

Heaven is shaking the Bear Part 4 -Dr Hollisa Alewine

Because today I have set out there some things I want to do, however, some things came to light even yesterday evening. And it pertains to Daniel's prophecy the 42 months, 42 weeks, the Persian Median kingdom and then I found some literature associated with that, that it was really odd how it all fit together. And I'm not trying to tease you about what's coming up or clickbait or whatever you call it because it is maddening when people do that.

But the problem right now is, it is overwhelming how many things are locking into place prophetically. And so the challenge here is how to present, how to move that forward in an orderly manner when it is happening so fast. Because one of the points we always make is **context is everything** and you don't want to do things for sensationalism. You don't want to make it into a carnival ride. You want to make sure that it is Scripturally grounded. And so even as I'm seeing these boxes checked off in my study compared to what's happening in lifetime, yeah, it is overwhelming. And so how to present that in an orderly manner. But just last night I became more aware of some details that are going on in the straight of Hormuz right now.

In the Jewish literature, these events, especially the explosive things that went off today almost simultaneously across Iran, hitting the IRGC headquarters, not just the headquarters, but the buildings that were used by them. It seems like the first report that came out was in Bandar Abbas, and that is significant in terms of the rabbinic take on Daniel's prophecy, his interaction with Gabriel and Michael and what was represented by those 21 days. One of the things that that came out of the study this week is that the straight of Hormuz is significant in the prophecies concerning the bear of Persia. And what I hope to unpack for you in a week or two to come is how in creating a noose for the nations, the bear has actually hung itself.

They don't really try to defend the whole straight of Hormuz. They've heavily mined certain areas. They try to force traffic into certain lanes. And that way it is kind of a 300 proposition. If you can force your enemy to come through a narrow spot, you don't need nearly as much firepower to hold them off or even destroy them as they come through. So, well, that was a lesson they learned. But the alternative to that is whereas you can use it to manipulate oil supply and so forth. It also works in reverse and so 40% of Iran's food staples are imported. They have to come through the straight of Hormuz.

Well, right now those ships bringing the food in have either set anchor and they can't get in right now because we know that they are having war games with China and Russia. Plus, the United States is anchored off of there. So the trade ships are not going to go through there right now. It is too risky. And so, not only have they got themselves in a strait, they have also cut off at least 40% of

their food supply. Because these ships are either stopping, dropping anchor, or turning around and going back where they came from because they know even should they arrive there, the money's no good. The Rial is zero. It is worth nothing right now. And so, the currency is devalued. Top people are defecting and taking billions that should have been spent on spare parts, repairing airplanes, repairing air defense systems, maintaining rocket fuel and those sorts of things that just have to be maintained in a military state like that.

They are in a strait not just a straight of Hormuz right now but this was actually predicted in the Talmud. Not so much as a standalone prophecy, but as their take on the book of Daniel and some of the significant numbers and things that were said in the book of Daniel. So, I want to unpack that for you eventually, but I do want to continue in an orderly way. And by this time next week, who knows? Last night just kind of blew my mind how the production was there of 21 kings and a city that represents controlling the state or the straight of Hormuz and that that would be the key to the bear. And then of course that seaport this morning was the first one a building to blow up. So, we'll follow that. You can bet I'll be following that closely. And going back into my source and saying, Okay, what else may I have missed right here?

And just kind of, it is not that we write off Talmudic literature. We don't. I don't. That would be foolish. These are people who spoke the original language and things were handed down from the men of the great assembly and we know they were inspired to write the books of prophecy and so especially when things show up later in the New Testament. You are like well, where's that in the Old Testament? It is not in there but they knew it and they handed the information down, here it is in the New Testament. So you can't toss it, you have to evaluate it and say, "How does this line up with Scripture?" And if it lines up, you've got an additional tool there.

So, let's jump into, just kind of an overview. What we want to accomplish today is we want to take it: where does this 42 months come from? Because numbers as we know in Scripture are not random, they represent specific things. And so you want to take a look at the significance of 42 months or 42 anything. It will have a core, a kernel of meaning there. We want to talk about the rebels, the sinners, and the mockers because problems aren't just going on in Iran right now. Problems aren't just going on in Israel right now. The whole world is in a state of flux. So, we want to look at what Scripture says about the rebels, the sinners, and the mockers, especially since we know that severe tribulation is associated with not just judging these sorts of people, but giving them an opportunity to repent. We'll talk a little bit more about the angelic majesties and how they are compared to rebel sinners and mockers, because not all of these angelic majesties are doing their assignment. Some of them also rebelled. So, we'll take a look at that and then if we have time, we'll take a look at not just the

Persian bear, which we did that last week, but we'll see when it might have morphed into the Roman boar, bear versus boar.

