

# YAIY NEWS



If we endure,  
we will also reign  
with Him

2 Timothy 2:12a *NASB*

## Perseverance Through Testing

Protection, guidance, and help. This is the expectation of obedient children if they are pleasing Yahweh. (As a reminder, the blessings and curses are made clear in Leviticus, chapter 26, and Deuteronomy, chapter 28.)

*Because you have kept the Word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, [that] hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth, Revelation 3:10.*

But what is the Word of His perseverance, or steadfastness? **The United Bible Society** suggests the phrase, “have kept the word of My perseverance,” is essentially saying, “have followed My teaching” or “have obeyed My commands.” The Philadelphia Assembly is acclaimed and noteworthy for keeping His Word (i.e., teachings and commands).



And of testing? We know Yahweh tests us, just as He had with His people, Israel.

*You shall remember all the way which Yahweh your Elohim has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His Commandments or not, Deuteronomy 8:2.*

And, as He had with his prophets:

*As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the Name of Yahweh. We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of Yahweh's dealings, that Yahweh is full of compassion and [is] merciful, James 5:10-11.*

Yahweh is full of compassion and is merciful toward us, as well. None of us can say we experienced what Job endured. Yet, despite what he went through, he maintained his good character. He said, “*Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. Yahweh gave and Yahweh has taken away. Blessed be the Name of Yahweh.*” *Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame Elohim, Job 1:21-22.*

Neither has anyone experienced such a contradiction of sinners against one's self as Yahshua, Who suffered even to the shedding of His blood (Heb. 12:3-4).



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## Perseverance Through Testing ..., continued

Such character attitudes and perseverance have been recorded in the Scriptures as examples for us (1 Cor. 10:11). Tribulation, trial, testing is common to all men. However, we have the promise He will not allow us to experience more than what we can handle but will, with tribulation, trial, and testing, make a way of escape that we might be able to endure them (1 Cor. 10:13).

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but Yahweh is faithful to deliver one out of them all (Psa. 34:19). Tests of our faith don't make character. Tests of our faith reveal character. Therefore, there is cause to persevere in tribulation, rejoicing in the hope of deliverance (Rom. 12:12). With a lifetime of experiencing trouble, the Psalmist – probably, King David – penned this tribute to Yahweh:

*O Elohim, You have taught me from my youth, and I still declare Your wondrous deeds. And even when [I am] old and gray, O Elohim, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to [this] generation, Your power to all who are to come. For Your righteousness, O Elohim, [reaches] to the heavens, You who have done great things; O Elohim, who is like You? You who have shown me many troubles and distresses will revive me again, and will bring me up again from the depths of the earth. May You increase my greatness and turn [to] comfort me. I will also praise You with a harp, [even] Your Truth, O my Elohim; to You I will sing praises with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to You; and my soul, which You have redeemed, Psalm 71:17-23.*

*I have trusted in Your lovingkindness; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to Yahweh, because He has dealt bountifully with me, Psalm 13:5-6.*

Yes, He has. He has with us, too. May rejoicing in His salvation become our attitude, as well.

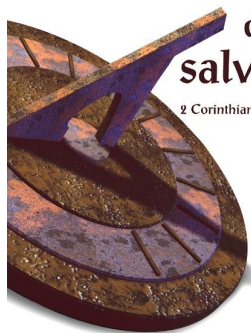


## Come Now

Elder David Brett

**Behold, now** is  
the **acceptable**  
**time;**  
behold, **now** is the  
**day** of  
**salvation.**

2 Corinthians 6:2



**“Come now, and let us reason together ... Produce your cause’, saith Yahweh: ‘bring forth your strong reasons ...’”** (Isa. 1:18, 41:21).

One could not charge Yahweh as arbitrary and unreasonable. **Ten times**, the people of Israel tempted Yahweh’s longsuffering. Finally, He is provoked to “smite them with a pestilence, and disinherit them” (Verse 12) and to make of the posterity of Moses, “a greater nation and mightier than they” (ibid.).

Now, consider how great this man was. Given opportunity to make of himself a name of renown, he declined, saying, “Then the Egyptians shall hear *it* ... and they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land: *for* they have heard that Thou Yahweh *art* among this people, that Thou Yahweh *art* seen face to face, and *that* Thy cloud standeth over them, and *that* Thou goest before them ... Now *if* Thou shalt kill *all* this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of Thee will speak, saying, ‘because Yahweh was not able to bring this people into the land which He swore unto them, therefore He hath slain them in the wilderness’. And now, I beseech Thee, let the power of my Sovereign be great ... Pardon, I beseech Thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of Thy mercy ... And Yahweh said, ‘I have pardoned according to thy word

...’” (Num. 14:13-17,19-20).

