

Breaking of Bread, 23 January 1993 Brazil

### The Beast

Ha-emeq — Today I was reading about the beast. I usually don't like to talk about this and the things in Revelations because I don't usually understand it. But I was thinking about all we went through in Sao Paulo this week with the authorities — all the struggles we had with the American and Brazilian authorities. I started to feel something about the authority that is going to come on the earth in the last days. Rev 13:5 starts talking about this beast who starts ruling on the earth in the end times. The beast is going to be allowed to come against the people of God. He makes war against the saints. He is given power everywhere on the earth. And the people on the earth worship the beast — everyone whose name had not been written down in the Lamb's book of life. And then it says in v. 10, "and this is why the saints must have perseverance and faith". This is what spoke to me. perseverance — We need so much perseverance. I'm not ready for this day which is coming. We talk so much about the suffering that is going to come upon the earth, the beast is going to come against us, and we need perseverance and faith. And the only way we are going to get it is by going through the small things right now — little things. And then when this day comes, we are going to be ready — we are going to have it. We have to have it — perseverance and faith.

And then v.18 "This is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number ... 666." How many people have talked about this number! They write books about it and make movies about it — 666. But they don't know anything about this number because it says it takes wisdom to understand it. And we know they don't have wisdom. They don't understand it. We don't even have wisdom yet. We don't understand it yet. We're not ashamed to say it; we're not proud. But we need wisdom. That's why we are always praying, "Father, give us wisdom." Right now a stage is being set for the beast to come. It's in a baby stage. And that's where we are — barely starting — getting just a little bit of trouble from them — hard times. All of this is really small. But this is the time we have to start looking for wisdom and understanding. Yoneq talks so much about the end times — really hard times. We have to take it to heart, what we hear about

the end times, and start now looking for wisdom and perseverance — really look for what our Father is saying to us in things. Because nothing happens for you in a day that doesn't happen for a particular purpose. Our Father is working each tiny little thing that happens to you to teach you. But you could walk through your day breaking things and running into things and not ask, "Why, what should I understand from this?" But we could be asking why and looking for wisdom and understanding. Our Father knows every hair on your head. That means every little thing that happens is important, and nothing just kind of happens. I want to take everything that happens to heart. And everything that happens to all of you. So we can be a people prepared on that day — with perseverance, faith, wisdom and understanding. We need to start now, so we can be ready on that day.

Elazar — When Rosanne was giving birth this morning, I was thinking about how she was persevering. If she would give up, she and the child would have died. But she continued to persevere and that child was born. We haven't even begun to feel the pain of bearing the male child, but someday it is going to be one contraction right after the other and then the child is born and everyone rejoices. And also I was thinking that YAHSHUA is anxiously waiting for the birth of that child, wanting that we would persevere. We have to be very disciplined so we can be very prepared before that day happens. Our Father is teaching us now.

Rev 13:6 talks about the so-called antichrist, the beastly system. The whole world was astounded by and followed the beast (v.3). They were startled, taken aback, amazed at his wisdom, and they worshipped the dragon because he had also given authority to the beast. The beast — the insensitive system. They are insensitive to the things of God — the beast. It is brutal, lacking that sensitivity to the Creator, doesn't recognize it, suppresses it. So it says (v.5) that he was given a mouth to speak arrogant words ... and to exercise absolute authority for 42 months. The first three and a half years of the tribulation period he doesn't have absolute authority. He only has it in the last half. That's why in the last half of that period, the woman (in Rev 12:1, who is the same woman as in Rev 21:20) must flee to the wilderness to a place that Elohim prepared for her. The beast was able to slander, open his mouth and blaspheme Elohim,

