



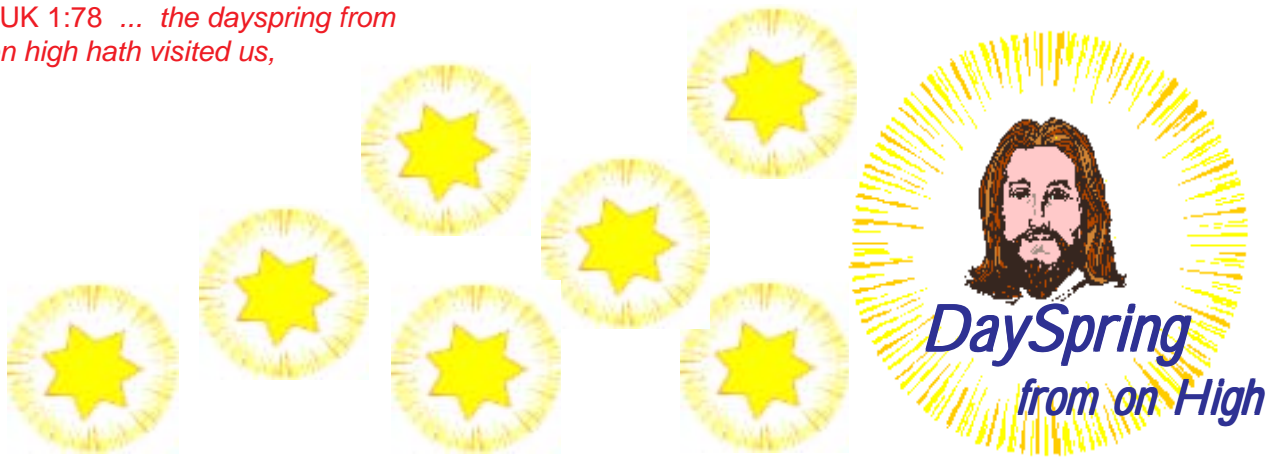
*A Call To Arms*

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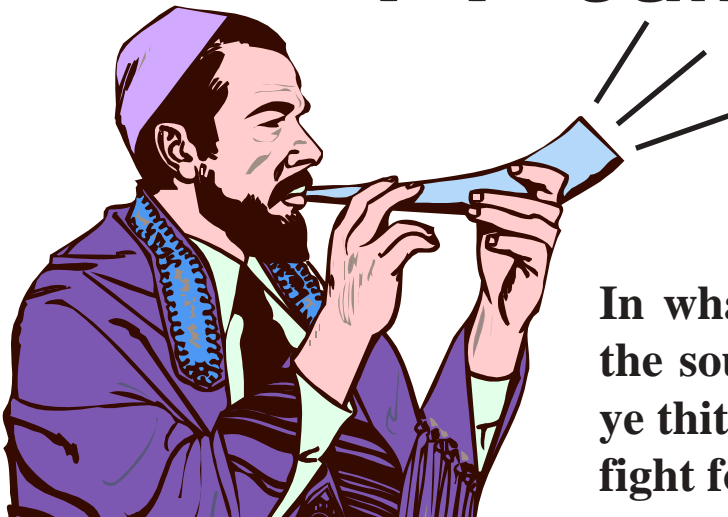


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# A Call to Arms



**In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.**

The Preacher said that there is a time and season for everything. There came a time when Daniel was enlightened that it was time for the Hebrews to come out of Babylon. *In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.*<sup>DAN 9:2</sup> And after a period of time, the Hebrews indeed did leave Babylon and begin rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. And it was in this rebuilding process that Nehemiah gave the following call to arms:

NEH 4:17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, **every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.**

18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.

20 **In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.**

21 So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning **till the stars appeared.**

HEB 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

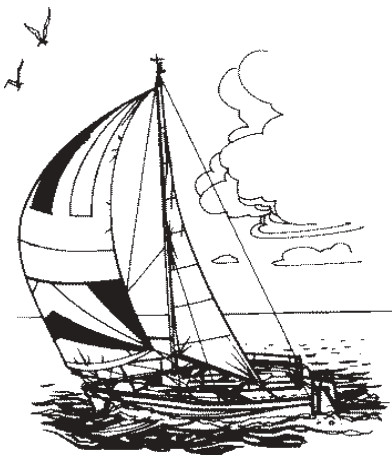
10 **For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works**, as God did from his.

## WHEN ONE UNDERSTANDS REST, ONE UNDERSTANDS TIMING

The rest of God is quite peculiar and it is particularly difficult for a young Christian to understand. For a young convert is full of zeal and involves themselves in many works "for the Lord." After obtaining seasoning, the convert begins to realize that many of the "good works" that they were doing were not in God's timing nor in God's calling to them. In fact, rather than wait for the wind of the Spirit to fill the sails of the ship, they would take up the oars and, by the sweat of their brow, attempt to propel the ship forward.

ISA 33:20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem **a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down**; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

21 But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; **wherein shall go no galley with oars**, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby..



## SHOULD A CHRISTIAN ALWAYS GET OUT OF EGYPT (THE WORLD SYSTEM)?

The scriptures symbolically use Egypt as a type and shadow of the world system. Abraham and Jacob both (as the scriptures say) went "down" into Egypt. One might say that they descended from a spiritual realm to a worldly realm. So, one could say that a Christian should get out of Egypt at the very first opportunity because **this just hast to be the will of God - - - or, is it?** Have you ever considered and understood the meaning of the scripture, "*The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.*" <sup>PSA 78:9</sup> The scriptures do not elaborate further on this, but - have you heard, as Paul Harvey might say, the rest of the story? An account of Ephraim turning back in the day of battle is given in the Book of Jasher (See Joshua 10:13 and II Samuel 1:18 for scriptural references to the Book of Jasher). The circumstances concerning the tribe of Ephraim in Egypt were this:

Jasher 65:1 At that time, in the hundred and eightieth year of the Israelites going down into Egypt, there went forth from Egypt valiant men, thirty thousand on foot, from the children of Israel, who were all of the tribe of Joseph, of the children Ephraim the son of Joseph.

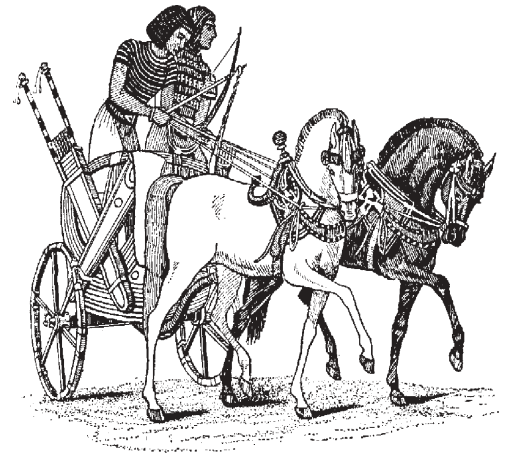
2 For they said the period was completed which the Lord had appointed to the children of Israel in times of old, which he had spoken to Abraham.

3 And these men girded themselves and they put each man his sword at his side, and every man his armor upon him, and they trusted to their strength, and they went out together from Egypt with a mighty hand.

4 But they brought no provision for the road, only silver and gold, not even bread for that day did they bring in their hands, for they thought of getting their provision for pay from the Philistines, and if not they would take it for force.

5. And these men were very mighty and valiant men, one man could pursue a thousand and two could rout ten thousand, so they trusted to their strength and were together as they were.

# *The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle*



So, the stage is set. A company from Ephraim has left Egypt for the promised land. After all, the promised land was promised to the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and why mess around in worldly Egypt - it is time to claim one's possession. What happened to these valiant warriors?

Jasher 65:6 And they directed their course toward the land of Gath, and they went down and found the shepherds of Gath feeding the cattle of the children of Gath.

7 And they said to the shepherd's, Give us some of the sheep for pay, that we may eat, for we are hungry, for we have eaten no bread this day.

8 And the shepherds said, Are they our sheep or cattle that we should give them to you even for pay? so the children of Ephraim approached to take them by force.

9 And the shepherds of Gath shouted over them that their cry was heard at a distance, so all the children of Gath went out to them.

15 And these men were engaged in battle with the children Ephraim, and the Lord delivered the children of Ephraim into the hands of the Philistines.

16 And they smote all the children Ephraim, all who had gone forth from Egypt, none were remaining but ten men who had run away from the engagement.

17 **For this evil was from the Lord against the children of Ephraim, for they transgressed the word of the Lord in going forth from Egypt, before the period had arrived which the Lord in the days of old had appointed to Israel.**

21 And their father Ephraim mourned over them for many days, and his brethren came to console him.

Well, OK, the children of Ephraim did get a little ahead of schedule, but it seemed a good idea at the time to get out of Egypt and reclaim the promised land. But - there was just one little problem:

GEN 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Abram, **Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;**

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: **and afterward shall they come out with great substance.**

But, that was then - this is now. Since the Hebrews came out of Egypt (the world for us), **surely it is time for us to come out of the world today - or, is it?**

JOH 17:8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I pray for them: **I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me;** for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, **but these are in the world,** and I come to thee. Holy Father, **keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me,** that they may be one, as we are.

12 **While I was with them in the world,** I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

# IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT OF THE WORLD

JOH 17:13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in **the world**, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and **the world** hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of **the world**.

15 **I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.**

16 They are not of **the world**, even as I am not of **the world**.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

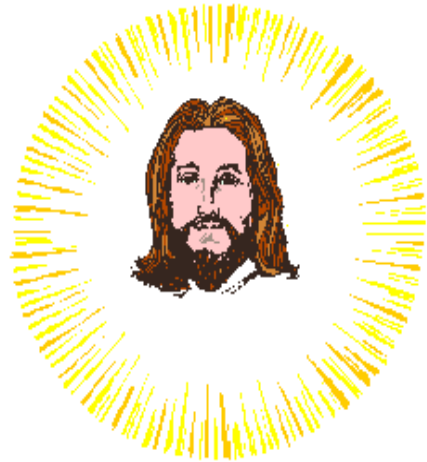
18 As thou hast sent me into **the world**, even **so have I also sent them into the world.**

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 **Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;**

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that **the world** may believe that thou hast sent me.

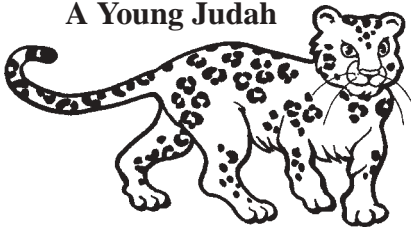
22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; **that they may be one, even as we are one:.**



So, as much as we might like to check out of this world and go to a place where there are clouds and harps and singing all day, the tribulations of the saints living in this world have had a purpose in God's overall plan. And, like it or not, we probably agreed to the overall plan in our spirits before we ever descended into this earth body and were thrust into the world. And most everyday, we hear stories of the tribulations that the saints are going through. But, in God's wisdom, isn't it better for the saints to patiently bear their tribulations so that when general tribulation comes to the world, they are not part of the world's tribulation? *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.* <sup>REV 3:10</sup>

The tribulations of this world cause spiritual growth within us and we will go through the three phases of growth as given in three major feasts of Israel: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. For it is not just the tribe of Ephraim that has trouble with timing. Consider the three stages of the growth process for the tribe of Judah. A young Judah will attack almost anything - its almost humorous to watch him learn his growth process lessons in what to attack and what to leave alone.

## A Young Judah



GEN 49:8 Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

9 Judah is a **lion's whelp**: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a **lion**, and as **an old lion**; **who shall rouse him up?**

MAT 8:23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: **but he was asleep.**

25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, **Lord, save us: we perish.**

26 And he saith unto them, **Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?** Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; **and there was a great calm.**

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!



**Jesus - an example of the Mature Lion**

But, why would our readers concern themselves about Passover? Most of those reading this have long ago accepted the basic Christian common faith of the regeneration of the spirit that is associated with Passover: *To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.* <sup>TIT 1:4</sup> And most reading this have experienced the baptism of their soul in the Holy Spirit (Pentecost): *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.* <sup>ACT 2:38, 39</sup> And we are looking forward to Tabernacles which has to do with the Father taking up residence in a changed and immortal body. *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.* <sup>1TH 5:23</sup> Why all the fuss about Passover - isn't that for basic salvation? Lets unfold the story of how this came about.

## THE STORY OF HOW THIS STARTED

In early February, we received a request for assistance from a daughter who found herself in a lot of difficulty. This daughter has a law degree and had set up a partnership with another lawyer. Over a period of time the practice grew and then they moved their offices to a beautiful old historic house and their business thrived. After some period of time, this daughter had an illness and was only able to carry on a limited portion of her practice. Her partner obtained the assistance of a relative to assist in the practice during this time of illness. The daughter began to notice that bills were not being paid and that some of the clients were complaining. When she began to investigate, she found that her partner was making unauthorized withdrawals from the partnership account - even to the point that she found that some checks bounced because of the secret withdrawals. She had to delve into her own personal funds in order to meet payroll. It was at this point that she decided to ask her partner to dissolve the partnership - he refused - and also refused to give back the money (over \$125,000) that was not his.



What to do? She hired a lawyer to represent her and this lawyer made no progress either in recovering the money or dissolving the partnership. Further, she found out that while she was sick, her partner had completely botched a case for one of her clients. This client was so upset that he hired a person to "curse" the law firm and this daughter reported that about 90% of these curses against the law firm had already come true. She had had nothing to do with botching the case, but she was reaping part of the consequences because of her unethical partner. This brought about a realization by the daughter that this was a spiritual battle as well as a legal battle. She sought our help.

Our leading was to invoke some scriptures that were given to the Hebrew children while they were entrapped as slaves in Egypt. The spiritual strategy was to set a division between this daughter and her unethical partner so the tribulations that had been coming against her as part of the law firm was separated out and would only apply to the partner. Further, it was obvious that divination was at work and that the blood of the Lamb and the promises given to the descendants of Jacob would be required to counter this open door of attack.

