

Hidden Message in 24 Priestly Divisions

Did you know that God put a hidden message in the Hebrew behind the names of the 24 priestly courses? That's right! The entire ministry of Christ is foretold in just the *names* of the priests. When the Holy Spirit showed me this, I couldn't believe it, and I can't wait to share it with you right after this.

All right, everyone, welcome back. I'm Jim Staley with **Passion for Truth Ministries**. And welcome to today's broadcast. I'm excited today, more than normal, because it's not very often that I see something this amazing. The Holy Spirit just nudged me as I was reading a particular scripture and said, "*Look a little deeper, Jim.*" As I did something began to develop which is the basis for this teaching. It's a hidden mysterious message from God (a prophetic message is a better way to say it) in the names of the priests that hold the positions of the 24 priests, in the 24 courses or divisions, that are found in the temple in First Chronicles chapter 24.

And that's exactly what we're going to talk about here today. Before we do, do me a favor. Would you hit *subscribe*? If you're not subscribed to this channel, you're missing out on content that I believe will bless you, encourage you, and grow your walk with God. That's what we're all about here – learning the Hebraic, the Christian roots, of our faith. Going past traditional Christianity, going past Protestantism, going past Roman Catholicism in the first millennium, and going all the way back to what the early apostles believed.

They were all Jewish. And we've got to learn a little bit of our Hebraic root if we're going to really understand what I call the back of the book than we better understand the front of the book. So, we're going to do that today. Let's get started. This is probably going to be a short broadcast. Well, if you know me well enough then that 'short' is under an hour. So, we're going to try to do that, and let's dive in. This is going to be exciting. I want you to turn with me to First Chronicles. Actually, we're not going to start there.

Let's start in the very, very back of the book, the last book of the Bible, book number 66, everyone. Revelation chapter four.

I'm going to show you the connection right off the bat. Let's read with me here. It says, *"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, 'Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.'"* We know who that is. *"And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald."*

Sounds to me like God eventually takes back the rainbow, ladies and gentlemen. *"Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones, I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white clothes, and they had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God."* If you're not familiar with the temple, there are seven candlesticks or seven lamps that are a part of that single candlestick called the menorah, which is why the menorah is connected to the Word of God, which is then connected to the seven spirits of God, which is then connected to the seven churches of God. But that's a whole other conversation.



Let's stick to the point here. So, right off the bat, right off the bat, I want to show you that in the book of Revelation, John is taken to heaven and there are 24 elders around the throne. He's describing this astronomically amazing throne with thunders, lightnings, and voices. A rainbow that goes all the way around the throne of God and these 24 elders are bowing before the throne of God. Now, scholars forever have been trying to figure out why was there 24. Where is this number coming from? Israel has 12 tribes. That would make sense to have 12. But why 24? Because inside the throne of God, ladies and gentlemen, this is connected to the Holy of Holies in the temple of ancient Israel.

So, when the temple started out as the *Tabernacle in the Wilderness* with Moses, you've got the outer court, you have the inner holy place, and when you walk in the

menorah is on the left and the table of showbread on the right. The Table of Showbread represents the tribes of Israel, stacked in two stacks of six which originally were built into the stones of the high priest's shoulders. There were six on the left, six on the right, engraved into those stones. Everything is about Israel. Then when you go into the Holy of Holies, which is where God Himself - his throne was and it was where the cherubim were over the top of the mercy seat, with the Ark of the Covenant as the main backdrop of the throne, if you will.

So, this picture in revelation is directly connected to the temple. Why that's important is that this gives us a hint if you understand a temple service. No one is allowed in the Holy of Holies or the Holy Place inside the temple, except for the priests. The only one allowed in the Holy of Holies must be in the lineage of Aaron. That's exactly what we needed to know to find out who these 24 elders were. Because when we go all the way back, we find that there's *another* 24 number. We find that reference in First Chronicles chapter 24. So, let's go there and discover a little bit more and go a little bit deeper, because this is going to get exciting very fast. So, strap on your seatbelts my friends.

