

The Bride of Christ in the End Times
Be Awake, Be Watchful and be praying at all times
(Mathews 26:40-45)

(part 1)

In the Garden of Gethsemane, YAHSHUA warned His disciples to watch and pray; three times He warned them to watch and pray so that they would not fall into temptation, as they were found asleep from grief. Likewise we, the Bride of Christ of today are deeply troubled and many of us are found asleep in our grief and depression. That's because there is a lack of understanding of YAHWEH'S plan for the future. When we are not watching neither praying we will be found unprepared and fallen into the temptation of worries and anxieties. In Luke chapter twenty-one, verse thirty-six, YAHSHUA, after describing the things that will take place in this earth before His coming, said, **Keep awake then and watch at all times praying that you will have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.**

Many will be the temptations we will face including to doubt YAHWEH'S word, to give up the faith, to deny the Lord and fall away from His teachings, etc. They will come to all with certainty, reason why we must be found alert, watching and praying at all times. These are the only means by which we will be successful and victorious in readiness for our Bridegroom. To be awake is to be able to discern the nature and purpose of the temptation and to be able to fight it; to be watchful is to guard the mind against the scheme of the devil; to be praying is to be able to receive the strength and wisdom from YAHWEH to endure hardship; it is to be dressed in His full armor to be kept from falling into temptation. As YAHSHUA said, these will be times when the love of many will grow cold toward Him in view of the increased wickedness without brakes. The Bride of Christ can be found tangled into hopelessness when not doing the three most necessary things to overcome the temptations of the time. Paul confirmed that in the letter to Timothy. In the last days will come perilous times of great stress and trouble for people will be lovers of self and self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate desire of wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boaster; they will be abusive, disobedient to parents, ungrateful unholy and profane (II Tim. 3); and the list grows long that defines people's behaviors at the end times.

The Bride of Christ will be tempted in many directions to give up the faith; however the Word of YAHWEH is clear and concise about how to behave and act in these days. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews said, Do not **fling away** your fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward- for you need **steadfast patience and endurance**; for the just shall live **by faith**; if he draws back and shrinks in fear, My soul has no delight or pleasure in him (Heb. 10: 36,38). The pursuit and the determined purpose of the Bride of Christ in these last days should be one of eagerness to be found blameless before YAHSHUA when He appears. Ignorance of truth is one of many ways that will make the Bride sleepy, unaware of all that is happening around her, unprepared, overwhelmed and surprised. "What you don't know won't hurt you" is the saying leading many to destruction. Knowledge and understanding of YAHWEH'S plan will keep the Bride focused and submissive to His will, alert, watchful and praying in agreement with His plan. We fight against YAHWEH'S plan when we pray against it;

we fight against YAHWEH'S plan when we complain and refuse to accept it. Ways to keep the Bride of Christ awake, watchful and prayerful will be by (1) knowledge (2) understanding (3) acceptance (4) submission. To know truth is to have the guidance of understanding, to accept it is to follow it in obedience. YAHSHUA said, By your steadfastness and patient endurance you shall win the true life of your souls; be on your guard and be careful that you will not be led astray through the temptations of the end time; do not be terrified and alarmed for all these must take place (Luke 21). Temptation is not only an act of enticement, but it is also a test; as a test we the Bride of Christ must know all the facts to do well to pass it. In view of all that will happen, Peter asked the question: What kind of person ought us to be? In consecrated and holy behavior and devout and godly qualities, as we wait and earnestly wait for MESSIAH YAHSHUA in the hope that after all we must be looking for the new heavens and a new earth according to His promise (II Peter 3).

When the Bride of Christ positions herself at the shelter of YAHWEH, alert, watchful and prayerful in the anguish of the hour of the end time, she will watch but not suffer the consequences of all that will be happening on earth, because there is hope for those who believe in YAHWEH with enduring faith to the end as the prophet Habakkuk expressed, Though the fig tree does not blossom and there is no fruit on the vines, [though] the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, though the flock is cut off from the fold and there are no cattle on the stalls, yet, I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation (Hab.3: 17-18). In enduring faith we will stand tall against the spiritual coldness and apostasy, against wickedness, believing YAHWEH'S promises of salvation, trusting His faithfulness to deliver us from all evil, knowing that all is well in the frame of faith and in the knowledge of Him, Who the author of History is. The Word of YAHWEH instructs us to rejoice in hope; to be steadfast and patient in suffering and tribulation and to be constant in prayer (Rom 12:12). Prayer is the link to our YAHWEH in times of needs; it is our means of connecting with the heavenly Father, as the phone is with friends. Praying with knowledge of Him and of His will, will give us strength in our troubles, even if the earth shakes and changes and the mountains shake into the middle of the seas, because we know and understand the reasons in the purposes of YAHWEH'S plan. In being awake we will perceive, in watching we will understand and in prayer we will be guided and strengthened with His presence to follow Him all the way through the storm; there will be calmness deep in our heart and no outside tempest will cause it to fail. YAHSHUA calls each of us to the fountain of water for the cleansing of all doubt and fear, to wash away all anxieties and worries, and to rest upon His promises, for He Who promised is faithful and will do it; as He said, Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Words will not pass away.

Live my friend to shine the light of truth to all who walk in the darkness of ignorance; let the brightness of the truth guide them to YAHWEH to receive His love and freedom from doubt and fear. As you received, so share and lighten every corner of the world with YAHSHUA'S truth, one corner at the time and you will soon forget all your worries and anxieties of the time. Let not your heart be troubled, believe in YAHWEH, believe also in YAHSHUA; peace, His peace let it penetrate deeply into your soul and your heart will rejoice to know that all is well and will be well at the end of all things, because this is His story and we are part of it chosen to be justified,

sanctified and glorified in the purpose and will of the Father Who has set us apart to be His forever; He destined us from the beginning to the consummation of times to be the Bride of His Son, YAHSHUA and all that is happening now will complete the picture of His will of redemption in the frame of His own time. There is nothing to fear; there is nothing to worry about; there is nothing to cry about, but there is reason to rejoice as His plans unfold into what has been predicted as we have known them for a long time. The dots are being connected and we see that nothing has escaped His mind to bring His purpose into being. Let it be, and let YAHWEH'S plan be fulfilled through and in your life.