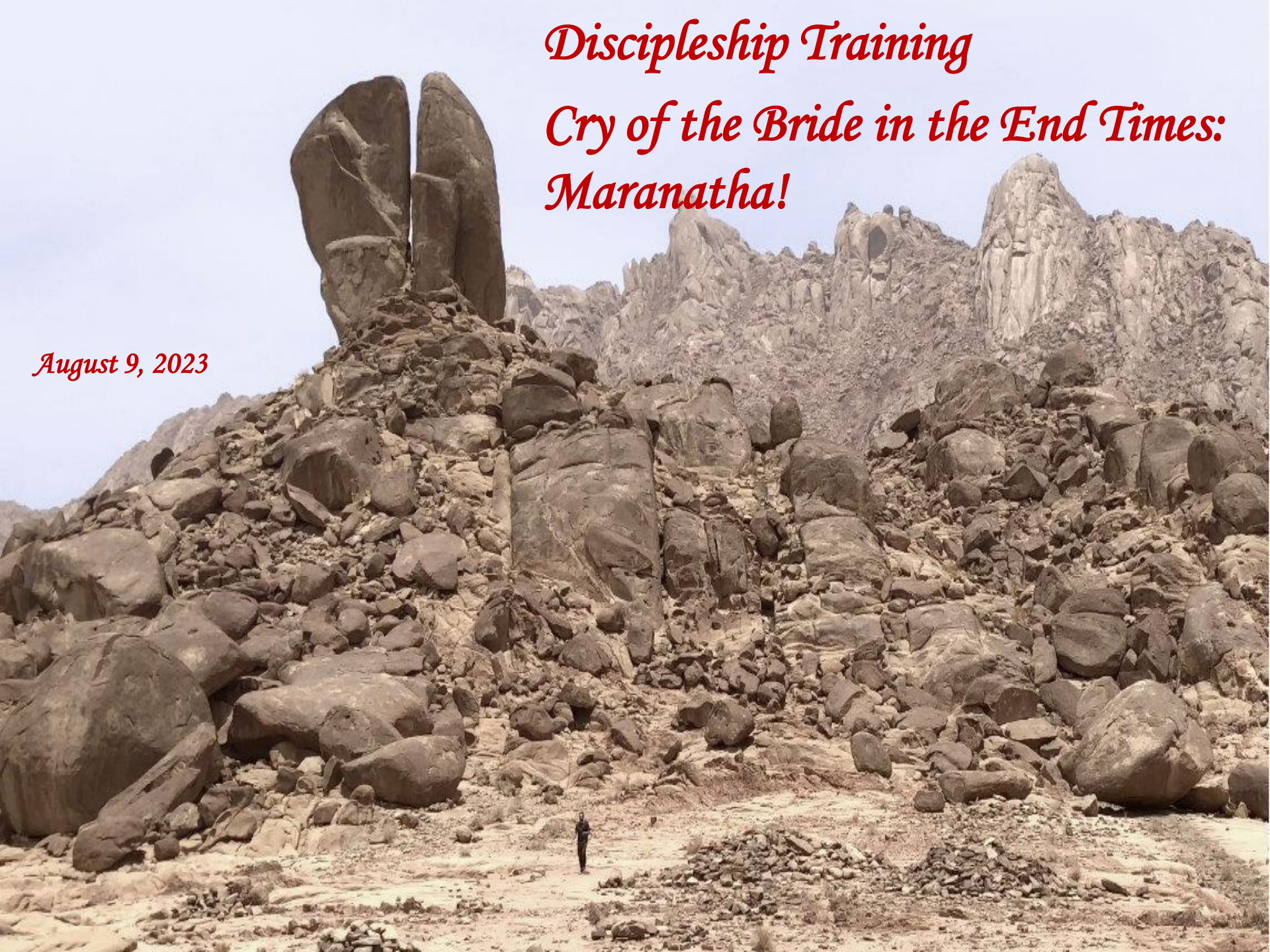


# *Discipleship Training*

## *Cry of the Bride in the End Times: Maranatha!*

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**Sinai to Zion**  
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# **Assigned reading: Part 2 of the Book**

- **Chapter 10: The Curses of the Covenant**
- **Chapter 11: The Times of Jacob's Trouble**

## **Video:**

- **Episode 13: The Blessings & Curses of the Covenant**
- **Episode 14:**

# The Blessings and the Chastisements of the Covenant

## A. The Blessings

### 1. Possession of the land (Deuteronomy 4:1)

a) Refers to the Abrahamic Covenant, which speaks of a very real piece of real estate and is a permanent covenant.

b) If Israel obeyed God and adhered to His commandments, they would possess this land.

### 2. Basic necessities of life, etc. (Leviticus 26:3-5)

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## B. The Chastisements

1. Not just breaking the rules, but causing pain to God's heart (Deut. 4:25)
2. God would withhold the blessings and, ultimately, Israel would be invaded and devastated (Deut. 4:26-28)
3. Wasted by famine, attacked by beasts, etc. (Deut. 32:23-25)
4. Those who hate Israel would rule over them, etc. (Lev. 26:14-17)

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## C. The covenant chastisement cycle

1. Israel breaks the covenant and commits idolatry
2. God disciplines them first with various national calamities.
3. Next, the land is invaded.
4. Finally, the people are exiled from the land.
5. Eventually, they repent
6. The Lord restores them back to the land.

