, each letter has a picture.
 - The pictures for the word *sin* are: a fence, a serpent in a basket, and the head (the strength, *aleph*, the first letter in the Hebraic alphabet).
 - The letters put together mean, "The serpent put a fence between man and God."



- Add another letter, *tav*, to make it “sin offering.” The second Greek word is *chataah*, חַטָּאת.
 - The *tav* looks like a cross and it’s called “the mark.”
 - The cross is the answer to sin. The sin offering was Jesus on the cross.
 - There’s no sin that does not have a sin offering.

- III. God told His people who these Amorites were.
 - An ancient Sumerian hymn describes the Emori (Amorite) as a violent person. “His weapon is his companion. He knows not submission.”
 - They sacrificed children and babies through fire to their idol, *moloch*.
 - The Amorite way of life encouraged sexual relations between men.
 - The Amorite ate uncooked flesh, drank blood and did not bury his dead.
 - Og, King of Bashan whom the Israelites had defeated before they crossed the Jordan, was an Amorite (Numbers 21:33-35).
 - The people of Jericho were Amorites.

- IV. The LORD gave the Jews instructions before they entered the Promised Land (Leviticus 18:1-26).
 - There are instructions about how to respect your family.
 - Do not sacrifice your seed, your children to *moloch* (Leviticus 18:21).
 - In modern times, this means abortion.
 - Do not engage in homosexuality.
 - The Amorites did these things. The Jews were not to defile themselves.
 - The sin of the Amorites defiled the land. “The land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants” (Leviticus 18:25).
 - There were also instructions to judges.
 - Don’t make any rulings that will allow people to defile themselves, to sacrifice their children or condone homosexuality.
 - All through this passage, the Name of Jehovah—I AM—is mentioned (Leviticus 18:2, 4-6, 21).

- V. Too much of our nation has submitted to the spirit of the Amorites.
 - In fact, the earth is groaning under the iniquity of the people (Romans 8:22).
 - The earth is waiting for the sons of God to be manifested—that’s us! We need to take our place of authority, remove the iniquity and heal the land.
 - The battle Jesus will fight will cleanse this planet of iniquity. We will see an earth that is magnificent!
 - We are not condemning people. But we, as believers, need to be aware of what is happening as the spirit realm interacts with the natural.
 - We’re not referring to people as evil. We are referring to the spirit of the Amorites.





- The same demon spirit that was in Egypt, in Pharaoh, is in the Amorites. It's the same devil!
 - Our God is the same God!
- VI. Many people want the earth to be cleansed and healed, but they want to do it apart from the Cross on which was the sacrifice for sin.
- You can't have a perfect, Utopian society apart from Jesus.
 - When Jesus returns as King, the government shall be upon His shoulders (Isaiah 9:6).
 - It's not mankind's government. It's the spirit of the Amorites that says, "Big government is going to take care of me, the land and everything."
 - The spirit of the Amorites is in the roots of socialism which goes all the way back to Nimrod (Genesis 10:8). That spirit takes from those who have and gives to those who have not. At some point, someone will fight to keep what he has.
- VII. Another man thought he was doing God's will—Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:1-2, NKJV).
- He was persecuting this new belief called "the Way."
 - Saul studied the Torah and the Law but didn't recognize God's Son, the Messiah.
 - Saul had an encounter with Jesus and realized God brought the Messiah in an unexpected way.
 - God made a covenant with Saul and changed his name to Paul, the Apostle.
 - Paul went into seclusion and Jesus taught him just like He had taught the disciples.
 - Paul said, "I revealed to you what I received from The LORD" (1 Corinthians 11:23).
 - God taught Paul about Himself all the way from Genesis to the cross to explain to us, who were gentiles, the promise God made to send a Savior (Genesis 3:15).
 - We needed to know why we must not be part of the Amorites.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Our only hope and help come from God and His Son, Jesus. Pray this prayer of thanksgiving.

Father God, thank You for forgiving and keeping us from evil. We repent for any sin. We don't want to operate in the spirit of the Amorites. We want to know and imitate Jesus in all we do. Help us please You and give glory to You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.



