

Stage 6: Household Shepherd Disciple: Building the Kingdom House:

You may be a disciple of Jesus Mashiach who has reached full maturity, sacrificially serving the Lord as his shepherd to gather the lost or to help feed the younger ones. If you have shown yourself faithful to *grow* the flock under your care. You have seen the captives released, the poor enriched with new life, and hard hearts repentant to start to bear the fruit of new life. Then, the Lord will perfect you as a disciple, making you a parental disciple in charge of his household, as we see in stages six and seven.

We have already seen in the last stage, which marks the mature disciples from those still stalled in their *childhood*, that sacrificing your Self-ambition and interest is critical to be a mature disciple. Otherwise, whatever you build will be

fleshly, perishable, and advancing Satan's worldly interests rather than God's Kingdom purposes.

Thus, if you have served well, be ready to take your place in Stage six as a *Household Shepherd*, heralding Jesus as Mashiach and preparing his way to abide your Household.

Rather than shepherding individuals, a Household Shepherd is called to shepherd an entire Household of faith. This shepherd can range from parents shepherding their children, or shepherding a spiritual household of several *households of disciples*, or even a congregation of kingdom households gathered by *territory, clans, or even a national house*—so, we see Jesus Mashiach shepherding the House of Israel.

Knowing Jesus:

As you mature as a disciple of Jesus Mashiach, you will know him in deeper and more profound ways. Sharing in his ministry as a Stage 4 *shepherd*

disciple, then identifying in the painful sacrifice that is Cross-bearing ministry as a *sacrificial shepherd* in the fifth stage of discipleship draws you near, and gives you a rare place of trust in the Kingdom. And, knowing him positions in a place of honor in the Kingdom. For, those who are shamed, insulted, and abused in the world because they identify with the name of Jesus bear the distinction of being “blessed” in the Kingdom. The Lord “recognizes” them as those who have shared in his burden of the cross.

But, the greatest of honors is to not just accompany him but to go before him, to *herald his coming* as one entrusted with *preparing the way* before him.

As ones who go before him to prepare each household to *welcome the Lord*, you are *great-by-proximity* to his revealed greatness, for you bear much of the reviling, opposition, and insulting *unbelief* which his name elicits from the

unbelieving and fleshly crowds. Yet, you appeal to these crowds as people among whom Jesus has a *rightful place* as King, as their long-lost Heir.

Preparing Households for Jesus Mashiach:

As Jesus and his disciples neared Jerusalem, where he would be delivered to the fleshly crowds and crucified, they will be severely tested as the inevitable Kingdom and the *entrenched, fleshly* rebellion of Israel's rebellious House collide.

As a *household shepherd*, your first responsibility is to *herald*—to prepare your people to welcome and receive Jesus Mashiach as their rightful Head and Lord.

Jesus models here for his disciples and us the twelve foundational steps which Households must take to welcome Jesus and position themselves within the Lord God's Kingdom movement. For, each household must decide whether it will follow God and his Mashiach in the Kingdom, or if it will

build its own name and reputation in this earth's passing world.

In these Last Days, will you *lay down* your own ambitions, your own name and agenda so that your Household, all those whom the Lord God has entrusted to you, that the Jesus Mashiach may attain his rightful place of Lordship in your home?

Jesus battled with the *rebellious usurpers of* House Israel over these twelve Kingdom distinctives for his House. And, at each point, every household and its members has the opportunity to abandon Jesus and his Kingdom and to live as a merely human family.

And, in these last days, you may be called to *prepare your own household* for the coming of Jesus Mashiach. As a Jew, you may be called to go before Jesus as a *herald* to the House of Israel. Jesus Mashiach encountered stubborn resistance when he first engaged with the house, which

insisted on living a Jewish Life on its own terms, apart from any Mashiach.

However, by now, the Jews have endured two millennia without their rightful Mashiach. Though claiming *redemption* and *blessing* by their Self-entitled religion of Judaism, they have experienced the harsh reality of isolation, genocide, and threat. Soon, the Lord Jesus will evacuate his people before the world's eyes, unmistakably signalling to the Jewish nation that their time has come.

So, as a *shepherd of the House*, consider the formidable task ahead of you. You go before the Lord Jesus Mashiach as a herald of his soon coming.

As you prepare Israel for the Lord's coming, consider the *foundational truths* which *orient* the House of Israel toward Jesus. By God's power, some in Israel may rekindle their original passion and hope for their redeeming Mashiach before

the glorious Day when Jesus Mashiach saves Israel! (Zechariah 12:10).

Key Verse.