slander, blaspheme the true God, to say evil words against God (because, remember, he wants all the glory for himself, even God's glory.) Satan incarnates in this person. He wants to rule over God Himself, the very thing he wanted to do in the beginning. He is given a mouth "to blaspheme God and to slander His name." His name was taken away in the early centuries. They called Him by a Greek name after that, instead of "YAHSHUA". So you see here that the name comes back into being, is has been restored, and they slandered His name and His dwelling place. He has a dwelling place. Where does Elohim dwell? Where does the Holy Spirit dwell? Does He dwell? In individuals who are out in the world in the last part of this age? no. He has a dwelling place. And the beast comes against His dwelling place. Now, where is the church today? in heaven. All those faithful ones who died in the first century are in heaven. But you cannot find His church on earth today. So He doesn't have a dwelling place, yet. But He is getting one; it's growing. He doesn't have a final home until He has that bride who marries YAHSHUA. And just like God's home is in YAHSHUA, He wants to dwell in us -eternally with Him. His dwelling place is now being restored, it is being reestablished on the earth. He had (Acts 26:7) a dwelling place back in the first century but it passed away, so He doesn't have a dwelling place. He only has a dwelling place in twelve tribes collectively, in perfect oneness, in unity. When He gets that dwelling place, then all the authority the evil one has will come against it. That's why we won't be able to stay here during the last three and a half years of the tribulation period, and why we have to flee to the wilderness. But the male child does stay here, and he comes against them. He comes against the saints to conquer them finally, and he does conquer them finally. One by one they all die. And the two witnesses in Jerusalem die also. They are left dead in the street in Jerusalem for three and a half days, in front of all the people of the earth, and then after three and a half days they raise up and ascend into heaven with YAHSHUA when He comes back.

Our Father has a place He wants to live. 1 Tim 2:8 — talks about the men in every 'place'. "I want the men in every 'place' to lift their holy hands without one bit of dissension between them, nor anger, nor even difference of opinion." Not even a hint. That is one of the things that is

said about that 'place'. There are four or five others. We are embryonic now, but one day we will be born as a nation — as Israel — 12 tribes collectively — a collective whole. Our Father does not dwell in anything that is not whole. He wants to bring this nation to completion. Then, at that time, Satan comes against it full force, but he is not able to destroy it because (Rev 12:1) the woman flees to the wilderness. And the male child goes out into the world and starts prophesying — bringing down the judgments for the last three and a half years. They bring down the plagues. You can see the plagues in Revelations. One of them was in Rev 9:18,19. It killed one third of mankind. What do you think the other two thirds would do if they knew why it was happening? and they do know, because the male child is out telling them. Do you think they all repent? No. They don't repent from the work of their hands. They didn't stop watching television. (A lady said last night, "Oh, I like your community but I don't think I could live here — you don't watch television." What is a television anyway? What is worshipping demons? Is that worshipping demons and idols? these material things that cannot talk or hear?) Rev 9:20 and 21 — They were still stealing, still being sexually immoral, they didn't stop. That's why the plagues were given. Everyone is going to do that if they don't come into Israel. The only way around it is to repent — hate their life in the world. A disciple has nothing more to do with the world than Messiah does — except to love the people in the world and bring a demonstration to their sins. And you cannot bring a demonstration to the world's sin if you are participating in the world's sin. We have to repent from that and come into His dwelling place, the place where He caused His name to dwell, where we can lift up holy hands, where we can all be in unity, where we can be one. Here the men can hold up their hands and the women can stand and hold the babies and take care of the children and support their husbands and be covered.

If you are not in one of these places where God has caused His name to dwell, you are worshipping demons (Dt : ). We want to worship the one and only true Elohim whose name is YAHSHUA, the same name that the 144,000 have on their forehead when they go out in Rev 14:1. We want to worship Him. The name of the Father and the Son incorporated in YAHSHUA — YHWH's salvation. That is the name of our Savior who died for us.

Manoah — Those who have perseverance in them will endure. Some will betray but some will go to the wilderness. That message that goes out is so that people would give glory to the Creator but the earth is ruined by man and relationships are broken down and one third of the people died from plagues. It is the generation of wrath that is going to come. That's what is going to come to this world. The children to be born are going to be a generation of wrath such that people next to them will die and they still refuse to repent. If the male child came now maybe some people would repent. But people's hearts are becoming more hard, wanting to do their own wills. Our Father wants to save us. He is teaching us now about surrendering our wills and obeying Eph 5:21.

There are two places in the scriptures that talk about how, in the end times, children will be disobedient to parents. The difference between that generation Manoah was talking about and the male child is exactly the counterbalance in the last days between the world and the dwelling place of God.

