1) KINGDOM WARRIORS, ARISE!

2) IN THIS TIME OF GREAT DARKNESS, GOD IS RAISING UP HIS KINGDOM WARRIORS FOR THE LAST DAYS!

 Is.60:1-2 “Arise Shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen on you. For

 behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but the Lord shall

 rise on you, and His glory shall be seen on you.” THIS IS ABOUT THE LAST DAYS!

3) We need to prepare for war! The words of the prophet Joel are also for these Last Days: Prepare for war! –Wake up the mighty men- beat your plows into swords. Let the weak say, “I am strong!”

4) In this evil fallen world we each have the challenge, the opportunity, the necessity of fighting against sin & Satan!

5) God wants His sons & daughters to GROW UP and not remain like babies!

6) In 1 Jn 2:12 immature Christians are compared to being like babies, but in Jn.2:12 maturing Christians are like young men who are ready to fight and overcome. “I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.”

7) Babies can be lazy and do nothing! But a soldier must be ready to endure great difficulties!

8) HOW COMMITTED ARE WE TO JOIN THE BATTLES? HOW WHOLEHEARTEDLY WILL WE JOIN IN? HOW FULLY WILL WE GAIN THE VICTORIES & REWARDS?

Gods’s purposes in these Last Days *will* be completed- “I will build My church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it,”

The kingdom soldiers *will* arise and gain great victory & reward- the only question, is how much will we be a part of this victory? How fully will be obtain the eternal rewards and glory waiting for the victorious soldiers of Christ? Will others arise to gain the victories and the spoils of war, while we obtain little or nothing?

9) There is a Victory Song recorded Judges 5. It was a victory song sung after Israel won a great battle: it told how the different tribes gained the victory- or did not join in the war! GOD’S PEOPLE WON THE WAR- BUT NOT ALL JOINED IN!

Jdg 5:18 Zebulun and Naphtali were a people who put their lives in danger of death in the high places of the field. WHOLEHEARTED – COMMITTED! READY TO FIGHT!

5:15—16 REUBEN: There were great struggles of heart for the divisions of Reuben. Why did you stay among the sheepfolds to hear the bleating of the flocks? For in the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart. DIVIDED HEART- COULDN’T COMMIT THEMSELVES TO FIGHT!

Jdg 5:17 Gilead stayed beyond Jordan. And why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the seashore and remained in his havens. SOME STAYED SAFELY FAR AWAY (it’s not my problem)… SOME WERE TOO BUSY WITH WORK, MAKING MONEY!

10) HOW COMMITTED ARE WE TO JOIN THE BATTLES? SOMETIMES THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TO WAR (PRAYER, WITNESSING)- SOMETIMES THE CHURCH CALLS US TO JOIN IN A BATTLE: PRAYER MEETINGS! MISSION TRIPS- HOSTING THE SOLDIERS OF CHRIST (conferences)- PROVIDING FOR THE SOLDIERS (TITHES & OFFERINGS) – OVERCOMING SIN! RAISING UP THE HIGH PRAISES OF GOD! THERE ARE MANY BATTLES WE CAN BE CALLED TO!

11) THERE ARE GREAT REWARDS FOR THE VICTORIOUS KINGDOM WARRIORS:

12) REWARD #1 - THEY WILL BECOME MORE LIKE CHRIST!

 Yes, Jesus is meek & humble & loving- but He is also a Man of War- came to the Temple- with a

 whip! Overturning the tables of those selling in the temple & making great profits

13) “The Lord is a Man of War” –Ex.15:3 – we need to become men & women of war to be like Him!

 Don’t just seek to live a comfortable, prosperous life “Endure hardness as a good soldier of

 Christ” –Don’t be a “Sleeping Saint” who will never gain any victories for the kingdom of God!

 Awake, put on your strength!

Gideon: “You mighty man of Valor” Gideon was hiding from the enemy- but he let the word of God make him a mighty man of valor!

THE CONDITION OF OUR FALLEN ADAMIC NATURE: IT IS BROKEN – WEAK! WE NEED THE NATURE OF CHRIST TO BE BUILT UP IN OUR LIFE THAT WE CAN BECOME MORE THAN CONQUERORS IN CHRIST! KINGDOM WARRIORS!

14) REWARD # 2 – THE VICTORIOUS KINGDOM WARRIORS WILL ETERNALLY HAVE CLOSER FELLOWSHIP- WITH CHRIST & EACH OTHER!

THE “FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS,” PHIL.3:10 FELLOWSHIP W/ CHRIST-

Jesus was a Man of Sorrows,” Is.53:3 – and He has always appreciated those who will be close to Him in His sufferings! (Peter, James & John invited to be close to him in the Garden of Gethsemane)

Jesus said to His 12 Apostles, Lk.22:28-30 “"But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom” THE 12 APOSTLES WERE HIS FRIENDS, THEY STUCK WITH HIM THRU THE HARD TIMES- AND JESUS WILL STICK WITH THEM FOR ETERNITY!

AND WE WILL HAVE ETERNALLY CLOSER FELLOWSHIP WITH THE VICTORIOUS KINGDOM WARRIORS!

(WAR VETERANS LIKE TO GET TOGETHER & DISCUSS THE OLD WAR- THEIR HEARTS ARE UNITED! THEY SHARE SIMILAR SUFFERINGS, AND SHARE A SPECIAL VICTORY)

15) REWARD # 3 - THEY WILL REIGN WITH CHRIST - Jesus said to His 12 Apostles, Lk.22:28-30 “"But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

“THEY WILL REIGN WITH HIM 1000 YEARS” – REV.20:6

16) CHRIST GIVING A CROWN: Well done, faithful servant! You will rule over 5 cities!

17) REWARD # 4 - THEY WILL FOREVER BE FILLED WITH MORE OF THE GLORY OF GOD! “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” – 2 Cor.4:17

18) Paul also said in Romans 8:18 “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory which will be revealed in us”

19) IN THE NEW HEAVENS & EARTH, ALL THE SAINTS WILL ENTER A NEW AGE
- A NEW WORKING OF GOD! NO SIN! NO SATAN! NO SUFFERING! NO DEATH!

“And there will be no more death, nor mourning, nor crying, nor pain; for the former things have passed away. And He that sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.” -Rev. 21:4-5

20) OUR FUTURE IN THE NEW H & E CAN HAVE LIMITATIONS

1. NO MORE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME MORE LIKE CHRIST, THE WARRIOR!

 2) NO MORE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST’S SUFFERINGS!

 3) NO MORE OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE TO REIGN WITH CHRIST!

 4) NO MORE OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE FOR MORE OF THE GLORY OF GOD!

21) NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE KINGDOM WARRIORS TO ARISE!

 NOW IS THE TIME TO GAIN GREAT VICTORIES & REWARDS FOR ETERNITY!