Chapter 1

NEW TESTAMENT PERSPECTIVE TO DIVINE PURPOSE #1&2

Building upon the foundation laid in the previous chapter, let us now proceed into the New Covenant to locate the general aspects of divine purpose which are equally applicable to all saints.

1.) The General Call: Fishers of Men

It is important that we go to the beginning and locate within the text Yahshua's official biographer Matthew to determine what He first required of those He called. Matthew 4:18-20 says "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him."

To this end, one single illustration of Yahshua graphically illustrated the fact that upon His return, He will account for how we utilized the gifts and assets in which He graciously endowed us to invest in the critical mission of bringing souls into the Kingdom. To speak of His return without engaging in critical Kingdom duty is to engage in a sick joke. To become occupied with hundreds of activities which have no bearing to increasing the population of the Kingdom is to despise the Spirit of Grace.

Luke 19:10-27 (KJV)10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.11 And as they heard these things, he added and

spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

—Luke 19:10-27

The Omega Church (End-time Church) must emulate the Alpha Church in evoking the core essence of engaging as conduits of bringing the lost back to the Father. Congregations, ministries and individuals must recapture this general divine purpose by investing substantially in prayers, spiritual warfare, building bridges of friendship and communication and engaging in the vital act of "going forth," otherwise called "go ye." They are to seek the lost right where they are, share the good news and give them a reasonable opportunity to make a decision to reconcile with the Father through Yahshua, Jesus.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

—2 Corinthians 5:17-21

It is in acute engagement with the "go ye," Kingdom lifestyle that we are most engaged with the profound business of preparing the way for the King of Kings to return.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

—Matthew 24:14

2.) To Make Disciples of Believers

In speaking of reconciling sinners to the Father through Yahshua, we must take note that He was not merely mandating that we gather crowds of consumerist believers. Heaven has little value for those who claim to be believers yet their lives are out of sync with the life and passion of Yahshua. Heaven is interested in their imitating Yahshua, Jesus. That is why the full implication of the Great Commission is about making disciples of all nations. The language of Yahshua is very clear! Matthew 28:18-20 says "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Disciples are believers who have been taught all that Jesus declared. In other words, they do not only believe in Him, but have been systematically taught the Constitution of the Kingdom. They know Who they believe and understand their responsibilities as citizens of the Kingdom. The tragic reality of today is that Churches have devised a thousand and one strategies borrowed from the playbook of Babylon —including show business, marketing, public relations and mass communication— designed to make multitudes to "believe in" Yahshua, Jesus based on a gross misrepresentation of Romans 10:8-10 which says "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Leaving new believers at that minimum entry requirement, many begin to live the spiritual life on natural energy. Churches are then stuffed with natural people with un-renewed minds who are fixated with jockeying for

positions and engaging in gender, ethnic, racial and socio-economic strife. The result is captured in this scripture:

> *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*
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> *—2 Timothy 3*

Unfortunately, these are the Christian nonbelievers' encountered in their work places and in neighborhoods. These "believers," do not behave like their Savior and are the worst representations of the Kingdom in the earth realm. Let us take note that Yahshua did not just send out people to preach. He sent out disciples to be His witnesses and a witness is a preacher whose lifestyle validates the message. In this class, we are trusting Yahweh our Father to ensure that we become true witnesses, offering living evidence that Yahshua is alive and real.

> *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. When Christian leaders refuse to pay the price to be witnesses, their focus is on ABC. They glory in their shame, using the accumulation of material assets or even crowds who gather around them, drawn to their 'charisma' rather than to Yahshua, Jesus Who sent them. In that regard, what Yahshua, Jesus said to the Scribes and Pharisees becomes a vivid reality:*
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> *— Acts 1: 8*
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> *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.*
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> *— Matthew 23: 15*

Leaders and Ministers who will bear abundant fruit in making disciples will go against the grain of religion. In order for this to happen they must firstly, recover intimacy with King Yahshua. The King desires intimate communion with His own so that we will understand His heart afresh. Secondly, leaders, ministers and saints must be those who are sent by Him and not by themselves. Their ambitions or desires to have fame or popularity must not be upon the throne of their hearts. It is from that place of intimacy and communion that true discipleship can proceed with passion:

> *And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:*
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> *— Mark 3:13-15*

This is why Apostle Paul enjoined the saints at Philippi to rightly discern who to be devoted to and who to give access to their souls. Philippians 3:17-19 says "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things."