

HAPPY NEW YEAR Southwest Texas District!!!

This is an article written by Lance Wallnau of Dallas, TX which I want to share with you, our Pastors and Ministers, to provide some insight at the beginning of this New Year. Lance Wallnau is a trainer and consultant whose students span the globe from business to foreign governments. All attest to Lance's unique impact in the field of personal and organizational transformation and development.

The Hebrew year 5777 began October 2, 2016. It is called "Rosh Hashanah." I remember because I flew into Jerusalem to speak and arrived as the New Year began. The conference host asked me to speak in place of the scheduled speaker who had to cancel at the last minute, on the subject of the new Hebrew year 5777.

This forced me to do some quick praying and seeking. The subject matter was new to me but as I pressed in, what I discovered lined up with my entire experience on the front lines of the political storm overtaking America. Something struck me about the significance of this New Year, 5777. There are three "7's" in this Jewish new year. Interestingly, the number "7" in Hebrew is the letter "zayin" which represents both the number "7" and the word for weapon or "sword." But before we go there...

Let's go back and establish what God has been doing during this past Hebraic decade. 2010 was the transition to the year 5770. 70 is significant because the value of 70 is the same as the letter "Ayin" which means "to see". It is also the number of the nations. By the end of this Hebraic decade (2010-2020), we will fully see that God is after NATIONS - Sheep Nations. We will also see that the devil is solidifying an alliance of Goat nations in response. It is going to get very intense but very glorious. We are getting spiritual eyes to see into the realm of God and the plan of God to disciple the nations. We are also seeing into the realm of the enemy and how the powers of darkness are working through fallen man to produce chaos and conditions ripe for Satan's manipulation of nations and counterfeit of the kingdom. In summary: what we are "seeing" since 2010 is a decade of deeper prophetic perception coming upon the front lines of the body of Christ.

Looking at 5777 we see "5" first. This is the year of supernatural grace (5) to engage the clashing of swords (7). The grace of God will give us access to the "rest" of God, which came on the seventh day. This grace/rest will keep us in a place of strength so we don't wear out.

The clashing of heaven and hell will show up in the conflict of ideologies. The swords will collide as two incompatible spirit realms clash through vessels under their influence. This collision of kingdoms has already started in the political mountain, but will expand to all seven!

The election cycle exposed something insidious about how the enemy has invaded America to turn it against Christ and Christian values. The parable of the "tares" tells us that Satan plants people "while men slept." (Mt 13:25) Where does Satan plant them? He plants among the fields of harvest, at the gates of influence where popular culture is formed through News Media, Hollywood and Academia. Pop culture is upstream, and politics is downstream. A new narrative about America was being formed upstream and new politicians were rising downstream to advance it. God used a man in the business sphere and sent him into the sphere of government, just like David was drafted to deal with a giant while working for his father's family business. What does that tell you? Expect God to send outsiders into Arts and Entertainment to shake things up. Likewise, expect God to use youth (your children perhaps?) to shake up Academia right on the campus. We will also see ministers shifting spheres into Government to advance the kingdom! Many of you will see vocation shifts and geographic reassignments.

Things will change quickly. Remember where we were in 2015? An intimidating form of thought tyranny was rising under the guise of "political correctness." This continued until God released a wrecking ball to the spirit of political correctness in the form of a defiant political outsider named Donald Trump. The bias of media has now been exposed, along with the adolescence and irrationality of Hollywood celebrities. But there is a counterpunch coming from the dazed and desperate spirits operating in and through the progressive ranks. They are reorganizing as we speak.

5777 is the year of the clashing of swords! We have crossed over into a place where our spiritual warfare is being played out in the institutions of nations. We are taking on giants just like the children of Israel did. I choose to believe what Caleb said in Numbers 14:9, "Do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them."

INSIGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR (CONT'D.)

The number "7" or "Zayin" means more than just "sword" or "weapon." It also connects with a modern Hebrew word "mazon," meaning "food" or "sustenance," and "nourishment," both coming from the same root as Zayin. Caleb saw the giants in the land not as obstacles but as bread. I believe that as you take on your giants and defeat them, they will become nourishment for you! What you bow to will increase your bondage, but what you overcome will increase your power! I like what prophet Wayland Henderson says: "The meaning of the letters that represent 77 is a powerful truth that God is about to display this year. The letters for 77 are the Hebrew letters "Ayin" which has a value of 70 and Zayin which has a value of 7. "Ayin" and "Zayin" spell the word "boldness". If we flip the letters to "Zayin" "Ayin", it spells the word "fear". This will be a year that boldness will overcome fear through the power of intimacy with Yeshua."

The enemy will be bread for you IF YOU FEED YOUR SPIRIT on the bread of heaven – the Word of God. Jesus says in Matthew 4:4: "But he (Jesus) answered and said, it is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." The Word of God is the bread you eat that becomes a sword in your mouth! In this New Year, 5777, God will open up His word (logos) to you and reveal a "sword"(rhema) in the scripture! When you see it--grab it. Speak what God gives you. Prophesy and proclaim what you see. Expect your utterance to authorize angelic activity through your prayers! As the Apostle Paul said, "take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." (Eph 6:17)

Expect God to increase our alignment with each other this year as the "doers" pass through the ranks of the "talkers" and the clashing of kingdoms, words and ideas unfolds in the public arena.