Yahweh’s ear is not heavy, that He cannot hear (Isa. 59:1). So, come; produce your cause; bring forth your strong reason. Today might just be that day when Yahweh should hearken to the voice of a man (Josh. 10:14).

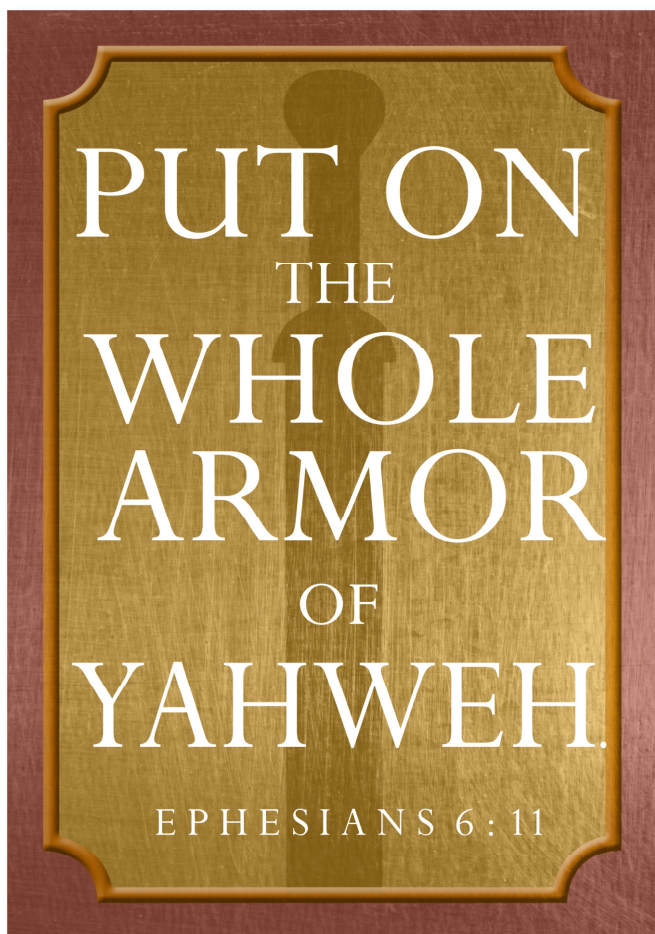
Elder John W. Reece

## Armor of Yahweh

*The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of Light. Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Master Yahshua Messiah, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to [its] lusts, Romans 13:12-14.*

The world offers many provisions for mankind's lusts, the end of which is death. But being in the Light of Yahweh and loving Him provides an excellent reward for the future (Isa. 64:4, 65:17; 1 Cor. 2:9).

*But since we are of [the] day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. For Elohim has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Master Yahshua Messiah, 1 Thessalonians 5:8-9.*



Here, we begin to gather information about the armor of Yahweh – the breastplate of faith and love that covers and protects the heart ... not only the front but the back, as well. This breastplate was a standard issue for Roman soldiers in Paul's day, and here, the Apostle metaphorically relates this physical armor to the spiritual. We can be thankful for the Messiah, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

The helmet here is related to the hope of salvation, which covers and protects our minds.

Ephesians 6:13-17 details others parts of “the full armor of Elohim.”

*Therefore, take up the full armor of Elohim, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE EVANGEL OF PEACE; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil [one]. And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of Elohim, Ephesians 6:13-17.*

The belt is likened to the truth, which holds things in place. The breastplate is described as righteousness that includes loving Him and keeping His commandments (John 14:21, 23).

Any soldier will have a good pair of shoes – or in the case of the Middle East ... in the 1<sup>st</sup> century, a good pair of sandals – useful for taking the Good News to mankind. The Good News is that through the Messiah, peace and reconciliation can be achieved between our heavenly Father and us (Isa. 52:7; 2 Cor. 5:18).

The sword represents the Word of Yahweh, “living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Heb. 4:12). In wartime – and we are set at war “against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*” (Eph. 6:12) – the sword is considered both a defensive and offensive weapon. And no good soldier would allow his sword to become dull. So, for us, studying the Word of Yahweh is necessary both to keep sharp and to know how and when to use it.