# A Multiple Choice Question

Look at the Chronology of the events below that unfolded for the Hebrews as they came out of Egypt. The question is whether the Hebrews were directly afflicted by none, part, or all of the plagues that came upon Egypt. What do you think and how would you answer? The Hebrews were afflicted by:

1. \_\_\_ None of the plagues
2. \_\_\_ Part of the plagues
3. \_\_\_ All of the plagues

## CHRONOLOGY OF THE HEBREW'S JOURNEY OUT OF EGYPT

### THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT

*(God honors His covenant and provides escape from Egypt)*

#### 1.1 The children of Israel are made slaves

EXO 1:1 - 1:22

#### 1.2 Early years in life of Moses

1.2.1 Baby Moses hidden in the bulrushes

EXO 2:1 - 2:10

1.2.2 Moses kills and Egyptian and flees

EXO 2:11- 2:15

1.2.3 Moses tends sheep in the desert

EXO 2:16- 2:25

#### 1.3 God sends Moses as a leader to free the slaves

EXO 3:1 - 7:7

#### 1.4 Aaron's rod becomes serpent EXO 7:8 - 7:13

#### 1.5 Ten plagues on Egypt

1.5.1 Water becomes blood EXO 7:14- 7:25

1.5.2 Plague of frogs EXO 8:1 - 8:15

1.5.3 Plague of Lice EXO 8:16- 8:19

1.5.4 Plague of Flies EXO 8:20- 8:32

1.5.5 The animals die EXO 9:1 - 9:7

1.5.6 Plague of boils EXO 9:8 - 9:12

1.5.7 Plague of hail EXO 9:13- 9:35

1.5.8 Plague of Locusts EXO 10:1 -10:20

1.5.9 Three days of darkness EXO 10:21-10:29

1.5.10 All firstborn must die EXO 11:1 -11:10

#### 1.6 Passover

1.6.1 Sprinkling of lamb's blood on doorposts

EXO 12:1 -12:28

1.6.2 Death of the firstborn in each house

EXO 12:29-12:30

1.6.3 Pharaoh sends the Hebrews away with spoils

EXO 12:31-12:36

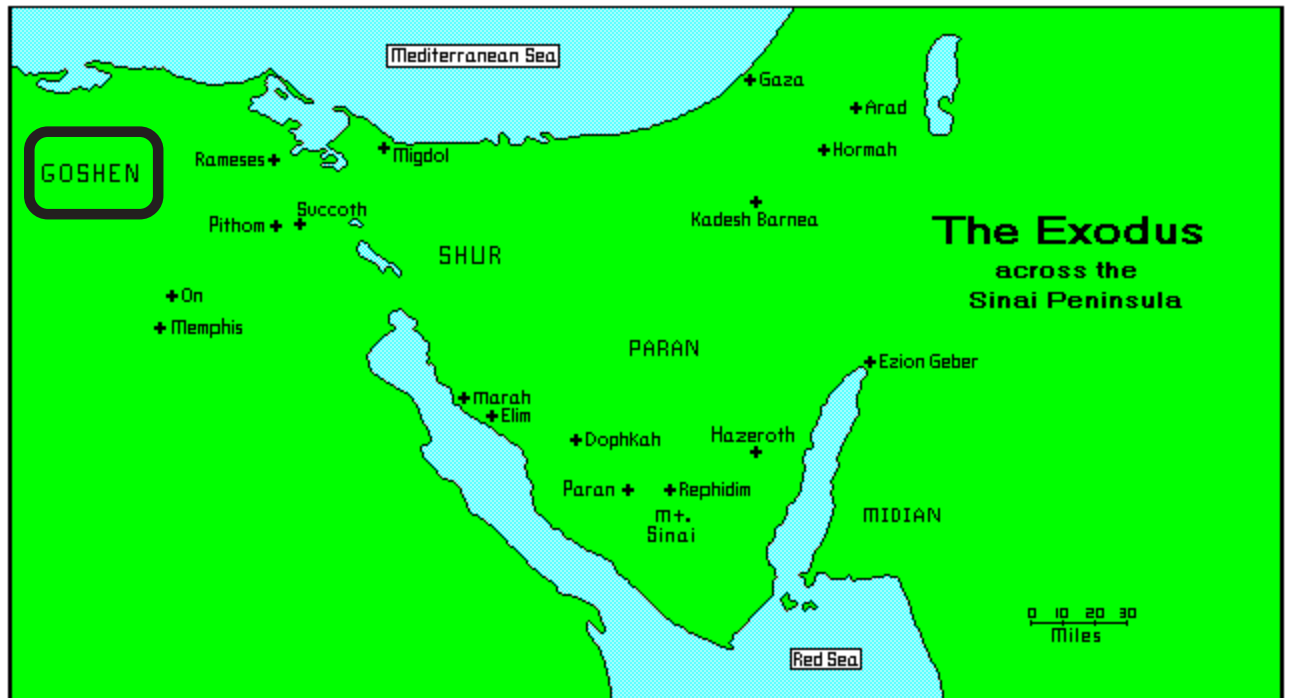
1.6.4 Commemoration of the Passover EXO 12:37-12:51

#### 1.7 The consecration of the firstborn EXO 13:1 -13:16

#### 1.8 Crossing the Red Sea



# SAFE IN THE LAND OF GOSHEN



If your answer to the question on the previous page was **Part of the plagues**, congratulations! - you got the right answer. The Hebrews suffered through the first three plagues, like the rest of the Egyptians. And how they complained about the great deliverers, Moses and Aaron, that had come to set them free! *And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.* EXO 5:20, 21 And, when one checks the records of the plagues, it becomes apparent that Israel suffered through the plagues of the bloody water, the frogs, and the lice, just like everyone else. And then, after the third plague (of lice), God made a very significant move on behalf of His people.

EXO 8:20 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and **the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies**, and also the ground whereon they are.

22 **And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there;** to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.

Exodus 8:22 is a very significant statement in that God set a boundary of protection around His people. He had set them in their own land of Goshen and neither the flies, nor none of the six following plagues did afflict them. When the Hebrews came into Egypt, the land of Goshen was set aside as a place for the shepherds and their sheep. And now God had severed its destiny apart from Egypt. As we considered the case of the daughter lawyer, we determined that a major part of her problem was that she was participating in the plagues that were coming upon her partner, who was dwelling in the realm of Egypt. It was time to request of God that she be set safely in her own land of Goshen. So, we did.

EXO 10:22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and **there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:**

23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: **but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.**

The second part of this daughter's problem was the enchantment and divination set against her. Sometimes Christians become aware that others, who are very backslidden and reprobate Christians, are using all kinds of enchantments, such as Tarot cards, against them and the Lord says, "Leave them alone and be separate from them, I will personally deal with them." And at other times, the Spirit leads to take direct counter measures against such activities. Let us consider the array of enchantments set against the Hebrews and how God dealt with them. First, consider how the enemy will seek to minimize any display of the power of God by saying, "So what, we can do the same things that God does!"

EXO 7:10 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and **Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.**

11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

12 **For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.**

## PLAGUE 1

EXO 7:20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; **and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.**

21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 **And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments:** and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.

## PLAGUE 2

EXO 8:6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; **and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.**

7 **And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.**

## PLAGUE 3

EXO 8:17 And they did so; **for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man,** and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 **And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not:** so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.

19 **Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God:** and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

The above is an account of the Spoken Word of God against the spoken word of the magicians. The rod that Aaron was using here was the rod which later bloomed with almond blossoms. The candlestick in the tabernacle had 22 almond knops in it which represents the 22 letters of light in the Hebrew alphabet as given in Psalm 119. You remember the words of Genesis: ... *and God saith, 'Let light be;' and light is.* <sup>GEN 1:3 (YLT)</sup> . The incident with the rods becoming serpents and the plagues of blood, frogs, and lice was a demonstration of the raw power of God against the raw power of the diviner's serpents. And of course, you know who wins. However, on behalf of the daughter lawyer, it was necessary to send forth the spoken word power of God's almond rod against the magicians and diviner's spoken word. So, we did send forth the almond rod of the power of God's spoken word to swallow up the words of the magicians and diviners. The magician's word was proven to be a lousy word.

NUM 23:22 God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.

**23 Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!**

24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

25 And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.

As we reviewed the daughter lawyer's case, it became apparent that the divination orchestrated against her was from an unusual source, that of a Balaam spirit. This spirit is one of the more difficult to defend against, because Balaam knew the ways of God and yet, in his heart, he wanted the rewards of divination. The incident with Balaam given in Numbers chapter 23 occurred long after the Israelites has left Egypt and had crossed the Red Sea. So, why would we deal with the Balaam spirit in bringing someone out of Egypt. The reason is that Balaam was deeply involved in Egypt trying kill Moses from even before his birth. He was one of the magicians of Egypt. In the present day, the Balaam spirit, expressed in reprobate Christians, is desperately trying to prevent the birth of the manchild of Revelation 12.

2TI 3:7 **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

8 Now as **Jannes** and **Jambres** withstood **Moses**, so do these also resist the truth: **men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.**

Jasher 62:7 And **Janeas**, one of the mighty men of the children of Chittim, reigned after him and he reigned fifty years.

8 And it was after death of the king of Chittim that **Balaam the son of Beor** fled from the land of Chittim, and went and came to Egypt to Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 And Pharaoh received him with great honor, for he had heard of his wisdom, and he gave him presents and made him for a counselor, and aggrandized him.

17 And the king said to all his wise men, Interpret I pray you the dream which I dreamed, that I may know of it.

18 And **Balaam the son of Beor** answered the king and said unto him, This means nothing else but a great evil will spring up against Egypt in the latter days.

19 For a son will be born to Israel who will destroy all Egypt and its inhabitants, and bring forth the Israelites from Egypt with a mighty hand.

20 Now therefore, O king, take counsel upon this matter, that you may destroy the hope of the children of Israel and their expectation, before this evil arise against Egypt.

49 If it please the king **let him order all their children which shall be born from this day forward, to be thrown into the water**, for by this canst thou wipe away their name, for none of the, nor of their fathers, were tried in this manner.

50 And the king heard the words of **Balaam**, and thing pleased the king and the princes, and king id according to the word of Balaam.

52 And Pharaoh called unto all his servants, saying, Go now and seek throughout the land of Goshen where the children of Israel are, **and see that every son born to the Hebrews shall be cast into the river**, but every daughter you will let live.

Jasher 73:28 **And Balaam the magician**, when he saw that the city was taken, he opened the gate and he and his two sons and eight brothers fled and returned to Egypt to Pharaoh king of Egypt.

29 **They are the sorcerers and magicians who are mentioned in the book of the law, standing against Moses when the Lord brought the plagues upon Egypt.**

Balaam was also involved in a Herod type plot to destroy Moses when Moses was a three year old in Pharaoh's palace (See Jasher chapter 70). We will only provide a summary of what happened here. It seemed that the Moses reached up and took the crown off of Pharaoh's head and put it on his own. Pharaoh was distressed about this and called his counsellors into to inquire whether Moses had done this wittingly and if it was an omen of things to come. Balaam proposed putting an onyx stone and a hot coal in front of Moses as a test. If Moses reached out to the onyx stone, he had removed the crown from Pharaoh wittingly. But if he reached out to the hot coal, then the act was done without knowledge. So, the test was devised with the onyx and hot coal placed before Moses. Moses reached out to pick up the onyx, but the angel of the Lord took his hand and placed it upon the coal. *And when the king and the princes saw this, they knew that Moses had not acted with wisdom in taking off the crown from the king's head.* <sup>Jasher 70:30</sup> Thus, Balaam's plan was directly thwarted by the angel of the Lord. In another critical battle, Balaam's thinking was purposely caused to be confused. *And Balaam rose up and tried the art of divination, and he was skillful in the knowledge of it, but he was confused and the work was destroyed in his hand. And he tried it again but it did not succeed, and Balaam despaired of it and left it and did not complete it, for this was from the Lord, in order cause Zepho and his people to fall into the hand of the children of Israel, who had trusted in the Lord, the God of their ancestors, in their war.* <sup>Jasher 64:28,29</sup>

Why was it that Balaam was so careful not to curse Israel when he was hired by Balaak to do so? Because his clock was so thoroughly cleaned by Moses and the Hebrews in Egypt, he learned not to mess with attempting divination against the Hebrews. Therefore, one of the best ways to defeat the Balaam spirit is to use his very own words against him. And so we did on behalf of this daughter!

**NUM 23:23 Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!**

However, just because Balaam had been broken of divining against the Hebrews, this did not mean that he had abandoned his usual devious and injurious schemes. Rather than use divination, he taught the enemy how to exploit the weaknesses of the Hebrews. Is it not written? *But I have against thee a few things: That thou hast there those holding the teaching of Balaam, who did teach Balak to cast a stumbling-block before the sons of Israel, to eat idol-sacrifices, and to commit whoredom;* <sup>REV 2:14</sup> If an individual is strong in the Lord and can not be attacked directly by a Balaam spirit, then another route is chosen. Attack the sons (or daughters) of the individual, attack close family members, attack their business associates, attack anyone that befriends them in any way. Sometimes, those that are very strong in Lord will cave in when their children or loved ones are attacked - and the Balaam spirit is quite aware of that. So, what can one do in this case except to simply ask the Lord for His protection - so we did. And, when someone starts harassing the Lord's children, they should keep in mind the following scripture: *For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.* <sup>ZEC 2:8</sup>

Now that the foundation for countering the fierce attacks against this daughter lawyer had been laid, it was time to bring what had been done in the spirit world to manifest in the earth. A meeting had been scheduled to review this daughter's general situation on the afternoon of February 21st. In the morning the daughter was quite ill, but miraculously she had recovered for the afternoon meeting and the meeting went quite smoothly. However, in the background, there were quite a number of saints putting forth prayer for God's people. For the Spirit had told us that this was not just an isolated battle on behalf of one daughter. **Instead, what was happening in miniature for this daughter was being waged on a much larger scale for God's sons and daughters - particularly His firstborn.** We were shown that there would be "hundreds" of people praying for a release for God's children from the Egypt of the world system.

# THE CONFRONTATIONS

EXO 3:21 ... and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty

The court had appointed a session for the daughter lawyer and her law partner (hereafter called Mr. X) to try to work out a settlement. By this time, Mr. X had already gone through two attorneys to represent him on this case and now he had retained a third attorney, brand new to the case, to counsel him. So the daughter with her attorney met them with the objectives of getting back the historic house, dissolving the partnership and recovering misappropriated money.



As discussions unfolded, Mr. X frequently became apoplectic. The new attorney asked questions about the details of the case. When Mr. X exploded, his attorney took him outside the room and lectured him concerning the realities of the case. As more details of the case unfolded (and Mr. X continued to explode), it became apparent that his new attorney was giving him some pointed advice during each temper-tantrum exodus from the room. That advice was to settle the case as quickly as possible. So, the meeting ended with an agreement that the two attorneys would work out the details for their client's approval. Months and months of no progress in reaching a settlement came to a sudden end with the hope that the ordeal would soon be resolved.