⁷ And they **brought the colt** to Jesus and **threw their cloaks** on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others **spread leafy branches** that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “**Hosanna! Blessed** is he who comes in the **name of the Lord!**” ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming **kingdom** of our **father David!** Hosanna in the highest!” ¹¹ And he **entered Jerusalem** and went into **the temple**. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he

went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Mark 11:7-11.

Developmental Disciple Stage:

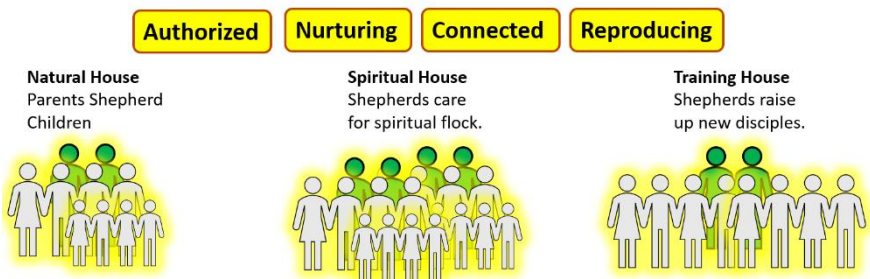
Developmentally, people reaching adulthood have the capacity to become parents. And, acquiring the skills that make one a capable parent are learned gradually. In adolescence, young adults learn to be responsible care-givers. And, fully formed adults have the capacity to *sacrifice* for others, especially their own family members.

Spiritually, disciples acquire skills needed to reach the *parental* stage of discipleship in stages six and seven. In spiritual *young adulthood*, disciples learn to *represent Jesus as “shepherds,”* taking responsibility for the lost and the younger ones of the flock. Then, reaching full maturity as *stage five “sacrificial shepherds,”* they share in their Lord’s cross, willingly giving their lives that others might grow and find the Kingdom’s New

Life. However, *shepherds* and even *sacrificial shepherds* care for individuals.

Shepherds who prove themselves *faithful* in caring for others are then called by the Lord Jesus to *shepherd entire households for the Kingdom*. In the Kingdom, *houses* take many forms, but they are the most fundamental relational unit of the Kingdom which organize and form, at every level, into the Lord's Household, a dwelling place for the Lord God's presence.

Types of Households:



As the Lord of his House, God gathers members into households. Often, these households are

natural families, where its members are related by blood relations. Parents are then the ones *responsible* to shepherd their children. There are also purely *spiritual* households as well, which may gather together several households into a group of many members. Finally, some households have specialized purposes. The shepherds of some households may gather younger members together that they might be *trained* or *equipped* for the kingdom and its work. Other households gather seekers together, who together may discover and then turn to the Lord for salvation. Other groups may gather members who have certain shared qualities—perhaps, a shared ethnicity, or interest, or even location.

Thus, in the Kingdom, the Lord God assembles his house so that there is an overlap of shepherds to care for and raise his people. Household shepherds of “single” households, congregations of households, and even the *combined House* itself

under the
Shepherding of the
Lord Jesus Mashiach
himself, is furnished
with shepherds to
oversee and protect
his House.

Household Shepherds



Combined House:
People, Tribe, or Nation
of Households.
1000+ people



Congregated Households:
Clans, Neighborhood, or
Area Households
100-1000 people.



Single Households
Natural, Spiritual,
Specialized Households
12-25 people.

Shepherding Households:

Obviously, there is a developmental difference between shepherding individuals—whether lost sheep or growing disciples who are safely part of the flock. As we have seen, shepherding skills include helping to cultivate faith and ministering to the *heart* of one's people.

When *household shepherds* reach the sixth stage of their development as shepherds, they are now responsible for *leading their people together, as a household*, to growth and maturity. They are charged with making their *households* a home for Jesus Mashiach to reside as their Lord and King.

To this end, consider the *four processes* which members of households learn to engage in together as they abide in Jesus Mashiach, making their homes *enclaves for the Kingdom* where Jesus Mashiach is enthroned as Lord.

Authorized: Because each household is entrusted with the “authority” and power of the Lord Jesus, being homes *under his name*, the household shepherds of the family must be conduits and managers of this *entrusted authority*. As shepherds, they must serve as those *under authority*, drawing on the Lord’s power to instruct in the Word and bring about obedience to his name. Then, cultivating the measure of *authority* given to group members as *gifts and abilities to serve by the Spirit*, household shepherds ensure that the Lord’s “entrusted authority” is empowering the household for God’s Kingdom works. As members “pray” in Jesus’s name that

the “strong man” might be bound and the captives freed.