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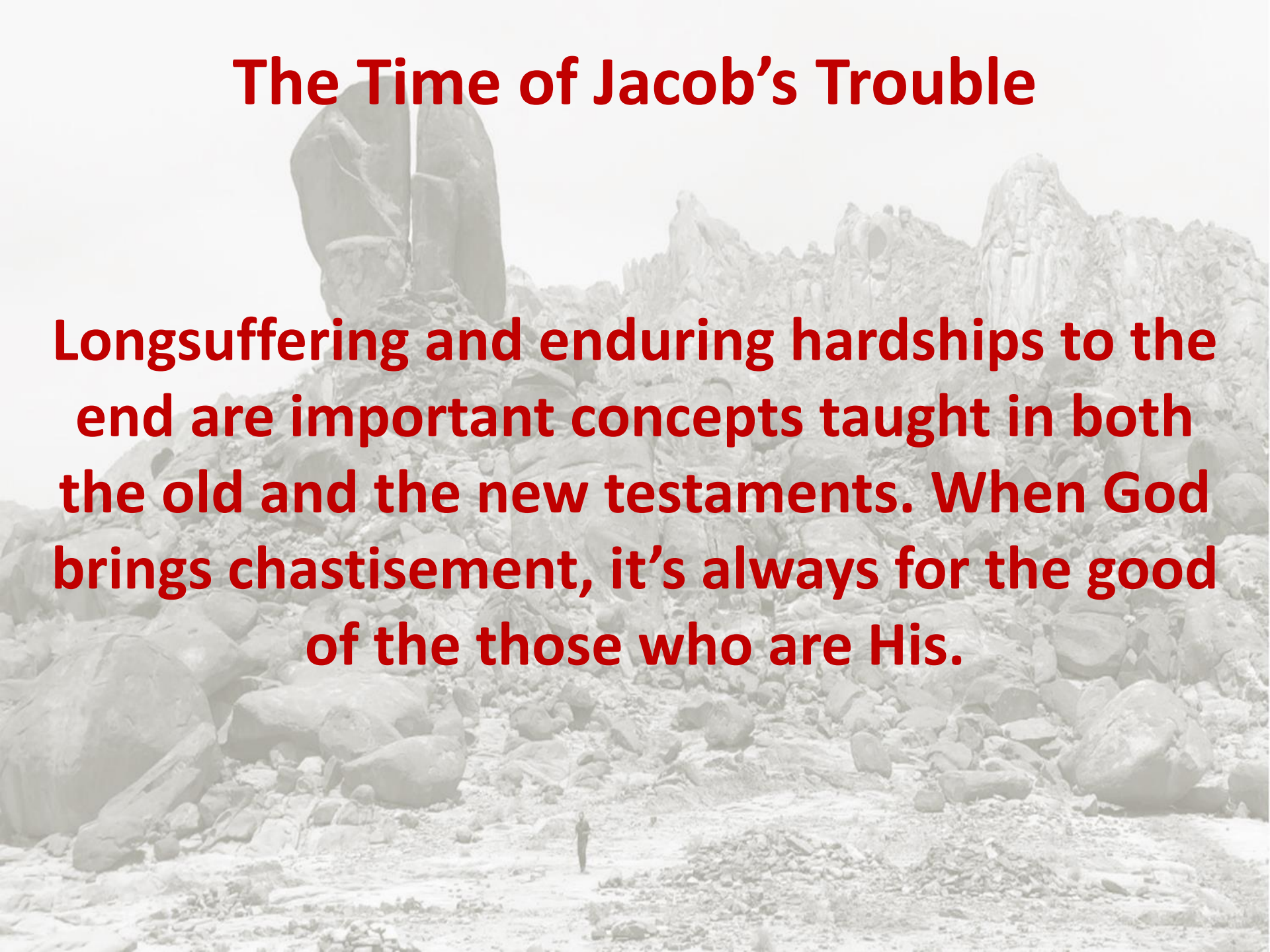
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## D. How the cycle ends

It doesn't end with Israel being dispersed. It ends with them returning to the land in covenantal faithfulness and purity of heart. (Lev. 26:44-45)

# The Time of Jacob's Trouble

**Longsuffering and enduring hardships to the end are important concepts taught in both the old and the new testaments. When God brings chastisement, it's always for the good of the those who are His.**





# The Time of Jacob's Trouble

## I. Jacob's Trouble

The concept of Jacob's trouble is referred to throughout the Scriptures.

- A. The chastisement cycle: Israel rebelled against the Lord and backslid into unfaithfulness; the Lord sent them warnings and then national calamities; eventually Israel's enemies invaded them and the majority of its people were killed; the remnant who survived were carried into captivity; but after a time, they repented and the Lord brought them back.
  - 1. The Scriptures inform us that this cycle will be repeated yet again in the future.
  - 2. The concept of Jacob's trouble is an incredibly important reality the church needs to be praying and strategizing over.

# The Time of Jacob's Trouble

## II. The Song of Moses

The prophecies that Moses spoke became the foundational text which the later prophets expounded upon, looking back to Moses as the pointed to the future.

- A. First Phase of the Chastisement Cycle: Israel rebels (Deut. 31:20)
- B. Second Phase of the Chastisement Cycle: Calamities from the Lord (Deut. 32:19-21)
- C. Third Phase of the Chastisement Cycle: Exile (Deut. 4:27)
- D. Fourth Phase of the Chastisement Cycle: Restoration (Deut. 32:21, 39)

# **What caught you from the readings and why? Expound.**

**Below are some questions as a guide:**

- What are the blessings of the covenant if Israel obeyed? Relate this in the end time story.**
- What are the chastisements of the covenant if Israel disobeyed? Relate this in the end time story.**
- What is the covenant chastisement cycle? How will the cycle end?**
- How are you going to be when God brings chastisement?**