Now verse one of chapter 24 says this. *"Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron."* Who's Aaron? Aaron is the high priest. He's the *first* high priest of Israel. And it says, "the sons of Aaron," which are the only ones that are allowed to be high priests. They were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. Now, we know Nadab and Abihu died. They had a little bit too much wine. They came before God unannounced, and they became crispy critters. Not a fun thing to experience. They died before their father and had no children. *"Therefore, Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as priests. Then David with Zadok, of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech, of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to the schedule of their service."*

Now don't get confused, because this is where it all comes together. I'll explain this as we move along. *"There were more leaders found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar, and thus they were divided. And among the sons of Eleazar were sixteen heads of the fathers."* That's **16**. Put that in your head. We're going to add that to the next number. *"And there were eight heads of their father's houses among the sons of Ithamar."* So, now that makes up **24** different heads of households, all coming from Aaron. These are all lineage high priests and they all are heads of their households. So, now we've got 24 heads that are coming from Aaron the high priest.

So, I want you to drop down here and we are going to move to verse seven, because here's what they did. Let me come back here for just a second and explain this before we move any further. As the temple began to grow and as Israel began to grow, they needed to take care of the temple. They needed to make sure the tabernacle was taken care of. They needed to make sure that all of the animals were sacrificed properly. There were a million things to do. So, what they did was they, they said all of the priests that are out there, we're going to split you into teams, if you will, 24 different teams. And the head or the name of your team is going to be the name of the head of household that we just listed here.

So, we're going to have 24 teams. The head of each team is going to be the original name of the father that came directly from Aaron in the lineage of Ithamar and Eleazar. Nadab and Abihu died, so it's just Eleazar and Ithamar. Those 24 teams, every one of the priests, are going to be part of that team. That's how this starts. So, he's going to name, right now, the name of each team. It's called a *division* or a *course*. So, the priests were broken down into 24 different teams, 24 different divisions, or 24 courses, and they served in the temple one week a year, twice a year.



So, for an entire week, that entire team would go to the temple, replace the previous team that had been there for a full week from Sabbath to Sabbath, Saturday to Saturday. And they would serve their week, and then the next team would come in. They would do that for 24 weeks in a row, and then they would start the entire course over, and for another 24 weeks they would go. So, each team served twice a year for one week each, which would be two weeks, twice a year. Is that the better way to say it? I don't know. It's kind of confusing, but hopefully, you're following along with me. Let's go back to the scriptures and let's read the 24 different team names.

We're going to break them down. This is going to be mind-blowing. There's a message built right here in the Hebrew. Follow along. It says, "*The first lot fell to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, the third to Harim.*" This is really hard to read in English. This would be so much easier for me to read if it was Hebrew because the English is just messed up. But anyway, we'll go through it here line by line, and again in a minute. "*The fourth to Seorim, the fifth to Malkijah, the sixth to Mijamin, the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to*

Abijah, the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to Shecaniah, the eleventh to Eliashib." And it goes on and on and on until it gets to the 24th down here of Maaziah.

So, now what the Holy Spirit did, as I was researching and doing a teaching on when Jesus was actually really born (which has nothing to do with this teaching) but this is where it happened. I was doing research to discover when Jesus was actually born, when was Yeshua born? You have to go back to find out that the father of John the Baptist was Zechariah, and he was of the course of Abijah, and if we can find out when Abijah served, then we could discover when Elizabeth got pregnant. Then if we know when Elizabeth got pregnant, we would know when Mary got pregnant, because she was pregnant six months later. We could find out the exact time of Yeshua's birth.

And that's what we did. If you haven't seen that teaching, I encourage you to click the link and watch that teaching of [When Was Jesus Really Born](#). It will really inspire you if you've never seen that before. But as it relates to the 24 courses, let's dive in, let's dig in, and let's go through their names, because this is going to get extraordinarily exciting. Let's do it right now. Here we go. **This is the mystery behind the 24 courses.** What I did was I put these in a simple chart that is going to show you their course division, to which week they served. Then the name of the division, which is the name of the team, the name of the son of Aaron that passed down generation to generation. And then the Hebrew meaning.

So, as I was going through here, the Holy Spirit said, *"Jim, I want you to look into the backdrop of these names. Where do they come from?"* I don't even know where I got this idea outside of 100% the Holy Spirit's inspiration. I can't take any credit for anything in my life, because the very breath in my lungs comes straight from Yeshua. Amen. And without him, there would be no grace, there would be no judgment, there would be no discipline, there would be no joy, nothing. Right? All of it comes from him. In this moment, I began to get very nervous because as I was studying and looking at *Abiha*, I already knew in the Hebrew that a *Biha* is *Av*, which is *father*. The "I" after it means it's my father. And *Yāh* is the short name of Yahweh. So, it's *my father is God*, right?