Now, we know that fourth beast that is associated with Rome is not a specific creature. It is a conglomerate of the lion, of the bear, and of the leopard. But there was also symbolism of the boar of the forest to the empire of Rome. And I have, I want to say several lessons way back there, as we were doing I think Song of Songs, but I don't have access to those files right now. So I just want to take a real simple look at it to help us remember why that is important. And then coming up next week and the next probably we'll take a closer look at Dobiel or Dubiel, who is the prince of Persia and what was granted to him. We'll ask the question, why does the Talmud say that Dobiel ate a scroll? And are there people in Scripture who have eaten scrolls? What does that even mean? And was this a very oblique, I don't even want to say prophecy because the beginnings of it had already occurred, but it has become even more and more and more prophetic as the centuries rolled on from the time of the Mishna and the Talmud, which was not completed up until the medieval period. But they would have definitely been feeling the effects of it by the medieval period.

There is something within Islam that you need to know about and we need to understand not just eating the scroll, but what that has to do with this specific world event involving Iran today. We'll talk more about 42 months, the abomination of desolation. We need more information on that. Because it is important to know you don't actually have to have an idol sitting there. Scripture is many times not just a game of inches. It is a game of things almost touching but not quite. And in this case, as we want to use context because there is more than one reference to the abomination that causes desolation. And we need to realize that in one prophecy, the idol may have actually been there. Within this other prophecy, it is only describing where it sat, the location where it sat.

So in terms of that, when we talk about the abomination that causes desolation. The abomination may yet be there to this day because it is describing its "seat" where it sat. And the influence is still squatting there today. And then historically, we'll probably need to know more about Iran and Islam. So, that is what's coming up just to give you an overview.

And you can see these topics, they are not easy topics. They are topics you want to be super careful about. And that is why it is okay to take it slow, not to get ahead of ourselves. Even though when I pull up the news and I see what's happening in the straight of Hormuz as we speak, the temptation is to just jump in there. But we are not going to do that. We are going to have the cool spirit and show some restraint. We want to lay the foundation. Otherwise we just get all over the place and we don't want to get all over the place.

Now, I'm showing you a slide at this point that is very heavily prophetic.

Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up by the way, young lads came out from the city and mocked him and said to him, "Go up, you baldhead; go up, you baldhead!" When he looked behind him and saw them, he cursed them in the name of the LORD. Then **two female bears** came out of the woods and tore up **forty-two lads** of their number. (2 Ki 2:23-24)

Medea-Persia bears

$7 \times 7 = 49$

$7 \times 6 = 42$

42

42 is half of a 7-year period of months

42 is one "week" less than perfection of 7 7s to Sinai/Shavuot

It is also twice 21, the number of days the Prince of Persia

obstructed Gabriel. It is also linked to King Zedekiah and the

end of the 10th of Tevet siege of Jerusalem on 9th of Av.

And that is why I did want to go ahead and prepare slides for you to see even though I normally don't for the podcast or the live stream, I wanted you to have something you could refer to later. And so, here's some points we are going to look at. But first of all, we need to look at the prophecy which is in 2 Kings 2:23 - 24. And you say, I thought that was a history book. I didn't know the Kings and the Chronicles were prophecy books.

Yeah, they are because they are describing the lives of the prophets. And in this case, we are reading about the life of Elisha immediately after Elijah or Eliyahu was caught up into the chariot of Israel. And this happened very close to the city of Jericho. And you say, well, what were Israelites doing in Jericho? Wasn't it forever cursed? And yes and no, it was cursed. But with repentance, we know that a decree can be short-circuited. You can't stop it, but you can send something out after it that will mitigate the effect of it. That is how decrees work.

And so overturning the curse, what was happening is there were people trying to live in this area of Jericho. And we know there is multiple destructions there. So, we don't know exactly which Jericho of which era they were trying to live on. But we know by the time of Yeshua, it was a pretty significant hometown for priests and Levites. But remember, the waters were cursed and it was making everybody sick that tried to live there. So they called Elisha, just following this incident where Elijah goes up, and they say, "Can you help us?" Everybody's

sick from this curse that is resting on Jericho. And of all things, he asks for salt and then he pours salt into the springs and all of a sudden there is life in the spring. So that tells you a lot. You know, when we did our salt covenant study, how important it is to keep the commandments with salt because that is the key ingredient.

And that was the key ingredient that refreshed the spring so people would stop getting sick. So, he does this miracle. It might have been his first after Elijah went up. And so he's walking back toward Carmel, and he's going to go through Beit'el. So that is where the story here picks up. He's headed toward Carmel via Beit'el. So it says, *Then he went up from there to Beit'el. And as he was going up, by the way, young lads came out from the city. And what did they do? They mocked him and said to him, Go up, you bald head. Go up, you bald head.* In other words, you go up like Elijah. You think you are special. You think you can do miracles. Let's see you go up like Elijah went up. So, they are taunting. They are mocking him. *When Elisha looked behind him and saw them, he cursed them in the name of the Lord, he used YHVH. Then two female bears came out of the woods and tore up 42 lads of their number.* That is significant.

