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Rosh Chodesh Elul (5782)

Monthly Theme - Pioneer Elyons are Yahweh's Visionaries

What is a secular visionary? - A person who has a clear idea of how the future should look
A person who takes concrete steps to bring a vision to life via his imagination or wisdom

Who then leads a team of others into that ideal direction utilizing these original ideas

What is a visionary PE? - A bellwether with a clear vision of life during Jacob's Trouble

One who takes concrete biblical steps to bring the Spirit's vision to life via divine wisdom

Who then leads Yeshua's people in the direction of the Spirit's inspiration

What were the Spirit's previous instructional themes to us?

In Nissan, a Judah _____ enables Pioneer Elyons to focus on "The Big Picture"

In Iyar, Issachar _____ ensures Pioneer Elyons remember they are "Sheep Not Goats"

In Sivan, Zebulun business _____ enables PE's to focus on "Yahweh Is Their Rock"

In Tammuz, Reuben stick-_____ helps PE's remember they're Pearls of Great Price

In Av, Simeon _____ helps Pioneer Elyons focus on "Yahweh Is Their Refuge"

In Elul, a Gad _____ helps Pioneer Elyons stay the course and be His "Visionaries"

What should we recall today about the month of Elul?

Elul is the 3rd month of the summer (Tammuz, Av, Elul) and last month of the civil year

Its first day begins an intense 40-day period of relational reflection ending at Tishri 10

Where we are to return, renew, and repent to deepen our relationship with Yeshua

What is different about Elul compared to the other months?

Elul is a month of _____ appointed to unlock the deeper hidden issues of the heart

It follows the purification of Months 4 and 5 and precedes the purification of Month 7

Elul is a month of taking concrete _____ to release men from spiritual confinement

It prepares men for a "Face to Face" encounter with Yahweh during Month 7

Ex 33:17-18 "Adonai said to Moshe, "I will also do what you have asked me to do, because you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." 18 But Moshe said, "I beg you to show me your glory!" CJB

What should we recall today about Jacob's 7th son, Gad?

Gad (Asher's full brother) was born in Padan Aram to Leah's handmaid Zilpah

Although Gad was not Leah's biologically, she accepted him & saw his birth as fortuitous

Gen 30:10-11 "Zilpah Le'ah's slave-girl bore Ya'akov a son; 11 and Le'ah said, "Good fortune has come," calling him Gad [good fortune]." CJB

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**But the good fortune she had centered around besting Rachel, not Gad's birth
Leah gave Zilpah because Rachel had given Bilhah and she birthed him 2 sons**

What should we recall about the tribe of Gad?

Gad is the 2nd tribe on Mount Gerizim appointed to remind Israel of the curses of disobedience

Deut 27:13 "while these are to stand on Mount 'Eival for the curse: Re'uven, Gad, Asher, Z'vulun, Dan and Naftali." CJB

The men of Gad were fierce and warlike, strong men of might, (e.g., Barzillai)

1 Chron 5:18 "The descendants of Re'uven, the Gadi and the half-tribe of M'nasheh included 44,760 brave men who were available for warfare, able to take up shield and sword, shoot with the bow, or make use of other war skills." CJB

Notice Jacob prophesying about the tribe of Gad's future nature and might

Gen 49:1, 16 "Then Ya'akov called for his sons and said, "Gather yourselves together, and I will tell you what will happen to you in the acharit-hayamim."... "Gad [troop]— a troop will troop on him, but he will troop on their heel." CJB

Notice Moses prophesying about the tribe of Gad's present nature and might

Deut 33:20 "Of Gad he said: "Blessed is he who makes Gad so large; he lies there like a lion, tearing arm and scalp." CJB

What new perspectives does Yahweh want me to have regarding this 6th month?

Yahweh wants me to act via my Gad like _____ & be like Elijah when he wasn't running

1 Kings 17:1 "Eliyahu from Tishbe, an inhabitant of Gil'ad, said to Ach'av, "As Adonai the God of Isra'el lives, before whom I stand, there will be neither rain nor dew in the years ahead unless I say so." CJB

Yahweh wants me to adhere to my calling with a Gad like _____ as he did

Gad and Reuben were the only tribes to keep their shepherd calling throughout the years

Yahweh wants me to exhibit a Gad like _____ to life's hardships & disappointments

Gad and Reuben did not let anything break the unity between them

What should I take home today regarding this 6th month?