And then the next one was Yeshua. And I thought, wait, my father is God, my father is God Yeshua. And then the next one was Shecaniah, which is really another word for the *Shekinah*, which is English. Most people are familiar with *Shekinah*. So, my father is

God, Yahweh, who is the Shekinah glory. **What?** I began to go, there's got to be something here. So, I started from the beginning, and I want to show you what I found. The very first Division is *Yehoyarib*, which literally means *Yahweh contends*. Okay, big deal. *Yahweh contends*.

Division two was *Yedidyah*. I think is how it sounds. It's hard. Again, I need the Hebrew. *Yahweh has known*. Number three is *Harim*, which is *dedicated*. And Division four was *Sarim*, which is *barley*. And I began to see a sentence being developed here. Watch this carefully. Right here, he says, *Yahweh contends. God has known and dedicated the barley*. Now, for those of you who are maybe traditional, if you haven't looked into the roots of your faith and you're not understanding the Hebrew feast days, you're missing out. For those of you who understand the feast days, right away, there is something extraordinary that's happening here.

In the first four names of these courses. God is saying, *I contend*. Meaning it's like a proclamation, I contend, and I have known and dedicated the first fruits. *Barley* is first fruits. When are you talking about barley, that is the feast day of the first fruits where the barley was dedicated to God. The high priest would cut the barley from the ground. At sunrise, he would wave the barley before God, and he would dedicate it to the Lord as the first fruits offering, asking Yahweh for a great harvest in the fall, a harvest that would free the people and give them the victory that they look for agriculturally, so that they could eat and enjoy and celebrate that Feast of Sukkot, the last feast of the year.

And so, right off the bat, God says, *I contend, I have known and I have dedicated the first fruits*. Now, I want to ask you, if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, Yeshua the Messiah, who is the first fruits of the resurrection, who actually rose on the First Fruits feast day, Jesus Christ, Yeshua Hamashiach. He rose from the dead. He is the barley that was cut from the earth. He rose from the dead, and he was dedicated before God his Father, right there for all mankind. And God is saying from the very beginning, prophetically in the first four names of these priests that *I've dedicated, and I've known from the beginning*.

I contend I've known from the beginning that I'm going to dedicate those first fruits. And we know who those first fruits are. So, let's continue and see what else God is going to say as he continues through the next five, six, seven, and eight divisions. Here we go.

Malchiah is my King is Yahweh me. Amin is from the right hand. Hakos is the thorn. And Abijah is my father is Yahweh. Now again, these are not in stanzas of four. I just only could fit four on the PowerPoint. But when we put all these together, which we will at the end, it's really incredible.

So, the next four says this. *My King is Yahweh. From the right hand.* Which we know the right hand of God is Yeshua. That is an authority phrase. *The thorn.* Which is really incredible. Now you might say, well, from the right hand comes the thorn. Yeshua was the thorn. Wait a minute, Jim. How could Yeshua be the thorn? Well, listen, Pastor Jim sometimes gets it wrong, but not this time, because the thorn is defined in Judges chapter nine, verse 14, when the trees are trying to decide which tree is going to be the king of all the trees. They choose the bramble bush, which is crazy, because if you know agriculturally anything about the trees of Israel, the bramble bush is the burning bush, and it is the only tree bush that has thorns in it.

It's what they used for the crown of thorns on the Messiah's head. Hallelujah! Can you believe this? This is incredible. So, we've got God saying, *my King is Yahweh, and from his right hand comes the King of the trees, the thorn. He is the thorn in the side of Satan himself.* And then he ends this stanza with, *My father is Yahweh.* Check this out. *My king is Yahweh. And from the right hand comes the king of the trees, the thorn. My father is Yahweh.* To me, that is just absolutely amazing, and beautiful. It all is just stemming together into this completely cohesive thought. Let's continue. This is where it gets crazy.

Division nine is *Yeshua. Yeshua!* That is literally the name of Jesus in Hebrew, and it means *one who saves or salvation.* And then Shekinah is the one who dwells with God. This is the glory of God. This is where the Shekinah glory comes from. It's the glory that is surrounding the dwelling place of God. Which Shekiniah is that word of dwelling. It's the dwelling with God. And the Shekinah is a word that they came up with to connect the glory of God to the dwelling place of God. And then *Elyashiv is my God will return.* And *Jakim is to raise.* He will raise. You can't make this stuff up.

