<u>Lakehouse Bible Study Worship Implements Teaching</u> Flags/Banners/Streamers

{Most of this teaching comes from Linda Lutes's multiple teachings on this subject.}

As you know, we were all created to worship the Lord. These implements are just an extension of our worship. It's an extension of what is in our hearts for the Lord. It is about our love for Him, our devotion, our faith, our joy. It's about our hearts connecting to His heart. And once we are connected to His heart, the Lord can use us to help others connect to His heart.

Many of these implements include flags, banners, streamers, veils, prayer shawls, billows, glory rings, mat-teh's shofar's, tambourines..

The colors and types of worship implements are visual interpretations of spiritual truths used to communicate with the heavenlies in praise, spiritual warfare and worship. We are releasing a prophetic message about our King and His Kingdom as we worship, intercede and do warfare with these implements. In worship, banners are a point of contact—for faith, edification, exhortation, hope, encouragement as well as truth.

Depending on the translation, you will rarely find the Bible using the word flag as we are using it, (except for meaning a reed Hb 5488). The Bible uses banner, standard or ensign to refer to a pole or a pole with an object or a piece of fabric on it. There are several words in Hebrew that mean standard, ensign or banner.

The most commonly used Hebrew word that is translated "banner" is

nec-(Strong's #5251)- pronounce- nace
nec (nace) means banner, flag, sail, signal, token, ensign, standard, sign, pole

Nec (nace) most often means a rallying point or standard which drew the people together for a common action or for communication of important information.

Scriptures for **nec** (nace) Is. 5:26, Is. 13:2, Ps. 20:5, Ps. 60:4, Is. 11:10, Is. 11:12, Is. 18:3, Is. 30:17, Is. 31:9, Zech. 9:16, Jer. 4:6, Jer. 50:2

Another Hebrew word for banner is

dagal/degal-(Strongs #1713, #1714)-pronounced daw-gal'

-to flaunt, to be conspicuous/-banner, standard

In the Old Testament, God used banners as a language to reveal himself. Banners are a 'love language'. Throughout the Bible, God revealed himself only to people with whom He had an intimacy. God's Banners are always an expression of love to His own children while simultaneously striking fear into the hearts of His enemies.

**Song of Sol. 2:4 "He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love."

Song of Sol. 6:10

Worship implements are a form of communication They symbolize our King and His kingdom, conveying a powerful message.

They are used to:

Exalt the Lord and express God's nature and character and what He is doing.

Ps. 60:4-5 "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth That your beloved may be delivered, save with your right hand, and hear me." **nace

John 3:14-15, Ex. 17:13-16, Song of Sol. 2:4, John 12:32, Zech 9:16, Rallying Point: Is. 11:10, Is. 11:12, Is. 5:26,

<u>They are used to identify groups of people and nations</u>: Our flags identify that we belong to the kingdom of God

Numb. 1:52 "The children of Israel shall pitch their tents, everyone by his own camp, everyone by his own standard, according to their armies." **dagal/degal

Song of Sol. 6:4, Numb. 2:2, Numb. 2:18, Song of Sol. 6:10

They are used to push back the enemy, for warfare and to assemble His army. National flags were a rallying point for the troops. If they could see their flag it encouraged them to press on. When armies take a territory, they take down the flag that is flying and put up theirs.

Is. 59:19 **nace (Talking about the Redeemer of Zion) So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

Jer. 4:5-6, Is. 13:2-4, Is. 18:3

They are used in intercession, worship or to make declarations and proclamations of our hearts

Ps. 20:4-5 May He grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfill all your purpose. We will rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions. **nace

Jer. 50:2, Ps. 60:4-5, Jer. 51:12, Is 62:10

They are used to change the atmosphere and release what Holy Spirit is doing in a given moment. Through our extravagant, fervent and sacrificial praise we invite the presence of the Lord and this creates an atmosphere for prophetic revelations.

**Psalm 22:3 But You Are Holy enthroned of the Praises of Israel

1 Sam. 16:23, Josh 6, Acts 16

It is vital for the Ekklesia to walk in our authority. It is vital that we walk in who we are in Christ.

Psalm 74 describes the destruction of the temple.

In Psalm 74:4 (owth) it says TPT "They have come into the very midst of your dwelling place, roaring like beasts, setting up their banners to flaunt their conquests." It states the enemy sets up his banners in the midst of our sanctuary. However, as the Lord's Ekklesia, we lift up OUR banner to exalt the name of Jesus before men and the powers of darkness. We point the congregation to Jesus and His promises. We proclaim that the victory has already been won by the blood that Jesus shed for us. A banner is raised as a proclamation of who we are and what we stand for. We establish truth while waving a flag. Where truth is, darkness must flee! Ephesians 5:8-14.