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A LEGACY OF FAITH: 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SECURE THE BATON OF THIS WAY



Celebrating 20 Years of Faith, Truth, and Community
Saturday, November 8th, 2025 124-126 Dewey Street, Worcester,
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Securing The Baton Of This Way (1ST CHRONICLES 28:9-11)

"For where two or more are gathered together in My
name, there am I in the midst of them." — Matthew 18:20

All are welcome!

OUR FUTURE HOPE: THE NEXT CHAPTER

As we celebrate our past, we also look forward to the horizon with great anticipation in hearts filled with hope for all that God will do. The best is yet to come! Our vision is not to rest on our laurels but to press onward, fulfilling the mission God has given us.



OUR VISION FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS



Deepening Discipleship: To grow spiritually through intensive Bible studies and mentorship programs, conforming more and more to the image of Christ.

Expanding Our Witness: To boldly share the gospel and the biblical truths we hold dear, reaching more people in our community and beyond.

Equipping and Empowering the Next Generation: To strengthen our youth and children's ministries, preparing them to be the next generation of faithful leaders.

Enhancing Fellowship: To foster deeper connections and unity within our church family, for we are better together.

Worship with Excellence: To continue offering vibrant and spirit-led worship experiences that draw people closer to God.

Serving with Compassion: To increase our community outreach, serving the physical and spiritual needs of those around us, demonstrating God's love in action

A WORD FROM OUR PASTORS

•“On this special anniversary, we don't just look back at what we've done, but we look forward to what God will do. The best is yet to come!” — **Pastors Emmanuel O. Nyakako and Stephen Waweru**

CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF FAITH AND IMPACT

Over the past 20 years, our story has been written through countless lives touched and transformed by God's love. Our journey has been a tapestry woven with answered prayers, shared burdens, celebrated victories, laughter, comforting tears, and moments of profound spiritual growth. We have been a beacon of hope in our community and families, offering a place of prayer, belonging, and a message of redemption. We have walked by faith, and not by sight, and have witnessed many lives touched and transformed by God through YahShua the Messiah. As a Church of God 7th Day, our commitment to upholding the Commandments and faith of YahShua has been the bedrock of our ministry.

•Advocacy for "Bible Organization": He strongly advocated for a specific leadership model involving twelve apostles, seventy elders, and seven men chosen by lot, a key point of difference from the Stanberry, Missouri faction of the Church of God (Seventh Day). During the fall of 1931, Andrew N. Dugger was commissioned by the Executive Committees of the Church of God (Seventh Day) in Salem, WV, and Stanberry, MO, to set up a World Headquarters in Jerusalem. His focus was not on North America but on foreign countries. He moved to Israel later and established a headquarters there with a printing press. Because of this, the gospel went throughout the world, including the Caribbean, Scotland, Africa, Europe, India, and other third-world countries.

The first islands known to have churches were Trinidad, Jamaica, and St. Lucia. In the years following, missionaries and evangelists were sent throughout the different parts of the Greater and Lesser Antilles and the Virgin Islands to establish churches. A. N. Dugger wrote over 150 different tracts and books, such as Israel Correspondent Bible School lessons, the very popular Mt. Zion Reporter (also known to some as the Judah Magazine), Sabbath Lesson quarterlies, the Jerusalem Messenger, Jewish calendars, and the Chart of the Daniel image and Beasts of Revelation. He wrote the 40 Points of Doctrine, which form the core of the Church of God 7th Day beliefs. The Mt. Zion Reporter was such an intricate part of these churches that an article was read from this magazine every Sabbath morning during service. The three most famous books and writings are Bible Home Instructor, History of the True Religion, Daniel and Revelation and The 40 Points of Doctrines.

