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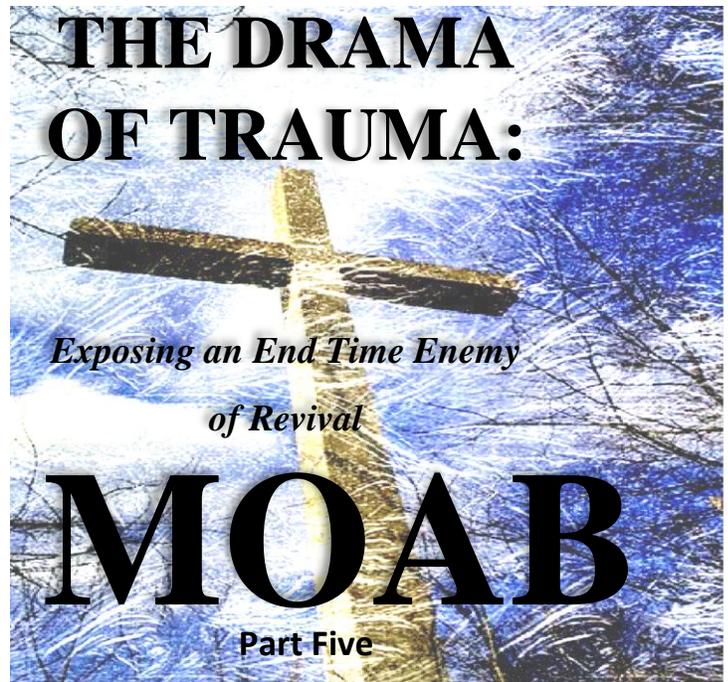
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The thick, dark green foliage of the fig trees offered a provisional refuge for the frightened couple. They were equally unfamiliar with the overwhelming emotional baptism they'd just experienced. Terrified, they ran to hide. They didn't want Him to find them. Furthermore, they'd heard Him walking in the garden, and normally they would have run to meet His embrace. But today, they hid; as He approached near to where they crouched down, not wanting to be discovered. Shame, panic, and guilt unanimously seized their hearts. A darkness they couldn't identify had crept into their consciousness, overshadowing the joyful existence they'd previously known. He called out their name but anxiety had taken control of their senses and fear made them recoil all the more. Confusion now muddled their thoughts, yet the reality of the circumstance was painfully crystal clear. Questions! Question! Questions! There were so many distressing questions, accompanied by so many traumas. Why did they feel separated from Him? Why were they suddenly at odds with each other? What was going to happen to them? What's more, they couldn't ignore the snickering hisses of the serpent, which was tactically slinking behind the man, as the Holy One drew nearer. The echoing sound of His voice reverberated like thunder in the air making it feel like waves of energy passed through them with each word He spoke. Where are you? Once again, where are you? His words rang out with the feeling as if the essence of who they were had suddenly been lost. And, what they didn't know was that their actions had set into motion a universal cataclysm of proportions they couldn't begin to fathom beginning with their own spiritual falling away. Discovered, they emerged from their leafy grotto and faced Him, the serpent also present. The ultimate dialogue that precipitated between God, the couple and the serpent was revealing. When questioned, the woman honestly admitted to what she'd done, at the same time candidly unmasking the



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serpent who had enticed her. What's more, the enemy would begin his part in the drama of the ages. Although, it would be a long time before Moab entered the performance, humanity had fallen and it seemed there was no way out. Unless a sacrifice equal to the price necessary to pay for the sin could be offered, there would be no hope, and the helplessness, often mated with trauma, would reduce God's creations to nothing more than animated dust. Even so, in the midst of the distress and death, a promise was made, that when fulfilled, would reverse the work of the serpent and dismantle his authority over humanity once and for all. That promise was

called, The Seed. Born of the woman, and eventually named as the Messiah, the offspring would rise up against the serpent and destroy the enemy's warped authority that had affected all of creation. As time inched forward, prophets were born who described this seed as being God's Son. This man would save humanity and all that had been affected by the fall, delivering them from the effects of sin including the trauma that sin creates. He would be known as the Savior, the Redeemer, the Servant King, and most importantly, The Sin Bearer. He is the Lamb of God., she in one sense was repentant, but blindly naïve, not realizing that her statements against the snake created an enemy who would be determined to destroy and torment all of her gender in the centuries to come. The man, on the other hand, remotely accused God of being at fault for making the woman, while at the same time shielding the tempter who was an equal participant in the discourse. As the cross examination, curse and consequence fell into place, trauma tightened its grip on the couple, while simultaneously an invisible stage began to be constructed.