Our Father is so merciful — even to the very end He is calling people to repent. He would never have allowed one third of humanity to be killed without knowing why they should be repenting. But they did know why because of the ministry of the 144,000. Our Father is merciful and kind and there will be many who will receive his mercy and kindness through receiving the 144,000. Our Father is not going to give up on man until the last moment. He is His prized creation. He loves us as much as His own Son. Let them be one so the world will know that I love them as I loved My own Son.

David Derush — The first thing a child learns is to come to his Imma. If we have this attitude of going to our Abba in everything — in good things so we can give thanks, and in hard times so we can go for grace and consolation and pray for wisdom.

We are entering into the breaking of bread as a whole nation, one tribe after another according to the sun, from the rising of the sun to the setting. It is the thanksgiving meal, the fellowship meal. It was typified by the peace offering in the old covenant. First the sin offering, then the burnt offering, and then the peace offering — the fellowship offering. The priest in the

old covenant did the representative offering for the whole nation. But this is a whole priesthood — everyone is able to speak, everyone is able to share. First the priest of the new covenant make the sin offering, then offer their bodies as a living sacrifice and then this fellowship-peace offering-thanksgiving meal. And our Master is the focus of it — the death He died for us.

The cup of victory is the fruit of the vine. Our brothers of the first century who overcame are in Him in heaven right now. As we take the cup of victory we want to talk about our victories and about our defeats so other people can learn and grow.

Our keeping the unity is so important to our Father. We want to please Him in every way.

Story of Philippi

Ha-emeq:

Tonight you're going to meet someone else from a place far away — it's in Europe. It's called Philippi. It was a beautiful place. The rivers weren't polluted there — you could drink the water in the rivers. And there in that little village was a woman who was from Asia. She was a special woman, Lydia was her name. You should get to know her because she was a good example. She heard often about the God of Israel. She wanted to know about the God of Israel. She began to go around where the Jews were on the Sabbath. The Jews would all go down by the river on the Sabbath. They didn't have a place to gather there in Philippi, they didn't have a temple to gather at because they were scattered from their country, so they would all go down by the river and pray and speak.

Lydia used to go and listen to them pray. Every Shabbat she went down there. And she learned. She listened to them teaching. It was wonderful. She listened to them speak about Israel, about the law, about YAHSHUA. He was the lamb who was sacrificed. She loved hearing it. She said to herself, "This is just what I know is true. This agrees with my heart". They could tell she was really listening and it was going right to her heart. When a message goes to someone's heart, you know it. She listened to everything. So it made them want to talk right to her. (It's like the way Andre is listening right now, if someone is listening like that, it makes you want to talk right

at them because you know they are really listening. But if someone is distracted, I don't want to look at them because it gets my mind off of what I was saying.)

Lydia wanted to know what she should do to receive that salvation they were talking about. She had a heart that opened up. Can you imagine? (Someday your heart is going to open up.) That's a miracle! her heart opened up. Some people keep their heart closed always, but hers opened up. And someday your heart is going to open and the Holy Spirit can go inside. Her heart opened. She received them. "Talk to my whole family, my whole household. They all need to hear." And she was saved. And not just her, but her whole family. No one had been saved in all of Europe and she was the first one. And she did the best thing. Because Shaul was there, and Silas. And Shaul was about to walk away. But she said, "Come to my house, please. If you think I'm truly a disciple, please come and stay with us." "No, no," Shaul and Silas said (it was like Elijah). But she would not take no for an answer. If she would not have done this, nothing would have happened. But you know what happened there? A whole community started right there in her house. She was the one who had a house there, a big house. "Please, please," she said. And they came. And, of course, soon more people came and her house started filling up with people. She was so happy. They would go out in the day talking to people about YAHSHUA.