The Jerusalem World Headquarters had representatives laboring in establishing this true faith in about every country of the world, where many congregations have been raised up, and many evangelists continue laboring even though the headquarters is no more. In 1970, Elder A.M. Shoemaker was sent in answer to a call from Kenya, Africa. In about two months of labor there he baptized 284 converts and ordained sixteen men called to the ministry, and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Jerusalem Messenger, which was published at Jerusalem, gave many reports and photographs of groups and workers around the world who love Jerusalem. Psalm 128:5, 6. There are several other groups of this same faith with some slight non-essential doctrinal differences in various places, carrying on a good work, and printing various publications from their national headquarters. We believe they are all gathering fruit for the kingdom, and the foundation creed of all of these groups is the same, viz., Revelation 12:17, —the commandments of Elohim and the testimonies of Yahshua (Christ). One of these headquarters is Denver, Colorado; another, Meridian, Idaho, and some that make the sacred Hebrew names of the Father and the Son, a special part of their message (Proverbs 30:4; Psalm 68:4, and 91:14, also 69:35, 36, and Isaiah 52:6) are located at Junction City, Oregon, and Jackson Gap, Alabama, also The Faith of Holt, Michigan as well as in Kenya, Jamaica, and many other countries. We believe that even though in the interim we don't have headquarters in Jerusalem, these will all fall in line with the Holy Scriptures and publicly affirm that Jerusalem was chosen of the Father, and must be recognized as the World Headquarters by all of the remnant people holding to the New Testament name, and the true faith once delivered to the saints, as they are led further by the Holy Spirit as Jesus returns. —“ Watch ye therefore and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man. — Luke 21:24 to 36.

This anniversary is not just a celebration of time, but a thanksgiving for every volunteer, every prayer, and every act of service that has built this church. We thank God for His faithfulness through the challenges, the ups and downs, and for the blessings of growth and sometimes contraction. The journey continues, and our story is still being written. "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." — *Lamentations 3:22-23*

WE STAND HERE TODAY, NOT BY OUR OWN MIGHT,
BUT BY THE FAITHFULNESS OF OUR LORD.



This anniversary is a moment to give thanks for: The faithful teaching of God's Word from the pulpit. The vibrant and passionate worship that lifts our spirits, The warm fellowship that makes us a family, The compassionate service that impacts our community, The commitment to evangelism that has brought new souls into the kingdom.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

"To God be the glory for the great things He has done! For 20 years, Mt. Zion Sanctuary Assembly has been a beacon of hope and a cornerstone of faith in our community. This anniversary is a testament to God's enduring grace and the faithfulness of His people. We give thanks for every soul He has touched through our ministry and for the unity that has strengthened our fellowship. As we celebrate this milestone, we look forward to a future filled with His continued blessings." Signature: The Leadership of Mt. Zion Sanctuary Assembly

Our Humble Genesis: A Foundation- A Seed
Planted by Faith



Mt. Zion Sanctuary Assembly began with a small, fervent group of believers in 2005. With a heart for biblical truth and a commitment and dedication to the teachings of the Bible and observing the 7th-day Sabbath from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday, our founders laid the cornerstone of a ministry destined to grow. What started in a house in Princeton, MA, then a rented hall in which we had to depart exactly by 6 PM every Sabbath, and then another rented space, has grown into the sanctuary it is today. We honor the

pioneering faith and sacrifice of those who answered God's call to establish a church dedicated to His Word.



Leaders: left to right, Pastor E. Nyakako, Pastor S. Waweru, Eva. Morrison

new leaders in the church? Scripture: *Leviticus 8:1-9, 22-24, 30; Acts 6:1-6, 13:1-3 1Tim. 4:14*

3. The Ongoing Priesthood Question: The priesthood was an "everlasting priesthood throughout their generations" (*Exodus 40:15*). What was the role of the remaining sons, Eleazar and Ithamar, in continuing the ministry, and what lessons can be applied to sustaining God's mission through generational leadership?

Scripture: *Exodus 40:15, Numbers 3:4, Heb. 10:19-20, Heb. 7:23-27*

4. Preparing the Successor Question: Moses was also a critical part of the Levitical leadership, but he had to pass the baton to Joshua (*Deuteronomy 31:2*). What are the key elements of Moses' preparation of Joshua, and how can older leaders use this model to train and mentor the next generation? Scripture: *Deuteronomy*

31:7-8, 12, Jn. 17: 6-8, 2 Tim. 1:5-7, 2:1-2; Ps. 78:4-7,

5. Letting go of control: Question: Moses passed the leadership of Israel to Joshua. What was Moses' attitude as he transitioned leadership, knowing he would not see the promised land? What challenges can arise for leaders who struggle to release control to their successors? What do YahShua and Paul say about finishing the race? Scripture: *Deut. 31:2-8; Num. 20: 23-28; 2 Tim. 4:7-8, Jn 17: 3-9*

6. The Shift from Old to New Question: The Levitical priesthood ultimately pointed to Jesus, the Great High Priest. How does the baton pass from the Aaronic priesthood to the new covenant in Christ, and how should this change our perspective on leadership and ministry today? Scripture: *Hebrews 4:14-16, Hebrews 7:11-14*