John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.³⁰ This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.KJV

John 1:35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;³⁶ And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!KJV
 Acts 8:32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: ³³ In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.KJV

1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: ²⁰ Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, ²¹ Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.KJV

Trauma made its entrance into humanity's hearts when they committed high treason against God in the Garden. By their combined disobedience and rebellion they became allied with Satan and his evil nature. The catastrophic effects of what is known in theological doctrine as, the Fall, could have been hopeless. Humankind might have been eternally doomed to have to suffer at the hands of trauma if God had not declared

that a way for redemption from all sin, and the consequences of death, was to come. Therefore God, before the foundations of the world, sovereignly foresaw the choices humankind would make and prepared a solution in advance. A Lamb, His Son, was slain in Heaven, and because of His willingness to lay down His life, He would become the mediator, the redeemer, and the bearer of all the sins of the world. The serpent could not hold humanity bound forever. Then, eventually, the oppressive door of trauma would be slammed shut so that those who believed on Jesus the Lamb could rise up in victory and defeat their sufferings, destroying the stage for Moab. Even so, regrettably, trauma still holds sway over so many

victims because they've unwittingly been kept from the knowledge of what God can do and has done to defeat their foe.

Moab cannot re-establish his platform if trauma has been denied its right to exist. It's that simple. But the fact is, Scripture warns us that in the Latter times people will be subjected to such incomprehensible anxieties, that trauma could easily overtake everyone living in that time period. This forces us to ask some difficult questions.

Is it even conceivable to think that there is a possibility God's people could diminish, if not defeat, these rivals? Is it possible that Moab could be virtually incapacitated if trauma was denied the right to function? Does the human race have to become a victim to this devastation? Do Christians have to be among the casualties when this onslaught erupts? These are not easy questions. And, furthermore, there are no simple answers. However, God has already made a pathway of escape for those would seek Him and need help. That Heavenly way is the only way that truly offers hope and genuine healing. That way is what Jesus accomplished on the Cross as the savior for all humankind. When human skills fail badly, and lives melt into puddles of anguished tears, God has a solution. Humanity needs a Savior if it's going to see the dismantling of the effects of trauma and the undoing of Moab's demonic power structures in the earth. What's more, genuine revival will not occur, or bear lasting fruit, if the ways of God are not appropriated against Moab's strategies. There is a Savior, and He is Jesus. He is the only answer that can fully deal with the theater of Moab and its stage.

Isa 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. KJV

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: ²² Who did no

sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. KJV

As you journey onward in the study of trauma,¹ you'll inevitably conclude that psychologists, physicians, and even some ministries, agree and state that curing trauma, in all its varied forms, can't be fully accomplished by the use of medicine, psychological treatment, and normal counseling methods. This deduction includes the rise of PTSD, along with the physical conditions resulting from extreme trauma. Additionally, although new approaches in research are being considered, with some helpful breakthroughs being made, and new medications increasingly available, trauma is extremely diversified in how it affects the individual. Consequently, there is no one all-encompassing cure available that can deliver a successful remedy. So sadly, many people, Christian and non-Christian alike, remain victims of the accumulative devastation trauma brings. They ultimately become innocent targets for the processes that ensue in the eventual attack of Moab, and become trapped by its relentless, and often, unpredictable cycle of misery. My friends, we must ask, as believers, what is wrong with this picture? When God has made the way for healing and deliverance, why aren't we seeing it? Furthermore, have we become so accepting of manmade solutions that we believe we're doomed to the inevitability of life-long trauma-induced conditions? Have we lost faith in what God has done through Jesus? Or, is the problem that we don't know what's available to us? I would be inclined to believe that it's more likely the latter. For many people, even in the Church, the Bible is just another book with good ideas, but not worth trusting. To some, God is an uninvolved deity. He stands aloof and doesn't interfere or interact with humanity who suffers and has needs. Additionally, many believe and question why we need God when we have science? And yet, with all our technological, medical and scientific advancements, people still suffer anxiety and deal with daily trauma. May I submit: we still need a savior? We need to learn what that really means.