The fact that they came out of the woods, later that will connect us to the boar of the woods that is associated with Rome. And remember Rome is the fourth beast of the kingdom. The bear is the second. Rome is the fourth and its symbol was the boar. So two female bears, not just one, but two. Well, if you'll remember, it wasn't just Persia, there was Media, Medo Persia, but they were very similar ethnically and so forth. So, it is usually boiled down to one bear, the Medo Persian bear. But because there is really two kings, two empires in this stage of the beast kingdoms, we can see that there are two female bears.

And, as we see two, we might also want to put over here on the suspicious platter, could this also be prophesying of two separate time periods? Always keep that in mind when you see a double of something, suspect that you might be reading about two separate fulfillments of prophecy. It even makes me think here because this story is really conditional upon what just happened to Elijah when it talks about the two witnesses in Revelation.

Although I've got other ideas about the two witnesses in Revelation, but the fact that basically we have the two main prophets here of that era, Elijah and Elisha, these two witnesses who are prophesying. But two female bears come out and they tear up 42 of their number. Now, we are not told what the total number was. There was a total number of these boys, but it designates 42 that were torn. So what is the significance of the number 42? Remember numbers in Scripture are not random. They always have significance. So if we look at these 42, let's think of how that would work out. Especially because we know 42 is a significant number to Daniel and to the book of Revelation, to John, when they

talk about the 42 months, when they talk about the time and times and half the time.

So we know that the number 42 would be half of a seven-year period of months. So if you have 42 months, that is half of 84, which is a seven-year period. So that might be linking us to Revelation, it might be linking us to Daniel. And because the bear kingdom rose up in the lifetime of Daniel, and he was actually, I might say a politician, a government worker for Media and Persia- two female bears- the bear kingdoms arose during his lifetime. So probably Daniel will be able to shed some light on this.

What else do we know about the number 42? Well, if we say 7×7 equals 49, which represents Shavuot, the counting to the giving of the Torah. And then on the 50th day, you celebrate the Feast, but you have to count seven sevens in order to reach the Torah, in order to reach the Feast day. It also works that way with the Jubilee, you'll have the seven sevens that you will count until you reach the 7th *shmitah* of 49 and then the 50th which will be the *yovel* or the jubilee. So it would be if we look at that one less one increment less than this jubilee, one week, one seven period of sevens less than that perfection of seven sevens counting to Sinai counting to Shavuot.

But since there are two and they tear up 42 lads...if we split it evenly, and Scripture doesn't tell us to, but let's try it. What if each bear tore an equal number of boys? Well, that is 21 a piece. Is there any significance to 21 in Scripture? Not a whole lot. But what is there is significant, and it is in the context of what we've been talking about. How this siege, this revolution in Iran kicked off on the 10th of Tevet. There is a pattern there. Well, as we go back and we read the history of the last king of Judah, Zedekiah, remember the siege began on the 10th of Tevet. It ends on the 9th of Av when Jerusalem is overrun finally and the Temple is destroyed.

So remember, with prophecy sometimes things can work in a reverse. It is like there is rectification. It can also work on the opposite side, like the people that we would hope would be the good guys, instead, it'll work on what we would hope would be the bad guys. But 21 is the number of days the prince of Persia obstructed Gabriel. Remember his name is thought to be Dobiel, which is "El is my bear." And last week, that is when we learned the characteristics of the bear, that slow-moving strength. And so the only place really you are going to find a significant number of 21 is going to be the age of King Zedekiah when he ascended the throne of Judah and was for all practical purposes the last king of Judah. Even though we had some extra things happened there at the end at this point it is over.

He escapes on the 9th of Av as the city is falling with his sons. He is chased down, of all places in the plains of Jericho, and of course he has to watch while

his sons are killed, and then his eyes are put out. I know, pretty violent. But when we are looking for significance, we have to find other contexts in Scripture where that number is significant. And so with the 42 which is identified with the bears and we know that Daniel and Revelation, John, are going to identify the bear with the second beast kingdom. And then Daniel tells us there is a 21-day obstruction. We look for some other context for 21.

And we find it in the age of the last king of Judah who fell to the king of Babylon. And we know Iran encompasses much of the territory of the lion of Babylon as well as the Medo Persian bears. So it seems as if there is a similar timetable in place. Now will something extra special happen this year on the 9th of Av? I don't know. Sometimes we go years and years and years without it seeming like anything significant is happening. But we have just within the last few years seen the covid thing on the 10th of Tevet, and then this revolution begin in the former Persian Empire on the 10th of Tevet. So this would not be a day I would want to overlook something happening on the 9th of Av.