7. The cost of dropping the baton: Question: The book of Judges opens with the consequences of a generation that failed to pass on the faith. What can we learn from this verse about the critical importance of being intentional in discipling the next generation? How can we ensure our children and spiritual children know the Lord and His works? Scripture: *Judges 2:10-13, Heb. 3:12, 10:26-27, 2 Pet. 2:20-22*

8. Passing the Baton in the Body of Christ. Teamwork and humility:

Question: Passing the baton is a team effort, not a competition. The Apostle Paul wrote, "What you have heard from me... entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (*2 Timothy 2:2*). How does this verse emphasize the need for teamwork and humility in spiritual mentorship? How does this New Testament command reflect the principles of succession seen in the Old Testament priesthood, and who are you mentoring to receive and carry the "baton" of the gospel? How can we foster a culture where leaders desire their successors to be even "greater" than themselves? Scripture: *2 Timothy 2:2, Heb. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 3:10-11;*

Psalms 78:4-7

MILESTONES OF GOD'S GRACE OUR HUMBLE BEGINNING: A SEED PLANTED



2000-2005: Pastor Nyakako (then Deacon Nyakako) and Sister Nyakako moved their family of 7 young children from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Princeton, MA. After visiting a few COG 7th Day congregations in larger Boston and not finding a home church holding the gospel truth as they were taught, Pastor's family resolved to drive 3 hours and back most Sabbaths to their home church in Spring Valley, New York, and when not in Spring Valley, they held Worship at their in Princeton

2005-2010: After much fasting and prayers, and great encouragement from the late Pastor Morrison, Deacon Nyakako and Sister Nyakako registered the Church in Worcester. The First Sabbath service was held at Main Street, Worcester, filled with prayer and praise. Sis Johnson joined the family in 2007, Sis. Njoroge joined the church family in 2008 Her Family later joined 2009, Pst. Waweru joined together with his family in 2011. We worshiped in the rental place, although we had to leave it by 6 PM every Sabbath, which presented MT. Zion with difficulties during fasting services and long summer hours. Deacon Nyakako was ordained as Pastor Nyakako by Bishop Bennet and Pastor D. Morrison. Membership continued to grow with some members who moved to Boston for university.

[2011-2015]: God heard our prayers for a better location that accorded us complete rental with our own control of the facility at Piedmont Street (just next door to our previous rental place on Main St.), a testament to God's mercies and prayers answered. Baptisms, Weddings. Pastor Waweru and family join our Congregation. Sis Njoroge's children migrate from Kenya and join the congregation. Our greatly beloved Pastor Morrison goes to sleep in 2014 until YahShua returns. His great evangelist work and growing the MT. Zion organization and legacy, warmth, love, and sheer joy still remain with us today. Pastor Nyakako led mission trips to Kenya and Israel and a relationship with COGMERS Kenya, as well as Yahweh and other Church Of God 7th Day ministries in Kenya began.

2016-2020: Baptism continues. Through Sis. Nyakako and Church's great efforts, We acquired our current building at 124-126 Dewey St., Worcester, through prayers, much sacrifice from the congregation. We remodeled the building into the beautiful Sanctuary that it is today. The Church was opened late that 2016. Arrival of new Kenyan and Jamaican Ministers to members of Worcester Assembly. Outreach and evangelism started in earnest with outside preaching, street corners, visiting the shut-ins, and door-to-door ministry. COVID-19 spreads, but the church remains open for worship. Division within the church and the Jamaican Assembly. North East becomes its own entity.

2021-2025: Worship continues through COVID-19 and Zoom platform. We start outside evangelism in the church parking lot and preach. Continued focus in evangelism through door-to-door ministry, street ministry, and nursing home ministry. Food pantry ministry continues, and the annual cookout at the church continues. The annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner started for the community. Bro. Morrison is ordained Evangelist Morrison. Young men's focused training for leadership and ministry began.

Year(s)	Event
1886	Born in Bassett, Nebraska.
1907	Ordained as a minister in the Church of God.
1914	Became editor of the church's publication, <i>The Bible Advocate and Herald of the Coming Kingdom</i> , and moved to the Stanberry, Missouri, headquarters.
1919	Wrote <i>The Bible Home Instructor</i> , a book that increased church membership significantly in the 1920s.
1921 – 1927 & 1929 – 1931	Served as President of the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day).
1931 – 1932	Traveled to and lived in Israel for a year to explore establishing a world headquarters.
1933	A major organizational split occurred within the Church of God (Seventh Day) due to his push for a Jerusalem headquarters and specific governance.
1936	Co-authored the book <i>A History of the True Church</i> with C.O. Dodd, tracing Sabbath-keeping churches throughout history.
1953	Moved permanently to Jerusalem, Israel, with his wife, Effie, to establish a world headquarters.
1953 onwards	Launched the <i>Mt. Zion Reporter</i> magazine from Jerusalem, which distributed free religious literature globally.
1975	Died in Jerusalem, Israel, at the age of 89.

