

Devarim – Words of Final Warning

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Send your Spirit to anoint us and fill us that we might be sons of love and zeal for you. We commit our lives to you that we might honor and glorify you in all things and we these things in the name of Jesus Christ, your son. Amen.

This week we begin reading the last of the Five Books of Moses, Devarim (“Words)—the Torah portion (parsha) to be read this week. In English, it is called Deuteronomy (*deuterous* means second and *nomous* means repetition of the law = “Second Law”) which in Hebrew means *word* (Deuteronomy 1:1-3:32). [The Haftarah portion is Isaiah 1:1-27 and New Testament Gospel is Mark 14:1-16.] The original title for this book of Moses is simply, *Devarim*. Devarim is a plural for the word *devar* meaning *words*. This is the final book and word that Moses gave to the children of Israel before he died and before they entered the land of Canaan (the Promised Land) — the kingdom that God was giving to them. He starts by reminding them of their sins and rebellions.

One of the events he mentioned was the incident of the spies. The people believed their slanderous report concerning the land of Israel and did not believe Joshua and Caleb who reported that the land was a very good place. But they were outnumbered by the ten spies who said it would be impossible to conquer the giants who lived there and the people lacked faith in God despite all the incredible miracles that God performed for them. Because of their rebellion, God gave them forty more years of wandering—a year for every day that the spies were gone to spy out the land and Israel was not allowed to enter the Promised Land until all that generation died off. Only then would their children along with the families of Joshua and Caleb be allowed to enter. [Numbers 14:22-25; Ezekiel 20:13]

This Deuteronomy gives a recapitulation of all the laws (covenant made at Mt. Sinai) and events that happened to Israel during the forty years of trials and tests wandering the desert. From the time Israel left slavery and bondage of Pharaoh in Egypt, God provided everything they needed—protection, manna, water, and their garments did not wear out. They walked through the Red Sea on dry land, but Pharaoh’s entire army was drowned in the sea. There was Korah who envied Moses and Aaron and caused a rebellion (Numbers 16). There were wonderful victories as God was with Israel in conquering the land of the giants. When Israel settled with great numbers peacefully in the land of Moab and was greatly blessed. God would not allow the prophet Balaam to curse Israel for Moab king Balac, but God compelled him to greatly bless Israel. So Balaam taught king Balac how to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel.

The women of Moab seduced the men of Israel to eat things sacrificed to idols and bow down to them and to commit fornication with the daughters of Moab. Israel joined himself to Baal-peor and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. And the plague

broke out among them. Then Phinehas stood up with great zeal for the Lord and intervened making atonement for Israel, and the plague was stopped. It was accounted to him for righteousness to all generations forevermore.

Now Israel is ready to go into the Promised Land after forty more years of wandering. Just before Israel is to enter the Promised Land, Moses gathered all Israel and reviews before them all their experiences and the laws of Torah with a final counsel and warning to love the Lord God with all their heart and mind, and never forget the words of the Lord and to keep these lessons of experience in their mind so they would learn from their mistakes.

The book of Deuteronomy is all about loving the Lord your God with all your heart, being and strength, and always being loyal and faithful to Him. Deuteronomy is a very inspiring book for us to read today, because we also, are on the verge of entrance into the holy land—that is the kingdom of God, because Christ’s coming is “right around the corner” so to speak. It teaches us to reflect upon our life experiences and to review and meditate upon the lessons we have learned in the past and to consider the opportunities of the future in getting ready for the future days ahead and entrance into God’s kingdom.

Lessons learned and lessons remembered become lessons applied in guiding us in the days ahead. Experience is a valuable teacher, but if we pay no attention to our learned experiences, we are in double jeopardy and walking blindly. We are living in the end time and entering the Great Tribulation which is coming rapidly upon this whole earth like a snare (trap). It is going to be cataclysmic with great sorrow, depression and destruction. All the church people of God who are in this world will have to go through this time of woe along with the world which is in rebellion. We are still in the time period known among the Hebrew people as the passage between the straights (Tammuz 17 through Av 9—a fast day). The Torah is summarized in the following verses.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9—“Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one Lord. You shall love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all thy soul, and with all of your strength—with your whole being. These words that I have commanded, you shall keep in your heart. You shall diligently teach them to your children when you sit, when you are walking, when you lie down and when you get up.” Everything that you think and contemplate in your mind is to be based on the laws of God. Everything that you do with your hands is to be done conscious of the laws of the word of God. It is a way of living life dedicated to God. This is what we need to do today.

