

Eagle Mountain International Church

The February 2024 Fast – Part 2

Pastor George Pearsons – Sunday, January 7, 2024

A. Isaiah 60:1-3—Where We Are on God’s Timeline

1. Verses 1-3 “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.”
 - a. *Gross* (AMPC) = dense
 - b. (ESV) Thick
 - c. (NLT) Darkness as thick as night
2. Look at what has been happening in our nation and in the nations.
 - a. Anti-God decisions are being made. Darkness.
 - b. Southern borders are wide open. Darkness.
 - c. Many were thrilled to see the October 7 attack. Darkness.
 - d. What children are being exposed to in schools. Darkness.
 - e. Personal attacks on our families. Darkness.
3. Add to that list what we are personally facing.
4. In spite of this, we have the secret weapon of a proclaimed fast.
 - a. Believers coming together for the purpose of turning around serious situations.
 - b. We set our faces toward God to receive breakthroughs.
5. We proclaimed a 21-day fast for EMIC, KCM, KCBC, the Flashpoint Army, partners and friends starting Monday, February 5 through Sunday, February 25.

B. Daniel 10:2-3—Why 21 Days?

1. Verses 2-3 “In those days I Daniel was mourning (or fasting) **three full weeks**. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.”
2. We call this “A Daniel Fast.”
3. ***Pleasant Bread* (HEB) = bread of desires**
 - a. (AMPC) **Desirable food**
 - b. (ESV) **Delicacies**
 - c. (NLT) **Rich food**
 - d. (MSG) **I ate only plain and simple food — no seasoning.**
4. “Pleasant bread” in our day refers to what we enjoy eating, doing or viewing.
 - a. The key is to lay aside what the flesh craves for 21 days.
 - b. Set aside what we enjoy eating, drinking, doing, watching and reading.
 - c. Spend that extra time feeding your spirit.
5. We also set those things aside in order to let God and our flesh know just how serious we are to see the desired results.
6. There are serious issues we are facing that will take extra time.

C. What is “A Proclaimed Fast?”

1. A proclaimed fast is when believers come together in unity for the purpose of turning around serious situations.
2. We set our faces toward God to receive significant breakthroughs.
3. “It is important for you to understand that it is not the fasting itself that brings the deliverance. Jesus has already obtained deliverance through the complete work of redemption. The Holy Spirit Who lives inside of you knows how to pray in order to bring the deliverance Jesus has already provided. Fasting simply brings the spirit man, which is in union with the Holy Spirit, into ascendance over the flesh. It also limits the influence of the physical appetites so that you can more effectively hear from and respond to the Spirit. This enhances intercession. And effective, Holy-Spirit-led intercession sets the captives free! Fasting is not a method of twisting God’s arm to get Him to respond when you pray. Fasting does not change God. It changes you.”
– Kenneth Copeland, BVOV Magazine, September 1987

D. Example #1—Jonah 3—Destruction Averted Because of a Proclaimed Fast

1. The wickedness of Nineveh came up before the Lord.
2. God sent Jonah to warn the people of the city’s impending destruction.
3. The people proclaimed a fast and word of it got to the king.
4. The king joined the fast and made an official proclaimed fast.
5. Verse 10 “And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.”

E. Example #2—2 Chronicles 20:1-30—A Battle Won Because of a Proclaimed Fast

F. What We are Believing for in This Fast?

1. **An Awakening to God in the Body of Christ**
2. **An Awakening to God in Israel**
3. **An Awakening to God in America and the Nations**
4. **The 2024 Elections**
5. **Breakthroughs for KCM, EMIC, KCBC and the Victory Channel**
6. **Personal Breakthroughs**
7. **Preparing for All that is Coming**

G. A Letter from Rabbi Tuly Weisz: “Thoughts on Israel’s Religious Revival”

Dear Pastor George,

The war has been trying on many levels here with the constant stream of IDF fatalities over the past three months.

Nevertheless, there have been bright lights of divine inspiration and hope throughout this difficult time.

Many here are being overcome with religious fervor that is unprecedented in modern Israel’s 75 years of history. This religious revival is an important, yet largely unreported, aspect to the war. Briefly, the awakening is starting with the soldiers of the IDF and moving out towards the rest of Israeli society.

We are seeing for the first time IDF soldiers turning towards God in many ways.

During the first weeks of the war, so many IDF soldiers were asking to wear “Tzitzit” that the country literally ran out! (*“Tzitzit” refers to the strings attached to the corners of the prayer shawl*).

Numbers 15:37-41 tells us, “The LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue: And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.”

Synagogues throughout the country turned into “Emergency Tzitzit Factories.”

Neighborhood children (including my own!) spent days when there was no school tying Tzitzit for long hours. They were delivered every evening to army bases down south.

There are many wonderful stories of Tel Aviv restaurants and even Druze restaurants becoming Kosher in a spirit of unity and faith.

Great miracles from the front lines are keeping all of us focused on God’s merciful hand in this spiritual battle against evil. There is a famous story like the female soldier shot 12 times who survived. There was the miracle synagogue in Beeri. The list goes on and on.

I firmly believe this is God’s plan for Israel to shift from its secular history to a faithful future in light of many Scriptural passages.

Isaiah 2:1-5 says, “The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.”

Habakkuk 2:14 tells us, “For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.”

It is never easy to live through such historical transitions. But, Israel is proof that God’s covenant is eternal and His plan for His children is good.

When Julie told me that you had announced a fast in February, I was excited to hear more about it.

I believe that it is essential for the religious revival happening here in Israel to continue to spread outwards. It is finally time for Jews and Christians to unite in faith and trust in the God of Israel together.

As one of Israel’s most supportive and beloved ministries, I know that KCM and EMIC have a special role to play in the unfolding of God’s prophetic promises.

May the Lord bless you as you follow His instructions and lead your community to greater faith.

Shalom,

Rabbi Tuly Weisz