

The Message of 5787

The Hebrew year 5787 was presented as a call to **speak the Word of God, rest in His power, and prepare for the coming King.**

A Weapon and Rest

Peh is associated with the mouth and speech. **Zayin** is associated with a sword or weapon. Together they picture the spoken Word as the sword of the Spirit.

At first, a weapon and rest may seem like opposites. Yet one of the believer's greatest weapons is learning to stop striving and trust God to fight.

The Sabbath and Readiness

Sabbath requires faith that God is our provider, protector, and source. It also points toward Messiah's coming kingdom and reminds us that this present age will not continue forever.

Preparation asks:

- Is there a relationship that needs reconciliation?
- Is there someone we need to forgive?
- Have we delayed something God asked us to do?
- Is there someone who needs to hear the gospel?

Repentance Leads to Rest

When we turn from pursuing our own way, striving in our own strength, and holding onto what God asks us to surrender, we enter deeper rest with God and with others.

“Rather than asking, ‘What can I achieve this year?’ ask, ‘How can I draw closer to God this year?’”

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Speak the Word

Peh The Mouth and Speech

The decade of the eighties is connected in the teaching with the Hebrew letter **Peh**—the mouth. Believers are not called merely to know the Word silently, but to speak it in faith.

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Our words should agree with God's truth rather than fear, defeat, or the enemy's narrative.

The Sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:17–18

The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. Scripture immediately joins that sword with prayer: pray in the Spirit at all times, remain alert, and persevere for the saints.

Jesus answered temptation with, **"It is written."** We also take the written Word and what the Holy Spirit brings to our remembrance and use it in prayer.

Speak Truth at the Appointed Time

Proverbs 18:19

An offended person can be harder to reach than a fortified city. Truth matters, but timing also matters. Ask the Lord when and how to speak. Truth spoken at His appointed time can hit the mark; spoken into anger at the wrong moment may simply be rejected.

God Things and Good Things

Malachi 3:2–3

The Lord is like a refiner's fire. He purifies what belongs to Him and tests the quality of our work. This gives us a useful daily question:

"Is this a God thing or merely a good thing?"

Good activities are not wrong, but life becomes unbalanced when they consume every day and leave no room for what God has actually assigned.

Rest in the Battle

The Battle Is God's

2 Chronicles 20:12–17

Judah admitted that it had no strength against the great multitude and did not know what to do, but its eyes were upon God. The Lord answered:

"Do not be afraid or dismayed...for the battle is not yours, but God's."

The people were told to go out, take their positions, stand still, and see the Lord's deliverance. Rest is not passivity. It is obediently taking the position God assigns while trusting Him to accomplish what human strength cannot.

Praise Prepares the Way

2 Chronicles 20:27

After the victory, Judah returned to Jerusalem with joy and music. Praise prepares the heart for victory and awakens us to God's presence. The issue is not religious routine or lip service, but praise that rises sincerely from the heart.

The Crowned King

Zayin was also pictured as bearing a crown. The teaching connected its shape with a man or a nail, forming an image of **the crowned Man who was nailed—Jesus**.

The meaning of the year therefore points beyond letters and numbers to the King Himself. To rest is to acknowledge that He is God and we are not. We cannot fix everything, control everything, or transform ourselves by determination alone.

Stand Still and See

Exodus 14:13

"Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today."

This command gathers the teaching into one response:

- Praise from the heart.
- Speak God's Word in faith.
- Obey without delay.
- Take the position God gives you.
- Trust Him to fight and bring deliverance.

Speak the Word • Rest in God • Stand in faith