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Welcome to this sacred journey of prayer, fasting, and spiritual renewal. Over the next five days, we will draw inspiration from 1 Samuel 7, a powerful chapter that reminds us of the importance of returning to the Lord with all our hearts, removing the idols in our lives, and making space for His presence to dwell among us.

This is more than a fast, it's a call to rebuild the altar, to seek God's face earnestly, and to prepare our hearts for restoration, deliverance, and divine direction. May this journal guide you, encourage you, and challenge you as you posture yourself before God with humility, honesty, and expectation.

Let's journey together  $\mathbb{A}$  He is ready to meet us.

# DAY 1: Returning to God

1. "SO THE MEN OF KIRIATH-JEARIM CAME AND TOOK UP THE ARK OF THE LORD AND BROUGHT IT INTO THE HOUSE OF ABINADAB ON THE HILL, AND THEY CONSECRATED ELEAZAR HIS SON TO CARE FOR THE ARK OF THE LORD.

2. FROM THAT DAY THE ARK REMAINED IN KIRIATH-JEARIM FOR A VERY LONG TIME—IT WAS THERE FOR TWENTY YEARS CUNTIL THE REIGN OF KING DAVIDI; AND ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL LAMENTED (WAILED) AND GRIEVED AFTER THE LORD."

1 SAMUEL 7:1-2 (AMP)

CROSS-REFERENCES: 2 SAMUEL 6:3-4; 1 CHRONICLES 13:5-7

#### Reflection:

Today's scripture highlights a pivotal moment of spiritual longing and transition for the people of Israel. The ark of the Lord, the symbol of God's presence, was placed in the house of Abinadab and remained there for twenty years. During this time, Israel lamented and grieved, expressing a deep yearning to be restored to God.

This passage emphasizes the call to **return to the Lord**, a fitting theme for this season of prayer and fasting. Let's take a moment to explore the spiritual weight of what was happening

- The Ark of the Covenant was not just a box; it represented God's presence, His covenant (10 commandments), and His power. That it was not in the Tabernacle or central place of worship reflects the spiritual disarray of the nation.
- The people's lamenting signifies a collective **mourning for distance from God**, and a longing for restoration.

We, too, can find ourselves in seasons where God's presence feels distant, not because He has moved, but because we have. And like Israel, we are called to seek Him anew.

Understanding the significance of what it meant for the Ark of the Lord being placed at the House of Obinadeb. Looking at the following definitions together with verse 1 and 2 unpacks a deeper meaning as to our time in prayer and fasting in this season. It also signifies how God is ever our preseant help, always generous with His Grace and Mercy even

loving us in our sinful nature. As we continue to seek God and asking for the idols in our live to be revealed and uprooted may we not forget that as we pray we are aware that God listens to our prayers and he answers. Let us not forget His answers even if the answer is not what we expected

The Lord speaks to us in many ways, scripture, from fellowshipping, dreams etc. In the process of identifying our idols let us also not forget the idols within us.

## Key words for today bible verse:

- 1. **Kiriath-Jearim**: Also spelled Kirjath-jearim, translates to "city of forests" or "city of woods" in Hebrew.
- 2. **Abinadab**: In Hebrew, the name Abinadab means "my father is generous" or "my father is willing". It is composed of the elements "abi", meaning "my father," and "nadav", meaning "to be willing" or "to be generous". The name is also interpreted as "father of generosity".
- 3. **Eleazar**: The name Eleazar, of Hebrew origin, means "God has helped" or "God is helper". The name can also be translated as "God is my salvation".
- 4. Ark of the covenant: The Ark of the Covenant was a sacred chest, described in the Hebrew Bible as a golden-covered wooden box containing the Ten Commandments tablets, and was the most sacred object for the Israelites. It was thought to be the physical representation of God's presence and was carried by the Israelites during their travels. The Ark is also associated with various miraculous events and was believed to possess divine power.
- 5. **Lamenting**: Signifies the Israelites deep sorrow and longing for God's presence and deliverances.

