

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of YHWH is risen on you. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but YHWH will arise on you, and his glory shall be seen on you." Isaiah 60:1, 2

Time Left to Prepare for the Remnant Exodus:

42 Months

Take action today!

Tsiyon Partner Action Points:

- Module 13: Unit 1-4
- and/or listen to #36 Dirty Laundry
- Read Luke 22:35-71
- Attend Sabbath

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From Eliyahu:

Shalom friends,



Feeling the ground shifting under your feet can be a very scary feeling. I've been through a few fairly small tremors at times and I remember wondering what would happen next. In those cases, fortunately, nothing too overwhelming did happen next. It was really more scary when I was on the phone having a normal conversation with a family member in California. Suddenly there was an alarmed voice on the other end of the phone, announcing that the house was shaking. Abruptly, the phone went dead. In the end it turned out alright, just another reminder of how quickly normal life can be rudely interrupted by the threat of imminent danger.

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There is another kind of quaking and shifting that can be even more disquieting. At this moment, while writing the previous line, a friend who doesn't know what I'm writing says; "I've always got weird stuff I've got to deal with." I couldn't put it better myself. A lot of us feel that way. Too much change, too often, is irritating and disconcerting, yet, seems to be coming at each of us in an unending stream of micro-shocks. It gives one the feeling of constant tremors in our lives, coming to each of us like shifting ground under our feet. The shifting ground in this case is not the actual ground though. It is modern human society, shaking and quaking everywhere.

Weird science, weird weather, strange health problems, a lot of strange people, the fragile economy, crazy politics, world tensions between nations, shifting societal norms - shaking, shaking everywhere. What does all of this change actually mean? Take the specter of ever-present corruption and scandal for example. We get numb to it after a while, but should we? Maybe it means something. Consider this for example:

Corruption, at least public perceptions of corruption, are indexed globally each year. According to the index, its official. corruption is getting worse globally. Only the countries on the map that are shown in color white are perceived as being relatively corruption free, and frankly, that is suspect, at least in my perception of the world. I'm thinking that maybe those countries are better at covering things up. In any case, this latest index of corruption is at crisis levels according to the indexing body. What does this mean for the future?

CORRUPTION WEAKENS DEMOCRACY

This year's *Corruption Perceptions Index* reveals that the continued failure of most countries to significantly control corruption is contributing to a crisis in democracy around the world.

The index, which ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption according to experts and businesspeople, uses a scale of zero to 100, where zero is highly corrupt and 100 is very clean. More than two-thirds of countries score below 50 on this year's CPI, with an average score of just 43.

Source: https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/cpi_2018_global_analysis

One thing I would glean from a globally high level of corruption in the public sector would be that, in too many cases, the needs of citizens are secondary to favors from the wealthy and powerful, whose interests always seem to dominate. This is not a good thing for ordinary people, but the trend indicates that corruption is beyond our control, and getting worse.

How does one navigate their way across the shifting ground of an unpredictable world like this and not be damaged by it? That is the question. Here too the Scriptures have the answer, as we look to the example of Yeshua and His disciples. They too lived in a world of unrelenting change, and corruption everywhere. We can learn a lot by considering what they did when the ground started shifting under their feet, and brought them to the point of crisis.

What will you do when the shifting ground of this world catches up with you? Maybe it would be a good idea not to miss this lesson, at our Tsiyon meeting tonight, as we look into this very question. Please, join me, for our live video stream at <u>tsiyon.net</u>, at 8 pm cst, as we consider Luke 22:35-71, and get something solid under your feet that cannot be shaken.

Shalom,

Eliyahu <u>Tsiyon.Org</u>



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