No person, philosophy, medicine or inanimate object can substitute what Jesus has done. There is no replacement for the power of God found in the preaching of the Cross, the message of salvation and the sacrifice of Jesus. But when faith is absent, and strength is weak, people will try any human made method or treatment they can find, because they don't know how to reach God to help them. The real and lasting cure for trauma and the deliverance from Moab, is found in the truth that there is a promised savior who is well acquainted with

human needs. He endured one of the most traumatic experiences known to man by his death on the cross. He has compassion for those who have been traumatized because he can identify with our pains. Outside of this there is no lasting help or hope. Moreover, God has already made the way for healing through salvation, and all of its definitions that include healing. There is help for those who have suffered at the hands of trauma and we must be taught how to appropriate it by knowing the One who took all of our sicknesses and distresses, Jesus, our savior. His death on the cross, the brutality of his suffering and his resurrection hold the key for humanity's needs.

History considers the capital punishment of crucifixion as one of the most gruesome of deaths. It was the way the ancient Roman disciplinary system flexed its muscles and it was the means they displayed the cruelest of human tortures and execution.

Criminals who found themselves doomed to its sentence knew that it meant lengthy agony by suffocating asphyxiation, humiliating physical spectacle, deadly thirst, and victimization by the mockers, the weather and the physical body turning



against itself. It was one of the worst possible methods of traumatization the human being could endure. In fact, death by crucifixion was an accumulation of multiple types of shock. In many instances, prior to the actual act of crucifixion, the criminal was scourged with a whip called a flagrum, which consisted of small pieces of bone and metal attached to a number of leather strands. If this was done, the skin on the victim's back was ripped to the bone from the lashing. The criminal was then stripped of all clothing and nailed, or bound, to the cross. What's more, death could take days to come. The unimaginable pain a victim endured was additionally complicated by the inability to inhale a full breath because the whole body weight would hang pulling the nailed out stretched arms to such an extent it would strain the wrists, arms and

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shoulders, often resulting in a dislocation of the shoulders and elbow joints. The combined physical stresses, along with blood loss, neural damage and thirst, made the nerves feel like they were on fire and because the rib cage was forced into a fixed position the victim would have to draw himself up by his feet in order to inflate his lungs. Eventually, then pain in the legs and feet would become so insufferable, the person would trade breathing for pain. It was this type of traumatic death that Jesus, God's Son, endured for all humanity and who would believe in Him. What's more, because of what He did and suffered, there is a healing and a hope available to anyone who has experienced trauma. He made a way for all our brokenness through his willing sacrifice and offers victory through his resurrection. But how does one engage in this healing?

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. 12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. (KJV)



REMEMBERING TO LOOK UNTO JESUS

The subject of what Jesus actually accomplished on the Cross is surprisingly rarely discussed in Christian circles. Furthermore, the doctrine of the cross, is shockingly absent in what I've come to consider the majority of Christian understanding making for a massive deficit in the ability to apply the triumphs of the cross and the resurrection in everyday life. I've witnessed this to be a significant problem in the Church

internationally. On more occasions than I can site in this writing, at times when I've taught about the message of the Cross, or lectured on the related doctrines of the greatness of salvation and the work of the New Birth, over 90% of my hearers were not aware of these subjects in the depth that is required for stable Christian faith. They simply had not been taught, and were, in fact, extremely upset when they learned the truth. Moreover, after they had discovered what has been made available to the believer, they realized that they'd been cheated out of the most fundamental beliefs of the faith because they'd never heard what was legally theirs in the work of Jesus. It is alarming how shallow our spirituality is. Shallow, because so many Christians are trying live and share their faith, without the primary pieces of truth necessary to do so. This needs to change because the work of what Jesus achieved on the Cross can deal with and solve the issues of trauma and the prevention of Moab's appearance on the world's stage.