Summary of Andrew N. Dugger's Work

Dugger's work was defined by a commitment to what he believed were strictly biblical doctrines and church structure.

Promoting Sabbatarianism: Following in his father's footsteps, Dugger was a vigorous defender of the Saturday Sabbath and other doctrines like observing Passover on Nisan 14 and adhering to "clean meats" dietary laws.

Literary and Editorial Influence: As editor of **The Bible Advocate** for 18 years, he was a primary voice of the Church of God (Seventh Day). His books, particularly **The Bible Home Instructor** and **A History of the True Church**, became foundational texts that influenced many Sabbatarians, including Herbert W. Armstrong. **Missionary Expansion:** He traveled widely, held public debates, and through his efforts and the **Mt. Zion Reporter**, helped establish congregations across the Caribbean, Africa, and other international locations.

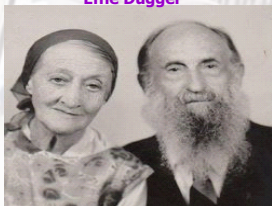
Jerusalem Headquarters: His most significant work was the conviction that the Church of God should have its world headquarters in Jerusalem, Israel, as a biblical requirement. This belief led to the 1933 schism and his permanent relocation to Jerusalem in 1953, where he led the Churches of God 7th Day of Mount Zion until his death.

- America as a Sanctuary: The interpretation of prophecy shows that America became a haven for these persecuted groups, including Sabbatarian Anabaptists and William Penn's followers, as the "earth helped the woman" (the true church) during the time of papal decline after 1798.
- Emphasis on Jerusalem: Dugger believed in a strong scriptural church organization with a world headquarters in Jerusalem, which he himself moved to later in life.
- Sole Rule of Faith: The emphasis is on the Bible as the sole authority, rejecting extra-biblical sources of doctrine like the visions of Ellen G. White (a key difference between their church and the Seventh-day Adventist Church).
- A History of the True Church, Andrew N. Dugger and Clarence O. Dodd presented a non-traditional account of Christian history, arguing that God's true church has always been a distinct, Sabbath-keeping remnant persecuted by the dominant Roman Catholic Church and its Protestant offshoots.

Timeline of "True Church" History (as presented in the book)

Date	Event/Group	Significance according to Dugger & Dodd
33 AD	Founding of the Church at Pentecost	The beginning of the true, Sabbath-keeping Church in Jerusalem.
c. 100-300 AD	Rise of Apostasy	False doctrines (Sunday, Easter, etc.) introduced as the Roman Church gains prominence.
321 AD	Council of Nicea (Constantine)	Roman church solidifies state power and pagan practices are formalized, driving true believers into hiding.
538 AD	Papal Power Ascends	The "little horn" (Papacy) gains full power, beginning 1,260 years of persecution.
c. 600-1500 AD	"Church in the Wilderness"	The true faith survives among persecuted groups like the Waldenses, Lollards, and Anabaptists who observe the Sabbath.
1492	Discovery of America	A new land where religious freedom would eventually allow the true church to flourish.
1517	Protestant Reformation	Reformers like Luther and Calvin challenge Roman authority, though Dugger and Dodd argue they did not fully restore all true doctrines.
1789	U.S. Constitution/Bill of Rights	Religious freedom is established, providing a safe haven for the true church.
1798 AD	End of Prophetic Period	Napoleon's general captures the Pope, ending the 1,260-year period of papal dominance and intense persecution.
1840s	Adventist Movement	The Sabbath truth is rediscovered and promoted, leading to the formation of modern Sabbath-keeping groups.
1884	General Conference Organized	The formal organization of the modern Church of God (Seventh Day) body.
1935	Publication of <i>A History of the True Church</i>	The authors document their belief in the continuous history of their faith.

Andrew N. Dugger and Effie Dugger



(1886–1975) was an influential minister (Elder) in the Sabbatarian movement, known for his leadership in the Church of God (Seventh Day) and later for establishing a global headquarters in Jerusalem. His work centered on strict biblical adherence, including Saturday Sabbath observance, clean meats, and a specific form of church governance.