However, the daughter lawyer had little time to rest - for her major and most critical lawsuit for one of her clients was scheduled for a meeting with the opposition attorneys on March 8th. The opposition was represented by a team of three very well financed lawyers. These lawyers were past masters in delaying, obfuscating, and discouraging the rightful claims made by the daughter's client. Their tactics included using technical witnesses who prostituted their integrity in exchange for the money dangled in front of them. The case had drug on for almost ten years and the likelihood of any change resulting from the March 8th meeting seemed to be almost too much to hope for. However, the daughter lawyer laid out the case against the three lawyers and, for the first time, the realization hit them like a lightning bolt that if the case went back into court before the judge, they would be soundly beaten. Further, they would be fined by the court for unethical tactics in addition to the settlement that they would have to pay. They chose to accede to a settlement. The daughter lawyer gave them one month, until Monday, April 9th, to wrap up the details and documentation of the settlement and present their checks - otherwise the case would go back to court.

Naturally, we were quite encouraged by the developments in these two meetings. But the word came, "Keep praying, this isn't over yet!" We then reviewed the previous word that we had received: *For the Spirit had told us that this was not just an isolated battle on behalf of one daughter. Instead, what was happening in miniature for this daughter was being waged on a much larger scale for God's sons and daughters - particularly His firstborn.* What was the significance of April 9th? As we reviewed this date, we noted that April 8th was Palm Sunday on the Christian calendar but that it was Passover on the Hebrew calendar. Then it hit us. Do you see the pattern of the events occurring in February and March which were leading toward the Passover coming up on April 8th? The power of the blood of the Lamb particularly manifests at the time of Passover.

# TIMING

## 1.3 God sends Moses as a leader to free the slaves

EXO 3:1 - 7:7

## 1.4 Aaron's rod becomes serpent EXO 7:8 - 7:13

## 1.5 Ten plagues on Egypt

1.5.1 Water becomes blood EXO 7:14- 7:25

1.5.2 Plague of frogs EXO 8:1 - 8:15

1.5.3 Plague of Lice EXO 8:16- 8:19

1.5.4 Plague of Flies EXO 8:20- 8:32

1.5.5 The animals die EXO 9:1 - 9:7

1.5.6 Plague of boils EXO 9:8 - 9:12

1.5.7 Plague of hail EXO 9:13- 9:35

1.5.8 Plague of Locusts EXO 10:1 -10:20

1.5.9 Three days of darkness EXO 10:21-10:29

1.5.10 All firstborn must die EXO 11:1 - 11:10

SEPARATION OF  
HEBREWS INTO  
LAND OF GOSHEN  
(February 21st)



## 1.6 Passover

1.6.1 Sprinkling of lamb's blood on doorposts  
EXO 12:1 -12:28

1.6.2 Death of the firstborn in each house  
EXO 12:29-12:30

1.6.3 Pharaoh sends the Hebrews away with spoils  
EXO 12:31-12:36

1.6.4 Commemoration of the Passover EXO 12:37-12:51

PASSOVER  
(April 8th)



April 9th



## 1.7 The consecration of the firstborn EXO 13:1 -13:16

## 1.8 Crossing the Red Sea

What is the meaning of the timing of all this? Is this leading toward some major event that will take place around Passover? Frankly, we don't know - all we know is to be obedient to the Most High God and that He will unfold events as He sees fit.

We asked the question earlier - why all the fuss about Passover? Isn't that concerned with basic regeneration of our spirit? - and most of us have received that years ago. But, because it has already happened for us does not make it any less precious or any less thrilling for the new converts who are receiving their basic salvation for the first time. However, let's look at Passover in terms of the firstborn.

EXO 12:3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month **they shall take to them every man a lamb**, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: **and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.**

7 And **they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses**, wherein they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, **and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt**, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: **and when I see the blood, I will pass over you**, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

# THE ROLE OF THE FIRSTBORN

HEB 12:22 But, ye came to Mount Zion, and to a city of the living God, to the heavenly Jerusalem, **and to myriads of messengers,**

23 to **the company and assembly of the first-born in heaven enrolled,** and to God the judge of all, and to spirits of righteous men made perfect,

24 and to a mediator of a new covenant - Jesus, and to blood of sprinkling, speaking better things than that of Abel! [Young's Literal Translation].

Who is this company and assembly of the firstborn and how does it fit into the overall scheme of things? Does it refer to the general, overall body of Christ, or does it refer to a priesthood that will be manifested even before the general return of Christ so that they are in place as priests at Christ's general return. And what order of firstborn priests might this be?

1CO 15:23 **But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits;** afterward **they that are Christ's at his coming.**

PSA 110:1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, **in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.**

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek...**

In the Young's Literal Translation in Hebrews chapter 12, the company and assembly of the firstborn is likened to myriads of messengers. Did you know that the word myriad refers to ten thousand and doubling a myriad would be twenty thousand?.

PSA 68:17 **The chariots of God are twenty thousand,** even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place. King James

18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them. King James

PSA 68:17 **The chariots of God {are} myriads,** thousands of changes, The Lord {is} among them, in Sinai, in the sanctuary. Young's Literal Translation

EZE 44:30 **And the first of all the firstfruits of all things,** and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.

There is a first of the first fruits company of twenty thousand sons and daughters of the order of Melchisedec that will come at the very first. Then, there is a further first fruits company of 288,000 sons and daughters that also come upon mount Zion. These two sets of 144,000 are described in Rev 7:4 and Rev 14:3. But how does this relate to Egypt and the sparing of the firstborn by the application of the blood of the Lamb? It is apparent that the first priesthood was the firstborn. Then, for an "**age-during**", the priesthood of Levi served. But **now**, it is being replaced by the Melchisedec priesthood of the firstborn that opened the womb of the morning.

EXO 13:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 **Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb** among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: **it is mine.**

EXO 13:15 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; **but all the firstborn of my children I redeem.**

EXO 40:13 and **thou hast clothed Aaron with the holy garments, and anointed him, and sanctified him, and he hath acted as priest to Me.**

15 and anointed them as thou hast anointed their father, and they have acted as priests to Me, and **their anointing hath been to be to them for a priesthood age-during,** to their generations.' YLT

EXO 12:29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle..

Thus, Passover is a very important time for the priesthood of the firstborn. Because, by the application of the blood of the Lamb, their life is literally spared. But, what application does that have to us today? We know that the spirit of Christians has been regenerated and saved. We know that the Holy Spirit baptizes the soul and transforms the minds of Christians - at least to the degree that they will permit the Spirit to work. Christians still die every day - what about salvation of the body? **Believest thou this?**

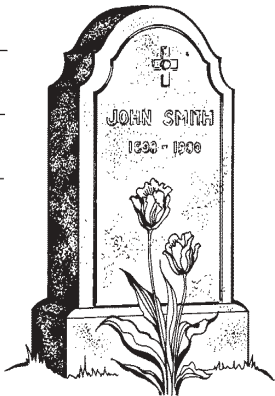
JOH 11:23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 **And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?**

There have been a number of preachers that have seen beyond the veil and preached that man can obtain immortality and not go through death. And where are many of these preachers today? The bodies of many of them are in the graveyard. Some of their names you know. Does that mean that the message that they preached is not (or was not) a true message? Not at all - consider the following verse:



HEB 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.



So, there remains for a first of the firstfruit company of sons and daughters who will receive the application of the blood of the Passover Lamb so that death may pass over their bodies. As they receive the application of this blood to the lintels and side posts of their body they will then be prepared to lead others past the veil of death into immortality. These are the company of "Christ the firstfruits". This is a progressive walk, but as it is walked out, the following scriptures will be fulfilled:

1TH 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and **body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

2TI 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, **and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:**



What about immortality? Has anyone made it there without going through death? *By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.* <sup>HEB 11:5</sup> The Book of Jasher says that not only was Enoch translated, but that a number of others were translated with him (Jasher chapter 3). One might say that Elijah and Moses halfway made it to immortality. Elijah was translated but John the Baptist who was cloaked with Elijah's mantle suffered death. *Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.* <sup>JUD 1:9</sup> We think that it is safe to say that the devil lost the battle over the possession of Moses' body. Some say that the Apostle John never died but still comes and goes among the sons of men even today. *Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?* <sup>JOH 21:21-23</sup> Therefore, **if** Jesus willed that John tarries until Jesus returns, then we would say that it is highly probable that John would do just that. Jesus overcame death and was transfigured on a high mountain. He could not have been slain except that after the transfiguration He intentionally laid down His life that others might live. *No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.* <sup>JOH 10:18</sup>

1CO 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

**11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.**

Many think that Passover has just to do with the salvation and regeneration of the spirit. They think that Pentecost has only to do with the baptism in the Holy Spirit and that Tabernacles, being the yet unfulfilled feast with be that feast where immortality of the body is achieved. And, so it may be. However, for the firstborn, their carcasses would have been dead in Egypt had they not applied the Passover blood to the door posts of their house.

And then what about Pentecost after they came out of Egypt and celebrated in the third month? *In the **third month**, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.* <sup>EXO 19:1</sup> Were not the instructions of Pentecost critical for overcoming death?

EXO 19:11 And be ready against the **third day**: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon **mount Sinai**.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: **whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:**

## PENTECOST CONTINUED

EXO 19:14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; **and they washed their clothes.**

EXO 24:8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, **Behold the blood of the covenant**, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:

10 And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

11 **And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.**

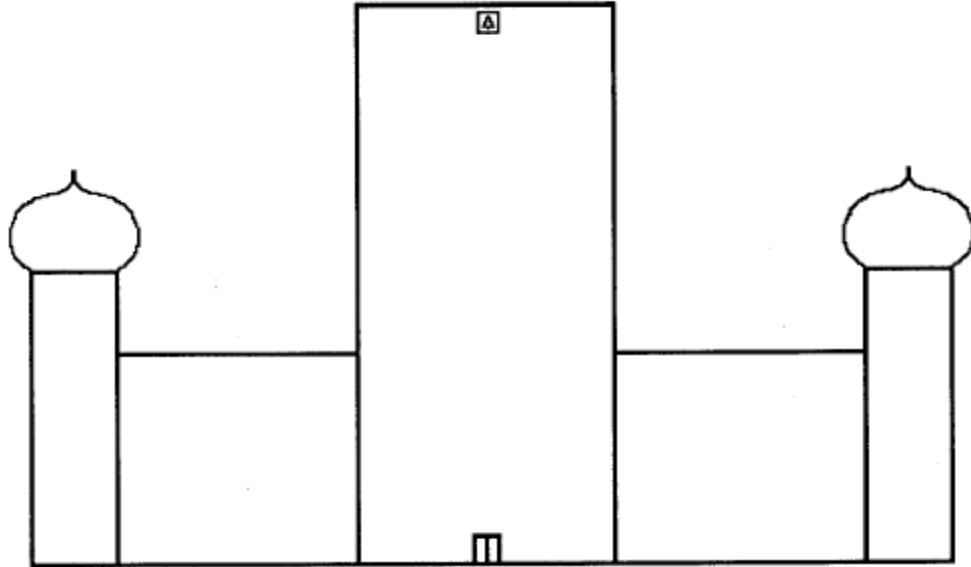
Well, so far so good. The firstborn applied the blood to their house (body) and lived through the Passover. They washed their clothes and beheld the blood of the covenant and went upon the mountain and dined with God. What else could lie ahead?

NUM 14:33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, **until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.**

34 **After the number of the days in which ye searched the land**, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise..

Well, sorry folks - that group didn't make it. They were too afraid of giants of the land - their main fear was that of death. So, another opportunity was lost to go into the promised land which in type is to achieve immortality of that land which is our body. *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.* <sup>1CO 10:11</sup> But there is deliverance from this fear that made the spies feel like grasshoppers in the presence of the giants. *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*** <sup>HEB 2:14, 15</sup>

So, we are at the yearly beginning of another cycle of another Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. Are there enough on the earth today that have the firstborn spirits of a Joshua and a Caleb to penetrate the veil of immortality - or will this year be just another cycle even as the cycles of past years? Will Passover (April 8th in 2001) be extra special or will it be more like past years? Will this be the beginning of the return of Jesus? We do not know - and we would not even try to predict. So many have tried to predict the coming of the Lord and they have failed miserably. We were shown through vision how tightly the timing of this secret is held. For only the Most High God, El Elyon Himself, knows the timing of this event. Yeshua said, *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.* <sup>MAT 24:36</sup> There are certain secrets that will be revealed as the old age decays away and the millennium of the third day dawns. Some of these secrets will be revealed by revelation to the Most High's sons and daughters and some will be revealed only by El Elyon Himself. We recount here a vision that was given on November 26, 1993.



A vision was given to a daughter of El Elyon's palace. It seemed like it had very high walls and a very small door. Then she realized that the door looked small because she was looking at it from a far distance. It had a larger structure in the middle and towers on each side. The tops of the towers had a similar design to the domes of cathedrals that can be seen in Russia.

**PSA 45: 8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.**

And then it seemed that she was taken closer to the palace and finally through the doors. And while seeing many sights, one part of the palace which was like a library made quite an impression. This library was a repository of all knowledge. **In this were books that pertained to the timing of things - encased in a fire that only El Elyon could go through.**

**MAR 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.**

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

She was given to understand that in the palace was the key to all knowledge - that words, reduced to their simplest basic form, were locked in sets of numbers- and the keys of creation were based on these sets of numbers. Inside this palace library, she saw a room where a number of young men and women were consulting books, writing notes, and trying to make decisions. It seems that they were about to be sent from the heavens into the earth realm. *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.* <sup>ROM 8:29</sup> They were told that they could not bring all knowledge that they had with them. It would not be permitted because of pride. But each one of them had to choose those nuggets of revelation that they wanted to take with them which would later be unsealed in the earth. And the vision ended.

Father, El Elyon, Most High God, we come to you in the Name of Yeshua, our Savior, and ask that by the Spirit of Truth, you will move upon each one reading this message now to unseal those truths that were given them before the foundation of the world. And, Father, we ask that they may share these with the body of Christ. Amen. *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.* <sup>JOH 15:26</sup>

Even with all the signs and clues from the Passover described in Exodus, could any of us have really predicted from the type and shadow what the true reality of the crucifixion of Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb would be? Who would have thought that the Son of God would have come and died for us. Oh yes, there were a few clues, such as Abraham's attempted sacrifice of Isaac, but who could have taken that account and predicted the sacrifice of the Lamb for us? Certainly the devil wasn't able to predict it, for just when he thought he had won, he lost. What a surprise for him!