“Beware lest thou forget the Lord which brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. You shall fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shall swear by his name. You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you; (For the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the Lord thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.” Beware that our heart or the world around us does not entice us into disobedience and transgression. The people of God need to really be careful that they listen to God’s words and not the words of men. Satan and his deceivers are everywhere enticing people to follow him. Verses 17-18—“You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and

his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. And thou shall do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord: that it may be well with thee, and that thou may go in and possess the good land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers.”

Deuteronomy 7:6-10—“You are a holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God has chosen you to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for you were the least (fewest) of all people. But because *the Lord loved you*, and because he *would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers*, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh King of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God, he is God, the faithful God, which keeps covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations. And repays them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hates him, he will repay him to his face.”

God has not called the strong and mighty of the world, but the weak and poor of the world. Not many mighty are called and chosen. God can show forth his power and might in and through us by His Holy Spirit dwelling in us which is *the Spirit of power, of love and of a sound mind*. The Apostle **Paul** said —“even though I am nothing, the signs of a true apostle were performed among you in all patience” [2 Corinthians 12:11]. **Jacob** said—“I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shown unto thy servant” [Gen 32:10]. **David** said, “Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house that you have brought me this far [1 Chronicles 17:16]?” Yet God called Jacob, David and Paul and strengthened each of them and gave them His power to prevail and overcome as his servants. God is able to do the same for us today and help us to overcome every problem, every obstacle and will deliver us from whatever that rises up or gets in the way of his servants whose mind is stayed on Him. **Deuteronomy 7:9**—“Know (realize) therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keeps covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.” Remember this, and take confidence in the future.

Deuteronomy 31:14—the Lord said to Moses (120 years old), “Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge.” “Behold, you shall sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swore unto their fathers, that flows with milk and honey and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant. ”

Deuteronomy 32:15—“But *Jeshurun* (a poetic name for Israel) waxed fat, and kicked: you are waxen fat, you are grown thick, you are covered with fatness (obese); then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.” Doesn’t that describe America today? One of the major problems in America today is obesity in

children and adults and God had been cast out of society and even in the churches. It has been noted that some churches have started to pass out condoms and call the condoms “the second coming”. You can see how that is blasphemous.

Deuteronomy 31:16-19—“Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, ‘Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us?’ And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.” “Therefore *write this song and teach it to the children of Israel*: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness (testify) for me against the children of Israel.” Moses wrote this song the same day and taught it to the children of Israel, saying “I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously” (Deuteronomy 31:22).

Deuteronomy 32:44-47--Moses came and spoke in the ears of all the people with their tribes and officers, all the words of this song until they were ended. Then Moses said to them, “Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.”

God says consider and learn the lessons from this history. It is the story of Israel and how God has dealt with Israel from the beginning. Remember, God separated the sons of Adam and set the boundaries of the people for all nations according to the number of the children of Israel. God divided the land as he apportioned them. He also divided the land of Canaan to the twelve tribes of Israel as He himself determined by lot.

During fiscal year 2011 in a determination letter to Congress President Obama announced that he will allow an additional 80,000 increase in immigrants mostly from Islamic countries to resettle in the United States. As well as rate of immigration, Muslim population in America has been ever increasing through a high birth rate with a family average of six children. Persons concerned about the survival of Western Civilization watch Europe’s degradation with alarm, as hostile Muslims use intimidation and violence to destroy freedom of speech, individual rights and women’s equality. Increasing numbers of Muslims are bringing with them an all-encompassing Islamic legal and political code that supersedes American courts and religious freedom other than Islam. Historically, as Islamic numbers increase, communities develop into “no tolerance, no go zone” areas in the host countries where they have immigrated. American courts have already been legally challenged in numerous occasions to defer to Sharia law.

America has renounced God and Christians are being taken to court for their belief in the Bible. Christian churches and charities are being legally forced to accept abortions or lose their federal funding which enables them to implement their mission. In some cases, it involves millions of dollars. Pressure is being applied for Christians to compromise with their freedom of religious beliefs. As in the days of Elijah, it is coming down to “chase you this day whom you will serve”—God or Baal. God is watching America and where

the people are heading and He will see what our end is going to be. All the signs and changes indicate that America is coming shortly to an end in one of the greatest collapses of a nation known in the history of mankind—it is already set in motion.