<p>Forty-two in significance: A period of trampling by an authorized ruler, marks end of authority, supporting Ahab's monarchy which was marked by idolatry and the actions of his queen Jezebel, who persecuted the saints, the executor of Ahab's murderous, kleptomaniacal aspirations to rule both government and religion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nu 35:6 42 cities of Levites/refuge for man-slayer • 1 Sa 13:1 Saul's reign of 42 years • 2 Ki 2:23-24 42 boys mockers/supporters of death in Jericho after Elisha purified the spring with salt • 2 Ki 10:14 supporters of Ahab from Judah • Re 11:2; 13:5 trampling of Jerusalem by nations for 42 months during rule of beast by authority; the woman "Jezebel" who rides him twists religious doctrines and leads the righteous into <u>abominations of adultery and idolatry</u>
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So let's look at some other significances of 42. This is what we do. We build the context. Where are other places in Scripture that the number 42 is significant? Because it specifically says 42 boys were killed by the bears that came out of the woods. And so I have a list for you of some significant Scripture references in the Torah, which is the seed prophecy. No matter which other

books we go to, the seed prophecy is always found in the Torah. And the seed prophecy of 42 is found in Numbers 35:6.

And this explains that there are to be these 42 cities of the Levites and refuge for a man's slayer. And how long do they have to stay in the refuge city? If we are looking at these cities of the Levites and the place of refuge for the manslayer, they have to stay there until the death of the high priest who is in office at that time. **That is a key.** This is a place to make a note because we are reading the seed prophecy. This is what was told to Moses face to face. This is not the dreams, visions, and dark sayings of Daniel and John and Ezekiel and so forth. This is the face to face. What do we see from the face to face with Moses here? That it defines a place of refuge not just for the Levites but a place of refuge for a manslayer.

Because remember that is you know these cities of the Levites function that way. And so you have to stay there until the one in authority is replaced. So what is it about? Regime change. You've been basically imprisoned in a city and you will remain imprisoned in that condition until there is a change of authority. **Authority** is the big word right here. A change in authority.

So what's happening with the 42 bears, I mean the 42 boys that the two bears tear? Elisha represents a change in authority. Eliyahu has been taken up. He dropped his - probably his tallit for Elisha to catch. So the anointing, the authority passed to Elisha, and rather than recognize that new authority, they begin to mock Elisha. And so in refusing to recognize time has changed, there is a new sheriff in town. There is a new authority in town, and it is a God-given authority. It is a God-given appointed time for this prophet Elisha. And because they mock this change in authority, these 42 boys are torn. I know sometimes we read these things like, What am I supposed to get out of this? If you can boil it down to one concept, and if that concept holds true through the other contexts, now you are on to something.

Next reference, 1 Samuel 13:1. Saul reigned. He was the first king. Saul reigned for 42 years. Then what happened? Regime change. There was a change in authority. Just like in the seed prophecy, the authority transferred from one high priest to another. In the same way, Saul died and now his authority passes over to the anointed David. You see how it is regime change? It is a change in authority. It is a change in appointed time, basically.

The next is the one that we just read from 2 Kings 2:23 - 24. The 42 boys who mocked Elisha after he left Jericho going to Beit'el and he's just done a miracle of bringing life back to Jericho. And the significance of Jericho is this is where the children of Israel crossed over to inherit the Land. There will always be and in this case it is boys, they are mocking this point in time and place where the

Israelites, after a period of slavery, after a period of exile, after a period of purification in the wilderness, now they cross over into the Land of promise.

Now they cross over into the land flowing with milk and honey. And Elisha, he doesn't need to part the waters. But what does he do? He purifies the spring of Jericho. And if that is not a miracle demonstrating his authority, I don't know what is. So there are those who are mocking this change. Would they rather have death remained in Jericho? See, that is always a challenge with prophecy. Some people study prophecy because they want to find out who gets killed and be happy. That is not a reason to study prophecy. You know, the Father is from our perspective slow in fulfilling prophecy. But it is just because He doesn't want anybody to perish. We are the ones who would rather see people perish. We don't want to be the mockers who would rather support death than to welcome life and regime change because ultimately it is going to be regime change that shakes these principalities and powers in heavenly places that ushers in the Kingdom of Messiah.

2 Kings 10:14. It has a similar theme. You can go back and you can read the context of it. You can read around in the neighborhood to figure out what was going on, but it is part of the story of Ahab and Jezebel. But in 2 Kings 10:14, of course, Ahab was an Israelite king. He was from the northern kingdom, and Judah was separated. Ahab and Jezebel at this point are into a world of trouble. There is regime change in the kingdom. And these emissaries, these messengers from the king of Judah have not received the memo that you know what, Ahab is old news. Jezebel's old news. New things are here.