If you are a household shepherd called to manage Mashiach’s Kingdom authority at the highest level, to move the mountain of Israel’s obstinacy that it might finally welcome Jesus as its Mashiach, then gather your *fellow shepherds* and pray that the “mountain” of unbelief is moved!

Nurturing: As the household shepherds assigned to a flock, be sure that your people are being “nurtured” by the Word of God and obeying the commands of Jesus! God promises to give his people “Shepherds after my own heart who will feed you with knowledge and understanding” (Jeremiah 3:15). So, do not be afraid to speak to your family what the Lord puts on your heart! Meditate on the Word (Joshua 1:8) and converse with the Lord continually on it (1 Thessalonians 5:17) that it might take hold in your own heart

first, that you speak it boldly to encourage your people.

Connecting: Remember that Jesus is the vine, and your household are branches connecting with him and with each other (John 15:5-10). So, part of your shepherding is to help your people *connect* with each other, with the family as a group, and with Jesus Himself in nourishing and supportive ways. Perhaps pair up in “father to son/ mother to daughter” discussions on occasion. Or, pray together as a whole group. Pair up for various works of service or to meet people and develop relationships. And, as the “branches” of your group grow strong, send them out to nurture their own relationships. As the shepherds of your household, prayerfully see how the Lord wants to arrange your household!

Reproducing: Finally, houses are meant to multiply as the children mature, reproduce, and become parents themselves as they start new

households. So, household shepherds over see this spiritual process as new *disciples* are born into the kingdom and are brought into their spiritual households. They are to ensure that family members are healthy that they may grow and mature into adulthood, eventually reproducing themselves as disciples as they bring others into the Kingdom by proclaiming Jesus to the lost. In this way, *household shepherds* will eventually grow into the *final stage of development*, becoming *generational shepherds* who oversee the growth and expansion of their house across generations, seeing their children's children and beyond.

Shepherding the House of Israel:

As you learn to prepare your household for the *Lord Jesus Mashiach*, consider the example of Jesus as he *prepared the House of Israel* for his presence and rule.

Milestone/ Abilities:

The mark of becoming a parental disciple is the ability to shepherd a *household of disciples*. To do so, you must be able to teach *foundational* truths for the family to build its shared life upon.

Teaching your people to live together in the Household of God, and preparing your House for the Kingdom conflict which rescues the lost into God's House and Kingdom.

A. Knowing/ Responding to Jesus as Head and Heir.

1. **Blessed House:** Welcome Jesus as Mashiach, the Son of David (2 Samuel 7:12-16): Welcome Son of David. Mark 11:1-11.

1. **Prepare:** Heralds sent. 1-6.

2. **Welcome:** Jesus as Mashiach, the Worthy King: prepare coming, rule, way. 7-8.

3. **Bless:** Honor his Name, Lordship, Salvation, and Kingdom. 9-11

2. **Fruitful House:**

Fruitful **House of**

Prayer: the Gospel of the Kingdom.



1. **Satisfying Fruit:** purpose of House. Barren House is denounced/ cast aside. 11:12-14.

2. **Self-Enriching House:** Temple becomes marketplace. 11:15-16.

3. **Purpose of House:** House of prayer for the nations. 11:17-19.

3. **House-building Authority:** Heavenly Authority of Mashiach or human authority to Build house:

1. **Self-Righteous:** doubt Mashiach's authority to build house. 11:27-28.

2. **Source of Power:** God or man? 11:29-30.”

3. **Undermining Unbelief:** fear of man denies authority. 11:31-33.

4. **Inheritance: Heir of House:** Rightful Heir of God and His House.

1. **Rightful Owner:** House as a Vineyard. 12:1-2

2. **Stolen Ownership.** Usurping Rights over House. 12:3-5.

3. **Replacing Heir:** Claiming inheritance. 12:6-

5. **Redeemer Raised Up:** the **Son** of God and the Son of David/ Man.

1. **Raising Up Redeemer:** *redemptive meaning lost.* 12:18-23.

2. **Reasoning Wrongly:** Willful ignorance of Scriptures and power of God. 12.24.

3. **Redeemer for David:** Living God promises Mashiach. 12:25-27.

B. Living in His Household: Commands and Values:

6. **House Commanded to Love God:** Sacrificial Love:

1. **House Commanded** to Hear: “Hear O Israel” 12:29
2. **The Lord is Our God**, a Oneness: *Echad*. 29
3. **Love God Sacrificing** your ALL: heart, soul, mind, strength (30)

7: **House Commanded to Love others:** Self-less Love:

1. **Love Others Selflessly:** Equal to your “Self” (12:31)

2. **Love** outweighs religious acts (33)
3. **Love** Brings **Near Kingdom**: (34)

8. **Lord and Heir of House**: Mashiach as the Son of David and the Son of God.

