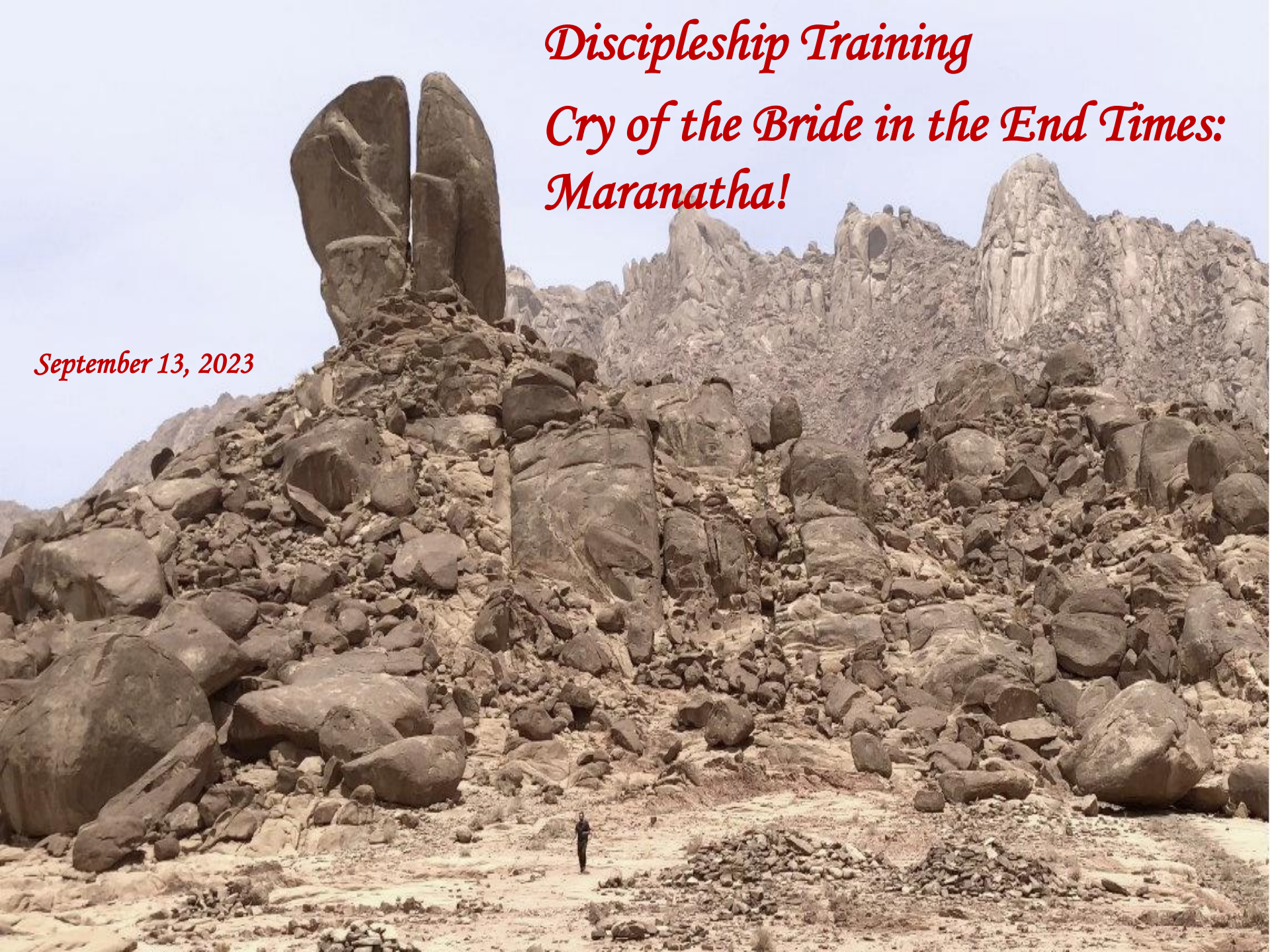


Discipleship Training

Cry of the Bride in the End Times: Maranatha!

September 13, 2023



A grayscale photograph of a rocky, mountainous landscape. In the foreground, a person stands on a dirt path, providing a sense of scale. The middle ground is filled with large, dark boulders and smaller rocks. In the background, several jagged, rocky peaks rise against a light sky. The overall scene is desolate and rugged.