Having not received the news, there is this delegation from Judah who have gone to show- I don't know- hello how are you doing support?- of Ahab and like I say, they didn't get the memo. Then those who overthrew Ahab happen upon them, find out who they are, and then they kill them. So these were supporters of Ahab, the king of the northern kingdom, from Judah. They didn't get the memo. There is a regime change. And the question would be, why are they even supporting Ahab to begin with? He is definitely a fox.

And then we'll jump over into Revelation. And in Revelation 11:2 and in Revelation 13:5. And like I say, read the neighborhoods. I'm just giving you verses. Read the neighborhoods around the verses. That is what context is. What does it mean in its neighborhood? But in those two references, we have the trampling of Jerusalem by nations for 42 months. And this is during a rule of the beast.

But it is actually by authority. The dragon gives him his authority. And in a weird way, the beast has the authority to do this for this long. And we say, why? Well, why did Ahab and Jezebel have the authority to rule the northern kingdom for that long? Why did Saul have the authority to rule for 42 years when his

authority was basically pointless long before that? It is not ours to figure out. It is just ours to respect when there is a change in authority.

So we have this trampling of Jerusalem by the nations for 42 months. And what is going to happen? We are going to see changes in authority, and it is not a good time. These 42 months, it is not a good time because we know there is a woman called Jezebel, which of course are the apostates, and she rides the beast. She will twist religious doctrines. And she will try to lead the righteous into abominations of adultery and idolatry.

And the thing to always remember about Jezebel, people always talk about Jezebel, you never hear them talk about Ahab. You say, Well, there is a Jezebel spirit in there. I'm like, If there is a Jezebel spirit in there, there is an Ahab in there, too. You don't get Jezebel without Ahab, folks. Never. Jezebel does not work alone. Jezebel doesn't have authority of her own. Jezebel always has to work on the authority of Ahab. That is how that team works. Now, Jezebel is willing to go execute the wishes of the beast. She's like the hand that reaches out and does it. But you go back to the accounts of Ahab and Jezebel and how they ruled. And you see this is exactly how the setup was. He had the authority. He knew what he wanted, but he let her go out and execute literally. Without him, she could do nothing. She was working on his authority. You split that team up, and you've disrupted what they can do. It takes both of them. And so in Revelation, you see them still working together.

There is the beast who has the authority of the dragon. I say if you need to reference that, if you need a basic review of how the beast got the authority from the dragon, there is a we got a video on YouTube called I think A Brief History of the Beast. And there is a longer version too, but the brief one you can get the idea of when that happened. And so you see in Revelation, Jezebel is riding the beast. Nothing has changed. Jezebel is the outworking of the will of the beast. And so you will see her working. She is easy to identify.

What's not so easy to identify is she's working under the authority of the beast, and she is deceiving people on his behalf into abominations of adultery and idolatry during this 42-month period. And what's going to happen? The tribulation is marking a time of regime change from the regime of the dragon and the beast to the Kingdom of Yeshua, to the Kingdom of our Messiah.

So, let's look at the neighborhoods. This is Revelation 13:1 - 6. Those were more like bullet point Scriptures. Let's take a closer look here. *And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea having 10 horns and 7 heads. And on his horns were 10 diadems. And on his heads were blasphemous names. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard. His feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. So*

you see the authority here, the dragon has this power to do what he does, and so he takes that power and that authority to do what he does to bring things to the end of days and he passes that power and that authority over to the beast. *I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain and his fatal wound was healed.*

So who are we talking about? It refers to empires. Remember, he's the mouth of the lion, that is Babylon. That is the golden head of the beast. And then you have the silver chest of the bear, of the Medo Persian bear. And then you have Greece, which was, it began with Alexander the Great and then it was split after him. He died young. And so this beast we are seeing has the leopard body, the tearing paws of the bear and the mouth or the heads of a lion. And so what do we know about the fourth kingdom?

Well, we know the fourth kingdom was Rome. And so when it says it was like this, it was like this, it was like this, it is not saying it was that. It was saying it resembled these things. And it says, of course, one of his heads as if it had been slain and his fatal wound was healed. *And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast. They worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast.* They liked this. There was something about the dragon handing this authority over to the beast that they liked. And you say, why would they care? Because there was something in this gift and this handing over, this not necessarily regime change, but acting on behalf of it. It definitely changes things on the ground. There is something about this transfer of authority that they are loving. And so what it says, they worship the beast, saying, *Who is like the beast? And who is able to wage war with him? There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies and authority to act for 42 months was given to him.*

This is exactly the description of these 42 boys who were torn by the two she-bears. They are speaking. They've been given mouths speaking arrogant words and blasphemies. Apparently, they don't even believe that Elijah went up. But he has this authority to act for 42 months. *And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God to blaspheme His name and His Tabernacle that is those who dwell in heaven.* Those blasphemies, they are not just blaspheming the Holy name, they are blaspheming those who served Him in His Tabernacle.