There was a girl in town into macumba — some kinds of spirits. Lydia had hope for the girl. But she was always walking behind Shaul, kind of following him, saying, "These are servants of the most high God." That sounded pretty good, didn't it? Lydia thought it sounded pretty good, but Shaul didn't like it. You could tell it kind of aggravated him. Then after a few days of this, he turned around and cast the evil spirit out of her and she was like a different person. And Lydia was happy because the girl came home with them. But all the other people in town were very upset about it because this girl had brought in much money with her spiritism. They were very angry. They caused a big riot there. So they came to get Shaul. They took Shaul and Silas to the authorities, "He's causing trouble here." At Lydia's house, they all prayed for them. "Surely they're going to let them go right away, before the time for the evening sacrifice." they thought. But no, it didn't happen. They cried out more and more for them. The crowd and

the authorities took Shaul and Silas and beat them all bloody. They beat them and then they were taken into prison.

How could that happen? "We prayed!" But there was Shaul, all covered with blood and no one to take care of them, and it hurt so bad. What could Lydia do at her house? They just prayed. The prison guard said, "My boss told me to put them in the deepest darkest part of the prison." And he did. It was so dark. They put big heavy chains on them and fastened their feet. They couldn't even move. It hurt so bad. It was totally dark in there. There was a little tiny light coming through so they could tell there were others in there too. All they did was tell people about the love of God — telling people about forgiveness, and now here they were in chains! Darkness filled the whole jail. And what did they do? You know what they did? They started to pray, thanking our Father. They know this had happened for a reason and that it would be for the good. And then Silas, he started to sing. Shaul joined in there, singing too, "Let there be glory and honor to YAHSHUA, glory and honor to YAHSHUA." The others were looking over to them. I'm sure it sounded beautiful in there. They weren't complaining saying, "My back! It hurts.", they were thanking our Father. That's the kind of people our Father is going to come and rescue.

And soon, the ground started to shake. Out at Lydia's house the whole community was there crying and praying, and the ground started to move. It was an earthquake. And there at the prison, the whole prison started shaking. The ground shook until the chains fell off of them. And then it shook and the doors flew open like someone just threw them open! You'd think everyone in the prison got up and said, "This is our chance to get out! Run! This is our chance!" and all the murderers and everyone would get out. But they just sat there. "Let there be glory and honor to YAHSHUA," Shaul and Silas were still singing. The man at the front of the jail, the jailer, just knew all the prisoners got out. He didn't even get up to go see. "I better just kill myself right now." Because he knew he was going to die a horrible death for this if he didn't kill himself right now. He took his sword out. But he heard a voice from inside. Shaul could hear this going on. He shouted at the top of his voice, "No, don't do it. We're all in here." Shaul yelled. "They're all in there? Why? Why didn't they run? Why didn't they do it? I had a feeling when I put them in there

that they were special men. I've been sitting here just fighting with my conscience the whole time. Because I knew it." He jumped up. "Get the lights in here." He looked in. And there were all the prisoners in there. There they were, just listening — listening to Shaul and Silas. The jailer, you know what he did? he ran in there and threw himself at Shaul's feet. He was just shaking all over. These were the same feet he put chains on before. And he said, "Please, what must I do to be saved?" "Believe in YAHSHUA the Messiah and you are going to be saved, you and your whole family." Then they said, "Come here.", and they started talking all about YAHSHUA. "Get your family." And the whole family listened about YAHSHUA. "Yes," they all said, "that's right." "Let's go," Shaul got up. Ugh. It hurt so bad. The whole time they had been talking, Shaul and Silas were all bloody, their faces were swollen. But it didn't even matter to them. All they cared about was what they were saying to that jailer. Then the jailer said, "Come and wash your wounds." And they did. And then they went to a baptism. They went down to the same river, with the jailer and his whole family, and had a baptism. Then they went home to the jailer's house and had a meal together, celebrating their faith in YAHSHUA. They sang and danced and clapped. What a night! The jailer and his whole family were saved!

The whole community was still at home — still praying. Then Shaul and the jailer went back over to the jail. It was a shambles over there. He had been the man in charge. You know those authorities who put Shaul and Silas in prison?, they had been in bed that night and that shaking had shook all their consciences and they knew they had done something wrong. So right away they sent a message to the jailer: "Go get those two men out of the prison and let those guys go — send them on their way. Tell them to get out of here." "What?" Shaul said, "without a trial? They are not even going to bring us before the judge? They beat us in front of everybody — and we are Roman citizens — and now they want to just get us out of town quiet? Oh, no. We're not leaving." (We have to learn something from the way they treated this.) "Oh, no, we're not leaving. Those leaders have to come over here and escort us personally out of town if they want us to leave." The message went back to the leaders.