# **Closing Thought**

Just like Israel, we are invited into a sacred process of repentance, consecration, and renewal. As we fast and pray, may we not only grieve over what has been lost but rejoice in the grace and mercy that is always available to us. The Ark may have remained in Kiriath-jearim for 20 years, but God's heart was never far from His people.

He is not far from you either.

Reflect and respond on the below	Guided Prayer:
question:	Heavenly Father,
What are the 'idols' in my life, i.e. habits, people, or priorities, that may be taking the place of God's presence? How can I begin to return to Him wholeheartedly, just as Israel lamented and turned back to the Lord?	Thank You for this sacred time of fasting and prayer. Today, we are reminded of Your presence, holy, powerful, and ever near. Just as the ark rested in the house of Abinadab, may Your Spirit rest in our hearts. May we, like Eleazar, be consecrated and set apart to care for the things of God with reverence and obedience.
<ol> <li>2.</li> </ol>	Lord, we repent for every idol we've knowingly or unknowingly allowed into our lives. We ask You to reveal the things, thoughts, habits, relationships, and desires, that have taken Your place. Uproot them, Lord. Cleanse our hearts and renew our minds.
<ul><li>3.</li><li>4.</li></ul>	We are a people longing after You. We lament the times we've drifted, and we hunger for restoration. In this fast, draw us back to You. Reignite our passion for Your Word, Your presence, and Your will. Help us to recognize Your voice and trust in Your ways, even when Your answers look different from our
5.	expectations.
6.	Thank You for Your mercy that meets us even in our wandering, and for Your generosity that never runs dry. We stand in awe of Your grace.
₹.	May this day mark a turning point, a return to the God of our salvation. Let this fast not be a ritual, but a revival. Let Your glory dwell in us again.
	In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

# DAY 2: Returning with Your Whole Heart

3. THEN SAMUEL SAID TO ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL, 'IF YOU ARE RETURNING TO THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, REMOVE THE FOREIGN GODS AND THE ASHTAROTH FROM AMONG YOU AND DIRECT YOUR HEARTS TO THE LORD AND SERVE HIM ONLY; AND HE WILL RESCUE YOU FROM THE HAND OF THE PHILISTINES. 4. THEN THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL DID PUT AWAY BAALIM AND ASHTAROTH, AND SERVED THE LORD ONLY."

1 SAMUEL 7:3-4 (AMP)

#### Reflection:

The call becomes clearer: God desires not just our attention, but our full-hearted return. Samuel speaks prophetically reminding Israel (and us) that repentance is not partial. It is not enough to simply cry out to God; we must be willing to let go of the idols and fully realign our hearts and lifestyles with Him.

The Israelites were holding onto Ashtaroth gods of fertility, pleasure, and self-indulgence. Today, those same idols may look like ambition without purpose, sexual immorality, money worship, or even the idolization of relationships, success, or comfort.

This verse teaches us that God's deliverance is often preceded by our decision to turn back completely, not half-heartedly. The fast is a symbol of surrender, a statement that we choose to dethrone anything that challenges God's place in our hearts.

Let this day be about internal examination. What do you need to remove to make room for more of God?

# Key words for today bible verse:

#### 1. Samuel

- A prophet, priest, and judge over Israel. He acted as a mouthpiece of God and a spiritual leader in a time of great moral decline.
- Hebrew: Shemu'el meaning "God has heard".

# 2. Return (Hebrew: shuv)

- Means to turn back, repent, or restore.
- This word indicates more than a change of direction; it implies a heartfelt repentance and full realignment with God's will.
- Scripture reference: Joel 2:12-13, Isaiah 55:7

# 3. Foreign gods (Baal and Ashtaroth)

- Baal: A fertility god worshipped in Canaan; symbolized power, success, and rain/harvest.
- Ashtaroth (Astarte): Goddess of fertility and war, associated with sensuality, often served alongside Baal.
- These gods represented idolatrous desires, wealth, lust, and false sources of provision or protection.