1. **Limiting Mashiach**: only the Son of David.
12:35
2. **Lord of House**: Mashiach is David's Lord.
12:36
3. **Lordship of Son of God**: Mashiach is Lord.
12:37 (Jeremiah 32:5-6).

C. Establishing His Throne and Kingdom: Milestones:

9. **House Tested**: Wilderness and Birthpains.
 1. **Earthly Greatness** Thrown **Down**. Don't be fixated. 13:1-4
 2. **Beware False Leaders**: *in name of Mashiach*. 13:5-7

3. **Birth of House Israel** Painful: *birth pains and false messiahs.* 13:5-8

10. **House Proclaims:** (3.5 years) Israel reveals Mashiach to World.

1. **Remnant Testifies** to Israel: persecuted. 13:9

2. **Israel proclaims Gospel** of Kingdom to all Nations. 13:10-11.

3. **Kingdom House must endure** hatred even from families. 13:12-13.

11. **House Saved:** The Son of Man returns in Clouds.

1. **House Tested:** Israel flees defiling Antichrist. 13:14-20

2. **Guard against Deceptive Signs:** false christs and prophets. 13:21-23.

3. **The Son of Man Comes:** with clouds of heaven. 13:24-27

12. **Awakened House:** Watching for Fruit, Waiting for the Lord's return.

1. **Watch for Fruitful House:** generation to see End. 13:28-31.

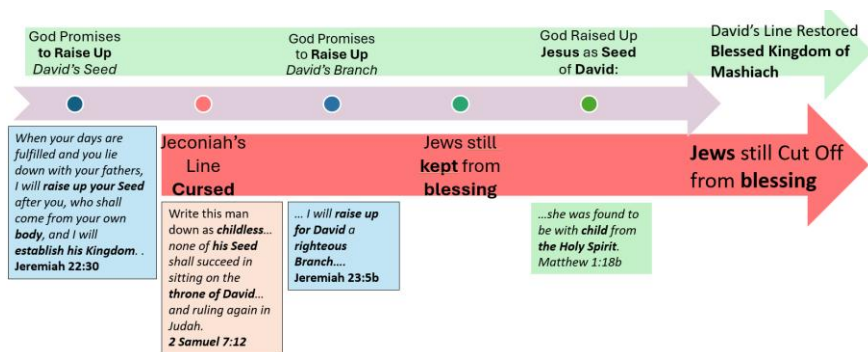
2. **Wait for End by Faith:** not knowing circumstances. 13:32

3. **Stay Awake:** prepare for Lord's Return. 13:33-36.

Assessment Question:

Further Discovery:

1. **Blessed House:** Heralds Welcome Jesus as Mashiach, the Son of David into Households (2 Samuel 7:12-16). Earthly or Heavenly Blessing.



2. **Household Calling:** Fruitful House of Prayer: the Gospel of the Kingdom. Fleshly Purpose or Kingdom Purpose.



3. **Building House:** Heavenly Authority of Mashiach for Mission: Fleshly or Heavenly Authority.

¹³ He shall **build a house** for my **name**, and I will establish the **throne** of his **kingdom forever**. ¹⁴ I will be to him a **father**, and he shall be to me **a son**. 2 Samuel 7:13-14a

¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and **the Spirit descending** on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are **my beloved Son**; with you I am well **pleased.**” Mark 1:10-11

4. **Heir of House:** Rightful Heir of God and His House. Stolen or Mashiach's Rightful Inheritance.

These are the **generations** (of Heirs) of the **heavens** and the **earth** when they were created, in the day that the Lord

God made the earth and the heavens.

Genesis 2:4

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. Romans 8:16-17

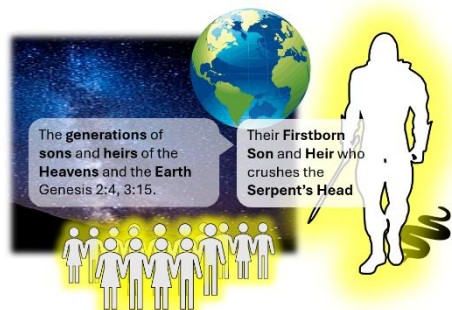
5. **Redeemer of House:** Raised up as the Son of God and the Son of David/ Man. Self-Redemption or Kinsman-Redeemer.



6. **House Commanded:** Sacrificial Love: Shallow or Sacrificial Love for God.

7. **House Commanded:** Self-less Love. Self-Interest or Self-giving Love for others.

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