They were Roman citizens, they had rights. If you mistreat a Roman citizen you can get in big trouble. Those men knew there was something wrong with what they did. They started trembling. They came over. There sat Shaul and Silas and the jailer in front of the jail. "Please, I'm so sorry this happened to you. I'm so sorry. I'm sorry about that. It hurts, I can tell, but I think it's better if you go. Please, would you?" They changed their attitude, didn't they? Because Shaul took a stand. Then Shaul said, "Ok. We'll forgive you." They walked together with the leaders to Lydia's house, to all the brothers and sisters. What a night! They told them about everything. Then they were saying good by, encouraging all the brothers and sisters. "No, don't go," they said. "But we have to go. But we will write a letter to you." Wow, someday we will get a letter from them. And the brothers and sisters there got everything they had together and made a big bag and gave it to Shaul and Silas. And they left. Much time went by. Sometimes they'd hear about Shaul. "Come on," they'd say, and they got all this stuff together and sent it to them. "Give it all. Give it all to them." They gave everything. Lydia said, "Let's give everything." They gave beyond their ability, like Lydia. And they got a letter one day. And I have a copy of it right here. "Don't be anxious about anything, Lydia. In everything pray about it and the peace of YHWH is going to keep you." Did you hear that? Wow, what a letter! That's Shaul talking. And listen to this: "Thank you so much for all you ... give." I know you gave more than you were able to give. "Not that I was really in need, because I've learned to manage with whatever I have. I know what it means to be in need and to have plenty. I know what it is to hurt really bad, and to get better; to be really poor, and to have plenty. I've learned the secret of being content." Listen, this is a secret. He was telling Lydia a secret that you need to remember. "I've learned a secret. That is, being content in whatever situation I am in. Even in chains, and beaten and thrown in a dark cellar — whatever situation I am in. I've learned that I can do everything through Him who gives me the strength." That was the letter to Lydia in Philippi. It's the letter to the Philippians from Shaul. Always remember his secret.

Yoneq:

Shaul and Silas explained the word of God in depth to those who asked, "What must I do to be saved?" That is what we must do. And then they know about YAHSHUA and who He was. They went through the whole history of Israel and all the way up to the crucifixion and resurrection and what you have to do to be a disciple.

Lydia said, "Please come." "No, no." "Please." They wanted to see if she was really serious about it. Elijah told Elisha, "You stay here," but Elisha wouldn't leave him. Our Father gave us the good news to test our heart, to test our belief. You've got to give up your possessions and the sovereignty of your being. It tests what your belief really is. That's what Paul and Silas told them all about. I never knew how they took the whole household and told them all about it. How you have to give up your possessions and your sovereignty in order to have the Holy Spirit imparted to us, terminating our life and entering a new life in community — a new society, a new community in true Israel.

Paul says that not all have obeyed the gospel. It is in obedience to the gospel that we are saved.

Nothing was wasted, not one word in the new covenant is wasted. We have to know in every little aspect, we have to notice in every hair that falls out. And on every word that's written, we live. Otherwise we're malnourished. That story is full of meaning. You can hang on every word. Whoever continues in His word, whoever abides in His word, they'll know the truth and they will be set free. And then our Master goes on to say that whoever obeys His word (presently), He will free us from death. Our life now is a life of obedience to His word, to seek His kingdom in order to reign with Him in the next age. It is so we won't taste death. Our life in the eighth day is sealed, but the kingdom is what we are worthy of by our obedience. This is the secret of obeying His word. Without obeying His word, we cannot understand anything.

We would not know if we have eternal security or eternal insecurity. We would read and get confused. Eternal salvation is secured in YAHSHUA's sacrifice for us, but the kingdom is secured through obedience. We have to understand that. That's why we say it so much.

The stem can still be alive when our Master returns. We can all still be alive. That generation that sees these things will not pass away until all things are fulfilled. That's why it is not 4 or 5 generations until the male child, but 3, so that the ones who start can still be alive.