So, back to 2 Kings 2:24. *Two female bears came out of the woods and tore up 42 lads out of this total number of mockers and blasphemers.* So, it is a specific word that is used in the text. It is not young men. It is *yeladim*, which is a little scary to us because *yeladim* typically means boys. Now, how old were the boys? Were they 10? Were they 12? Were they 14? Were they 16? We are not told specifically, I think, for a reason. They are pretty young to be this big of mockers. So it might be sometimes, Scripture will use language that helps us to understand things at a couple of different levels, if not many different levels.

But what we notice is they are mocking the miracle of Jericho. They are mocking the miracle of Elijah going up without dying, being picked up by the chariots of Israel and its horsemen. They are mocking the authority that Elisha received from Elijah as he went. And this reminds us of the reaction Ishmael had toward Isaac and that is why he was put out. And there is an old offense there, folks. You know, Ishmael is still crying. Esau is still crying. But whatever they were doing was so bad, it was just intolerable to Elisha.

It just seemed a little harsh. Like there is some kids just running out there and calling you names. There was something much deeper going on here. So calling them boys - were they boys like literal boys, or is it pointing out that these are very immature people? They are not mature spiritually. Like I said out of the total number, we know 42 was the significant number.

So if we look at our context we've assembled, we can see that judgment is falling on a specific number of the worst of these immature people. They don't know anything and yet they are mocking the miracles. They are mocking the resurrection. They are mocking the divine authority of the apostles and the prophets. And this is not the last time we'll hear of this because we will hear about this extensively in the New Testament, where the writers remind us that there are these kinds of people out there who will revile angelic majesties in their realms, in their assigned realms.

So 2 Peter 2:10. Remember the significance of 42, it has to do with respecting authority. Certain authorities are assigned to certain things for a certain period of time. And if you don't like it, you will become one of those mockers, taunters, and blasphemers.

So in 2 Peter 2:10, it says, *Especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority, daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties.* And then Jude says almost exactly the same thing that Peter says. He says, *Yet in the same way these men also by dreaming defile the flesh and reject authority and revile angelic majesties.* So what is the characteristic of 42, in terms of these boys who are torn by the bear? They reject authority.

There are certain things put in place by the Holy One. We don't know why He picks who He picks or why He assigns the territory that He assigns, but He does. And so just as there are angelic majesties who did rebel and did not remain in their assigned place, so there are people who reject those angelic majesties who have maintained their lane. And it is not just that they reject the authority of these angelic majesties. What accompanies this sort of, I don't know if I'll call it a personality or character. They despise authority in general.

They can be daring. Daring. I'll let that one sink in. They do stupid stuff. They are self-willed. You can't tell them anything. But along with that, they will indulge

the flesh and its corrupt desires. Jude says the same. They'll defile the flesh. These people are perverted. They pervert the **natural order** of things. They pervert the way that human beings were created to function. They are trying to rewire what a human being is.

So, let's take Jude. It is short. And let's look again. Let's look at the neighbourhood like we did at Revelation. Let's see if we can find the marks of the beast. And remember, the beast is the one that holds the authority and then his Jezebel, the executor of the beast's will. Let's see if that doesn't create some insight into these 42 mockers, these 42 who refuse authority. So this is incorporating the neighborhood. Jude 3 - 8. So he says, *Beloved, while I was making every effort to write to you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints. For certain persons have crept in unnoticed.*

You don't notice these people at first. It is slow. This was what we learned about the bear and the very meaning of the bear's name. It is slow moving. It is pretty quiet until you mess with the cubs, but it is the same. It is slow moving. So, these people, even during the time of Yeshua's contemporaries, he says these certain persons have crept in unnoticed. *those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation. Ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and lord Jesus Christ.* Well, how did they deny Him if they are unnoticed? How did we not notice? Well, how they did it, he says, he says, they turned the grace of our God into licentiousness. They were speaking of the grace of God, which is part of our understanding of who we are in Messiah Yeshua. And yet they twisted it into anything goes.

They will believe that they are the true believers. They will think they are the godly ones because after all, there are no boundaries, but there are. There are authorities, there are boundaries, and they'll take that very grace, turn it into licentiousness, and thereby they are denying who Yeshua HaMashiach is. He is the Living Word. He is not the living violation of the Word. He says, *now I desire to remind you though you know all things once for all that the Lord after saving a people out of the land of Egypt subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.*

He saved them from Egypt and then he destroyed them in the wilderness because they didn't believe. That is how they creep in unnoticed. Oh, we are saved. We are part of the movement here. But the things they were doing in the wilderness exposed who they really were. The perversion of the golden calf, the perversion with the Midianite women. That is who they really were.

And then he compares them to their counterparts in the angelic realm. He says, *And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode. He has kept an eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire. Yet in the same way, these men also by dreaming.* He tells us how they did it by dreaming. *Defile the flesh and reject authority.* So that gives us more context as to these 42 who reject authority. These 42 who blaspheme and mock the authority of the Most High. He's given us examples.

