

# Perfect Placement in the Plan of God

## Definitions

**Adonai:** Sovereign Master and Owner of all things, dominion and placement.

**Zakar:** The Hebrew word for remember, meaning active attention followed by decisive covenant action. To turn toward someone, act on their behalf, and bring them into one's sphere of care and concern.

## The Nature of the Master: *Adonai* and the Power of *Zakar*

- Occurs 434 times in the Old Testament
- Most prevalent in Isaiah (47 times), Ezekiel (200 times), and Daniel (12 times). The usage is 59% from these three books alone which is a compelling statistical point. All three books are prophetic focused on covenant crisis, intercession, and divine sovereignty.
- Identifies **Adonai** as the sovereign Master and Owner
- Asserts His covenant rights on behalf of those under His authority
- Never a passive cognitive act
- Represents active attention followed by decisive action
- For *Adonai* to remember is to move from heaven into the human sphere
- To care for, protect, and deliver His people

## Isaiah – Placement and Commission in the Plan of God

*Isaiah 61:1-3* The Spirit of the **LORD GOD** [*Adonai Yahweh*] is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

## Activating Divine Remembrance in Covenant Crisis Moments

-Samson's Final Strength for One Final Mission

*Judges 16:27-30* <sup>27</sup> Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport. <sup>28</sup> And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O **LORD GOD**, [*Adonai Yahweh*] remember [*zakar*] me, I pray

*thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.* <sup>29</sup> *And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.* <sup>30</sup> *And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.*

-Nehemiah's Restoration – Scattered People Are Gathered and Restoration Begins

*Nehemiah 1:8-11 (v. 5 O Lord God of heaven..)* <sup>8</sup> **Remember**, [zakar] *I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations.* <sup>9</sup> *But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.* <sup>10</sup> *Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.* <sup>11</sup> **O Lord**, [Adonai] *I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.*

-Daniel's Intercession for a Nation -Adonai to Turn Attention Toward a Rebellious People and Act on Their Behalf

*Daniel 9:9 [Adonai Appears 11 Times in Chapter 9] To the Lord our God [Adonai Elohim] belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him.*

*Daniel 9:19 O Lord, [Adonai] hear; O Lord, [Adonai] forgive; O Lord, [Adonai] hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.*

## **The Pattern: Divine Remembrance Always Leads to Intervention**

**In Creation:** When God remembered [zakar] Noah in the ark, the immediate result was the wind blowing and the floodwaters receding.

**In Personal Pain:** When God remembered [zakar] Rachel and Hannah in their barrenness, He hearkened to them and opened their wombs.,

**In National Liberation:** The entire Exodus began when God heard their groaning and remembered [zakar] his covenant. This moment of zakar set the ten plagues and the parting of the Red Sea in motion.

## Adonai Remembers When We Cannot

*Ezekiel 16:59-60 For thus saith the **Lord GOD**; [Adonai Yahweh] I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant. Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.*

- This reveals that the Master's remembrance is not based on our performance, but on His **unbreakable covenant faithfulness**.

## The Ultimate Act of *Zakar*: The New Covenant

### Mary's Proclamation - God Remembering His Covenant and Mercy

*Luke 1:54-55 He hath holpen his servant Israel, in **remembrance** of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.*

### Zechariah's Prophecy - The Coming of Christ as God Remembering His Holy Covenant

*Luke 1:72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to **remember** his holy covenant.*

### God Remembers Our Sins and Iniquities No More

*Jeremiah 31:34 ...for I will forgive their iniquity, and **I will remember their sin no more**.*

*Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and **will not remember thy sins**.*

*Hebrews 10:17 And their sins and iniquities **will I remember no more**.*

- Not divine ignorance
- A decision to never again hold a forgiven sinner's sins and iniquities against them.

## Practical Applications

- **Prayer Activates Divine Remembrance.** When we cry out to *Adonai*, our prayers rise as a **memorial** [*mnemosynon*] before Him, prompting Him to turn His attention toward us.
- **To Be Remembered is to Be Rescued.** Whether it is the thief on the cross or Israel in Egypt, being held in the memory of God is the guarantee of His care.
- **The Master's Perfect Memory is Our Security.** We are graven upon the palms of His hands, meaning we are continually before Him in a state of active, loving remembrance.

*Isaiah 49:14-16 But Zion said, The **LORD** hath **forsaken** me, and my **Lord** [Adonai] hath **forgotten** me. **Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she***

*should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.* <sup>17</sup> *Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.*

- **The Palms, Not the Back**
  - The back of the hand faces away. It is passive and withdrawn.
  - The palm faces toward you. It is open, active, and extended.
  - Your name is on the side of His hands that is always turned toward you, never away.
- **The Word Graven (Hebrew: *Chaaq*)**
  - To cut in, to engrave permanently into a hard surface.
  - Not written in ink that fades. Cut so deeply it outlasts everything around it.
  - In the ancient world, a stonecutter or metalworker who graved something into stone or metal was making a declaration that this marking would outlast everything around it. *Adonai* is saying: your name, your identity, your life, your walls, are **permanently cut** into the surface of His hands.
  - You are not borrowed. You are not leased. You are permanently inscribed as belonging to Him.
- **Thy Walls Are Continually Before Me**
  - Walls speak of boundaries, structure, blueprint, and design.
  - The Hebrew for continually is *tamid*, which means without interruption, perpetually, always.
  - *Adonai* holds the entire blueprint of your life, your calling, and your assignment in His sight at all times.
- **The Connection to *Zakar***
  - The graving on His palms is the permanent, architectural expression of *zakar*.
  - His active remembrance of you is not occasional. It is structural. It is cut into Him.
  - You cannot make *Adonai* forget you. The engraving is too deep.
- **The Scars Deepen the Engraving**

*John 20:27 Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands.*

  - The nail prints were in His palms, the same place your name is graven.
  - The cross did not erase the engraving. It deepened it.
  - You are graven upon the scarred palms of His hands. Those scars are the eternal proof that His remembrance of you cost Him everything.

- **Both Sides of Your Own Hands**

- Palms inward: He knows me. He has graven me. He remembers me continually.
- Palms outward: I surrender to Him. I worship Him. I place everything in His hands.
- Every time you look at your hands, let it be a *zikaron*, a living memorial of His covenant remembrance of you.

*Lamentations 3:41* Let us lift up our heart with our **hands** unto God in the heavens.

- The takeaway: every time you lift your hands in worship or simply look at your own palms, you are holding the mirror image of the hands that carry your name, permanently, painfully, and lovingly engraved forever.