And what about Pentecost. Who among us would have been able to take the account of the trumpet blowing and Moses and the Elders going up on Mount Sinai in the third month and relate it to what happened in the upper room at the day of Pentecost? *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.* <sup>ACT 2:1-4</sup> Who would have predicted speaking in other tongues and tongues of fire setting upon the head?

And then, what about Tabernacles? Let us look at the Old Testament account. *Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.* <sup>LEV 23:42</sup> It seems that the Hebrews took the branches of trees and made little booths and sat in these for seven days. Nehemiah gives us further description concerning this.

NEH 8:14 And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, **that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:**

15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, **Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.**

16 So the people went forth, and brought them, **and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house,** and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: **for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so.** And there was very great gladness.

The types and shadows of the old testament for the feasts of Passover and Pentecost were spiritually fulfilled in the New Testament. But the feast of Tabernacles has not yet had a spiritual fulfillment. So, given the Old Testament clues above, would anyone like to go "out on a limb" and predict just how building booths from the limbs of trees will be spiritually fulfilled in the future? The truth is that most of these secrets have not yet been released from the protection of the fire of the Most High God.

It is true that many have predicted dates and they have not come true. There are others that seem to clap their hands with glee when news of some terrible tragedy comes because they reason that we are just that much closer to the coming of Jesus. But, when one studies the heart of Moses, it is apparent that he was very much saddened (not made gleeful) by the sins of the Hebrews and that he stood in the gap for them many times. Then there are those who have had great prophetic ministries but in the end came to a dismal end because of pride in being used greatly of God. Then there are other "prophets" who make many predictions and then spend great amounts of time explaining why things did not happen the way they predicted.

All of us have been guilty of the above to some degree. So, how do we handle the present state of affairs? Given the generally poor track record, should we stay away from prophetic words and predictions?

There is an old saying that goes like this: Don't throw out the baby with the bath water! Yes, from time to time the baby gets dirty and needs to be washed, but just don't throw the little fellow out - he might just be the baby that will be in that company called the manchild.



Yes, this manchild is going to go through some trials and tribulations. And the rest of the religious establishment will probably look askance at him and think that he is cursed of God. But in the end, everything will work out.

JOB 3:1 After this hath Job opened his mouth, and revileth his day.

2 And Job answereth and saith: -

3 Let the day perish in which I am born, And the night that hath said: '**A man-child hath been conceived.**'

4 That day - let it be darkness, Let not God require it from above, Nor let light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and death-shade redeem it, Let a cloud tabernacle upon it, Let them terrify it as the most bitter of days.

6 That night - let thick darkness take it, Let it not be united to days of the year, Into the number of months let it not come.

7 Lo! that night - let it be gloomy, Let no singing come into it.

8 Let the cursers of day mark it, **Who are ready to wake up Leviathan.** <sup>YLT.</sup>

Job went through many trials and tribulations - but he was one who legally confounded and faced down that old serpent that accused him before the throne of God. *And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.* <sup>JOB 2:4-5</sup> It was this same spirit that was an adversary for the Hebrews coming out of Egypt and is an adversary for the manchild of Revelation 12.

PSA 74:14 Thou brakest **the heads of leviathan** in pieces, and **gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.**

REV 12:3 **And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads** and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 **And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.**

So, just because the potential manchild has ashes and boils all over him, let us not throw him out with the bath water. Lets wash him off and go forward. Do not the scriptures say: *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* <sup>2TIM 2:15</sup> If the children of Ephraim had studied the words given to Abraham, they would not have stumbled in trying to leave Egypt before the Lord's timing. If Daniel had not studied the words of the prophet Jeremiah, he might not have known that it was time to leave Babylon. *In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.* <sup>DAN 9:2</sup> God places valuable information on timing in the scriptures and in messages given by his prophets. Let us mature in our discernment to rightly divide the word given in the scriptures and the words given by the prophets.

# THE MILLENNIUM - THE THIRD DAY

2PE 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, **that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

LUK 13:31 The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.

32 And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures **to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.**

REV 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; **and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

In terms of general timing, we are expecting the millennial reign of Christ for a thousand years. Yes, it has been about two days (2000 years) since Jesus was born upon the earth and the church was established at Pentecost. How this will manifest, we do not know. But as the day dawns there will be more and more light. So, we will leave it at that for the time being. In the meantime, let us go back to the subject of Passover, 2001. What is a summary of those spiritual steps that each of us might take to prepare for Passover?

## FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY - AND YOUR FAMILY OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

- ✠ Ask the Most High to set a division between you and the world system so that you are protected in the land spiritually known as Goshen. (Exodus 8:22)
- ✠ Disannul any enchantments against you or your family (Numbers 23:23).
- ✠ Prepare for and observe the Passover and apply the Blood of the Lamb to the lintel and door posts of your body (Exodus Chapter 12) See Numbers 9:10,11 if it is past April 8th when you read this.
- ✠ Ask for a Passover for your nation if the Most High should lead you to do so in that area (Exodus 19:4)

Much can be learned about the spiritual Passover from the types and shadows of the ceremonial meal of roasted lamb and bitter herbs. If the Lord should lead you in this area, have a Passover meal and gathering with your family. *It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.* <sup>EXO 12:42</sup> We pray that this Passover season will be a time of special blessing for you and your loved ones and that the Most High God will do mighty works in your midst. Amen.

MARCH 18, 2001 LETTER

**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIALS**

**PLEASE REVIEW BEFORE  
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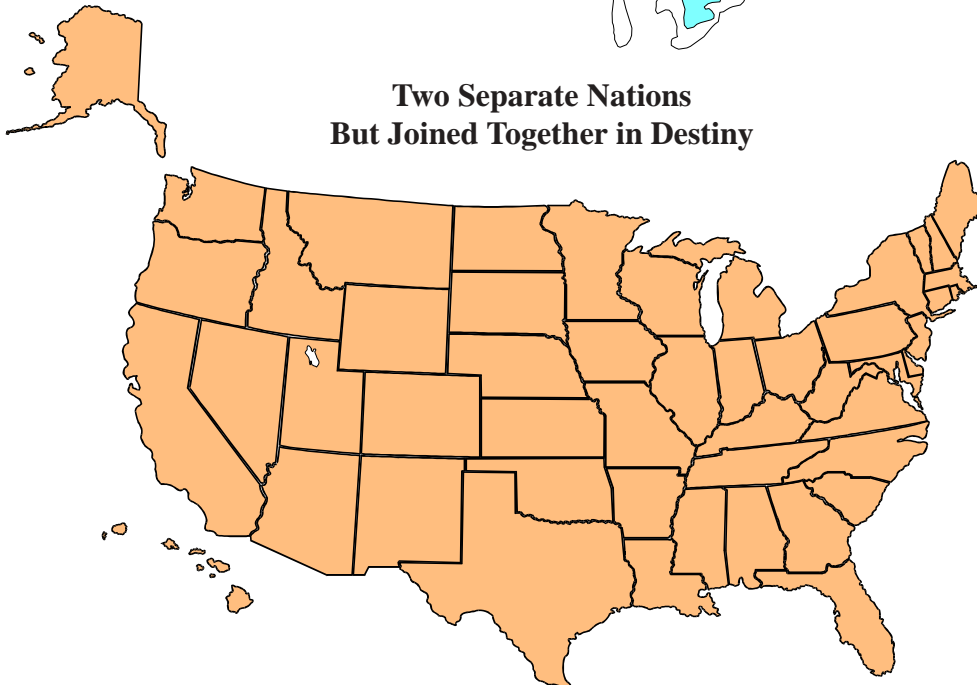
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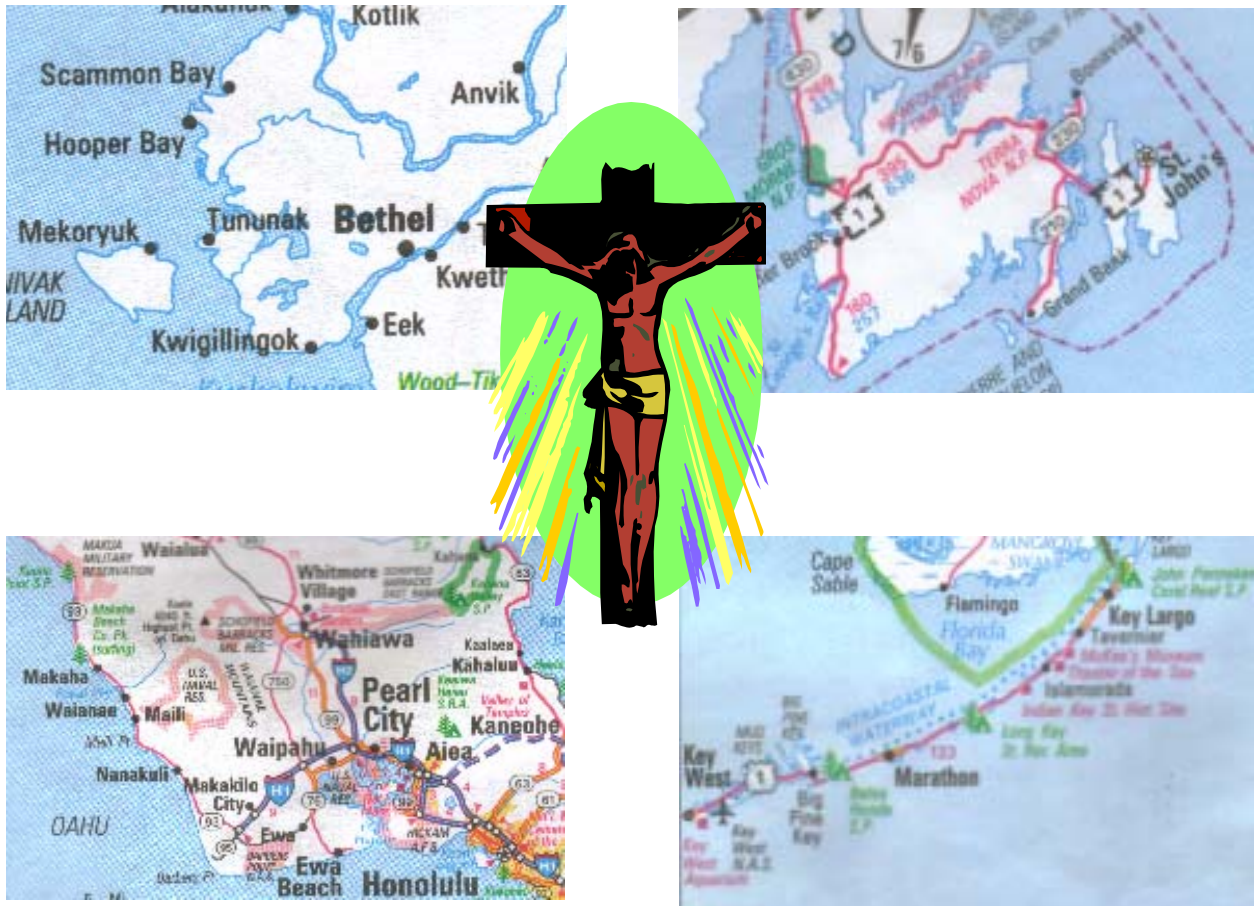
**Two Separate Nations  
But Joined Together in Destiny**



**ZEC 2:5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of  
fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.**



# FROM KEY LARGO, FLORIDA TO BETHEL, ALASKA



## FROM PEARL MOUNTAIN AT ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND TO PEARL CITY, HAWAI

What is the strength and defense of a nation? Is it technological might - is it the natural boundaries and the fortification of its geographical borders? All these may have some effect, but ultimately the strength and defense of a nation is God's protection - and particularly the blood of the Lamb.

EXO 15:16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people **pass over, which thou hast purchased.**

17 Thou shalt bring them in, **and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance,** in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O LORD, which thy hands have established.

The Adversary, also known as the Accuser, continually accuses our nations before the throne of God. And it is true, our nations have sinned and erred and often departed from the way of the living God. But, there is no way that we can stand against these charges according to our works. We must ask forgiveness for the sins of our respective nations and ask the Most High God to cover our lands with the blood of the Lamb. Then when the judgement comes, it must **Pass Over**, because the blood of the Lamb is covering our land. We do not know what surprises the adversary is planning against Canada and the United States, but we do know that, whatever it is, it can not be activated if our lands are covered by the blood of the Lamb. Please join with us in asking for a renewing of the covering of Jesus' blood for our respective nations during the Passover coming up on Sunday, April 8th.

The enclosed booklet, entitled A Call to Arms, explores the deeper meanings of Pass Over and how each of us can appropriate the Lamb's blood as a protection for ourselves, our families, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our livelihoods, and our nation. We hope that you will join with us in this year's Passover Celebration. We hope that you will also ask for the covering of the blood of the Lamb for your province, your territory, or your state - whichever may be type of governmental administration in which you reside.

EXO 12:3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month **they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:**

4 **And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls;** every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

7 **And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.**

8 **And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it..**

We think the DaySpring mailing list covers most of the states, some of the provinces and a few of the territories. However, in the old times, a family from one house sometimes joined together with a family from another house to partake in the roasted lamb. Perhaps some of you, in addition to covering your own district, would ask for the covering of the blood of the Lamb over one or more of the following states, provinces, and territories. For in these areas, the coverage of our mailing list is light or nonexistent.

Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan,  
Manitoba, Northwest Territory, Nova  
Scotia, Newfoundland, Territories

Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, North Da-  
kota, South Dakota, Rhode Island, Dela-  
ware, Washington, D.C., U.S. Territories

If some of you live near the sea, try to celebrate the Pass Over there, because we have been quite impressed that the blood of the Lamb needs to be applied to the seashores.

1PE 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 **But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Father, El Elyon, Most High God, we do call upon you in the name of Yeshua, our Savior, and ask that the covering of the blood of Lamb would be upon us, our families, our businesses, and Canada and the United States in greater measure than ever before. Amen.