Trauma is an annoying weight that keeps us stuck in the past. It disables the human soul from living life above the problems. As a result, the unresolved distress drives the inner man into an unbridled state of angry impatience. When you're traumatized you can't cope with life's challenges, large or small, and your emotions explode without restraint. There is, therefore, a disintegrated condition of thinking and feeling ending in psychological, and sometimes, spiritual and physical fatigue. Hebrews 12 specifically addresses each of these matters while in chorus, revealing that the solution can be reached by looking at Jesus and considering what He traumatically faced in the crucifixion. We need to learn how to lay aside the weight of trauma. The question is: How do you do it?

The traumatized individual is someone that cannot obtain rest or find peace. Even the simplest things in life become a burdensome labor to the distressed. Jesus, however, promised a rest that no amount of counseling, medication or treatments can come close to. And although those natural options can often be helpful, the believer needs to gain understanding in what God can do and has already provided for in Cross. As I mentioned before, a great majority of believers do not know what has been accomplished for them in Jesus' death. Consequently, Jesus said in Matthew 11:29 "Take my yoke upon you and LEARN OF ME."

Dear ones, the weights of trauma can become like impassable hurdles in the race course of life. Those weights can,

however, be laid aside, by intentionally nailing them, in a spiritual sense, to the cross where Jesus died. He allowed himself to become a target for the trauma of sin, sickness and grief that humankind suffers from because of the Fall. This action of casting aside these burdensome encumbrances is accomplished by first and foremost intentionally focusing on what Jesus did, and equally, who Jesus is as the burden bearer. Failure to do so, because of not knowing, results in what Hebrews 12:3 calls being wearied and faint in mind.

Trauma produces a condition of shock that opens the door for an exhaustion of the mind, will and emotions. Therefore, when devastated souls don't know that they can intentionally think about what Jesus did, and focus on who He is, then they become despondent, weak and enfeebled because of overwhelming distress. Then, in most instances the accumulation of those conditions causes their thinking to fragment. As a result, they can't piece together what they need to think rationally. Close behind this, their feelings erupt uncontrollably, and eventually, the will collapses so that they can't choose what they need to choose to think, feel and fight. In one sense, you could say that not purposely focusing on Jesus, and not knowing how to learn of him and what was done on the cross, creates an entrance for mental illness. We must therefore learn about Him and what He accomplished in His death if we're going to slam the door on trauma and disconnect Moab's resurgence in the earth.

Consider Him. Fix your attentions on the things He did on the cross and what was achieved there. Then make an intentional decision to believe it. The question is: What did His death on the cross actually achieve?

WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS?

There are few biblical topics that affect the entirety of creation as much as the subject of the accomplishments of Jesus' death on the cross. And yet, there is a shocking disparity of understanding of this act in the Church and society at large. I'm convinced that if it could be fully explained, with all the wonders of God described to an unsaved soul, it would be even stranger that after having heard the truth that soul could still refuse what God has done in Jesus' death. It is the wondrous cross, and yet from what I've observed, the average believer hasn't got a clue of what's available through it. Con-

sidering that His death was the epitome of trauma, the cross must be appreciated.

Throughout the ages, as Christianity has spread and the Church has taken on shifting belief systems, often contradictory to biblical truth, the message of the Cross has specifically been subjected to distortions of philosophy. Its significance has diminished when the cultures found it inappropriate, and on the other hand, increased when revival moved in on the scene. Even so, if you would ask ordinary church goers about what it accomplished, you might find that they really don't know. Sadly, the breadth of what Jesus did on it, cannot begin to be explained in this short examination. But know this. The accomplishments of what was done in the crucifixion impacted everything that exists and has existed. Therefore, for the sake of space and time, I will remain true to the influence of the cross on trauma and how this revelation is key pertaining to the End Times resurgence of defeating Moab.