# 4. Direct your hearts (Hebrew: kun lebab)

- Means to establish, fix, or prepare the heart a deliberate spiritual focus.
- To "direct your heart to the Lord" involves surrender, devotion, and intention.

# 5. Serve Him only

 Indicates a complete, undivided loyalty. Not partial devotion, but an all-in life of obedience and worship.m

## Closing Thought

God is calling us, like He called Israel, to not only feel sorrow for our distance from Him but to act, to remove the idols, distractions, and double-mindedness in our lives.

This passage reminds us that repentance is not passive. It is a turning away from anything that competes with God's place in our hearts. It requires honesty, intention, and courage. But the beauty in this moment is the promise of deliverance, that when we fully return and serve Him alone, He responds with rescue and restoration.

Reflect and respond on the below question:

What specific things in my life have become idols, things I rely on more than God for comfort, identity, or security? (List them Below).

What steps can I take today to remove these idols and re-establish God as the center of my heart?"

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#### **Guided Prayer:**

Father God,

Today we hear Your call to return to You with all our heart. No more divided loyalty, no more compromise. We acknowledge that there are things we've placed above You—idols we've allowed to sit on the throne of our lives.

We come before You in humility, asking You to expose anything that has stolen our affection or distracted our devotion. Break every tie to false gods—whether it be pride, fear, lust, greed, or anything that pulls us away from You.

Give us the courage to release what no longer serves Your purpose. Help us, Holy Spirit, to direct our hearts to the Lord and serve Him only.

We thank You for the promise of deliverance. You are our rescuer and redeemer. May today mark a deeper level of surrender. As we fast, let Your fire consume everything in us that does not align with Your will.

We love You with our whole heart. Take Your rightful place in our lives, Lord.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

# DAY 3: Pour Out, Cry Out, Watch God Move

THEN SAMUEL SAID, "ASSEMBLE ALL ISRAEL AT MIZPAH, AND I WILL INTERCEDE WITH THE LORD FOR YOU." WHEN THEY HAD ASSEMBLED AT MIZPAH, THEY DREW WATER AND POURED IT OUT BEFORE THE LORD. ON THAT DAY THEY FASTED AND THERE THEY CONFESSED, "WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD." NOW SAMUEL WAS SERVING AS LEADER OF ISRAEL AT MIZPAH. WHEN THE PHILISTINES HEARD THAT ISRAEL HAD ASSEMBLED AT MIZPAH, THE RULERS (LORDS) OF THE PHILISTINES CAME UP TO ATTACK THEM. WHEN THE ISRAELITES HEARD OF IT, THEY WERE AFRAID BECAUSE OF THE PHILISTINES. THEY SAID TO SAMUEL, "DO NOT STOP CRYING OUT TO THE LORD OUR GOD FOR US, THAT HE MAY RESCUE US FROM THE HAND OF THE PHILISTINES." THEN SAMUEL TOOK A SUCKLING LAMB AND SACRIFICED IT AS A WHOLE BURNT OFFERING TO THE LORD. HE CRIED OUT TO THE LORD ON ISRAEL'S BEHALF, AND THE LORD ANSWERED HIM. WHILE SAMUEL WAS SACRIFICING THE BURNT OFFERING, THE PHILISTINES DREW NEAR TO ENGAGE ISRAEL IN BATTLE. BUT THAT DAY THE LORD THUNDERED WITH LOUD THUNDER AGAINST THE PHILISTINES AND THREW THEM INTO SUCH A PANIC THAT THEY WERE ROUTED BEFORE THE ISRAELITES. THE MEN OF ISRAEL RUSHED OUT OF MIZPAH AND PURSUED THE PHILISTINES, SLAUGHTERING THEM ALONG THE WAY TO A POINT BELOW BETH KAR."