# *A Call to Arms*

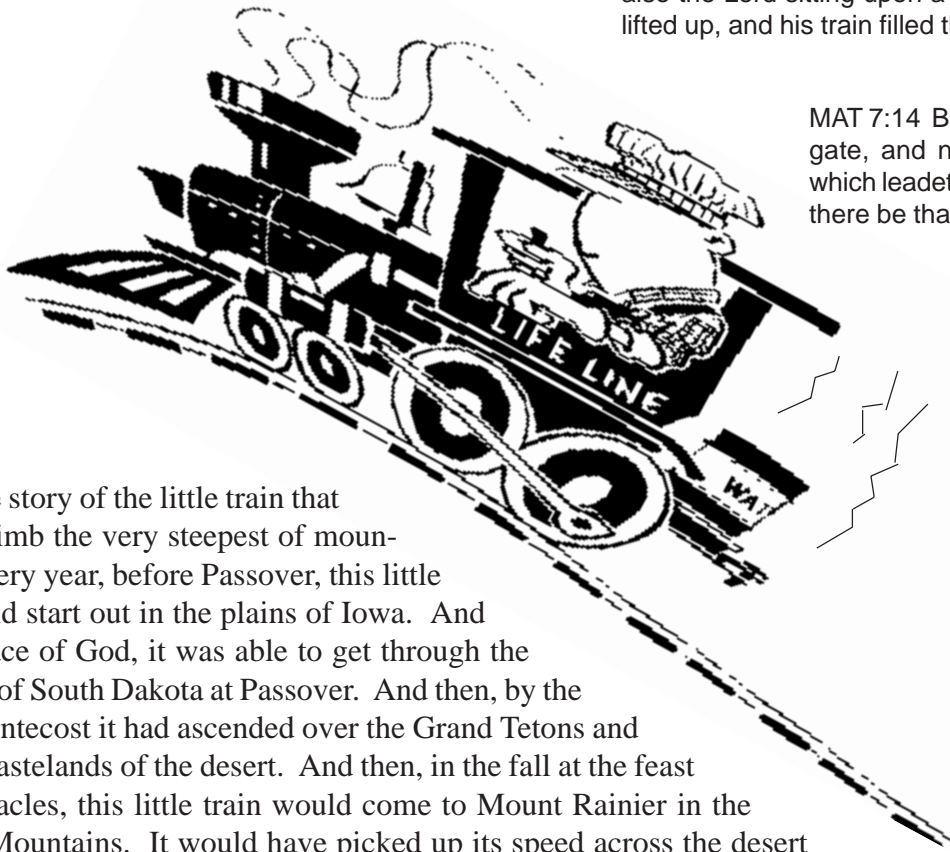
## **PART II**

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# WILL THE TRAIN MAKE IT TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN?

ISA 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.



MAT 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

This is the story of the little train that tried to climb the very steepest of mountains. Every year, before Passover, this little train would start out in the plains of Iowa. And by the grace of God, it was able to get through the bad lands of South Dakota at Passover. And then, by the time of Pentecost it had ascended over the Grand Tetons and into the wastelands of the desert. And then, in the fall at the feast of Tabernacles, this little train would come to Mount Rainier in the Cascade Mountains. It would have picked up its speed across the desert and with a mighty effort attempt to go over the summit of Mount Ranier. But, as it would near the top, its momentum would begin to slow and its strength would begin to fade as it would painfully quiver and shudder to a standstill just short of the summit of the mountain. So, another year would pass and the little train was doomed to repeat the cycle once again.

EXO 23:14 **Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.**

15 Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, **in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt:** and none shall appear before me empty:)

16 And **the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours**, which thou hast sown in the field: and **the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year**, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

In the old testament, the Israelites were shown three feasts: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. In the new testament, the death of the sacrificial Lamb, Jesus, fulfilled the feast of Passover. The formation of the church in the upper room fulfilled the old testament ascent into the mountain at Pentecost. But nothing in the new testament has yet fulfilled the feast of Tabernacles. For this feast involves the very tabernacling of the Father within the body and when that is fully manifested, there will be no death or darkness left within the body. This will be the achievement of immortality! All creation has been groaning and waiting for this to happen. And yes, each year, sinners experience their Passover, Christians are filled with the Holy Spirit. But all creation is waiting for a group to show the way to ascend the mountain of immortality so that the train of the Lord will completely fill their temple.

## PASSOVER - COMING OUT OF EGYPT

MAT 2:15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **Out of Egypt have I called my son.**

## PENTECOST - THE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

MAT 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and **he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:**

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

4:1 Then was **Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.**

## TABERNACLES - RECLAIMING THE PROMISED LAND

MAR 9:2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, **and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.**

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

## THE CYCLE OF CYCLES

We have often equated the experiences of the feasts into the three major divisions above. So, one would think that if the promised land relates to reclaiming the body from death, then the Hebrews would have entered the promised land during the fall feast of Tabernacles. Not So! Do you know when they actually entered the promised land?

JOS 4:19 And the people came up out of Jordan on **the tenth day of the first month**, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.

20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, **until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea**, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:

In actuality, they crossed over into the promised land just before Passover which occurs on the fourteenth day of the first month. And their Passover was celebrated with the blood of the circumcision of the flesh. For this new generation would be given a chance to finish the cycle that the old generation that died in the wilderness had been unable to finish. The cycle was reset - and once again the little train would make a run to climb the high mountain of reclaiming the promised land. Would this generation make it or would they too perish? A new cycle of Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles had begun. That was then. This is now. Will our generation be that generation that climbs the mountain of transfiguration?

JOS 5:5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised: **but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised.**

6 **For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD:** unto whom the LORD swore that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD swore unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

7 **And their children, whom he raised up in their stead**, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

# PASSOVER - 2001

The first part of this writing had to do with Pass Over that occurred on April 8th of this year. As you know we requested a covering of the United States and Canada with the blood of the Lamb. For this covering is much more effective than any missile shield could possibly be. Had the enemy planned a surprise for this country? We think that the surprise was his attempt to provoke a full scale war with China which was to be ignited by an incident. However, the scriptures tell us, "*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*" <sup>EPH 6:12</sup> When the battle is fought and won in the high places, then the fallout into the natural realm is relatively minimal. And so it was. Do not the scriptures teach us how to fight in the heavenlies so that the battle in the earth goes well?

EXO 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and **Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.**

11 **And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed:** and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 **And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.**

No, this battle was not between the people of China and the people of North America. This battle was against the enemy and thief who would provoke war between peoples. Do not the scriptures tell us that, "*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:*" <sup>JOH 10:10a</sup>

And what happened in the battle that the daughter lawyer had with her law partner that shared the old house (law office) with her? - see pages 5 and 11 for details. The law partner had to return the money he had taken, the partnership was dissolved and he was evicted from the house. And, in the major lawsuit for one of her clients that had dragged on for years, miraculously, the team of well financed opposition lawyers decided to petition their companies to settle for the terms requested. This daughter was very thankful for the Pass Over prayers offered and so are we. It appears that almond rod parted the Red Sea this Pass Over and the prisoners of circumstances were released.

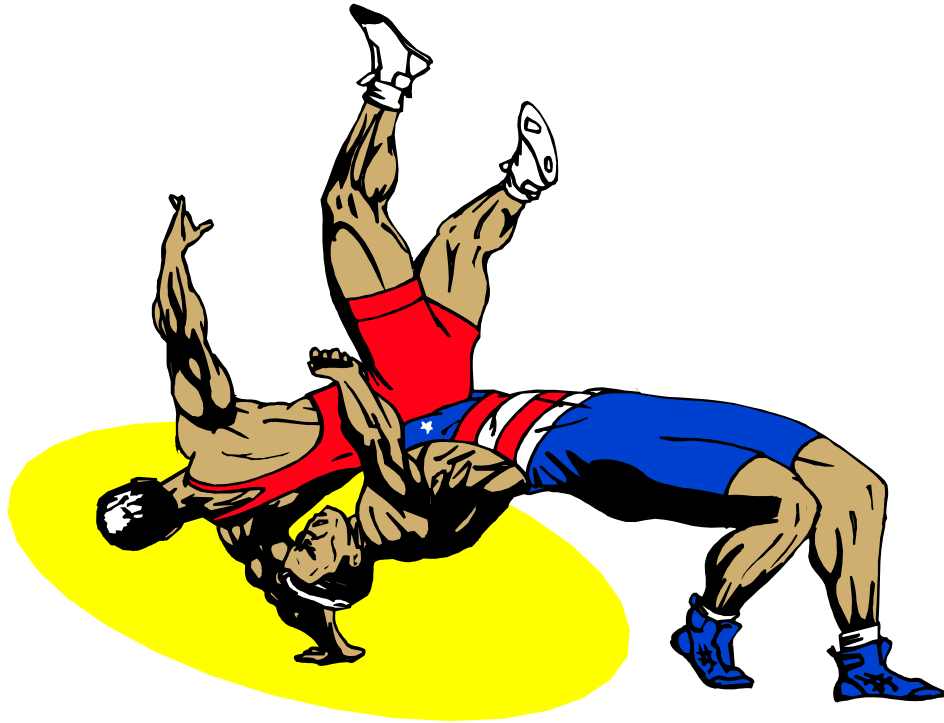
However, the significance of this is far deeper than just the cases that this daughter lawyer was dealing with. For this old house which we call our body or tabernacle has had two tenants. And these two tenants have been at war with each other. *And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.*

MAR 3:24,25



This Old House

The prince of this world has claimed this temple which is our body. A legal battle has raged to dissolve his lease, make him restore what he has stolen, and to leave the property. And finally, when the battle is completely won, we, like Jesus, will be able to say, "*Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.*" <sup>JOH 14:30</sup>



## HOW TO DEAL WITH LEGALISM

ROM 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 **Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness **for the remission of sins that are past**, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and **the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus**.

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the **law of faith**.

28 Therefore we conclude that **a man is justified by faith** without the deeds of the law.

The enemy is a very legalistic character. He is called the accuser and he delights in accusing mankind of many sins before the throne of God. He is like a strong bull dog that only knows one mode of behavior - to attack! So, what is the best way to deal with him?

In the wrestling science of Judo, one learns how to turn the strength of a strong opponent against that opponent. If the opponent rushes forward with great force to attack, then the force of the attack is used against him to flip the opponent. The enemy gets up and rushes again - with the very same results. After a number of times, he concludes that the battle is hopeless and gives up. We must learn how to use the very legalism of the enemy against him. How do we do that? We do that by remembering one principle - that the shed blood of Jesus is the propitiation for our sins - and no matter what the enemy may try - it won't work against the blood! We never try to justify ourselves by our own works - we justify ourselves by our faith in the effectiveness of the blood of Yeshua. And **when we have totally mastered this skill** in dealing with the legalistic attacks of the enemy, he will tire of having his head bashed against the wall and leave. We would much rather write about the beautiful flow of the Spirit, about flowers, doves, and the very music of heaven. We would rather not write about the law and lawyers. But, at times and seasons, it is necessary to don our battle gear and deal with the enemy. *Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.* <sup>PSA 74:14</sup> And the time of Pass Over is about dealing with the enemy and leaving Egypt to go into the wilderness. For the Melchisedec priesthood, Pass Over is not so much a time of dealing with basic sin as it is about the firstborn of creation overcoming death and showing the way for a groaning creation to follow a path to immortality. Death passes over the firstborn when the blood of the Lamb is present!

# WHAT ABOUT PENTECOST, 2001?

In horse racing we have the triple crown - the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont. In our redemption, we have also have the triple crown and Paul described it well.

1TH 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God **your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

HEB 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**

So, in 2001, we have come through Pass Over and some very remarkable things have taken place. We have seen God begin to set a division between the tribulation that comes upon the world and the tribulation that the saints walk through. We have seen Egypt begin to give up its riches and we have seen the mighty, wonder working power of the blood of the Lamb. But, will we pick up enough momentum from Pass Over and Pentecost so that the little train makes it to the summit of Transfiguration Mountain? Well, as the scriptures say, one day at a time, and we will concern ourselves with the feast of Pentecost which occurs on Sunday, May 28th on the Hebrew calendar. We know about what happened in the upper room on the day of Pentecost, but let's take a quick look at the old testament pattern.

EXO 19:1 In the **third month**, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, **the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.**

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

6 **And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests**, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

So the Lord gave the invitation to the nation of Israel to become his betrothed. And they would be invited to ascend the mountain and dine in His very presence.

EXO 19:14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, **and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.**

15 And he said unto the people, **Be ready against the third day:** come not at your wives.

16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and **the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.**

17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

EXO 24:8 And **Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people**, and said, **Behold the blood of the covenant**, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel:

10 **And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone**, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: **also they saw God, and did eat and drink.**

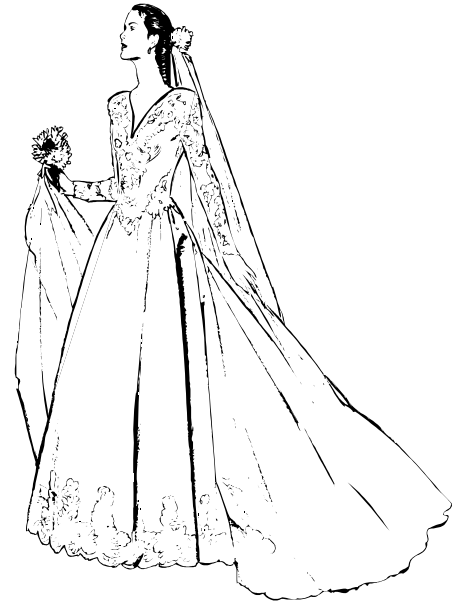
What a wonderful picture - being invited up into the mount of God and dining at the very table of His presence. But notice, before the ascent of the mount, they washed and they were sprinkled with the blood. Why the presence of the blood again - wasn't that already used at Pass Over? Today, we, at this Pentecost season, are being invited up into the mount of God. But there is some work for the blood of the Lamb before we begin our ascent. Yes, we have legally kicked the enemy out of this old house that we call our body, but there is some clean up work to be done to deal with the mess he left behind.



EPH 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;  
26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,  
27 That he might present it to himself a **glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

At this Pentecost, let us prepare ourselves to go upon the mount of the Lord. Let us wash away the spots and the dirt that do not belong on a bridal train. And further, let us use the blood of the Lamb to wash away that which water does not remove.

1JO 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:  
7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**



There is a peculiar work to be done with the blood of the Lamb this Pentecost as we ascend the mount of the Lord. It is not so much an outer work with outer manifestations visible to the world, but it is interior - dealing with our inner most thoughts. Let us go to the book of Ezekiel and examine another situation where a people were invited to ascend the mountain.