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he

was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. (KJV)

The work of the Jesus on the cross is prophetically described in detail long before it occurred in the earth through the prophetic writings of Isaiah. He foresaw the coming of the Messiah and described in articulate note some of what would be accomplished. I believe you will also see that each of these triumphs relates in one way or another to dealing with trauma. Take some time to read and meditate on the amazing feats of Jesus life-giving sacrifice foretold in Isaiah 53. He carried all your grief, sorrows, sicknesses- physical and mental, along with your sins and rebellions. Don't let trauma relentlessly beat you up. Jesus is the one, our savior, who God sent for your needs and distresses. Start focusing on Him. Learn of His nature and passion. He is the only one who can truly heal the traumatized soul and dismantle Moab's platform in the Last Days. We still need a Savior and that person is Jesus.



MINISTRY UPDATES

Due to some extensive dental work Dr. Winslow has been undergoing, she hasn't been traveling and ministering. After a successful third surgery in early June, she is making good progress, and was able to volunteer to do some music and lead one session of praise and worship at a local church Camp Meeting. Since she hasn't been traveling, however, Dr. Winslow has been spending the time at home recuperating, and when able, researching and writing new books, newsletter articles, blogging, composing music and doing the illustrations for her children's books. Dr. Winslow does not draw a salary, or get a regular paycheck, like the ministers and pastors in a local church setting. In the past, the way God has supplied for her financial needs has usually been through the meetings she does. In those services she generally, though not always, received honorariums, and gained income from the sale of her products along with some sales from her website. On occasion individuals, led by the Lord, have sent a financial gift. Most people don't understand that this is how she operates. Therefore, if God would lay her on your heart during these quiet months to help her financially she would genuinely appreciate it. Thankfully the bills for the dental work are covered. But each daily need is by faith and any outside contribution is part of the walk of faith. Thank you to those of you who have helped her out with your gifts and prayers. May the Lord release a multiplication back to you for your generosity and love. Additionally, if God is leading you to invite her to speak at your church or conference please contact her through the email info@tamara-winslow.com and we will get back to you to see if something can be set up.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Dr. Tamara is scheduling, for the months of September onward.

August 7th-12th Research trip to REVIVAL LIBRARY, Tyler, Texas

September 17th. Tuesday night CHURCH ON THE LIVING EDGE 555 Markham Woods Road Longwood, Florida Bishop/ Pastor Mark Chironna

September 29th Sunday 10:30 a.m. Passionate Hope Int'l 2nd. Anniversary, 2210 E. La Salle St. Suite 214, Colorado Springs, CO 80909 Pastors BJ and Randle Cameron

November 15th-17th- Mount Vernon Foursquare Fellowship, 5200 Eisenhower Ave. Ste. 200, Alexandria, VA 22304 Pastors Niki and Kelly Tshibaka

January scheduling- Mountain Valley Chapel 230 Lewis Ave, Gold Bar, Washington 98251 Pastor Ryan Smith

Currently scheduling for England

If you would like for Dr. Winslow to speak at your church, function or group, please contact her at her website and email her at info@tamarawinslow.com.

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NEW BOOK PROGRESS



INTRODUCING

“THE DRAMA OF TRAUMA: Exposing an End Times Enemy of Revival- MOAB”

Early in December 2012 Dr. Winslow sensed the Spirit of God urging her to write a series of articles on the End Times Enemy of Revival- Moab, emphasizing how this foe would be re-emerging to overtake humanity through the onset of numerous global and individual traumas. This particular message is not an easy one to convey, and, in the past there has been huge resistance to it. However, as she began to write, other leaders began to encourage her to put the entirety of the study into a book form that would link modern events to the prophetic concepts of scripture pertaining to today. Her research has taken her into all sorts of studies including an in-depth research on the subject of PTSD. It has been quite a ride looking at all the angles involved and interviewing individuals who've been affected by multiple traumas or have been involved in disaster relief. Dr. Winslow will be doing research on the effects of trauma of revivals past at the Winkie Pratney Revival Library near Tyler, Texas from August 7th-12th. Please be praying as she works on these areas of study.

The DRAMA OF TRAUMA is coming together to be an unusual and interesting book, and she appreciates any prayer backing you might want to lift up as the subject matter is deeply needed but also generates spiritual resistance. She hopes to complete the manuscript in the immediate future. At this point in the process, the book will have 25 chapters. Dr. Winslow is also sharing excerpts from a few of the chapters of the book in her newsletter to acquaint her readers with the significance of the issues. She hopes you are enjoying the edited articles.