1 SAMUEL 7:5-11 NIV

#### Reflection:

This passage is filled with movement, physical and spiritual. Each place mentioned represents a spiritual milestone in the fasting journey:

- 1. Assembling in unity They came together not to fight, but to fast and pray.
- 2. Pouring out water before the Lord Symbolising total surrender and transparency before God.
- 3. Confessing sin They acknowledge their disobedience and commit to change.
- 4. Mizpah The Place of Repentance and Revival. At Mizpah, Israel came together in unity to fast, confess, and seek God. They poured out water before the Lord, a sign of their humility and surrender. Mizpah means "watchtower," reminding us that God is watching over our repentance. Fasting begins with a Mizpah moment, a turning point where we get real with God.
- 5. Beth Car The Place of Pursuit. After God thundered from heaven, the Israelites pursued the Philistines "as far as a point below Beth Car." This was a shift from defense to offense. Beth Car represents the moment God empowers you to chase what once chased you, to reclaim what was stolen. It's where victory accelerates because God has already gone ahead.

Then the enemy shows up right in the middle of their breakthrough, but God responds with thunder, divine intervention that terrifies the enemy and brings victory.

This passage teaches us:

- Repentance is spiritual warfare.
- Fasting invites divine disruption.
- When you surrender, God shows up.

This fast is more than abstaining, it's a journey through sacred spaces that lead to personal revival and supernatural victory.

#### Key words from today's bible verse:

#### 1. Assemble

 Signifies unity, a collective return to God. Revival often starts when people come together in humility.

#### 2. Intercede

 Samuel serves as a priestly mediator, standing in the gap between the people and God pointing to the power of intercessory prayer.

#### 3. Poured out water

 A symbol of surrender, repentance, and purification. It also represents emptying oneself before God, showing dependence.

#### 4. Fasted

 Fasting here is not ritualistic, but deeply spiritual and intentional. It is a posture of brokenness and urgency.

#### 5. Confessed

 True repentance: acknowledging sin and aligning with God's truth. A critical step before breakthrough.

#### 6. Philistines heard

 Even as they pursued repentance, the enemy was still watching and planning. Spiritual breakthroughs often attract opposition.

#### 7. Were afraid

Israel initially feared, but didn't retreat. Fear became fuel for prayer.
 Their posture didn't change because of fear, it deepened.

#### 8. Samuel cried out

 Not just prayer, desperate, urgent intercession. A cry that touched heaven and brought divine intervention.

#### 9. The Lord thundered

 Represents divine power, the voice of God shaking the enemy's confidence. God responded audibly and visibly.

#### 10. Thrown into panic

 The enemy's camp was confused and scattered, showing that God fights with more than swords, He fights with strategy.

#### 11. Pursued... to below Beth Car

 God empowered His people to pursue and take back ground. Victory came after prayer and surrender, not before.

# 12. Suckling Lamb

- Symbol of pure, innocent sacrifice and total surrender.
- Foreshadowed Jesus Christ, the spotless Lamb of God.
- Victory came after the offering showing that sacrifice precedes breakthrough.

## The 5 Lords of the Philistines – A Spiritual Unpacking

"When the Philistines heard that the Israelites had assembled at Mizpah, the rulers (lords) of the Philistines came up to attack them..." 1 Samuel 7:7

The five lords ruled the cities of Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Gath, and Ekron, each with its own spiritual representation of bondage or resistance.

## 1. Gaza – The Lord of Bondage and Cycles

Literal meaning: "Strong" or "fortified."

Spiritual meaning: Represents strongholds and bondage, especially in areas of lust, compromise, and spiritual captivity.

- Samson was held in Gaza bound and blinded (Judges 16).
- Spiritually, Gaza symbolizes cycles of sin, shame, or addiction that keep you from walking in full freedom.
- In your fast, confronting Gaza means breaking free from what's been binding you over and over again.
- Break the stronghold with deliverance, discipline, and declaring God's promises of freedom.

#### 2. Ashkelon – The Lord of Seduction and Worldliness

Literal meaning: "To weigh or be balanced" (but also interpreted as associated with idolatry).

Spiritual meaning: Represents compromise, cultural pressure, and moral erosion.