It's *Yeshua dwells with God, and God will return.* And he will do what? He will raise. What will he raise up? He will raise up a huppah, Division 13, which means a *canopy.* Division 14 is *Jeshebeab* which is the *dwelling of the father.* *Bilgah* which is *bringing*

cheerfulness. Division 16, *Immer* is *he has said*. Now we're going to put all this together at the end, and it's really going to blow your mind. If you're not already excited, you will be. Take a look at this. He says before I will raise up a canopy. Let me put this back on there. I'll raise up a canopy which is the dwelling of the father. What is the canopy?

The canopy, a *huppah* is in a Hebrew wedding. So, if you've ever seen a Jewish wedding or a messianic wedding, there is a huppah. When I married my firstborn off, we had a huppah, and we were underneath the huppah. The huppah is a canopy. It's like a tabernacle, and it's symbolic of a connection between your fellow man horizontally and God himself vertically. It is the place where covenant is made for relationship. It's where the wedding takes place, under the huppah. It's connected to the kingdom of God. So, it says that *my God will return, and he will raise up a canopy*. And what is the canopy? The dwelling place of the father. It's the kingdom of God.

He's going to raise up the kingdom of God on earth, which will bring cheerfulness. That's Bilgah. Then he says, the next one, *Immer* says, *he has said*. And then it goes into something very strange as we continue to look. Division 17 is *swine*. Division 18 is *be broken*. Division 19 is *be freed by God*. And Division 20 is *God strengthens*. So we've got *he said, swine be broken, be freed by God. God strengthens*. We'll find out what he strengthens in just a second. You might say, well, Jim, this doesn't fit. What do you mean? *The swine be broken, be freed by God*. This is phenomenal if you understand Hebrew culture.

Because in Hebrew culture, the Gentiles were always considered swine. They were always considered pigs. This is the dream, the vision, of Peter in Acts chapter 15, when he says that he sees a four-cornered sheet and all these unclean animals and dogs come down. He thinks that they're animals. And God says, arise, kill, and eat. God's **not** saying that you can eat **unclean animals**. He says, *I've never eaten anything unclean in my life*. And this is ten years after Yeshua died, right? No. He eventually finds out in verse 28 that God did not mean for him to eat these unclean animals. He was using the metaphor of the day that these unclean animals *represent* the Gentiles.

Now I want you to go to the house of Cornelius, who's a Gentile, who you are illegally allowed to go into his house according to Jewish law, not according to God's law. But God said, "I want you to free the Gentiles. I want you to go, and I want you to bring him

to the Lord and give him the gospel. I want you to break him and his ideology, his theology, and the direction that he's going. And I want you to break him. And in the process of breaking him, you will free him." And is this not the gospel itself, ladies and gentlemen? That when we are broken, we become free, and at the moment we become broken, we become free, and then God strengthens us, which is exactly what Division 20 is.

So, it starts off, God says, *swine are going to be broken, they're going to be freed by God, and then I'm going to strengthen them.* This is the message of what Yeshua did. God is simply telling us exactly what this is going to look like as the Messiah comes. Amen. So, let's go to the last four here as we wrap this up and we'll put it all together. He says *he strengthens the Gentiles after he breaks them and frees them from the yoke of bondage.* What is that? Sin. Right? He says, I will establish, and then I will wean them. Wean them what? Wean them off of their gentile pagan backgrounds, their own theological constructs.

I will wean them away from Egypt. When the Israelites left Egypt, what did he have to do? He had to get the Egypt out of them. That is a weaning process. Paul says when he wrote the book of Hebrews, chapter six, verse one, he says, look, we got to get past all of these things - Jesus and Him crucified - the basic 101. We have to get past the milk of the word. You have to get off the breast and get into the meat of the word. Study to show yourself approved believer. This is what God says I'm going to do, I'm going to free the Gentiles. First I'm going to break them, I'm going to free them, I'm going to strengthen them, and then I'm going to wean them.