EZE 43:7 And he said unto me, Son of man, **the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever**, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.

8 **In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds**, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger.

9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

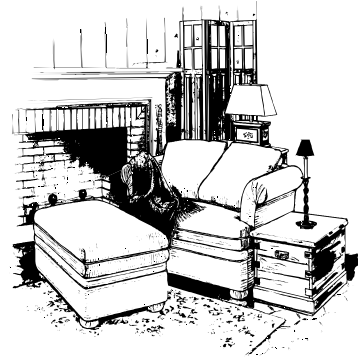
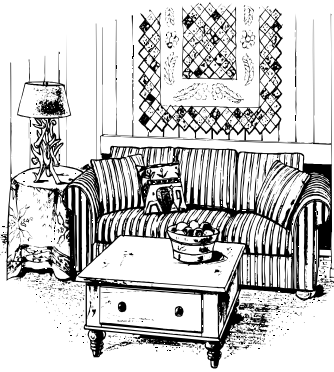
10 Thou son of man, **shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.**

11 **And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof**, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

12 **This is the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy.** Behold, this is the law of the house.

In the above scriptures, like the old testament Pentecost, God is inviting us to come into his very presence and fellowship with Him. Yes, we have set the thresholds of our religious doctrines inside the thresholds of God's door and we have had the kings of the flesh live within our very house. But, now God is showing us the house and the very pattern of that temple, us, in which He wishes to indwell. We are shown the form of the house and the fashion of the house - the very furniture of the thoughts within. We are shown the ordinances of the house - for in fulfilling these ordinances, we are coming to the very top of the mountain. Are we ready to wash ourselves and use the blood of the Lamb for our Pentecost?

# THE THOUGHTS THAT FURNISH THE INTERIOR OF OUR MIND



PSA 41:9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

Have you really considered many of the thoughts that you have had for years - some since childhood? Some of these have been around so long that we pay very little attention to them, for we are used to them being around. They are our familiar friends. But, do they belong in the house that God would inhabit? Are they part of the form and fashion and do they conform to the ordinances of God's house? If each of us took a very honest inventory of our thoughts, the answer, in all probability would be no. But these little familiar thought friends have been around so long, how do we get rid of them?

Consider the situation in which one of God's saints (in the making) kept having a recurring thought and it kept popping up out of his subconscious at the oddest times. The thought was directed at the actions of a certain individual with observations being, "I'm tired of \_\_\_\_." Thus, the words, "I am tired ..." kept coming again and again from the subconscious mind into the conscious mind. And the very repeating of this brought about a situation where the person felt tired because they were thinking about being tired. And certainly, this recurring thought was not projecting love toward the individual involved. Various tactics were used to get rid of this recurring thought - but to no avail - it kept coming back.

And then one day, when considering the blood of the Lamb, the inspiration came, why not use the blood of the Lamb to deal with the source of this thought? The approach was very simple. When the thought came, the antidote was to simply say, "I put the blood of Jesus on the source of this thought." And after a while, the source of this thought, whatever it was, got tired of being bashed over the head by the blood of the Lamb and left. So, the device is very simple. One does not have to know the nature of the source of the thought, whatever it may be, one simply applies the blood of the Lamb to it and the work is done. Yes, the thought may come back after a while to try to gain entry again into what had been its favorite living place, but a good application of the blood of the Lamb quickly changes its mind.

These thoughts are like familiar friends, we know them well, but they betray us and mar the form and fashion of the house that God would fully indwell. Some of these thoughts, we are very glad to get rid of, because we know that they should have left long ago. But some of the other thoughts have so become our friends, that we start to put the blood of Jesus on the source of the thought, and then we hesitate. Do we really, really want to give up this thought - it is such a delicious thought to keep around. And, maybe God wouldn't mind too much if we kept it - it has been such a good and familiar friend!

You already know the answer to the question of previous page. These familiar friends of betrayal need to be removed from the house of God. They may not and probably will not be removed all at once, but, if we want to please God, we will cooperate with God's plan to reclaim our promised land.

EXO 23:29 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

**30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.**

Thus part of the operation of this Pentecost is the washing and preparation of the bride so that she is without spot or wrinkle. And this bride isn't an actual young girl somewhere being prepared for marriage. This bride is our soul or mind which is being prepared for the Bridegroom. Let us wash and let us apply the blood of the Lamb to purify our mind.

The above may be the objective of this season of Pentecost. But, as usual, the enemy of our soul will likely try to spring some surprises. What might the nature of some of these be? Let us consider the following:

MAT 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

4:1 **Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness** to be tempted of the devil.

PSA 74:14 **Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces**, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

**JOB 41:1 Canst thou draw out leviathan** with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?

34 He beholdeth all high things: **he is a king over all the children of pride.**

REV 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold **a great red dragon, having seven heads** and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 **And she brought forth a man child**, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

The themes of the above scriptures are clear. Pentecost or baptism in the Spirit leads to a period of testing in the wilderness. It is in the wilderness that the Leviathan of spiritual pride must be crushed. As this process is taking place, the manchild is conceived that will be an integral part of the fulfilling of the feast of Tabernacles. What is this battle with Leviathan - consider Job's experience.

JOB 3:3 Let the day perish in which I am born, And the night that hath said: **'A man-child hath been conceived.'**

4 That day - let it be darkness, Let not God require it from above, Nor let light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and death-shade redeem it, Let a cloud tabernacle upon it, Let them terrify it as the most bitter of days.

6 That night - let thick darkness take it, Let it not be united to days of the year, Into the number of months let it not come.

7 Lo! that night - let it be gloomy, Let no singing come into it.

8 **Let the cursers of day mark it, Who are ready to wake up Leviathan.** <sup>(YLT)</sup>

The Spirit of the Lord began to deal with us about this Leviathan. And what we began to understand is that Leviathan doesn't really bother with most Christians - he lets his lieutenants do that. But should a Christian be on the verge of a real spiritual breakthrough, then Leviathan springs into action! His purpose is to complete the testing necessary before one can ascend to the summit of the mountain.

How does this testing work? Let us consider the testing that happens during Pass Over. Some of us may find the following scriptures a bit troubling, but nevertheless, these are part of the obstacles in the course.

EXO 4:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: **but I will harden his heart**, that he shall not let the people go.

ROM 9:17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.  
18 **Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.**

ISA 54:16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and **I have created the waster to destroy.**

2TI 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; **and some to honour, and some to dishonour.**

PRO 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, **even the wicked for the day of evil.**

It is clear from the above scriptures that the experiences of Pass Over were part of an obstacle course. And God, not the devil, was and is in total control of that obstacle course. The devil is certainly the enemy of our soul, but he is no threat to God. Yes, we could fuss at God for allowing good and evil. But, suppose God had created us as robots - we would have no choice in what we did - we would simply do what we were programmed to do. What a dull and drab world that would be. It would be as if all the beautiful colors of a flower garden were turned into a dull gray. God, in giving us the gift of love, had to permit the opposite of love (hate) to manifest, otherwise it would be impossible to understand what love really is. So, the experiences that we encounter in overcoming hate are simply part of the path that we walk in being able to manifest love. And, when these lessons are completely learned, then the waster will no longer have a purpose and his role will be dissolved. Pharaoh was part of the obstacle course in Egypt. Leviathan is part of the obstacle course in the wilderness of the Pentecost experience. But even this Leviathan is totally under the control of God.

PSA 104:25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 **There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.**

27 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

So, from the nature of Leviathan, who is called the king of the children of pride, we can deduce some things about what he might try to do to present obstacles during the upcoming Pentecost. Consider how Moses and Jesus dealt with him.

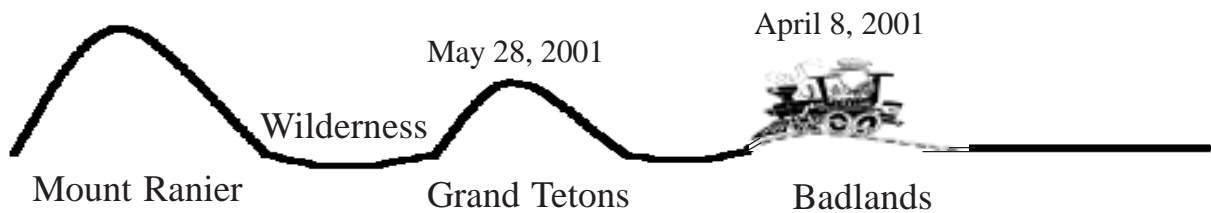
NUM 12:3 (Now **the man Moses was very meek**, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

MAT 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; **for I am meek and lowly in heart**: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

And you well know the story of how Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. *And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.* <sup>MAT 4:3</sup> *And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.* <sup>MAT 4:6</sup> *Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.* <sup>MAT 4:8,9</sup> The tempter tried to exploit weakness and appeal to pride.

# TABERNACLES    PENTECOST    PASS OVER



**ISA 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.**

**2CH 26: 16 But when he [Uzziah] was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God ...**

Yes, we are looking for the train of our Lord to completely fill our temple when Tabernacles is fully consummated. However, consider the Israelites. They successfully completed their Pass Over and their Pentecost, but the spies brought back a bad report about the promised land. So, that generation didn't make it - they wandered 40 years in the wilderness and died. And today, we have Christians that have completed their Pass Over and Pentecost, and yet their bodies die. All creation is groaning and waiting for a group to show the way to the summit of the mountain.

And what will be one of the greatest trials that we experience? It will be dealing with spiritual pride. King Uzziah did many mighty works for the Lord, but his pride in those works became his downfall. Will this be the year that we let the King Uzziah within die, so that the train of God can completely fill our temple? As this is being written, we are reminded of a well known fable.

**REV 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.**

The gist of the fable is that there was an emperor who wanted to celebrate a great event. And, this emperor needed a new wardrobe, so he called in a tailor. This crafty tailor recognized that the emperor was vulnerable to flattery, so he succeeded in persuading him how well he looked in the suit that the tailor had worked diligently to provide for him. And the day came for the fitting, and the emperor admired his new suit in the mirror. And then came the day of the great event, and the emperor marched proudly at the front of the parade. A little boy watching exclaimed - Look mother, the emperor has no clothes! We would counsel that for this Pentecost to watch out for the crafty tailor named Leviathan who is king of the children of pride. For there may be some who say that they have already arrived and that they have no need for the blood of Jesus because their interior thoughts have already been purified. By faith, yes, they have. But, even that man of faith, Abraham, had to walk out what he believed.

We hope that each of us will wash our clothes and receive the sprinkling of the blood within the inner chambers of your mind during the upcoming Pentecost. We hope that we will ascend the mountain and observe the form and fashion of the house. We hope that we will be invited to the place of the paved work of the sapphire stone and there we will be invited to dine with the Lord. We hope that our mind will be purified as a chaste bride.

**JUD 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,**

**25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.  
Amen.**

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## THE BATTLE WITHIN AND THE BATTLE WITHOUT

In our mailing in March of 2001, we had asked for a prayer covering of the United States and Canada during the approaching Pass Over season. Our request was as follows:

"The Adversary, also known as the Accuser, continually accuses our nations before the throne of God. And it is true, our nations have sinned and erred and often departed from the way of the living God. But, there is no way that we can stand against these charges according to our works. We must ask forgiveness for the sins of our respective nations and ask the Most High God to cover our lands with the blood of the Lamb. Then when the judgement comes, it must **Pass Over**, because the blood of the Lamb is covering our land. We do not know what surprises the adversary is planning against Canada and the United States, but we do know that, whatever it is, it can not be activated if our lands are covered by the blood of the Lamb. Please join with us in asking for a renewing of the covering of Jesus' blood for our respective nations during the Passover coming up on Sunday, April 8th."

Since that time, we have seen the incident of the spy plane being forced down on Hainan Island in China on April 1st. And the plan of the Adversary to provoke war between the peoples of China and of the United States and Canada (both peoples loved of God) was thwarted. Intercession for the nations is a very important part of ministry and it can be harrowing, thrilling, and a source of adrenaline flow as we see the hand of God move. However, these measures are only temporary measures because the Most High is looking for a people who can apply more than bandaids and bandages. He is looking for a people who will win the battle within so that they may decisively win the battle without.

HEB 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, **What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him?**

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. **But now we see not yet all things put under him.**

The above verses show El Elyon's intention for man. However, there have many twists and turns as this saga has played out. As man has tried to put all things in subjection under his own feet, it turns out that the very worst enemy is within man himself. And, until he wins the internal battle within himself, he can not hope to win the external battle. Paul spoke of this battle within as follows: *For I know **that in me (that is, in my flesh,)** dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after **the inward man:** But I see another law in my members, **warring against the law of my mind,** and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.* <sup>ROM 7:18-23</sup> We can see the final act of the battle in the following verses from Hebrews, but how do we get from where we are now to where we should be?

HEB 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 **For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,**

So, is this just another treatise on the flesh versus the spirit with the message of crucify the flesh and follow the inward leading of the spirit man? For this message has been around for a long time and was taught in the New Testament church. And yet, what has happened has been just a standoff with the enemy that seems to go on and on and on. **Or**, are we getting ready for the last act of this play? Perhaps, it is a matter of timing. When Jesus walked the earth, His apostles wanted Him to become a king and a military ruler and bring the nation out of its captivity. But, Jesus said otherwise. *Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world:** if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: **but now is my kingdom not from hence.*** <sup>JOH 18:35-36</sup> Apparently, at that time, Yeshua was not called to set up a kingdom in the realm that His apostles wanted. But, what about the following verse?

REV 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world** are become **the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ;** and he shall reign for ever and ever.

## WHAT IS THE ORDER OF "CHRIST THE FIRSTFRUITS"?

1CO 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 **But every man in his own order: *Christ the firstfruits***; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; **when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.**

HEB 6:20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after **the order of Melchisedec.**

7:1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

Now we are beginning to see the overall pattern of timing and who does what. Jesus did not take over the kingdoms of this world at the time of His earthly walk - for it was not time for that to happen. But, at a later time, there would emerge an order called "Christ the firstfruits" that "shall be made alive" and become the company that will manifest the power of Christ over the earthly kingdoms. It is clear from the sequence in 1 Cor 15:23, that this order will manifest before those "that are Christ's at his coming." So, this order will function in a hidden manner.

