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Best-selling author of Operation Exodus and Exodus II: Let My People Go, Steve Lightle, came to tell us about his life journey and passion for assisting the return of Jewish people from the 'lands of the north.' His books tell of his experience and investigate the dynamic relationship between the modern Jewish people and end-time prophecy.

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REST AND RESTED

5117 nuwach; to rest, i.e. settle down, to dwell, stay, let fall, place, let alone, withdraw, give comfort, cease, lay, let down, be quiet, remain, (cause to be at, give, have, make to) rest.

7673 shabath; to repose, i.e. desist from exertion, (cause to, let, make to) cease, celebrate, cause (make) to fall, keep (sabbath).

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Genesis 1:5

God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

Genesis 1:8

And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

Genesis 1:13

So the evening and the morning were the third day.

Genesis 1:19

So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Genesis 1:23

So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Genesis 1:31

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening

and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1-4

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ² And on the seventh day God ended His work, which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work, which He had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. ⁴ This *is* the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

Hebrews Chapter 3

¹ Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, ² who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house. ³ For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God. ⁵ And Moses indeed *was faithful* in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*, ⁶ but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

“ Today, if you will hear His voice,

⁸ *Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
In the day of trial in the wilderness,*

⁹ *Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,
And saw My works forty years.*

¹⁰ *Therefore I was angry with that generation,
And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart,
And they have not known My ways.’*

¹¹ *So I swore in My wrath,
‘They shall not enter My rest.’”*

¹² *Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, ¹⁵ while it is said:*

*“ Today, if you will hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”*

¹⁶ *For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? ¹⁷ Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*

Hebrews 4:1-11

¹ Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. ³ For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:

“So I swore in My wrath,

‘ They shall not enter My rest, ’”

although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh *day* in this way: *“And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”*; ⁵ and again in this place: *“They shall not enter My rest.”* ⁶ Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again He designates a certain day, saying in David, *“Today,”* after such a long time, as it has been said:

“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.”

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. ⁹ There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His. ¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

How Do We Enter That Rest?

Genesis 12:7

Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Genesis 32:30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: “For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.”

Exodus 33:11

So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

Exodus 33:20

But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.”

Exodus 33:23

Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.”

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

Numbers 12:8

I speak with him face to face,

Even plainly, and not in dark sayings;

Numbers 14:14

And they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, LORD, *are* among these people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.

Deuteronomy 5:4

The LORD talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire.

Deuteronomy 34:10

But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

Judges 6:22

Now Gideon perceived that He *was* the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, “Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Isaiah 6:1

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple.

Psalms 24:6

⁶ This *is* Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek Your face. Selah

Psalms 27:4-9

⁴ One *thing* I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD,
And to inquire in His temple.

⁵ For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me;
Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle;

I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.
⁷ Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice!
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
⁸ *When You said*, “Seek My face,”
My heart said to You, “Your face, LORD, I will seek.”
⁹ Do not hide Your face from me;

Psalm 105:4

³ Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!
⁴ Seek the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!

1 Chronicles 16:10-11

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2 Chronicles 14:7

⁷ Therefore he said to Judah, “Let us build these cities and make walls around *them*, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us, because we have sought the LORD our God; we have sought *Him*, and He has given us rest on every side.” So they built and prospered.

2 Chronicles 15:12-15

¹² Then they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; ¹³ and whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel was to be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. ¹⁴ Then they took an oath before the LORD with a loud voice, with shouting and trumpets and rams’ horns. ¹⁵ And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought Him with all their soul; and He was found by them, and the LORD gave them rest all around.

2 Chronicles 30:18-20

¹⁸ For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, “May the good LORD provide atonement for everyone ¹⁹ *who* prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he is not cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary.” ²⁰ And the LORD listened to Hezekiah and healed the people.