And then he says this, I have drawn them to me and then I have rescued them. What a beautiful story this is. It starts off with God in the heavens, talking about who sits at his right hand that is going to come to earth. He is going to free the Gentiles. He is going to open up a relationship with them, wean them, and then he's going to say, I am the one who rescued them. So, let's start at the beginning and move all the way through this as we finish this up. Because to me, this is just absolutely incredible. First of all, God says, *Yahweh contends. Yahweh has known. He's dedicated the first fruits, talking about Yeshua himself.*

He's known from the beginning that he was going to dedicate the Messiah. Yahweh is the king, and from the right hand of Yahweh comes the thorn, the King of the Jews, the king of all the trees. Trees are a metaphor in Scripture for people, by the way. And the bramble tree, the burning bush, the thorns around the Messiah's head on the cross, he becomes the king because he was broken and to be broken is to be strengthened. The more you are broken, the more you are strengthened. Where you are weak, he is strong. That's a message for somebody today.

So, my King is Yahweh. From the right hand comes the Messiah, the thorn, the bramble bush, the king of the trees. My father is Yahweh Yeshua. Do you see that? My father. Go back here. Look at this again. I'll just say it again. *My King is Yahweh. From the right hand comes the thorn, the king of the trees. My father is Yahweh, Yeshua, who dwells with God. And my God will return. He will raise up a canopy, a dwelling place of the Father, the kingdom of God, that will bring cheerfulness. He has said, swine, Gentiles, be broken, be freed by God, because I'm going to strengthen you, and I will establish you. I will wean you. And then I have drawn you and called you by name. I have rescued you, says the Lord God.*

My friends, I don't know if it could be any more clear to you, but God is brilliant. Did you know that as I was doing this, I began to get really nervous because it was lining up so clear? I thought, man, if anything goes wrong here, it's going to blow this whole thing that's in my spirit. It could have been like, who names their kid and wean? Who names their kid *Yah has drawn*? Here's the mind-blowing part. This is **24 elders** that are in birth order. What happens if one of these is out of order? What happens if four of these are out of order? None of it works. So, God knew the birth order and inspired the mothers to name the children these names, because he knew that there is a mystery message built into the 24 priest's courses, built into the 24 elders. *There is a message.*

And those 24 elders, when they bow before the throne of God, you know what's really happening when they cast their crowns down and they're worshiping the Lord, holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. There is built into their very names a message of worship saying that God, from the very beginning you were the King, and he who sits on the throne at your right hand. Did we not just read that in Revelation chapter four, that John went into the throne room, and he who sat on the right hand of the throne of God? And this is the 24 elders. Their names. Your right hand comes. He was the thorn. He

was the king of the trees. And they voted the least to be the greatest. And then he set free the pigs, the swine, those that were outcast and called unclean.

And he raised them up. He strengthened them. He freed them, and he gave them victory. Ladies and gentlemen, be encouraged that the Bible that you're reading today is straight out of the divine Word of God. It is straight out of the mouth of God, the heart of God. Be assured that what you're reading today is exactly what they read 4000 years ago. Praise God. Hallelujah! This excites me and I pray that you will share this video because it not only is just intellectually tantalizing, but it's also exciting to learn that God is still giving us messages beyond the actual text, beyond the black and white, behind the text in the white fire, if you will, as the rabbis say. In the white part of the text, behind the black letters, there's hidden meanings, there's messages, there's codes.

And the codes are not just to make us feel good. The codes are to encourage us. To me, this is validation of the Messiah's ministry that Yeshua is the Messiah. His name is right here, my friends. It's right here that that my Father is Yahweh Yeshua who dwells with God. You can't get any more clear. So, I pray that this teaching encourages you. I know it's short, but I pray that it would bless you. I pray that it will keep you. It will excite you to look into the depth of God's Word. And this reminds me of a teaching that I'm going to be doing. I gave at a conference in Texas, at the America for Israel conference, where God showed me supernatural names in the cities of Refuge. And I'm going to share that with you as well soon this coming year. So, be ready for that.

The mystery of the **Six Cities of Refuge**. That is going to be a blessing for you as well. All right, everyone, thank you so much for hanging out here at **Passion for Truth**. I'm Jim Staley. I pray that God blesses you. Please pass this on to everybody that you know. Would you consider saying thank you by paying it forward for somebody else? Would you consider going to passionfortruth.com right now and financially partnering with us? We are operating 100% by donations and we can't do this without you. We have an entire team of people behind us from all over the world that are helping this get into different languages, and we need your help.

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