REV 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; **and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until **the thousand years** were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, **but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

As we have studied the thousand year period, we have discerned a two tiered grouping. There will be one realm which freely comes and goes as the wind of the Spirit. The group will have overcome all enemies, even death. This is the priesthood, which has different orders, but the highest of which is the priesthood of Melchisedec, which is the priesthood of the Most High God, El Elyon. There will be a more, natural, earthly realm during the one thousand year period. Isaiah foresaw it and described it as follows:

ISA 65:19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: **for the child shall die an hundred years old**; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

## CURRENT LIFE EXPECTANCY IS ABOUT 70 TO 80 YEARS

GEN 5:25 And Methuselah lived an **hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech.**

26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

27 **And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years:** and he died.

PSA 90:9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

10 **The days of our years are threescore years and ten;** and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

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Think of it! If a child is seven years old and dies - we would say that the years of the child were cut short. But, if a child were one hundred years old, and died - we would be totally amazed - not amazed that the child died at 100 years old, but that he were still a child when he died. Further, we are amazed when a sixty year old woman has a child, but the string of numbers above is taken from Genesis Chapter 5, and represent the times of birth in years of children after the birth date of a parent. How would you like to be 130 years old and have a child?

Yes, we expect that there will be tribulations and great difficulties as we change from one age to another. But, probably one of the biggest shocks will be for the scientists as the veil is being drawn back. Even today, they are undeniably bumping into God as the genesis of all things - even if their preconceived views were totally opposite. Even today, as the secrets of DNA are being revealed, it is not unthinkable that man will live for 1000 years. Yes, in the natural realm, accidents could still occur (Ecc 9:11, Luke 13:4,5) and kill a young child of 100 years old, but this would be a very rare happening during the 1000 years. The Bible tells us that the last days and the changing of the age will be like a return to the days of Noah, and we do expect tribulation. But, in another way, it is a return to a millennial life-span for those still in the natural realm. Are we not, as described in the book of Thomas, looking at a circle back to our genesis? So, what is your calling - is it to the natural realm or is it to the Christ the Firstfruits realm?

MAT 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as **the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

ECC 1:7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, **thither they return again.**

THOMAS [**Log 17-19**]: 9-13 The disciples said to Jesus: Tell us how our end will be. Jesus said: Have you then discovered the beginning so that you inquire about the end? **For where the beginning is, there shall be the end.** Blessed is he who shall stand at the beginning, and he shall know the end and not taste death. Blessed is he who was before he came into being. (*Book of Thomas*)

# JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HIM [NICODEMIS], ART THOU A MASTER OF ISRAEL, AND KNOWEST NOT THESE THINGS?

We have spoken of the two realms that will be present for the one thousand year period. One will be the natural realm with a greatly expanded life-span. The other will be the priestly realm which will be able to come and go as the wind between the natural and the celestial. These will be the rulers and reigners with Christ. They are the *Christ the firstfruits* Company. Let us listen in on the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus to discover the characteristics of this group.

JOH 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? **can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?**



Thus, Nicodemus posed his question to Jesus. And Jesus gently chided him for being a master in Israel and not knowing the truths that he was unfolding to him. And, is it any different today? If we would strive for mastery to be part of the priestly realm, there are certain truths that we must learn and processes that we must complete. And the most important process is to learn how to be InChristed to be part of the *Christ the firstfruits* company. *Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.* <sup>1CO 9:24, 25</sup> Jesus proceeded to explain these things to Nicodemus.

JOH 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 **The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**

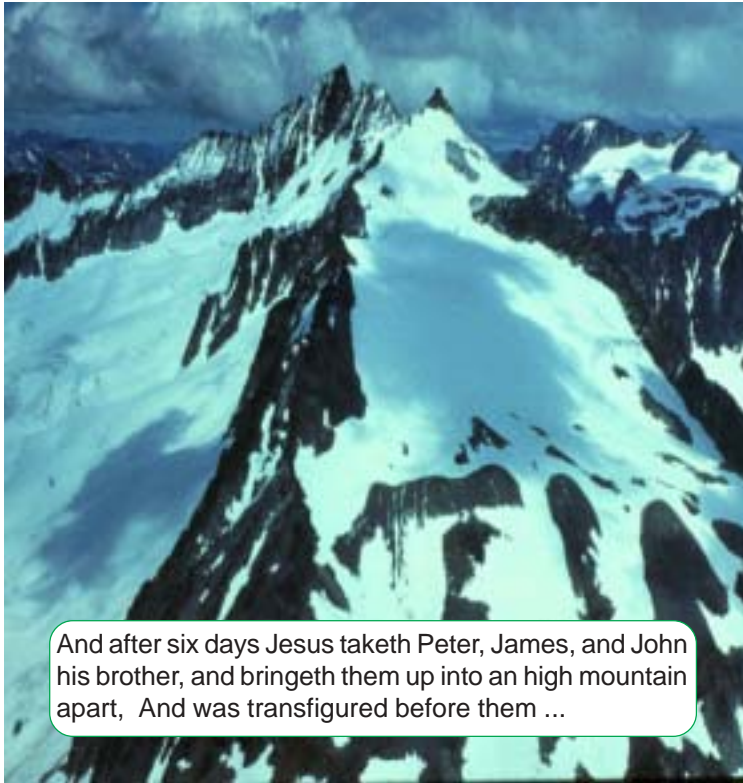
9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 **Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?**

# PSA 133:3 AS THE DEW OF HERMON, AND AS THE DEW THAT DESCENDED UPON THE MOUNTAINS OF ZION: FOR THERE THE LORD COMMANDED THE BLESSING, EVEN LIFE FOR EVERMORE.

If one would climb a high mountain, then one would also get rid of all unnecessary baggage, otherwise the ascent of the mountain would not be possible. Therefore, one of the great secrets in climbing the mountain of God is getting rid of the baggage of doctrines which weigh us down and keep us in the lower plains. When one considers packing for a trip, there are many **good** things to take along. But, if the good things weigh us down to the point that we forfeit the excellent things, we allow the good things to limit our spiritual ascent.

HEB 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight**, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,



What are these weights that would keep us in the foothills and prevent us from being InChristed? What are the true characteristics of being in Christ? We will identify three areas of baggage that we must jettison to be fully InChristed. Will we be InChristed, or will we hide ourselves among the "stuff"? *Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold he hath hid himself among the stuff.* 1 SAM 10:22

**GAL 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one **in Christ Jesus**.

Let us look at the Israelites. They are truly blessed of God and the scriptures tell us that these blessings still extend (without withdrawal) to them, even if they are "enemies" of the gospel.

ROM 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; **that blindness in part is happened to Israel**, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

28 **As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.**

29 **For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.**

# WHY IS THE PRINCE SITTING ON THE DUNGHILL?

PSA 113:7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;  
8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

We have discovered that God gave gifts to the Israelites and that those gifts were given without repentance - in other words, God did not take them back - they still exist. So, it would seem like this is something that we, **if** we are in that race, would want to cling to - it is an anointing and it is valuable. It would distinguish us from the other races which did not receive the same gift. It is something to be proud of that God honored us in such a very special way. **However**, if something that is good stands in the way of receiving something that is excellent and perfect, have we really gained anything by clinging to the good and refusing the excellent? Paul had to make a choice between the good and the excellent. How did he characterize that choice?



PHI 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, **and have no confidence in the flesh.**

4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. **If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:**

5 **Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews;** as touching the law, a Pharisee;

6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

7 **But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.**

8 Yea doubtless, **and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,**

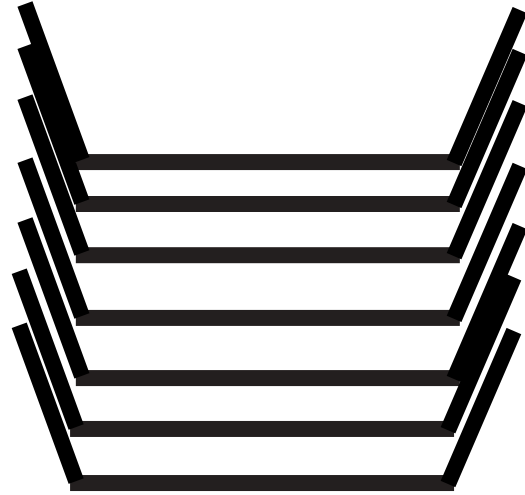
Well, these are strong words by Paul - perhaps we would have been more diplomatic to avoid offending those who cling to race - rather than grace extended to all men. However, Paul is right. The excellency of being InChristed makes the blessings of race pale as mere dung in comparison. So, why cling to the good when it prevents us from receiving the excellent? Yes, we love our country and we pray for its protection and blessing. The scriptures tell us to do so. We, like those from many other nationalities, would hope that our nationality is part of the lump or holy root of the olive tree. **But, in any case, we are much more interested in that day when our own nation along with the other nations "are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ."** *Rev 11:15* We include in God's Love rather than exclude!

GAL 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one **in Christ Jesus.**

# EVERY TUB MUST SET ON ITS OWN BOTTOM

The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?.

The above is a proverb that was used in Israel. Basically, it is saying that the sour grapes are passed on from the father to the children. So, if we judge the father, we automatically judge the son. But, is this a true Proverb? What does the Lord God say about it?



**EZE 18:2** What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of **Israel**, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

**3 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.**

It is made quite plain that Lord God does not agree with this proverb. And the scriptures go on to give an example of a righteous man who has a son who is a robber and a shedder of blood. Then, the son who is a robber has a son who is righteous. How does God look at this situation.? *The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.* <sup>EZE 18:20</sup>

Therefore, if God requires that "every tub set on its own bottom" instead of setting on the righteousness or wickedness of its predecessor, then we must also do away with the use of the "sour grapes" proverb. This means that regardless of the race of his father, or the sour grapes that his father may have eaten, a son is judged solely on his own merits before God. Should we not do likewise in order to be InChristed with our brethren? Else, how are we going to harmonize with the firstfruits company singing before the throne unless we can harmonize with those out of every kindred, tongue, people and nation on earth?

REV 5:7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 **And they sung a new song**, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, **and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;**

10 **And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

REV 14:3 **And they sung as it were a new song before the throne**, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and **no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.**

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, **being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.**



2CO 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, **that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

COL 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, **by him to reconcile all things unto himself**; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

1TI 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 **Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

**JOH 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.**

The above scriptures have been used by many preachers to show God's love for all men and that He is one "*Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*" And then, in almost the same breath -or at least the same paragraph - there are some preachers who will then put disclaimers on their very own statements - to the effect that this race or that race is not deserving of God's mercy and not deserving of His salvation - and spend the next ten paragraphs denouncing that particular race.

**JAM 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.**

**11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?**

**12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.**

There is the story of Balaam who decided to go to the princes of Moab and this action kindled God's anger. Balaam was blind to the fact that he was riding his ass directly toward an angel with a drawn sword. The ass tried to warn him by turning aside - but Balaam smote the ass three times. *And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?* <sup>NUM 22:28</sup> The point is that the anointing of the Lord on a she **ass** is much greater than the greatest intelligence of a man of any race. Balaam was considered by Moab as an extremely intelligent man. No wonder that Paul considered the race blessing but dung compared to the anointing of Christ. For it is like comparing a flashlight with nearly dead batteries to a brilliant searchlight lighting up the sky.



**Anointed?**

Now, let us turn our attention to the second part of the InChristing process. *There is neither Jew nor Greek, **there is neither bond nor free** ...* This bond or free distinction is rooted primarily in economic or social class status. James put it this way.

JAM 2:2 For if there come unto your assembly **a man with a gold ring**, in goodly apparel, and there come in also **a poor man in vile raiment**;

3 And **ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing**, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; **and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool**:

4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Harken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

9 **But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin**, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.



How you ever closely watched the carefully staged proceedings of a political party? The masters of the party know the slogans and lines that will bring about the most cheers and financial support. The speakers deliver the carefully rehearsed lines knowing that these statements will trigger wild enthusiasm. The speaker is almost like an evangelist, but underneath it is an appeal for money and respect particularly is paid to those who are rich and will contribute to the party. But fortunately, every now and then, there will be a speaker who speaks from the heart and the effect is much more powerful than all the shallow slogans and gimmicks put together.

In like manner, if one wants to stay in the lower plains of religious tradition, one will also use the world means of harvesting the money by speaking all the right religious slogans for the group or denomination's faithful. However, as impressive as this may be in the flesh, it is doing little, if anything to advance the kingdom of God. At best, it is operating in a lesser anointing. For there are those who should be princes (climbing the mountain of God's kingdom) who are held down in the plain of Ono by the financial Sanballats.

NEH 6:1 Now it came to pass when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;)

2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, **Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono.** But they thought to do me mischief.

3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: **why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?**

HEB 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight,** and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,



## THE TREE OF GOOD AND ...

We have looked at two of three categories that can prevent one from being InChristed. Let us look at the third. *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female ...*

GAL 3:28 Could this be another example of how one could cling so tightly to the good that they would miss the excellent? Let us find out.

Before the fall or descension in the garden, man had certain characteristics and blessings. After the fall, some of these were taken away. The man was given the rule over the woman which was probably a big plus in his eyes. After all "*The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.*" The man was also told that he would have to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow and that the earth would bring forth thorns and thistles..



Then man is presented with the possibility of ascending back to the status that he had before the fall. *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.* 1CO 15:22, 23 But, instead of accepting the wonderful gift of getting rid of the thorns and thistles and no longer earning one's living by the sweat of the brow, some men think that it is worthwhile to hang on to the fallen state package. What is their reason? They want to retain the rule over the woman that exists in the fallen state. Will there be a group of *Christ the firstfruits* that will show the way for the rest of mankind to overcome the fall?

**GAL 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one **in Christ Jesus.**

But what about the daughter - is she to sit patiently by and wait for some man to make up his mind? Over the years, there have been some women that have stepped outside the traditional bounds of religion and performed some extraordinary feats for God. Is it foolhardiness or boldness for a daughter to move outside of the traditional religious rules? She certainly must be willing to take a risk to do it.

EST 4:13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

**14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?**

15 Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer,

16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; **and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.**

TO HOLD MY PEACE WHILE MEN SUFFER WILL BE AMISS

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WHAT SURPRISES AWAIT ME OR HAVE I BEEN THIS WAY BEFORE?

LO, I COME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD



**EST 4:11** All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, **except** such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

...

**EST 5:2** And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

**3** Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

**4** And Esther answered, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

## **2SA 7:11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.**

In II Samuel 7:11, we are told that the LORD commanded judges to be over His people. And we know that the book of Judges gives a chronicle of the judges that He set over Israel. The verses below name some of the early judges.