Deuteronomy 32:20—God says “They are a perverse generation, children in whom there is no faith. They provoke jealousy for what is not God.” America and the White House now flagrantly celebrate LGBT’s and same sex marriages. It is not just America. The United Nations has also endorsed this lifestyle as well, and homosexuality is rampaging throughout nations around the earth. The U.S. Supreme Court decided at the end of June this year, it has the authority to legalize such “marriages” in all 50 states which is contrary to the *Constitution of the United States* and totally contrary to the word of God. The Biblical definition of marriage is the union between a man and a woman and for the procreation of family—not same sex unions. Verse 21—“he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.”

Deuteronomy 32:21-23—“They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. I will heap mischief’s upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them.” We are going to see earthquakes and volcanic eruptions around the world that we have never seen before, because of rebellion against God.

The seemingly random slaying of beautiful 32 year old Kathryn Steinle at busy San Francisco’s Pier 14 by immigrant Francisco Sanchez has inflamed the already contentious national debate over the illegal “immigration entitlement complex” (11.3 million illegal migrants). Sanchez has been deported five times for convictions which include seven prior felony convictions, four involving narcotics charges, and is on probation for an unspecified conviction in “**sanctuary city**” San Francisco. San Francisco is not taking any action other than *taking it under consideration*. So Jesse Watters who often appears on Fox News Bill O’Riley’s The Factor showed up for the City Council meeting in San Francisco with the TV camera men and asked them some questions putting them on the spot, showed them pictures of the victim and asked what they were going to do about her murder. They gave him no response.

The term **sanctuary city** is given to more than 200 cities and counties in the United States or Canada that have policies designed to shelter illegal immigrants. In 2008 news organizations began exposing how San Francisco’s sanctuary policy had protected illegal alien gang members that were committing serious crimes in San Francisco and elsewhere. San Francisco Board of Supervisors prohibited illegal aliens charged with crimes from being detained by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The Obama administration accused local officials of releasing the suspected shooter in defiance of efforts to deport him.

The capital of the entire industry of the pornography world is San Fernando Valley which is an outlying part of Los Angeles. These cities lie along the San Andreas Fault that reaches all the way up to Northern California. It is responsible for the biggest earthquakes in California, up to at least magnitude 8.1 and long overdue for the “big” earthquake. The wickedness and vile corruption of these cities rise up to heaven.

Seattle, Washington, is a northwest-coast sanctuary city where Seattle Mayor Ed Murray has endorsed a recommendation by his affordable housing committee to develop Sharia-compliant mortgages as a way to help Muslims buy homes and possibly put the rest of the public on the hook for the debt. The Washington state chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) estimates that more than 30,000 Muslims live in the greater Seattle area. Sharia law prohibits paying or charging interest, thus making it impossible for most of them to buy a house. More and more lenders are offering Sharia-compliant financing, according to a *USA Today* report and points out that many of the existing plans involve the public taking on the debt. It should be no surprise that Goldman Sachs and HSBC are among western financial service behemoths that have introduced sukuk in recent years. Sukuk act much like traditional bonds (certificates) delivering payments to investors until maturity. The bonds have to be tied to some sort of physical asset to comply with Sharia. Instead of interest, investors are being rewarded with a share of the profit derived from the asset. In the U.S. for the last decade, a number of banks have been arranging for mortgages and auto loans for their Muslim clients that are permissible under Islamic law.

Seattle and Tacoma, Washington — Portland, OR and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada—all sit on another great seismic fault called the Cascadia fault which runs along I-5 corridor to Oregon and up through Washington. This is a major area of earthquake activity along the *ring of fire* that goes around the earth up the western side of North America, up to Alaska and down to Japan and the coast of Asia. The Fault in the state of Washington is where the Juan DeFuca plate is slipping under the continental plate and there is stress at the edge between these two plates. One is being raised up and the other is sinking down and every 235 years or so there is a rupture—a giant earthquake. The Cascadia Fault earthquake can measure as much as 8.8 to 9.2., the same as the one that hit Sumatra and the Indian Ocean in 2004 that caused 200,000 people to die.