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DAY 2 – GOD HAS THE ANSWERS TO THE TROUBLE

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- I. We have the answers to every trouble through faith in Jesus Christ.
 - See prophecy in Appendix.
 - The believer begins in faith just like Abraham (Galatians 3:6-7).
 - Abraham believed and was counted righteous (Genesis 15:6).
 - However, the believer can be tempted to think that in himself he can do what he began in the spirit.
 - That's the sin of the Church: We try to do ourselves what God wants us to do by faith.
 - When Abram received The WORD of The LORD about having a child, he tried to make it happen. He knew Sarai could not have a child, so he turned to her maid, Hagar (Genesis 16:3).
 - That's a picture of trying to do things by the flesh (Galatians 4:23).
 - The result of those actions is strife. In Abram's situation, Hagar begins to exalt herself (Genesis 16:4).
 - That's how the Law operates—it will exalt itself.

- II. In Jesus' time, the religious leaders had raised the Law to a divine level, and they overlooked the coming of the Messiah.
 - Actually, the leaders were worshipping the Law and not God.
 - Also, they lowered the Law's standards, so they could get close to meeting them apart from God.
 - Jesus corrected them saying, "You've heard it said; but I say unto you" (see Matthew 5:27). He was quoting what the Law actually said.



- The Law commanded, “Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy” (see Exodus 20:8).
 - There is no work involved in remembering. But the leaders made keeping the Sabbath into a whole series of laws to enforce it.
 - Jesus said, “Man was not made for the Sabbath. The Sabbath was made for man” (see Mark 2:27).
 - The Sabbath was established by God, so man could rest.
 - The spirit of the Amorites twists what God said.
- III. Abram’s faith was counted as righteousness (Genesis 15:6).
- Sadly, Abram and Sarai made a plan in the flesh to make God’s WORD happen (Genesis 16:3).
 - God said, “Abraham, you’re going to make a physical covenant with Me” (see Genesis 17:11).
 - Circumcision was the first time that mankind had to bleed to seal a covenant.
 - THE BLESSING of Abraham is available to the gentiles.
 - “That THE BLESSING of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” (Galatians 3:14).
 - The reason God established circumcision as a sign of the covenant with Abraham was so that no one could see the mark of the covenant.
 - The evidence of the covenant was THE BLESSING.
 - The only way anyone can know you are in covenant with God Almighty is to see the massive way God BLESSES you.
- IV. Abram was made the father of many nations—including gentiles (Genesis 17:4).
- Gentiles, through THE BLESSING of Abraham, can be rich.
 - “THE BLESSING of The LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it” (Proverbs 10:22).
 - God loves people and wants us to be BLESSED in this earth. God’s WORD gives a promise of abundance—more than you can use.
 - And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3:29).
 - God gave the same promise to Adam, to Noah, to Abraham and all the way up the line to and through Jesus.
 - “As He is, so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17). That’s the way the spirit realm sees you. We need to see ourselves as God sees us.
 - You are as righteous before God as Abraham was.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

There are troubles in this life, because of the devil and the curse. However, we are redeemed from the curse. We can resist the temptations of the devil and command him to leave. He *must* obey!

If you have any troubles now, follow these steps:

- Repent from sin.
- Find scripture that pertains to God delivering you from trouble (Psalm 46:1 and others).
- Ask God to help you and deliver you from trouble.
- Receive God's help.
- Thank God, ahead of time and praise Him!



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DAY 3 – WE ARE ON GOD'S TIMETABLE

God has a timetable of BLESSING and of judgment. God gives people and nations a long time to repent. The ungodly do not want God in their thinking. The battle of Jericho in the book of Joshua and the final battle in the book of Revelation have many similarities. We are right on God's timetable moving toward the coming of The LORD.

STUDY IT

- I. God has a timetable of BLESSING and of judgment.
 - The things we are discussing apply to any nation.
 - When sin is full, judgment must come.
 - God revealed the fullness of iniquity of the Amorites (Genesis 15:16).

- II. God gives people and nations a long time to repent.
 - As a nation, God has given the United States a long time to stop killing unborn babies. Sacrificing children to an idol was one of the Amorites' primary sins.
 - When the nation's leaders yield to ungodliness, it hurts the whole country.
 - In 2020, the leadership of the Democratic Party voted unanimously to no longer have anything to do with God in their party's platform.
 - The party's platform is the belief and direction of that political party.
 - The Democrats have said they are now the political party of the atheist, the agnostic, etc.

- III. The ungodly do not want God in their thinking.
 - They were turned over to a confused mind so that bad looked good (see Romans 1:28).
 - Abortion has to stop. It's cursing this nation. Iniquity, the twisting of God's order of things and calling sin good and right, must stop.
 - In 2020, for the first time in this nation, the government limited church services.
 - The police came to arrest a pastor friend who had congregation members on-site for a Sunday service. The pastor had to sue the governor to have church on-site services.