I should leave knowing the significance of Elul's teshavah to my outlook and determinations

Tammuz and Av identified my idols, my self-hate, and my lack of love towards others

Elul is about being set free from those by examining my relationship with God and men

I should leave knowing the significance of possessing Gad's vision and acting on it

Prov 29:18 "Without a prophetic vision, the people throw off all restraint; but he who keeps Torah is happy." CJB

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Moses prophetically foresaw that Gad would do what Yahweh's righteousness required

Joshua 4:12-13 "The descendants of Re'uben, the descendants of Gad and the half-tribe of M'nasheh went on, armed, ahead of the people of Isra'el, as Moshe had said to them; 13 some 40,000 armed soldiers ready for battle crossed in the presence of Adonai to the plains of Yericho.

Agabus prophetically foresaw that Paul would do what Yahweh's righteousness required

Acts 21:10-11 "While we were staying there, a prophet named Agav came down from Y'hudah 11 to visit us. He took Sha'ul's belt, tied up his own hands and feet and said, "Here is what the Ruach HaKodesh says: the man who owns this belt – the Judeans in Yerushalayim will tie him up just like this and hand him over to the Goyim." CJB

Do I prophetically foresee what Yahweh's righteousness will demand of me?**I should leave knowing the importance of spiritual change to a visionary Pioneer Elyon****I must foresee the potential for spiritual change in me, then take steps to implement it**

_____ - **Change demands I be resilient, resolute, not an imitator, & not give up**

And remain calm as the Spirit directs me into new and sometimes difficult situations

_____ - **Change demands I stay determined, not easily intimidated, resistant to pressure**

And remain unafraid of failure, but afraid of never trying

_____ - **Change demands I live, feel, breathe, smell, and taste the future**

And trust in the Spirit's counsel as He directs me toward grasping the Big Picture

_____ - **Change demands I excel in helping others align with the Spirit's plan**

And let the Father's charisma in me develop and bring out the best in others

_____ - **Change demands I work with others to step into the Spirit's vision**

And let the Spirit manifest the characteristics in me He wishes to manifest in others

_____ - **Change demands I let many sources help me better see the Big Picture**

And be flexible to do whatever it takes to fulfill the vision according to His will

Emotional _____ - **Change demands I let godly feelings spark godly actions**

And let my past experiences be His vessel of empathy to those around me

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Final Word

As a visionary, what makes a Pioneer Elyon different from Yahweh's other Leaders?

He never loses sight of the Shepherd, even though he is one of the first to begin the march

He never forgets his main mission always involves undeveloped & underserved areas

As a visionary, what can I never forget? - Purpose for the corporate trials of Months 4 and 5

These trials help me acknowledge and then _____ who I am and who I am not

So that I ultimately repent and let Him transform me into who He wants me to be!

Trials never let me forget "Ministry without _____ is like a surgeon without a scalpel"

And not having an action compelling vision guarantees I prematurely plateau

As a visionary, what can I never think? - Month 6's purpose is just to prepare me for Month 7

While Elul's _____ does better my relationship with Yeshua in Tishri (Month 7)

It's only after I have forsaken my idols (Month 4) & made Him my refuge (Month 5)

As a visionary, what must I "see"? - Elul preps me for Cheshvan's new territories & purposes

Elul's _____ shift helps me accept involuntary changes in lifestyle and methods

Tammuz's trials force me to put trust into action starting with this question

Why look for the King's arrival when I'm not making any preparations for it?

Av's trials force me to face being spiritually blasé, stuck in neutral, going nowhere

Why expect new sanctification when I keep using the same tools?

As a visionary, what must I get? - I can see the future & not _____ to it when it comes

John 16:13 "However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own initiative but will say only what he hears. He will also announce to you the events of the future." CJB

So, what am I doing now to allow the Spirit to make this happen in me?

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