Through tree ring dates found in the Northwest it was found that the last great earthquake occurred in 1700. It caused a great tidal wave that struck northern Japan. The Japanese had kept records of it. America does not because that was a hundred years before Lewis and Clark made their great journey and expedition of discovery to the Pacific Ocean. But that tidal wave occurred in 1700. When they checked tree rings going back further than that, they found that every 235 years or so there was a massive earthquake—41 of them down through history. This is the 315th year since the last earthquake in 1700. Now we are in the 20th Century. We are about 80 years overdue for another blockbuster earthquake from the city of Seattle (a new sanctuary city) down to Portland, Oregon. God is not pleased with the activities that the people are doing and they are earning retribution. God warns us in **Deuteronomy 32: 39**—“Now see that I, even I, am He. There is no God besides me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal. Nor is there any

who can deliver from my hand. For I raise my hand to heaven, and say, ‘As I live forever, if I whet my glittering sword, and my hand takes hold on judgment, ‘I will render vengeance to my enemies, and repay those who hate me. I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the heads of the leaders of the enemy. ’ ”

Deuteronomy 30:9—“The Lord your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the Lord will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, if you obey the voice of the Lord our God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”

The time between the straights is the time that the Jewish people read Lamentations, a short book of five chapters of lament about the sorrow, woe and pain of God’s people caused by their transgressions. Jeremiah the prophet wrote this book after the destruction of the temple by Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians. **Lamentations 1:1**—“how lonely sits the city, which was full of people! How like a widow is she, who was great among the nations! The princess among the provinces has become a slave!”

This is a forecast about the fate of America—Washington, D.C., Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, N.Y. City, Boston, Atlanta, Dallas—modern America. Our land which is full of people is headed for widowhood and desolation. Our borders are porous and we are being taken over by the enemy—a flood of illegal immigrants and infiltration by ISIS terrorists. Islam is not a religion of peace but a religion of conquest and war and has always thrived by the sword. There is no change today. Some leaders have deceived themselves and the people because these leaders benefit by exploiting and compromise in order to obtain oil and have become filthy rich by such trade.

According to the U.S. Council for Muslim Organizations (3.36.14), the American Muslim population numbers roughly 2.75 million. Since the 9/11/01 terror attacks on the World Trade Center, the Muslim American population grew from 1,104,000 to 1,349,000 and mosques now exist in all 50 states. The significance of mosques extends far beyond religious purposes. Islamic doctrine instructs every mosque to be based upon the original mosque in Medina, where Muhammad originally in the 7th century set up his religious-political doctrine of social control. It is a place of government, it is a place where treaties are made, death sentences are passed, armies are blessed and dispatched, it is primarily about political control and it is very much used as a tool of advancement. The Law and freedom Foundation, explains that the word “mosque” is strategically omitted during the planning application process. An application gets submitted for a mosque in an area, and it will never be called a “mosque.” It will be called a community center; an inter-faith center; a public community, harmony-building or outreach center. The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life found that 40 percent of Muslims in the United States were not raised with the faith, but joined it as adults.

Lamentations 1:19—“I called for my lovers, but they deceived me. My priests and my elders breathed their last in the city, while they sought food to restore their life.” We are

going to have drought and famine and food shortages in America. What are the people going to do when the economy and the dollar collapses, and there are no more food stamps? Do you think there is no reason for military exercises in America, learning how to take over cities and learning how to maintain Martial Law and order with military weapons? They are practicing and getting ready. They know what is coming, but they won't tell the people. **Verse 20**—"My heart is overturned within me, for I have been very rebellious. Outside the sword bereaves, *at home it is like death—disease and famine.*"

Lamentations 4:2-14 is a type and an anti-type. Jeremiah warns, "Your prophets have seen for you, false and deceptive visions. They have not uncovered your iniquity, to bring back your captives, but have envisioned for you false prophecies and delusions." Stop listening to false prophets and listen to the true warnings of prophecy and scripture.

Jonathan Cahn began warning America nine years ago. I believe he has hit the nail on the head in a recent sermon, saying the end of Christian America is here and America will face the judgment of God. WorldNetDaily, Leo Holden—Cahn has spoken out about the Supreme Court decision on June 26, 2015 legalizing same sex marriage in all fifty states. He said that it marked the formal end of Christian America. Obama, his administration and America have gone after Satan and rejected God and Christ by legalizing same sex marriage. The White House was highlighted by Rainbow colors adopted by LGBT in celebration and declaration on that very day.

At the Emanuel Messiah College conference in Pennsylvania it was stated that the U.S. and the world are now going thru tectonic shifts in terms of attitudes and beliefs even though they consider themselves to be Christians. They are choosing to continue to stray away from right doctrine. We live in an age that is much like pagan Rome who persecuted the followers of Jesus. Christians are being persecuted for standing firm in their beliefs. The state of Oregon recently fined the owners of a bakery \$135,000 for refusing to bake a wedding cake for a same sex couple's wedding.