- Ashkelon was known for pagan worship and sensual practices.
- Spiritually, it symbolises the pull of the world, the need to look, act, or be accepted like others at the cost of your calling.
- This "lord" tempts you to dilute your devotion or normalise sin for popularity or comfort.
- Resist Ashkelon with holy living, consecration, and renewing your mind.

# 3. Ashdod – The Lord of Corruption and Counterfeit Worship

Literal meaning: "Stronghold" or "fortress."

Spiritual meaning: Represents idolatry, false religion, and corrupted spiritual authority.

- The Ark of the Covenant was once placed in Ashdod's temple of Dagon, a false god (1 Samuel 5).
- This city represents when truth is mixed with error, a polluted gospel or religious pride.
- Spiritually, Ashdod challenges your purity of worship and tries to replace God with idols of status, money, or religion.
- Tear down Ashdod through sincere worship, truth, and repentance from false dependencies.

#### 4. Gath - The Lord of Intimidation and Giants

Literal meaning: "Winepress."

Spiritual meaning: Represents fear, oppression, and generational giants.

- Goliath came from Gath the giant who mocked Israel for 40 days.
- Gath represents loud, threatening opposition that tries to stop your faith with fear, discouragement, or trauma.
- It also points to emotional strongholds, spiritual warfare, or ancestral struggles (e.g., rejection, addiction, anger).
- Confront Gath by identifying your "giants" and facing them in the power of God's Word and your identity.

## 5. Ekron – The Lord of Death and Delay

Literal meaning: "Rooted out" or "eradication."

Spiritual meaning: Represents aborted purpose, delay, and fear of death (spiritual or literal).

- Ekron was associated with Baal-Zebub, the god of death and divination (2 Kings 1:2).
- This spirit tries to abort your destiny, delay your progress, or leave you spiritually barren.
- Ekron attacks with hopelessness, confusion, or fear of failure just when you're on the brink of breakthrough.

Y Uproot Ekron by declaring life over your purpose, renewing your faith, and speaking resurrection over dead places.

You can also read this article from Christianlivin.com for another perspective on the 5 Lords of the Philistines: https://www.christianliving.faith/p/the-5-lords-of-the-philistines

## **Closing Thought**

Today, we stood at Mizpah, a place of repentance, intercession, and divine encounter. As Israel gathered to seek the Lord, the enemy gathered too, but God thundered from heaven and gave victory, not through strength, but through sacrifice and surrender. Like Samuel's offering of the suckling lamb, we lay ourselves before God as living sacrifices, trusting in Jesus, our perfect Lamb, who secures our deliverance. May every Philistine stronghold fall, every spiritual lord be defeated, and may your Ebenezer moment, your testimony that "thus far the Lord has helped me", begin to manifest.

# **Spiritual Activation**

Pour out a glass of water today as a prophetic act of surrender. Say out loud what you're releasing. Then declare:

"I'm at Mizpah,God sees me. I'm headed to Beth Car, God strengthens me. I will arrive at Ebenezer, God has helped me."
End with a 10-minute time of stillness and worship. Write a list of what the Holy spirit can help you with.

#### **Guided Prayer:**

Father, I come to Mizpah today. I pour out my fears, pride, sin, and burdens. I surrender all before You. May this be my turning point.
Thunder on my behalf, Lord, scatter every enemy of my soul. As I move toward my Beth Car, give me courage to pursue what You've promised. And when I arrive at my Ebenezer moment, may my life be a monument to Your glory.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

# DAY 4: Peace Beyond Understanding

THEN SAMUEL TOOK A STONE AND SET IT UP BETWEEN MIZPAH AND SHEN. HE NAMED IT EBENEZER, SAYING, 'THUS FAR THE LORD HAS HELPED US. "SO THE PHILISTINES WERE SUBDUED AND THEY STOPPED INVADING ISRAEL'S TERRITORY. THROUGHOUT SAMUEL'S LIFETIME, THE HAND OF THE LORD WAS AGAINST THE PHILISTINES. THE TOWNS FROM EKRON TO GATH THAT THE PHILISTINES HAD CAPTURED FROM ISRAEL WERE RESTORED TO ISRAEL, AND ISRAEL DELIVERED THE NEIGHBORING TERRITORY FROM THE HANDS OF THE PHILISTINES. AND THERE WAS PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE AMORITES.