Now he says, Okay, there is a class of angels who did not keep their own domain where they had been assigned their realm. And so He put them in bonds under darkness and they will be judged. And then he cites Sodom and Gomorrah, in the same way these angels left their realm and went after something they shouldn't go after. They hankered after something they shouldn't be hankering after. Sodom and Gomorrah in those cities, they were hankering after flesh, they shouldn't be hankering after. They were indulging in gross immorality. They were rewiring the human being, not according to its creation, but according to their deprivation. They were depraved. And he says, Strange flesh. They went after strange flesh. What is strange flesh? It is inappropriate. Strange fire. You don't bring strange fire to the altar. He lights the altar with His fire from heaven. If you bring your own fire in there, it is strange.

So when we change the instructions, we are leaving our assigned abode. He assigned us as human beings a lane to walk in. And so by working outside of those boundaries, we'll go after strange flesh. We will hanker after things we are not supposed to hanker after. And what happened? They got burned up. That is what happens. And he's trying to show us early what happens at the judgment when you leave your assigned abode. When you are a rebel, when you are disobedient, when you are blasphemous, when you are a mocker of the authority of the Most High, you have left your lane. And it is only a matter of time until you find out when you change your realm, you are walking into fire. And it is not a fire you can endure. It is a punishment.

And so he says these same types of people are on a level with Sodom and Gomorrah. They are on a level with the angels who left their assigned place to do something else and go after strange flesh. He says these people who crept in with us, who have been walking around this wilderness of the nations with us, making us think, oh, we are saved, too. They are also defiling the flesh and rejecting authority. And so Jude is not describing here total heathens. Jude is describing people we think are believers. We think they are part of the saints.

How did they arrive there? I've heard it described as luxury beliefs, which is not a bad description because when he says by dreaming, we have a good reference for that. If we go back and put it back into the Hebrew from the Greek, it is Strong's #H2492. Dreaming means to be fat, fleshy, and strong. These people are the fat cats. They are strong in themselves. They are full of themselves. We might put it that way. They have too much free time. They are overfed and underworked.

I've always said the people that have given me the most problems in my life are the people who did not have a steady job. They had way too much time to sit around thinking up nonsense, thinking up foolishness. And when we have excess time to sit around thinking up nonsense, we'll get fat, fleshy, and strong. They had too much leisure time. That is what was said. How do we know this?

It says that Sodom and Gomorrah when Lot looked in that direction, he saw it was like the Garden of Eden. Before it was overturned, the climate was beautiful. I mean, it is already a land flowing with milk and honey. So, imagine what that area was like. It was so beautiful. It was like the Garden of Eden. You didn't have to work that hard. I mean, look how many men it took to tow a bunch of grapes. I mean, you could just say, What am I going to have to eat today? I guess I'll have a grape. It'll fill me up. They are not having to work too hard. And so what do they do? Too much leisure time. They can acquire these luxury beliefs. They are going to get fat, fleshy, and full of themselves. And the more ease that they have, the more free time that they have, they are not spending this working on the kingdom, they are spending this working on ways to rewire the creation and rejecting the authority of the Most High.

So these mockers of angelic majesties and the authority that they have, they will be prone to use God's grace to aggressively condone and practice sexual licentiousness, to practice the perversion of natural boundaries and the natural abode of the male or the female body within their created structures. They will steal their creator's authority and use it to teach doctrines of strange flesh which defile the body.

And in the message of Thyatira, even believers were practicing this Jezebel doctrine of idolatry. So those 42 months are marked by this brazen immorality, while the nations are trampling the holy places. Feels like we are already there. And so it comes about through dreaming, he says, by being fat and strong and full of ourselves. And their mentality will be to trample and tear the weak in faith with their bare claws.

Now, I like bear claws from the bakery, from the doughnut shop. This kind of bear claw, you don't want to have an interaction with. These people, they defy authority and they will trample and tear the weak in faith, they will prey upon them. Like I say, it is even so, it is already here. They are religious, but not

according to the truth of Scripture. They are graceful, but not according to the grace of Scripture. In fact, they are the least graceful people you can find. There is the irony.

And then this is from Revelation 2:18 - 29. It gives us even more context for these "believers." And it is written to the angel of the church of Thyatira. So if you've done *Creation Gospel Workbook One*, you did that last section on the seven churches of Revelation, and you realize that each of those represent a particular appointed time or Feast. And with those feasts come themes of Scripture. Salvation, redemption, repentance and so forth. Thyatira is the fourth one. And so this is addressed to her angel, since we are talking about principalities and powers.