- The governor of Texas said, “Church is essential. And we are not going to open the abortion clinics during the pandemic. Abortion clinics are not an essential business.”
 - “When the righteous rule, the people rejoice. When wicked rule, the people groan” (see Proverbs 29:2, *NKJV*).
 - All of these things are mankind’s way of trying to govern things separate from God. It won’t work.
- IV. The battle of Jericho in the book of Joshua and the final battle in the book of Revelation have many similarities.
- Joshua sent two spies into Jericho (Joshua 2:1). Compare that with the two witnesses sent to Jerusalem to proclaim The WORD of The LORD (Revelation 11:3).
 - At the battle of Jericho, there was a time of silence (Joshua 6:10). Compare that with the half-hour of silence in heaven (Revelation 8:1).
 - Joshua had the priests blow the trumpets seven times (Joshua 6:4). Compare with the seven trumpets of judgment (Revelation 8:2).
- V. We are right on God’s timetable moving toward the coming of The LORD.
- The Amorite battle is in front of us. Jesus will do the fighting, but He wants us with Him (Revelation 19:14-15).
 - At the end time, business will partner with the ungodly government and judgment will come on both (Revelation 18:3-6).
 - Don’t partake of her sins. The cup of sin is almost full.
 - In America, in 2020, we were told we couldn’t have church, or we could have church but we couldn’t sing.
 - Don’t be discouraged.
 - “Forbidding us to speak...that they might be saved, to fill up their sins” (1 Thessalonians 2:15-16). This refers to the iniquity of the Amorites.
 - These are all signposts that we are on the way to heaven.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray with us:

Heavenly Father, we are so grateful for Your power on our behalf. Thank You for teaching us Your ways and keeping us from sin and iniquity. We will trust You and obey You, for You truly are our God! In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.



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DAY 4 – THE WITNESS OF MIRACLES, SIGNS AND WONDERS

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- I. God always causes us to triumph. He destroyed death for us.
 - When sin is full, judgment must come.
 - This nation experienced judgment on 9/11 similar to the attack on Pearl Harbor.
 - These attacks could have been a lot worse except for the intervention of God's grace and preachers who were preaching The WORD.
 - Jesus taught about the state of the world as the end comes near (Matthew 25:3-13).
 - Many shall be offended by the truth. They may try to keep you from witnessing on social media. Iniquity will be rampant.
 - If we are forbidden to go to church, we have the internet and Victory Channel®.
 - We are witnesses to the world through miracles, signs and wonders on a TV network.
 - Those who endure to the end shall be saved.

- II. We seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).
 - The kingdom of God is not a bunch of rules and regulations, it's God's way of doing things.
 - Submitting to the kingdom of God protects us.
 - God wants the gospel preached to all the world. God did that through Jonah.
 - We are commanded to go with the full authority of God, the blood and the Name of Jesus to cast out devils; heal the sick; and witness with miracles, signs and wonders.
 - "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14).
 - We deny sin's right to be in our houses or our bodies.



- Make this declaration: "I resist sin and every work of the devil with the blood, The WORD, the Name of Jesus and the covenant by which I live."

- III. Jesus is interested in The WORD of God being preached all around the globe.
 - If people are not against us, they are with us (Luke 9:50).
 - Many streams of ministry are working together to do the work of the Kingdom.
 - Even though Pastor Bill Johnson is not one of the Word of Faith preachers, one of his messages extremely BLESSED Brother Copeland.
 - Bill Johnson knows and believes The Word of Faith; however, his focus is on the glory and honor of God.
 - He preached about when Jesus was baptized and the Holy Spirit came on Him as a dove.
 - He used his pocket handkerchief on his shoulder to illustrate the delicacy of the precious Spirit of the living God.
 - We must refuse to grieve the Holy Spirit with anger and strife.
 - Jesus stood in the synagogue to read Isaiah 60. He stopped before the verse that mentions judgment. He knew it was not time to judge. It was a time of salvation.
 - Don't call a sinner "bad." He's just a person like you who needs Jesus.

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You are a witness of the power of God!

The first miracle you experienced was being born again into the family of God. You probably have seen other miracles. It's good to remember the things God has done for you and expect more of His power as you pray, believe and speak His promises.