Bishop Bob Jayne

DISTRICT TOUR, "STATE OF THE DISTRICT"

The SWTX District Board asked me to make a tour throughout the District and give a "State of the District" report. I will be coming to each section to share a short message and give information and instruction so as to take our District to the next level. We must change to be able to fulfill our calling and ministries in order to be prepared for what the Lord has in store for us as we advance His Kingdom. Please invite your church leadership to be a part so they know who we are and what we are about.

The meetings and locations are as follows:

January 13 – Gulf Coast Section, Friday 7:00 PM
Living Proof – 1341 S Alameda, Corpus Christi

January 20 – Heart Of Texas Section, Friday 7:00 PM
Victory Chapel – 605 N 3rd St, McGregor

January 14 – Prosperity Section, Saturday 10:00 AM
Trinity Christian Center – 1110 E Houston St, Beeville

January 21 – Gateway Section, Saturday 3:00 PM
Freedom Fellowship Church – 1040 Early Blvd, Early

January 14 – Capitol Section, Saturday 3:00 PM
Austin Revival Center – 305 Deen Ave, Austin

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your respective sectional presbyter, or call the District office at 512-353-8595.

FROM THE "OPS CENTER"

HAPPY NEW YEAR Southwest Texas! I pray your holiday season was filled with God's favor and blessings as you celebrated with family, friends and neighbors. I am confident in the grace of our Lord Jesus that your 2017 will be even greater: in health, in ministry, in prosperity, in success and in every other area of your lives.

DISTRICT SCHOOL OF MINISTRY [SoM]: Our next class is scheduled for **Saturday, January 28th, 2017** at the district headquarters, and we will begin at **9:30am**. I will be teaching all the sessions this month, and the topics will be on **"Year End Contribution Reports", "New Year Board Meetings & Policies", "Church Governance & Compliance", "Ministerial Ethics & Excellence", and "Giving for Success"**. The SWTX District SoM is open to all ministers, interns, board members and church leadership. This is a very important class for our district, and you don't want to miss it.

2017 MINISTER CREDENTIAL CARDS: On Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017, I mailed out the new 2017 Minister Credential cards for all ministers who returned the Renewal Questionnaire before the end of the year. ***If you do not receive yours by the time you receive this newsletter, it is most likely we did not receive your renewal questionnaire, and according to the bylaw you are to be officially dropped. However, instead of dropping a sizable number of our ministers, I will be sending out certified letters to all ministers we have not received renewals from requesting they meet the district board on January 24th, 2017.*** Therefore, I am requesting one final time for those ministers who have not sent in the renewal form to get the form in by January 15th, 2017 to avoid having to meet the board.

As always, I am here to serve as your resource for all things related to the Southwest Texas District and the National PCG Office in Bedford; therefore, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

James Miller Jr, COO

2015 TOP 10 MISSIONS GIVING

World Missions

District: 6th Place, Southwest Texas District
Church: 4th Place, New Life Outreach PCG—Pleasanton, TX

Indian Missions

District: 8th Place, Southwest Texas District
Church: 4th Place, Victory Christian Fellowship—Hamilton, TX

National Missions

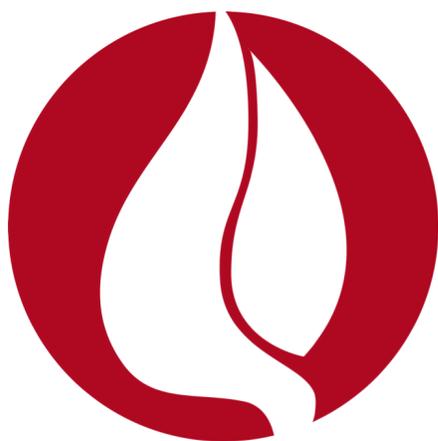
District: 9th Place, Southwest Texas District

Women's Ministries

District: 2nd Place, Southwest Texas District
Church: 1st Place, Coastal Bend Family Worship—Aransas Pass, TX
2nd Place, New Beginnings Ministries—Rockport, TX

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BIRTHDAYS

Jack Davis	10
Dan Chapman	29

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Margie Davis	4
Wayne & Terry Curry	16

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Special Prayer for our District Ministers And Spouses

Bishop Loyd Naten—Our General Bishop is in need of a kidney transplant. Please be in prayer for this urgent request.

Rev. Tom Wilson—Continue to remember Bro. Wilson in prayer.

Delores Chapman—Sis. Chapman still needs prayer as her body continues to heal.

Ray Helms—Recovering from recent surgery.

Genevive Holderby—Difficulty recovering from the flu. Needs more strength & stamina as she cares for Bro. Holderby.

Jack Holderby—Suffering from overall poor health. Confined to a wheelchair due to hip deterioration...in a lot of pain.



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Rev. Jimmy Lee (Three Rivers).....(361) 449-0408
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2017 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Jan 13 thru Jan 21 — Bishop Jayne’s District Tour	Jan 28 —School of Ministry/DIST HQ
Jan 24 —District Board Meeting/DIST HQ	