It says to the angel of the church of Thyatira write, *The son of God who has eyes like a flame of fire. His feet are like burnished bronze says this. I know your deeds and your love and faith and service and perseverance and that your deeds of late are greater than at the first.* But it looks like some people have crept in and are influencing these who have served in love and faith and service and perseverance. Remember there are creepers. The creepers are coming. The creepers are already here. He says, *I have this against you that you tolerate the woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess and she teaches and leads My bond servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.* There it is. The acts of immorality. Jezebel is the arm of Ahab. She's riding the beast. She's executing the will of the beast, and her missionaries have crept in among us. *I gave her time to repent and she does not want to repent of her immorality. Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation.* Remember, there is tribulation, 42 months, and then there is great tribulation, 42 months. He's describing the great tribulation of 42 months unless they repent of her deeds. *And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. But I say to you, the rest who were in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of satan as they called them, I place no other burden on you. Nevertheless, what you have, hold fast until I come. He who overcomes and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nation.* See, it is about authority right here. He's like, don't give up at the time of regime change. Don't give up at the 42 months here. Keep My deeds until the end. *I will give him authority over the nations and he shall rule them with a rod of iron as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces as I also have received authority from My Father and I will give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.* He's saying hold on.

Yes, these 42 months are a test of authority. All the creeps are going to come out. We maybe weren't aware when they crept in, but the creeps are out. And he says, You hang on there. The creeps are going to be thrown onto a bed of sickness and a great tribulation unless they repent. Don't be in that number. Don't be seduced by them to commit immorality and say it is the grace of God. In fact, Thyatira being the fourth of the assemblies, it aligns with the Feast of Shavuot. He's saying, Hang on. Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah at Sinai. It is the seven sevens. What are the 42? Well, it is one increment short. He says, Overcome. Hang in there until the end. He says, Hold fast till I come.

Whosoever comes, who keeps My deeds until the end. What are His deeds? His deeds are the deeds of the Torah. It is the Word of Adonai. He says, Keep My Word. Don't be deceived by somebody telling you My word is grace and a blank check, to commit immorality, and to completely redesign humanity. It is your job to obey My Word, My Torah as it defines what a man, what a woman is, to respect boundaries, to respect authority. And because these cannot accept that authority, they are going to be exposed. They are going to be hard to deal with.

They are going to be like wild beasts, folks. They will tear us to pieces if they can. So he says, If you will overcome, if you can hang on to the Jubilee, if you can hang on to the 50th, if you can make it to Sinai, I will give you authority over the nations. Yeshua received authority from the Father and He will give us authority over those nations.

But we have to hear that and we need to be aware that the creeps are among us. It is one thing to be like Thyatira and say I've got some issues I need to repent of. I kind of got lured away. It would be better to be in that condition and to repent of licentiousness than to actually be the creep who's seducing people into it, who's enticing people into. Better if a millstone were hung around their necks and they were cast into this sea for leading people astray like this.

So, we've gone on here for what in about an hour and 15 minutes. So, let's just wrap it up for this week. And next week we'll look at the transition into the monster of Rome that is associated with the boar. Meaning doesn't change, but significance does accommodate new generations, and I just thought it is really interesting coincidence that Rome was known as the boar of the forest. And in modern English that bears are categorized as boars or sows, like pigs. And Elisha's bears also came from the woods like the boar of the forest.

A lot going on right now. I think what we are witnessing is regime change. I mean, it is no doubt that we are witnessing. Like the recently with Venezuela, there is just been a toppling effect, with Hezbollah, with Hamas, Syria. So many regimes we have seen the change out and this particular bear has been feeding

a lot of the nonsense going on. And so we can only pray that this regime change results in a great revival in the Middle East. That many would come to Yeshua, that that would be the ultimate result of the overturning. Just like with after 42 years, we went from Saul to David, that was an improvement.

If after 47 years we could see a free Iran, Christians free to practice openly, freely, that it would not be a capital crime to share your relationship with Yeshua with someone else, that you would not be hung or shot for that. That would be a step up. Because we know things do get bad. What we just read, things get bad. But don't we want more people to be able to receive this exhortation of hang on to the end, overcome to the end? And with these 42's, it will expose the mockers, the blasphemers, the creeps that have wormed their way in among us.

I'm worried about Europe. I'm worried about the United States, too, and Canada, but I'm worried about Europe. I think maybe some things have been happening there...have they not noticed? You didn't notice. We definitely notice now. We need to stay in prayer for believers, for the righteous all over this world, that they would be delivered from the paw of the bear, from the mouth of the lion. And that together the body of Messiah could overcome until He returns. Because our family is worldwide, folks, believers in Yeshua, those who want to obey His Word rather than challenge it, rewrite it, and rewire it. We are a family. No matter where we are in this earth right now, we are a family. And so it matters what's happening to other parts of our body. So let's just stay in prayer for one another.

All right, guys. I will say Shavua Tov and I pray you have a beautiful week in the coming week.