## Lenten Special!

“We have as our Lenten special, a 6-piece shrimp basket,” greeted the rouge-faced, silver-haired matron from behind her register at the DQ in this predominantly Catholic and Lutheran community!

Oh, yes, we know something about their Lenten observances, how that beginning with *their* Ash Wednesday and continuing through *their* Easter (*Ishtar*, *their* veneration of *the goddess of fertility*), it is customary for *them* to deny *themselves* of candy, tobacco, alcohol, cussing, etc., and abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and during Lent’s six Fridays (though *their Knights of Columbus* will host fish fries ... catfish, that is, bottom feeders every Friday) only afterward, to resume these indulgences to the flesh ’til after next year’s Fat Tuesday!



FALSE LENTEN WORSHIP

But then, we’re not so concerned with Lenten traditions taught for the doctrines of *their god* – also honored with *Ishtar egg hunts* by *protestant daughters of the great whore* that sitteth upon many waters – as we are with “the 6-piece shrimp basket” as a food exchange, for *swine’s flesh*.

Now, *the unlearned and unstable of every false way* will contend with us ... wresting the Scripture, making private interpretations of “what Yahweh hath cleansed, that call not thou common” and “there is nothing unclean of itself” and “every creature of Yahweh is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving” (Acts 10:15; Rom. 14:14; 1 Tim. 4:4), while ignoring that whatever creature is cloven-footed, parts the hoof, and chews the cud, it cannot be sanctified by prayer without it first being sanctified by the Word of the Creator (Lev. 11:3; 1 Tim. 4:5).

Elder John Reece

## Prayer List

David & Barbara Creel, Robert Dorchester, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Chauncey Hargrove, David & Nancy Wilson Family/Friends, Jerry Castle, Mary Giles Family, Kenneth Faulkner, Quinnten Allen, Kat Durban, Isaiah Davis, Dulcena Tessner, Marylyn Patterson Family, David Andrews, Kenya Washington, Elder Lionel Gets Family, Joseph Miller, Adam Galvan Family, Neville & Maryke Stanton, Antionette Swart, Bertha Tidwell, Annette Heyward, Tammy Boucher, Magdalena M. Torres, Angela Bradley, Luann Campbell Family, Dwayne Mariam, Randell Serfess, Sonja Morgan, Dianne E. Wright Family, Victor Kiiru Family, Maria Nelson Family, Hilda Driedger, David Nathaniel Malm, Susana Malm, Mike and Sheila Kemper, Susan Freeman, Paul Ingram, Ruth Bamba, Charlie Pelton, Eric Perkins Family, Marcy Mallinson, Monica Kleb, James Penn Family, Elder Jerry Healan Family, Sheila Sendeyo, NyHuff/Thompson family, Ronald Tidwell, Eugene and Rockie Family, Robert Creech, Emma Moss, Diane Crocker, Lucas Bentley, Nyakim Gatkuoth, Dustin Mariam, Jacqueline Maribicuro, Ryan Irving, Melissa Taylor, Zion Gotay (11-year old with heart problems), Henry Sunderman, Eileen Pelton, Annie Pelton, Elder Victor Kiira, Sheree Irving, Brown and Diane Morgan, David Townsend, Thomas Hunt, Valerie Freeman, Robbie Lenard, Cecil Wideman, Steven Wonderly Family, Elijah Uchenna Family, Pat Beasley, Elder Cornelius Kigen, Elder Thomas Musekenya, IsaYah Perkins, Ugur Yuksel, Linda Root Family, Karl Russell, Denice Mariam, Caleb, Virgenmina Roche Figueroa, Maria Nelson, David Salley, Robin, Branson, Richard Nesselrodt, Danny O’Connor Family, Liz Napper, and all of the Assemblies of Yahweh in Yahshua. Also include in your prayers individuals seeking Yahweh from within prison facilities and for their families, plus overseas brethren and especially for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa. 122:6). The world’s leaders could also use our prayers (Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:2).

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## Reminder

This year of 2024 will likely be another controversial year for *Ve Adar*, the adding of a 13th month. Our position has been thoroughly declared in the April 2019 YAIY NEWS, if you’d like to review it.

We believe that April 23rd will be affirmed for the Passover this year. See our 2024 Calendar for further info.

## PRAYER REQUEST