The world has entered the period known as the falling away—the apostasy which marks the end of this age. This year is a Hebrew calendar Biblical Shemita year, a year of restoration and releasing of debt. By interpretation it is also a year of financial collapsing and debts are blown away. On Elul 29 on Shemita years, the financial accounts are wiped away, debts are canceled and the land is to be given a Sabbath rest, according to Deuteronomy 15:1-2 and Leviticus 25:3-6, with Elul 29 being the last day of the civil calendar year.

In his book, The Shemita Year, Jonathan Cahn points out that on Elul 29 the last day of that Hebrew year (Roman calendar, September 17, 2001) marked the beginning of the economic calamity associated with 9/11 resulting in the collapse of the stock market. Seven years later, on Sept. 29, 2008, the next big stock market crash followed – bigger than the previous one. In one day the stock market lost 777 points. Seven is the number of Divine perfection. The next Shemita year will end Sept. 13, 2015 (Elul 29) this present year. The Federal Reserve continues to print money without restraint and the U.S. national debt has risen to 18 trillion dollars and interest rates are virtually down to zero. Elul 29 is two months away. The final blood-red moon triad will occur during the Feast

of Tabernacles in September-October. Signs in the heavens 2014-2015 coupled with the successively greater economic crashes at the end of the past two Shemita years in America and God's warning to America to repent of her sins and return to Him is being ignored by our nation.

The nation of Greece that is about the size of the state of Washington has been in the headlines because of national debt and owes \$1.77 for every dollar it earns, so it has a debt ratio of 177 percent. The European Union has given Greece another extension on their debt, but that will not save their economy. In our country, the average U.S. household debt owed is \$204,000 yet the median household income is \$55,000 so in our country we have a debt to income ratio not of 177 percent but 377 percent! If each U.S. household portion is added in to America's national debt of 18 trillion dollars, then each American household total debt ratio is 635 percent. This weekend, Greece's fiscal problems resulted in austerity measures and destructive riots in Athens. Looking at the Greek crisis and the United States' \$18 trillion national debt burden, it's hard not to wonder: When will the U.S. debt bubble burst and seriously threaten the economy?

The Telegraph Newspaper in Great Britain, says the world is now defenseless against the next financial crisis. Monetary police measures have run out of room to fight the next global crash, because the central banks have used up all their ammunition now trying to tackle the last crises. They have spent their ammunition and there is nothing left for them to do. *Money and Markets Report* says the hidden time bomb in the world's financial situation today is derivatives—\$630 trillion—eight times the gross domestic product of the entire planet earth. If Europe does not bail out Greece, the rest of Europe could implode. Spain, Italy, Ireland, France, even Great Britain and that would be the end of the financial system today and it would affect America as well. At present Commodity prices are collapsing and gold is way down from its high price several years ago. Just before the great financial crisis of 2008, commodity prices collapsed just a few months ahead of the crash. This is precisely what is happening right now. This is a flashing red light saying that we are now rapidly approaching a global economic meltdown. A great financial reckoning has already begun around the world. This is just the beginning.

Leviticus 26:19—“I will break the pride of your power. I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. And your strength (money) shall be spent in vain for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.” The dollar is about to be replaced as the world currency. Twenty-four nations around the world are facing a debt crisis.

The Pope set a new Vatican initiative on global sustainment and called for the creation of a “one world currency system”, a “supranational authority” that would have “universal jurisdiction” to guide economic policies. The *Northern Colorado Gazette Newspaper* (11.7.11) says the Vatican has called for the establishment of a “global public authority” and “central world bank” to preside over all financial institutions. The Document: “Toward Reforming the International Financial and Monetary Systems in the Context of a Global Public Authority” (Oct. 24, 2011).

Here are the typical stages of society as history teaches:

1. From bondage to spiritual faith
2. From spiritual faith to great courage
3. From great courage to liberty
4. From liberty to abundance
5. From abundance to selfishness
6. From selfishness to complacency
7. From complacency to apathy
8. From apathy to moral decay
9. From moral decay to dependence
10. From dependence to bondage

The only solution is to repent and turn to God. Do not look to human leaders, or Obama. He is not part of the solution, but a major part of the problem. Look to God. Look to Christ. Cry out for intervention – pray “in wrath remember mercy.” Let’s examine ourselves and review the book of Deuteronomy. Be prepared to meet God.