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On the morning of Tuesday, March 12, 2013 before my feet hit the floor, the Most High and Exalted One Yahweh Adonai Elohim Almighty through the Messiah Jesus Christ of Nazareth by His Holy Spirit sent this Holy Bible book of Acts into my mind. Laying in the bed in the early hours of the morning, very clearly the words, "Acts chapter 12" was spoken to me in my spiritual mindful being. I responded to the Holy Spirit in my mind, "Yes, Yahweh Adonai Elohim, I will read Acts chapter 12."

After my morning prayers and devotionals, I went to the Holy Bible to read Acts chapter 12 to learn what the Most High and Exalted One Everliving Everlasting Eternal Yahweh Adonai Elohim Almighty is going to teach me to live so I may teach others to live by His Strong and Supreme Hand.

Yahweh Adonai Elohim Almighty gave this Spiritual teaching from Acts chapter 12 titled, *Prison of Life Open Door*. We all are living upon this earth that Yahweh El Shaddai El Elyon El Gibbor has provided for us to inhabit. How are we living upon this earth? What kind of life are we living? Are we a prison to our life? Do we have routine of living that is opposite of the true life of doing the Word of Yahweh? Are we going through the motions to please our manager, director, ceo, family, friends, pastor, rabbi, or others just to get their approval in our life? Are we in fear of what is happening now or what may happen in the future because we may think there is no way out to become free from our prison of life?

One of Yahweh's servants was placed inside a prison during a period in his life and only by the Hand of Yahweh, Peter was released set free.

Unless noted Holy Bible Scriptures are from the King James Bible.

<sup>8</sup> And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

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- Definition of "Gird" "to encircle or bind with a belt or band"; "to prepare (oneself) for action"; to provide, equip, or invest, as with power or strength" (Retrieved from <a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/gird?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/gird?s=t</a>).
- Definition of "Bind" "to fasten or secure with a band or bond"; "to tie up (anything, as sheaves of grain)" (Retrieved from <a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/bind?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/bind?s=t</a>).
- Definition of "Garment" "any article of clothing" or "an outer covering or outward appearance" (Retrieved from <a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/garment?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/garment?s=t</a>).
- Definition of "Follow" "to go or come after; move behind in the same direction"; "to accept as a guide or leader" or "to conform to"; "comply with"; "or act in accordance with"; "obey" (Retrieved from <a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/follow?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/follow?s=t</a>).

Yahweh Almighty sent an angel to Peter to encourage him to tie his belt around his waist and tie his sandals, put on his clothing and go after or come after the understanding of Jesus / Yeshua. When Peter followed the instructions of the angel of Yahweh, he was being prepared physically to perform Spiritual actions. Peter was to move behind in the same direction and the angel of Yahweh was a guide to lead him out of the prison. Peter had to obey the angel of Yahweh's directions to become free from the prison. We too need to obey the words of the Most High and Exalted One Yahweh Adonai Elohim Almighty to become free from our prison of life. What would had happened to Peter if he had said to the angel of Yahweh, "Do I really need to gird my belt?", "Could you wait until I finished looking at this movie, texting my friend, talking on the telephone or sending this email before I bind my sandals?", "I would like to wear a different garment this one is old and worn", "I would like to follow you, but my church and pastor/rabbi (any religious leader) told me to wait for him or her because of our conferences, holidays, and special events." Yahweh Adonai Elohim Almighty will send us the most unthinkable and unbelievable to set us free from our prison of life.

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<sup>10</sup>When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

Yahweh Almighty will send us His messenger when we are in a prison of life to instruct us to gird, bind, put on garments, and follow Jesus Christ / Yeshua Messiah. As we follow, go after, the things of Jesus Christ / Yeshua Messiah, Yahweh will lead us throughout the prison of life and allow to pass the guards of evilness and wickedness. The guards represent the things in our life that are preventing us to move free from our prison of life. If we are feeding the works of the flesh (Galatians 5), freedom from our prison of life will be impossible. However, when we do the word and works of the Fruit of the Spirit, Yahweh will send His messengers to move us through and pass the guards who are keeping us in the prison of life.

You will notice the action words from the angel of Yahweh Almighty to Peter to tie, to go after, and to come after. For us to become free from our prison of life we also need to have actions of girding, binding, putting on our garments, and following after the commandments of Yahweh Almighty.

Yahweh Almighty will send a messenger in our life to open doors and gates to help us through our prison of life and free us. When we are set free from the guards in our prison of life it is for us to become a testimony to others of what Yahweh Adonai Elohim Almighty has done and become His humble clay vessel servant bringing His Light to a darkened world.

Yahweh Almighty uses the messenger for a specific purpose in our prison life. We are not to ask the messenger to join a congregation, set up shop inside the place of worship, or organize a meeting for conferences.

Peter was in a Holy Spirit trance as the messenger led him throughout the prison setting him free. When the messenger of Yahweh used the power of Yahweh to lead Peter out of the prison, Peter was in a vision trance

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state of body and mind. Peter was being led by the power of Yahweh Almighty and His Holy Spirit by one of His messengers.

<sup>11</sup> And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the LORD hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

The messenger leading Peter out from the prison was to show the power of Yahweh Almighty and His hand of deliverance to His servant. We are directed by the Hand of Yahweh Almighty through an angel or messenger to receive deliverance from our prison of life.

<sup>13</sup> And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

Many people when reading this verse may gloss over it thinking it is not too important. However, what Yahweh Almighty shown me about this small verse the words: knocked, door, gate, damsel, and hearken. There is nothing too hard, too small, and too large for Yahweh Adonai Elohim Almighty that He even uses what seems an unimportant young maiden to hear Peter's voice. This verse is the same as when Jesus / Yeshua is knocking at our door to fellowship and speak with us. Are we going to hear and heed the door knocking at our gate? Are going to ignore the knocking and return to our vices that have placed us into the prison of life?

<sup>14</sup> And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

<sup>15</sup> And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.



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Rhoda recognized Peter's voice and was glad to hear his voice. She was so sure and certain that it was Peter on the other side of the gate that she did not need to physically see him to know it was Peter standing at the door. Are we this certain, as Rhoda certainty of hearing Peter's voice, it is Jesus / Yeshua knocking at our door gate? Are we daily walking and talking and listening to Yahweh and His Son the Messiah Jesus / Yeshua to know He is knocking? Will we open our heart door to allow the Messiah to enter? Are we going to dismiss the knocking from Jesus / Yeshua of being a fluke incident? Do we need to see Jesus / Yeshua before we believe that is was Him knocking at our door gate?

<sup>16</sup> But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished.

People did not believe Rhoda when she empathically told them she heard Peter's voice being spoken at the door gate. Only when the disciples rose up and walk to the door gate to see Peter in the flesh is the point they believed Rhoda was telling the truth.

17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

The Master and King of the universe Yahweh Almighty brought Peter out of prison. It was not a network of family and friends; it was not connection of wealthy relationships; it was not high status of power, prestige, and preeminence that freed Peter from the prison. The Hand of the Everliving Eternal Everlasting Creator of the cosmos Yahweh Adonai Elohim Almighty caused His angel messenger to bring Peter out of the prison. By desiring to live a Godly righteous life pleasing the Heavenly Father as a humble clay vessel servant watching and waiting for His Son and Kingdom to come, Yahweh Almighty will send His angel messenger that we too may be released from our prison of life.

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