Sinai to Zion
by Joel Richardson



Assigned reading: Part 2 of the Book

- **Chapter 16 – Israel’s Marriage Renewal**
- **Chapter 17 – The Wedding Feast**

Bible reading: Hosea chapters 1-6

Video: Episode 24 Israel’s Bridal Restoration

Assignment:

- **Give your insights on any topic in any episode**

September 13, 2023 (PST) Discipleship Class

Facilitator: Jeremy

To discuss insights and takes:

- Myra
- Imelda
- Gio
- Ted
- Grace
- Ruffy
- Prayer Leaders: Percy, Francis, Patricia, Eileen

Episode 24 Israel's Bridal Restoration

ISRAEL'S ESCHATOLOGICAL BRIDAL RESTORATION

THE STORY OF ISRAEL IS AS A WAYWARD BRIDE. GOD IS HER HUSBAND AND SHE, DESPITE THEIR COVENANT AND ALL THAT THE LORD DID FOR HER, IS A WAYWARD BRIDE. BUT THE STORY ENDS WITH THE LORD RESTORING HER TO HIMSELF IN PRISTINE PURITY AND COMMITTING HIMSELF IN COVENANTAL LOVE TO HER FOREVER.

I. HOSEA PART 1

- A. Hosea's life was an analogy of God and Israel's relationship. He was standing in the role of a patient, faithful husband waiting for his unfaithful bride to return to him.
 - 1) Hosea 1:2
 - 2) Hosea 3:1
 - a) God didn't just command Hosea to marry Gomer but to love her
 - 3) Hosea 1:10-11
 - a) it was in the desert at Mount Sinai after the golden calf incident where God said to Israel, "You are no longer My people." And it is there that it will be said, "You are My sons and My daughters"
 - b) Hosea was prophesying to the whole house of Israel, not just to one part of it
- B. Hosea 3:5
- C. Ezekiel 37:21-23

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II. ARE THERE TEN LOST TRIBES?

- A. The people in the land of Israel today represent the whole house of Israel: the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. Although we don't know which tribes they are from, they're already regathered. Their ultimate fulfillment won't be until Jesus returns, but they have been gathered back together since the return from the Babylonian exile.
- B. After naming the genealogical list of returnees from the Babylonian captivity, we are told that "all Israel lived in their cities." (Ezra 2:70)
 - 1) there were a great number of the 12 tribes that had been dispersed throughout those regions, and when some of the exiles came back, they came back with them
- C. In addressing the returned exiles, Zechariah declared, "Oh house of Judah and house of Israel" (Zechariah 8:13)
- D. The prophetess Anna was from the tribe of Asher, a northern tribe of Israel (Luke 2:36)
- E. Peter declared, "know this, you and all the people of Israel" (Acts 4:8-10)
- F. James addressed his epistle "to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad" (James 1:1)

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III. HOSEA PART 2

- A. Hosea 1:6,9
 - 1) God had Hosea name two of his children Lo-ruhamah ("not loved") and Lo-ammi ("not my people") This is an imagery of divorce and rejection.
- B. Hosea 2:13
- C. Hosea 2:14
 - 1) even as it was back in the exodus when He was flexing His strength to woo her
 - 2) in the midst of her pain, the Lord will begin speaking to her and the blinders will come off
- D. Hosea 2:15-16
 - 1) from the desert place, the Lord will give her vineyards
 - 2) in the valley of suffering, she will find a doorway of hope and sing, as when she was a newlywed bride
 - 3) the prophets understood that the story is moving towards Israel being reestablished in marital covenant faithfulness to their God
- E. Hosea 2:19-20
- F. Hosea 6:1-3
 - 1) Deuteronomy 32
- G. Isaiah 54:5-8
- H. Isaiah 62:2-4
 - 1) Exodus 16:5
- I. Jeremiah 31:31-32
- J. As Gentiles that have come to faith, while we are not Israel, we *are* coheirs with them, children of Abraham by faith. We are not any less important, but there is something unique that God is doing with Israel.

PRAYER POINTS

- **Pray for Israel's bridal restoration - Isaiah 62:1, 2-4; Isaiah 54:5-8; Jeremiah 31:31-33; Ezekiel 16:62-63**
- **Pray for Israel's repentance and to turn to the Lord with all of their hearts – Hosea 6:1-3**
- **Pray for the readiness of the Bride of Jesus – Israel and all the nations – that we may go in the wedding banquet, dine, and recline at the table when Jesus returns – Matthew 8:10-12; Matthew 25:1-10; Revelation 19:7-9**