A HISTORY OF THE TRUE CHURCH

In 1936, A.N. Dugger (who spread the good news to many that believed and who started the work of MT. Zion Church of God 7th Day) and C.O. Dodd presented a historical timeline that we MT. Zion Church Of God 7th Day believes in that aimed to trace the continuous existence of a "true" Christian church, specifically identified as a Sabbath-keeping body (the Church of God, Seventh Day), from the apostolic era to the 20th century.

SUMMARY

The central argument of the book called "A History of the True Church" is that the true Christian faith, established by Jesus and the Apostles, was not extinguished by the rise of the Roman Catholic Church and subsequent "apostasy." Instead, this "true church," characterized by practices such as observing the seventh-day Sabbath and adhering to a scriptural form of church organization, persisted in various forms, often in obscurity or through persecution, referred to as being "driven into the wilderness" (Revelation 12). Dugger and Todd presented these Key themes and arguments:

- The "True" vs. "False" Church: The book contrasts the "woman clothed with the sun" (the true church) with the "woman clothed in scarlet" (the Roman Catholic Church and its "sun-worship" doctrines).
- Sabbath Observance: A primary marker of the "true church" throughout history is its adherence to the seventh-day Sabbath, as opposed to Sunday worship, which the authors argue was introduced by the Roman Church.
- Prophecy and History: Dugger and Todd interpreted historical events correctly through a prophetic lens, applying biblical prophecies (especially from Daniel and Revelation) to the history of the church and the Papacy. The rise of the Papacy is linked to a 1260-year period of persecution, beginning around 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D.
- Succession of Believers (Remnants): Dugger and Dodd trace Sabbath Keeping spiritual lineage through various historical groups, including the Paulicians, the Celtic Church, the Vaudois (Waldenses) in the Alps, the Hussites, and later, Sabbatarian Baptists in England and the Adventist movement in the United States.
- Rejection of Roman Doctrines: Dugger and Todd highlight the "true church's" opposition to doctrines and practices introduced by Rome, such as Easter, infant baptism, the use of images, and the concept of the immortality of the soul.
- The Great Apostasy: Dugger and Todd contended that a great apostasy, centered in Rome, began shortly after the death of the apostles, introducing false doctrines like Sunday worship, Easter, and the immortality of the soul, largely influenced by pagan "Sunworshippers". They identify the Papacy as the "little horn" that made war with the saints of God for a prophetic period of 1,260 years (from AD 538 to 1798), driving the true church "into the wilderness" (into hiding in remote areas like the Alps).

1. The Divine Calling and Preparation

Question: In Exodus 28:1, God specifically calls Aaron and his sons to the priesthood. How does this initial divine selection for the Levitical priesthood contrast with modern ideas of choosing leadership, and what can we learn from God's intentionality in calling and preparing people for service? Scripture: Exodus 28:1, 40:13–15, 2 Kings 2:9-15, Jos. 1:1-9, Tit. 1:5-9, 1Tim. 3:1-7; Acts 6:3 And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons (Exodus 28:1).¹³ And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.¹⁴ And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats: ¹⁵ And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

⁹ And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.¹⁰ And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.¹¹ And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.¹² And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.¹³ He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;¹⁴ And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.¹⁵ And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him (2 Kings 2: 9-15). Joshua 1: 1-9

1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, ² Moses my servant

all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 7:11-14

¹¹ If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? ¹² For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. ¹³ For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

8.The cost of dropping the baton:

Question: The book of Judges opens with the consequences of a generation that failed to pass on the faith. What can we learn from this verse about the critical importance of being intentional in discipling the next generation? How can we ensure our children and spiritual children know the Lord and His works?

Scripture: Judges 2:10-13, Heb. 3:12, 10:26-27, 2 Pet. 2:20-22

Judges 2:10-13 ¹⁰ And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel. ¹¹ And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim: ¹² And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger. ¹³ And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

Hebrews 3:12 ¹² Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Hebrews 10:26-27 ²⁶ For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

2 Peter 2:20-22 ²⁰ For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. ²¹ For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they

is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

³ Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. ⁵ There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. ⁶ Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success. ⁹ Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. (Titus 1:5-9) ⁵ For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

⁶ If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. ⁷ For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

⁸ But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

⁹ Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. 1 Timothy 3:1-7

This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. ² A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; ³ Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; ⁴ One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

⁵ (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) ⁶ Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷ Moreover he must have a good report of them which are

Numbers 20:23-28 ²³ And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying, ²⁴ Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah. ²⁵ Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor: ²⁶ And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there. ²⁷ And Moses did as the Lord commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. ²⁸ And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 ⁷ I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