1 SAMUEL 7:12-15

#### Reflection

This verse is a moment of memorial and thanksgiving. Samuel sets up a stone called Ebenezer; "stone of help" to remind Israel that God was with them through the battle. This is a powerful reminder to pause and reflect on how far God has carried you.

Even in your current struggles or uncertainties, remember: you are not alone. That stone stood as proof of past victories, and God's help is not just past tense, it continues. God not only restores obvious things that the enemy stole he also restores your strength to fight against the enemy who is out to steal, kill and destroy.

# Key words from today's bible verse:

- 1. Ebenezer "Stone of help"; a symbol of God's faithfulness.
- 2. Help Divine assistance in times of distress.
- 3. Remembrance Marking God's victories in your life.
- 4. Testimony Public declaration of God's deliverance.
- 5. Victory The defeat of enemies by God's power.
- 6. Restoration Reclaiming what was lost or stolen.
- 7.Peace Divine stillness and harmony following spiritual alignment.
- 8.Deliverance Freedom from oppression or bondage.
- 9.Covenant Renewed commitment between God and His people.
- 10. Worship Marker A visible or spiritual reminder of God's goodness.
  - 11. Territory Areas of influence or promise being reclaimed.
- 12. Reclamation Taking back what the enemy stole.
- 13. Spiritual Borders God reestablishing boundaries and dominion.
- 14. Inheritance God returning what belongs to you.
- 15. Freedom No longer under the enemy's controll.

#### Closing thoughts:

To physically or symbolically mark what God has helped you overcome, and identify what areas of your life God is restoring, just like Israel reclaimed towns and set up a stone of remembrance.

What thoughts or situations disrupt your peace? How can you invite God's presence into those areas today? list them beloe:

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## **Guided Prayer:**

Heavenly Father,

Today, I pause and reflect on Your faithfulness. Just like Samuel raised the stone and declared, "Ebenezer," I raise my heart in remembrance and gratitude. You have helped me this far,through trials, tears, delays, and even seasons I didn't understand.

I thank You for every moment You protected me when I didn't even know I was in danger. I thank You for restoring what the enemy tried to steal, my joy, my peace, my vision, and my hope. The territories that were once occupied by fear, doubt, or stagnation are now being reclaimed in Your name.

Let this day be a marker of victory. May peace be established in every area of my life, peace in my home, peace in my mind, peace in my purpose. Just as You gave Israel rest from their enemies, I declare that rest is my portion too.

I will not forget what You've done. I carry my "Ebenezer" in my spirit as a reminder that You are the God who helps, restores, and secures. May I walk boldly into what's next, knowing that the same God who brought me this far will never fail me.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

# DAY 5: Faithfulness Sealed

SAMUEL CONTINUED AS ISRAEL'S LEADER ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE. FROM YEAR TO YEAR HE WENT ON A CIRCUIT FROM BETHEL TO GILGAL TO MIZPAH, JUDGING ISRAEL IN ALL THOSE PLACES. BUT HE ALWAYS WENT BACK TO RAMAH, WHERE HIS HOME WAS, AND THERE HE ALSO HELD COURT FOR ISRAEL. AND HE BUILT AN ALTAR THERE TO THE LORD

1 SAMUEL 7:15-17 (NIV)

#### Reflection

This final passage brings everything full circle: God's faithfulness leads to a lifetime of obedience, service, and worship. Samuel didn't stop at victory, he stayed consistent, building structures of worship, justice, and leadership that honored God.

As your fast comes to an end, this verse is your call to:

- Continue the journey with God consistently, intentionally, year after year.
- Let the altar of this fast become a permanent place in your life, not a temporary pause.
- Recognise that after spiritual renewal, God wants to use you to serve others, in your home, your community, and wherever your influence reaches.

