

CLASS 4, LESSON #1

MAIN LESSON FOR BUILDING BASES FOR GATHERINGS:

OUR FATHER JACOB'S LAST COMMAND “GATHER YOURSELVES TOGETHER!”

הַקְבִּיצוּ/HIKAVTZU

THE MAIN “LATTER DAYS” DIRECTIVE TO THE TRIBES FROM OUR FATHER JACOB

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Jacob on his death bed tells his sons, “**Gather yourselves together**” for he has very important instructions to tell them for a certain specific time: “**what will happen to them in the last days.**”

¹And Jacob called unto his sons and said, “Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you **that which shall befall you in the last days.**”

² “**Gather yourselves together and hear,** ye sons of Jacob, and hearken unto Israel your father.

וַיִּקְרָא יַעֲקֹב אֶל בָּנָיו וַיֹּאמֶר הֶאֱסָפוּ וְאֶגִּידָה לָכֶם אֵת אֲשֶׁר יִקְרָא אֲתֶכֶם
בְּאַחֲרֵית הַיָּמִים: **הַקְבִּיצוּ וְשִׁמְעוּ בְּנֵי יַעֲקֹב וְשִׁמְעוּ** אֶל יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲבִיכֶם:
— Gen. 49:1-2 KJ21

In the first phrase of verse two, the father of the twelve tribes of Israel tells them again to “**gather themselves together,**” but he is not repeating himself. Jacob is actually giving his last directive, his last command. The amplified version gives a clearer sense of the setting:

¹And Jacob called for his sons and said, Gather yourselves together [around me], that I may tell you what shall befall you ^[a]in the latter or last days.

² Gather yourselves together and hear, you sons of Jacob; and hearken to Israel your father. — Genesis 49:1-2 AMPC

Jacob is telling his sons that they will need to gather themselves together, because of “what will befall them,” i.e. **what will happen to them** in the latter days, which will not be their choice. This is not just the *time* of the latter days itself that will befall them; the passage of the world’s time affects everybody. What is that “ongoing event” that is of special significance to Jacob’s sons? Obviously, the twelve sons gathered around Jacob’s deathbed were not to be alive in the last days. It is their multitudinous progeny grown into nations who were to be alive and flourishing thousands of years later “in the latter days” who are given this deathbed command to carry out. It is an *event* that *will happen to them*. Actually, it is a “**process**” which is the *ongoing event* orchestrated by the Almighty that will happen to them and affect them in profound, earthshaking ways. This event is “**the process of their restorative enlightenment by God’s glory shining on them.**”

This very last command, “hikavtzu,” is followed by a set of cryptic prophecies in the rest of the chapter which they were to **understand only in the latter days**. These “dark” hidden prophecies which Jacob leaves for his sons in this solemn deathbed gathering are the essential relevant **identifying signs**¹ by which the progeny of Jacob’s sons will be able to recognize themselves as the children of Jacob.

¹ Psalm 78:2 as well as other instructions they will need from him in the “latter days”

Why are these prophecies “cryptic?” Because by “the latter days” they will have lost their identities and it will have to be **divinely revealed** to them. This the sons did not know at the time. The Almighty gives through Isaiah the same “gather” command and tells us the general condition of the times “in the latter days.”

For, behold, **darkness shall cover the earth**, and *gross darkness the peoples*; but upon thee the LORD will arise and **His glory shall be seen upon thee**. Lift up thine eyes round about and see: **they all are gathered together** and come to thee; **thy sons come from far** and thy daughters are borne on the side. — Isa. 60:3-4 TES

In the latter days gross spiritual darkness will cover the peoples of Israel, but by God’s grace, the Almighty will shed enlightenment upon them and *only then* will they “gather themselves together.” The prophet Amos refers to this darkness in starker terms:

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a **famine** in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, **but of hearing the words of the LORD**.
— Amos 8:11 TES

Into this darkness the Remnant of Ten Tribes is resurrected from the Valley of Dry Bones. In this atmosphere of **famine of God’s Word** they are called to build “the Highway of Return” for the rest of their brothers and sisters still asleep among the “dead” in the Valley of Dry Bones. As pioneers from the Valley of Dry Bones, the Remnant are among the first to hear the reason why they are to “gather together.” That is revealed in the second phrase of verse two:

² Gather yourselves together and hear, you sons of Jacob; **and hearken to Israel your father**. — Genesis 49:1-2 AMPC

They are to set the pattern for all the returnees of the Tribes are to do: They are to “**listen and hearken,**” to “**Israel**” **their father**. **Hearing/listening and hearkening** are emphasized in Jacob’s directive to his progeny then and there on his deathbed as well as millennia later. To what further instructions by “Israel their father” the “latter day” sons of Jacob are to “listen and hearken” are explained in lessons of subsequent classes in Boot Camp of the “Returning Remnant of the Ten Tribes.” Take note of the change in names by which Jacob refers to himself. We are to hear/ listen and hearken to “**Israel**” **our father**. The reason for this change in self-reference is explained in other lessons and you will realize that throughout this sites.





How to study and retain the contents of this lesson:

Thank God for this and ask for yourself and all others concerned for His help in this mission.

Study with a battle-buddy or small group.

Go to the study page of this lesson, print out the page and say and write down the answers to the questions from memory without looking at this lesson.

Review this lesson and correct your answers. Mark the references in your Bible.

Have someone to ask you the questions and tell him/her the correct answers.

Practice till you know all the answers of this lesson by heart. You will need to know all of them to act accordingly and to give them to others who will be sent to you.

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