

A Road Map for Perilous Times Travel

Almost Half of the Bible discusses spiritual & supernatural things. Therefore, in perilous times we need a Spiritual Road Map that addresses five Kingdom of God topics for our journey.

1. We need to know whose we are & who we are.
2. We need wisdom & discernment to know how to navigate.
3. We need to know what is God's purpose for our lives.
4. We need to know what kind of resistance we will encounter.
5. We must know that the journey will be on God's timetable, not ours.

1. We are the Kingdom of God, sons, daughters & friends loved greatly by God Almighty!

John 3(16-18). ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ “For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

[The World includes all People groups (Blacks, Whites, Poor, Rich, Gays, Drunks, Liars, Klansman, Muslims, Chinese, Latinos, Gangsters, etc.), all Plant & Animals life & the Earth Itself.]

John 15(12-14). Jesus said ¹² “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. ¹³ “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ “You are My friends if you do what I command you. (Abraham & Moses were friends).

You **invest time** communicating (via Telephone, Facebook, Instagram, Written Letters, Etc.) with friends. (i.e., prayer).

1Corinthians 13(4-8) Love is patience, kindness, hopes, endures, etc.)

2. We need **godly discernment** to deal with Racism, Sexism, Authoritarianism, Nationalism, Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Perversion & etc.

Discernment is the ability to separate, distinguish between, Being able to grasp & comprehend what is obscure.

1Kings 3(11) ¹¹ God said to him, (Solomon) “Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice?

Proverbs 1(5) A wise man will hear and increase in learning, And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,

^{AMP} *Matthew 10(16).* ¹⁶ Behold, I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves; be wary and wise as serpents, and be innocent (harmless, guileless, and without falsity) as doves. ^{AMP} *Matthew 10:16*

We must learn to **hear** the voice of God.

^{AMP} *John 10(2-5)* ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The watchman opens the door for this man, and the sheep listen to his voice and heed it, and he calls his own sheep by name and brings (leads) them out. ⁴ When he has brought his own sheep outside, he walks on before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will never [on any account] follow a stranger but will run away from him because they do not know the voice of strangers or recognize their call. (Sheep, not Lambs)

The **Holy Spirit** will give us the insight to guide us.

^{AMP} *1Corinthians 1(12-13)* ¹²Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts [of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit].

3. Our purpose or calling includes the a). Ministry to the **least of these,** b).the Ministry of **Reconciliation** & c). the Ministry of Your **Gifts.**

Jesus said we ought to care for **His Brothers**

NASB Matthew 25(37-40) ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?’ ³⁸ ‘And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?’ ³⁹ ‘When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’ (We need clear sight)

How do we focus on **offending** people on the one hand while seeking to **reconcile** the same people on the other hand?

[To Reconcile is to return to faith; it is to have harmony after a conflict; it is to improve respect between people of different cultural backgrounds.]

NASB 2 Corinthians 5(17-19) ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. ¹⁸ Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and his He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Evangelism is getting people born again. We get saved at a specific time & place.

We all have at least **one gift** to serve the body of Christ.

Romans 12(4-9) For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; ⁷ if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. ⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy.

1 Corinthians 12(7) ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 14(1) ¹ Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

4. We are to love our human enemies, yet we are to battle our spiritual enemies.

Matthews 5(44) ⁴⁴ “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Ephesians 6(11-12) ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

AMP 1 Corinthians 10(3-6) ³For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, ⁵[Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One),⁶ Being in readiness to punish every [insubordinate for his] disobedience, when your own submission and obedience [as a church] are fully secured and complete

God’s Heart is merciful. *Jonah 4(10-11)* *Acts 7(59-60)*

Are we going to trust in guns or God’s Grace & angels?

6. God is Eternal & is not bound by Time.

Isaiah 55(9-11) ⁹“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; ¹¹ So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it

NASB Isaiah 55:9-11

NASB *Matthews* 1(17) ¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

NASB *Acts* 1(6-7a) 6 So when they (disciples) had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; ****

What has God communicated over our lives?

What was happening in between the fulfillment times? Abraham waited in faith for 25 years & lived 40 years afterward. Moses waited in the faith for 40 years & lived 40 years afterwards. David waited in faith for 23 years & lived 30 years afterwards.

Hab 2(2-3) ² Then the Lord answered me and said, “Record the vision. And inscribe it on tablets, That the one who reads it may run. ³ “For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal, and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.

Hebrews 6(10-12) ¹⁰ For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. ¹¹ And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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