This isn't the end, it's the beginning of deeper fellowship and alignment with your purpose.

# **Closing Prayer**

"Lord, as I complete this 5-day fast, I thank You for what You've started in me. Let this not be a moment, but a movement in my life. Like Samuel, may I serve You faithfully, consistently, and with integrity for the rest of my life. May I build altars of worship in every area of my walk, my home, my work, my relationships. Use me, guide me, and keep me rooted in Your will. I declare that peace, restoration, and purpose will follow me all the days of my life. Amen."

# Sources of the Additional Messages in the Fast Reflections

- ◆ 1. Biblical Context & Cross-References (Primary Source)
  - The core meanings of Mizpah, Ebenezer, and Beth Car are derived directly from the Bible, particularly from 1 Samuel 7, supported by lexicon studies and interconnected Bible passages.
  - Cross-referencing was done with other scriptures and biblical narratives involving these locations to understand historical patterns and spiritual significance.

## ◆ Examples:

- Mizpah appears in multiple locations in the Bible (Genesis 31, Judges 10, 1 Samuel 7) and consistently symbolizes a place of gathering, covenant, and repentance.
- Ebenezer is defined in Hebrew as "Stone of Help" (from Eben ha-Ezer) — 1 Samuel 7:12 directly interprets this.
- Beth Car appears only once (1 Samuel 7:11), and its meaning ("House of the Lamb" or possibly "House of the Meadow") is derived from Strong's Concordance and Hebrew lexicon tools.

# 2. Biblical Word Studies and Lexicons

- Tools like Strong's Concordance, Blue Letter Bible, and Bible Hub were used to extract:
  - Original Hebrew meanings
  - Root words and their implications
  - Consistent uses of terms like Mizpah and Ebenezer throughout the Biblle.

#### 3. Historical and Cultural Biblical

- Deeper meanings (e.g. Mizpah = watchtower or place of accountability) come from:
  - Matthew Henry Commentary
  - IVP Bible Background Commentary
  - Holman Bible Dictionary
  - Easton's Bible Dictionary

These helped establish the cultural and prophetic weight of the locations in Israel's histor.

# Sources of the Additional Messages in the Fast Reflections

- 4. Theological Interpretation & Prophetic Application
  - Some of the symbolic links (e.g. connecting the suckling lamb to Jesus, or viewing the five Philistine lords as spiritual strongholds) come from biblical typology, a common interpretive method used in both:
    - Systematic Theology
    - Spirit-filled/Charismatic traditions, where spiritual warfare and prophetic meaning are drawn from patterns in scripture

These interpretations were inspired by teachings from:

- Dr. Chuck Missler (typology and prophecy)
- Derek Prince Ministries (spiritual warfare)
- Other evangelical/charismatic pastors.
- ◆ 5. Holy Spirit-led Devotional Interpretation Some insights (such as the prophetic meaning of the five Philistine lords as modern strongholds) are not from one specific verse, but are drawn through:
  - Prayerful reflection
  - Biblical pattern recognition
  - Spiritual typology
  - This method is often used in devotional or prophetic teaching, especially in fasting or deliverance contexts.

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# Yearly Habit — Tracker

Once you have finalised this fast, lurge you to track the habits that are becoming idols that are keeping you away from God's abundance. Actively acknowledge those habits and replace them by reading the word of God. For example, if gossiping, procrastination, food, relying on self, relying on loans, relationships etc., is one of your bad habits. Every time you have the urge to gossip. Stop reflect and read the bible. Find a good word to speak instead of gossip. use the tracker here to track your progress.

JANUARY	Habit
FEBRUARY	Habit
MARCH	Habit
APRIL	Habit
MAY	Habit
JUNE	Habit

(Half yearly thoughts)

# Yearly Habit—Tracker

JULY Habit Habit **AUGUST** Habit **SEPTEMBER Habit OCTOBER NOVEMBER** Habit Habit **DECEMBER** 

(End of year thoughts)