Write down what God has done for you to encourage yourself in the goodness of God.





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DAY 5 – TODAY IS YOUR HEALING DAY

Today is your healing day! Jesus is the Healer! Everything Jesus did in Scripture is a fulfillment of the Law. There are two healings that happen at pools. One at the Pool of Bethesda and one at the Pool of Siloam. The point is that we can still do what Jesus has called us to do and not be compromised by a world full of iniquity.

STUDY IT

- I. Today is your healing day! Jesus is the Healer!
 - The Holy Spirit desires that all of the Body of Christ be ready, willing and bold to share Jesus at all times in any place. Like Jesus, we have to be about our Father's business.
 - Jesus came into the world with a usurper on the throne, Herod; to an occupied Israel; the Roman government; corruption everywhere; and the wrong high priest.
 - However, Jesus did minister to people and was not corrupted Himself.

- II. Everything Jesus did in Scripture is a fulfillment of the Law. Jesus said, "I didn't come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it."
 - The Jews came to Jerusalem for the feast day, but Jesus didn't go straight to the feast. He went to the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-9).
 - *Bethesda* means "House of Mercy (*Chesed*)." It's also called the Pool of the Sheep.
 - It's a progression. The sheep would come through the Sheep Gate into the city, then straight to the pool to be washed, then on to the Temple for sacrifice.
 - Jesus was the Lamb of God, and He had to enter through the Sheep Gate to fulfill the Mosaic Law.
 - A certain impotent man had been at the Pool of Bethesda for 38 years. Jesus healed him without using the water.
 - Jesus was making an example of a new way to be healed, through the new covenant that we live in.





- Herod added on to the Pool of Bethesda and also built a Greek temple right beside it.
 - The Jews didn't like to go to that pool because it had been turned into a pool of iniquity by being dedicated to Asclepius, the Greek god of healing.
 - God in His mercy still troubled the waters to provide healing to the first person who stepped in after the troubling.
 - The rabbis had trouble with anyone who was healed at that place, because they didn't want to give any credit to this pagan deity who had been set up in a Jewish holy place.
- III. There are two healings that happened at pools. One at the Pool of Bethesda and one at the Pool of Siloam.
- The miracle at the Pool of Siloam was the healing of a blind man.
 - Jesus put clay on the blind man's eyes and told him to go wash in the Pool of Siloam.
 - The Pool of Siloam was fed by a spring—it was fresh, living water.
 - The Pool of Bethesda was dedicated to a pagan deity. Jesus didn't want the impotent man to wash in water dedicated to a false god.
 - Jesus didn't compromise His holiness by using water dedicated to a pagan god to heal.
 - He healed the man at the Pool of Bethesda without using the water.
 - On the other hand, Jesus told the blind man to wash in the water of the Pool of Siloam, untainted water.
- IV. The point is that we can still do what Jesus has called us to do and not be compromised by a world full of iniquity.
- That's part of our anointing: to heal those who need help—spirit, soul and body. The whole planet is waiting for you to speak God's healing.
 - If you are carrying bitterness and other weights, let them go and you will be healed.
 - Many physical problems are tied to your emotional well-being. Let go of sin, anger and depression, and be healed in your body.
 - It begins with accepting Jesus by believing in your heart and saying with your mouth that you confess your sin and receive the salvation of The LORD.
 - Receive healing in the same way. It's the simplest thing to be born again and to be healed.
 - This is your victory day!



MAKE IT PERSONAL

As we watch current events, we can see God's plan in action. Evil will be judged and righteousness will be rewarded. It's important that we, as believers, continue to announce the gospel of Jesus and witness to all those around us. We want to hear of victories in your life, so please send your testimonies by contacting us by [clicking here](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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APPENDIX

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Word of The LORD through Kenneth Copeland.

Things that are of the future and things that look very, very, very far away, if you only knew, to Me they are very close. I've already seen them in the Spirit, saith The LORD.

All these things that seem to trouble you, and all these things that seem to trouble your nation, I already have the answer to those things. I am working in you and through you and because of you in order to reveal them to each one of My people, so you can do your part and be a part of the answer to that to this nation and through this nation to the rest of the world, saith The LORD of grace.

I knew all this, I saw all this, I saw it coming. I knew it was coming. And had more inquired of Me I could have helped you before. But thank God, you know it now and you know the source of the problem is not people. The source of the problem is machines—voting machines. So, fix it! saith The LORD.