John 17:3-9 ³ And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. ⁴ I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. ⁶ I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. ⁷ Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. ⁸ For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. ⁹ I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

7. The Shift from Old to New Question: The Levitical priesthood ultimately pointed to Jesus, the Great High Priest. How does the baton pass from the Aaronic priesthood to the new covenant in Christ, and how should this change our perspective on leadership and ministry today? Scripture: Hebrews 4:14–16, Hebrews 7:11–14

Hebrews 4:14-16 ¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. ¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in

without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Acts 3:7⁷ And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

2. The Importance of Public Consecration

Question: The consecration of Aaron and his sons was a public, ceremonial event. What was the significance of this public display for the congregation of Israel, and what modern applications can be drawn for publicly affirming new leaders in the church? Scripture: Leviticus 8:1-9, 22-24, 30; Acts 6:1-6, 13:1-3; 1Tim. 4:14

8 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

² Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bullock for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread;

³ And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

⁴ And Moses did as the Lord commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

⁵ And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the Lord commanded to be done.

⁶ And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.

⁷ And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith. ⁸ And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim. ⁹ And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the Lord commanded Moses. ²² And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. ²³ And he slew it; and Moses took of the blood of it, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. ²⁴ And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. ³⁰ And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and

persuaded that in thee also. ⁶ Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. ⁷ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 1Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Psalms 78:4-7 ⁴ We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. ⁵ For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: ⁶ That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: ⁷ That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

6. Letting go of control: Question: Moses passed the leadership of Israel to Joshua. Read Deuteronomy What was Moses' attitude as he transitioned leadership, knowing he would not see the promised land? What challenges can arise for leaders who struggle to release control to their successors? What do YahShua and Paul say about finishing the race? Scripture: Deut. 31:2-8; Num. 20: 23-28; 2 Tim. 4:7-8, Jn 17: 3-
Deuteronomy 31:2-8 ² And he said unto them, I am an hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: also the Lord hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan. ³ The Lord thy God, he will go over before thee, and he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them: and Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as the Lord hath said. ⁴ And the Lord shall do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom he destroyed. ⁵ And the Lord shall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments which I have commanded you. ⁶ Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. ⁷ And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. ⁸ And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. Acts 6:1-6

6 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.² Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.³ Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.⁴ But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:⁶ Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. Acts 13:1-3 13 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.² As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.³ And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

1 Timothy 4:14¹⁴ Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

4. The Ongoing Priesthood

Question: The priesthood was an "everlasting priesthood throughout their generations" (Exodus 40:15). What was the role of the remaining sons, Eleazar and Ithamar, in continuing the ministry, and what lessons can be applied to sustaining God's mission through generational leadership? MScripture: Exodus 40:15, Numbers 3:4, Heb. 10:19-20, Heb. 7:23-27

Exodus 40:15¹⁵ And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

Numbers 3:4⁴ And Nadab and Abihu died before the Lord, when they offered strange fire before the Lord, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father.

Hebrews 10:19-20¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

Hebrews 7:23-27²³ And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:²⁴ But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.²⁵ Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;²⁷ Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

5. Preparing the Successor

Question: Moses was also a critical part of the Levitical leadership, but he had to pass the baton to Joshua (Deuteronomy 31:2). What are the key elements of Moses' preparation of Joshua, and how can older leaders use this model to train and mentor the next generation? Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:7-8, 12, Jn. 17: 6-8, 2 Tim. 1:5-7, 2:1-2; Ps. 78:4-7,

Deuteronomy 31:7-8⁷ And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.⁸ And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.¹² Gather the people together, men and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

John 17:6-8⁶ I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.⁷ Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.⁸ For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

2 Timothy 1:5-7⁵ When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am

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have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.²² But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

9. Passing the Baton in the Body of Christ. Teamwork and humility: Question: Passing the baton is a team effort, not a competition. The Apostle Paul wrote, "What you have heard from me... entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). How does this verse emphasize the need for teamwork and humility in spiritual mentorship? How does this New Testament command reflect the principles of succession seen in the Old Testament priesthood, and who are you mentoring to receive and carry the "baton" of the gospel? How can we foster a culture where leaders desire their successors to be even "greater" than themselves? Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:2, Heb. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 3:10-11; Psalm 78:4-7

2 Timothy 2:2² And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Hebrews 12:1-2 ¹² Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11¹⁰ According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.¹¹ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Psalm 78:4-7⁴ We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.⁵ For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

⁶ That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:⁷ That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

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