JDG 2:16 Nevertheless **the LORD raised up judges**, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

JDG 3:9 And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even **Othniel** the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

10 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and **he judged Israel** ...

JDG 3:15 But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, **the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud** the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab.

JDG 4:1 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.

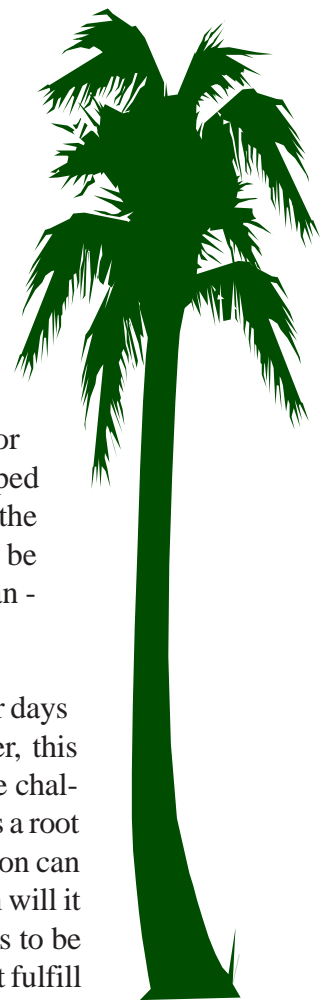
2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

4 **And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.**

5 And **she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah** between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: **and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment..**

What is going on here? The **men** in Israel shouldn't be going up to Deborah for judgment! She is **a woman!** Did God goof up and somehow Deborah slipped by? Is it a typo in the Bible - should we get out our scissors and cut it out of the Bible? However, the scriptures say that the LORD commanded that judges be over my people and also that LORD raised up judges. So, Deborah - a woman - was definitely a judge and a deliverer. This is really upsetting our theology!

No, we do not think God goofed. Deborah is a type of the daughters in the latter days that will work in unity with the sons in establishing the kingdom. However, this company of Deborahs is called to a very difficult task and their calling will be challenged. This is why the palm tree is a symbol of this ministry. The palm tree has a root that is about as deep as the height of the tree. The winds of doctrine and tradition can come and blow against this tree and it will bend way, way over but very seldom will it break. Then it springs back to its original position. The Deborah company has to be deeply rooted in the Most High, and has to be sure of their roots, or they will not fulfill their calling and destiny. No doubt Deborah's authority was tested, but she prevailed.



JDG 4:6 And she sent and called Barak [*Lightning*] the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and **take with thee ten thousand men** of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8 And Barak said unto her, **If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.**

9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; **for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.** And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Deborah is a type of the company of daughters, that, along with the sons, will usher in the one thousand year period. For she uses her prophetic skills to stir up Barak to lead a force of ten thousand against the hated Sisera and his nine hundred iron chariots. Barak means lightning and is symbolic of the dawning and shining forth of a new day - the day of the coming of the Son. *For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.* <sup>MAT 24:27</sup> And how did Sisera meet his fate at the hand of a woman? *And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples.* <sup>JDG 4:22</sup> For it was Jael who put the nail in the temples of the carnal mind which is represented by Sisera.

Those called to the Deborah company face many challenges. These challenges (and the scriptural authority of the palm tree root that goes deep into crevices of the bedrock of scripture) are described in a previously published booklet (about 30 pages in length). If you are a daughter and feel that you are one called to the Deborah company, you may write and request this booklet entitled "The Song of Deborah".

There is a Christ the firstfruits company, however, within this company is a company called the first of the firstfruits. These are represented by the twenty thousand chariots of Elohim which is described in Psalm 68. This company consists of ten thousand sons and ten thousand daughters.

PSA 68:17 **The chariots of God are twenty thousand**, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

SON 5:10 My beloved is white and ruddy, **the chiefest among ten thousand.**

SON 6:10 **Who is she** that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as **an army with banners?**

13 Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? **As it were the company of two armies.**

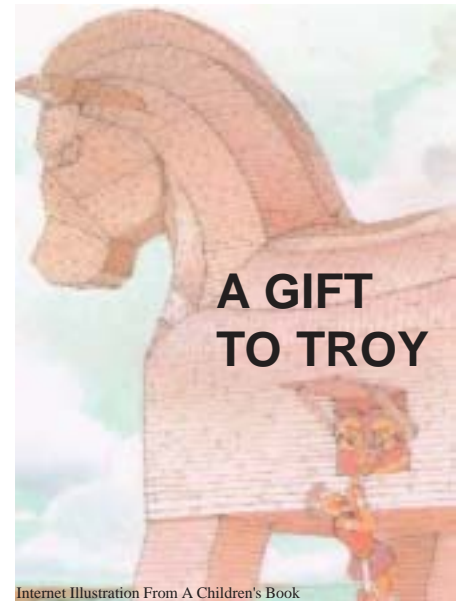
These are the first of the *Christ the firstfruits* company described in the Book of Revelation. For there are two groups of one hundred and forty four thousand in Revelation (288,000 total). One group is described in Revelation chapter 7 and the other in Revelation chapter 14. We do not want to digress from our theme in this writing to develop these subjects further here. However, if you would like more details concerning the ten thousand sons and ten thousand daughters (Deborahs and Esthers), please write for a booklet of about 36 pages entitled, "The First of the Firstfruits".

# THE BATTLE WITHIN AND THE BATTLE WITHOUT

"Why spend all this time in introspection of what is within us? Our help is sorely needed in praying for nations and fighting principalities and powers of the air. If we leave our post, our lines might be overrun by the enemies. Can't you see that I'm very busy fighting the enemy? And here you want us to run around with a microscope looking at what lies inside us!" **However**, the Son of God walked the earth in complete victory over all His foes. What was His secret in dealing with the wiles of the prince of this world?

JOH 14:29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: **for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.**



Have you ever played tic tac toe? At first the game is interesting, but after a while, it seems that the game becomes a standoff. You know all the moves that you can make and your opposition knows all the moves that it can make - so the game goes on and on with no winners. It seemed that the Greeks and Trojans were involved in an endless battle - it had gone on for ten years. Finally, the Greeks declared a truce and left - leaving behind a gift to Troy as a symbol of the truce. And you know the story of how a small band of Greeks hid within the horse which the Trojans had accepted and taken into their city. In the middle of the night, this small band unlocked the gates to Troy and the Greek army entered without opposition and took the city - something that they had been unable to do in the previous ten years of frontal assaults of the city.

The scriptures tell us that we are a city. *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.* <sup>MAT 5:14</sup> And, if the enemy can not win in direct combat, he will use the Trojan horse tactic and open the gates of the city from within. And this is why, even though we have become skilled in spiritual warfare, the enemy is not vanquished yet. *Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.* <sup>HEB 2:8</sup> But, just where is this city set on a hill - is it not our mind, and does it not have ear, eye and sense gates?

REV 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 **And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, **Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men**, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Do you think that your city doesn't have gates? Put your hands over your eyes and you will have effectively blocked the eye gate to your city. When this city is purified, then the prince of this world will have nothing within our city - for he will be locked out with no helpers from the inside and the evil thoughts must remain outside the gates of the New Jerusalem.

REV 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, **and may enter in through the gates into the city.**

15 **For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.**

# ARE YOU ONE OF THE TEN THOUSAND MESSENGERS CALLED TO THE ECCLESIA OF THE FIRSTBORN?

## Registry of the Firstborn

But you { \_\_\_\_\_ } have come to  
mount Zion, and the city of the living God, celestial Jerusalem,  
and to ten thousand messengers, to a universal convocation,  
and to the ecclesia of the firstborn, registered in the heavens,  
and to God, Judge of all, and to the spirits of just perfected,

HEBREWS 12:22 - 23 [CLV]

If you are one called to this company, then you may expect to first fight the battle within in the garden of your mind - a place called the soul. Once, you have won that battle, then God will call you to a much more effective means of defeating the Adversary. We are at the changing of an age even as when Jesus walked the earth, it was the changing of an age. *In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.* <sup>HEB 8:13</sup> If we keep walking in the old, then it will decay and become like dung. We must go through our garden of Gethsemane and transform our minds to be InChristed. Can we do it?

**GAL 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one **in Christ Jesus**.

Once this is done, the Most High will be able to use us in a new dimension in establishing the Kingdom of God. *The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.* <sup>JOH 3:8</sup> Like Nicodemus, we may say, How can this be? I'm stuck here on earth and how could I come and go like the wind? Because our souls are so dominant in waking hours, it seems that the Most High can communicate with us most effectively in the wee hours of the morning, when we are fast asleep. But are we, **or**, are we being used of God in a new way to defeat the enemy? And then gradually, as this new avenue of communication is firmly established, it will manifest more during our waking hours. In the meantime, one might be surprised to hear reports of ones' presence in distant places when it seems that they were home in bed at the time. A dream?

PSA 149:5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: **let them sing aloud upon their beds.**

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

8 **To bind their kings with chains**, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

REV 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, **having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.**

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, **and bound him a thousand years,**

Are you ready to be InChristed and come upon Mount Zion singing a new song? Are you ready to come and go in the Spirit as the wind? Are you ready to chain the kings of the enemy to bring one thousand years of peace? *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.* <sup>HEB 12:1, 2</sup> Amen.



# WHAT WILL BE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TEN THOUSAND MESSENGERS?



REV 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

5 **And a voice came out of the throne**, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

9 **And he saith unto me, Write**, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

10 **And I fell at his feet to worship him**. And he said unto me, **See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren** that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy..

One of the characteristics of these messengers is humility. They do not draw attention to themselves, but they point each person to a direct, face to face, relationship with God. They have overcome the testings of that Leviathan ego who is the king of the children of pride. Is not pride at the root of making distinctions between Jew and Greek, bond or free, male or female - the idea of elevating one's self over one's brethren. These servants, even though they have a tremendous anointing, are very meek in carrying out their ministry. (*Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth*) <sup>NUM 12:3</sup> *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your souls.* <sup>MAT 11:29</sup>

How will those who are called to this come into their calling? Some will seek the Lord and come in quite readily. But there may be a few, who like Paul, will come in kicking and screaming. Consider the misdirected zeal of this man. *Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.* <sup>PHIL 3:5, 6.</sup>

ACT 9:2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, **he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem**.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: **and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:**

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

9 And **he was three days without sight**, and neither did eat nor drink.

Sometimes we find ourselves, rather unwillingly, in the ministry of Ananias. For this Ananias was told to go to minister Saul. And, when Ananias did as instructed, there were scales that fell from Saul's eyes. We do not doubt that Saul was physically blinded, but what was more important was that the scales of spiritual blindness fell from his eyes. Like the blind man Jesus twice prayed for, he could now see clearly.

ACT 9:17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 **And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith**, and arose, and was baptized.

# PAUL HAD TO WIN THE BATTLE WITH THE ENEMY WITHIN SO THAT HE COULD WIN THE BATTLE WITHOUT

JOB 41:1 **Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook?** or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?

15 **His scales are his pride**, shut up together as with a close seal.

16 One is so near to another, that no air can come between them.

34 He beholdeth all high things: **he is a king over all the children of pride.**

Paul was off to Damascus to fight the enemy without. Little did he realize that the enemy was within himself and looking out through the scales of spiritual pride that covered his very own eyes! Paul, after his Damascus Road experience, went on to win many battles for God, but he never completely vanquished the leviathan ego. This battle remained with him for the rest of his life.

2CO 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, **there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.**

8 **For this thing I besought the Lord thrice**, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

While Paul may not have realized it, God gave him a choice. Either get rid of the prideful flesh in which the thorn resides or else, the thorn would remain. The thorn would keep him from getting puffed up in pride because of the abundance of revelations and the power of Christ that rested upon him. Paul had overcome the leviathan ego to a degree, but not fully. Yet, the Lord was able to continue to use him, by providing the buffeting of the thorn as a counterbalance.

So, a call to arms is being issued to those of *The Christ the Firstfruits* ministry. It is a call to first win the battle within, so that they may totally and completely win the battle without. Once the prince of this world has nothing within this firstfruits ministry, they will be presented with the chains to bind the kings of the enemy and a key to lock these kings in the bottomless pit for the appointed time.

REV 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; **and have the keys of hell and of death.**

REV 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, **he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;**

REV 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, **having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.**

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, **and bound him a thousand years,**

**TO HOLD MY PEACE WHILE MEN SUFFER WILL BE AMISS  
AM I GIVEN THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS?  
WILL THE KEY OF DAVID FIT SO I CAN ENTER THE DOOR?  
WHAT SURPRISES AWAIT ME OR HAVE I BEEN THIS WAY BEFORE?  
LO, I COME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD**

# APPENDIX A

## WAITING FOR THE OTHER SHOE TO DROP!



A long time ago, there was a young lady who waited on the outcome of a negotiation. It must have been very frustrating period of high anxiety to know what the outcome would be. No doubt, she felt insecure because of her racial background. No, her name was not Esther. For this young lady had run afoul of the law in that which she aspired to. *An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:* <sup>DEU 23:3</sup> For a negotiation affects more than one party. Today, there is a similar negotiation going on - and some of the parties are making decisions which will decide their inheritance. And even some of our readers will be making decisions as to whether they want to be part of the Elimelech group which receives a certain inheritance, or if they want to be part of another group. The first shoe dropped in ancient times; now we are awaiting the decision that may cause the second shoe to drop.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.

3 And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which was our brother **Elimelech's**:

4 And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am after thee. And he said, **I will redeem it.**

5 Then said Boaz, **What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.**

6 And the kinsman said, **I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it.**

7 Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a testimony in Israel.

8 Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. **So he drew off his shoe.**

9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.

10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, **have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance**, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.

The Elimelech group decided to hold on to that which was good and passed up that which was excellent. For you well know the outcome of the story of Boaz and Ruth. *And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; ... And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.* <sup>MAT 1:5,16</sup> We think that it is unlikely that we will persuade many of the Elimelech group any time soon to give up a lesser inheritance for a greater one. Even, if we use the words of Paul, they still may not listen. *But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?* <sup>GAL 4:9</sup> But, we do sincerely pray that those Boaz eagles that are still in Elimelech's chicken pen will lift their wings and soar high in the Spirit over the paradigm fences and fulfill their calling. *... and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.* <sup>ICOR 12:31</sup>