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through the  
Crystal Sea*

**BREAKING THE "LIGHT BARRIER"**

*HEB 12:18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire ...*

*21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)*

*22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem ...*

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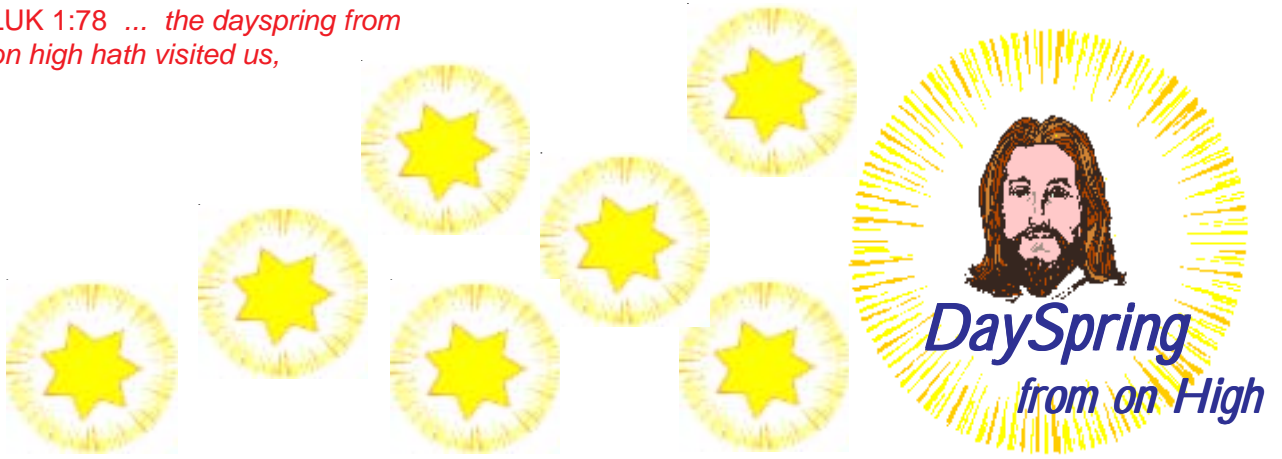
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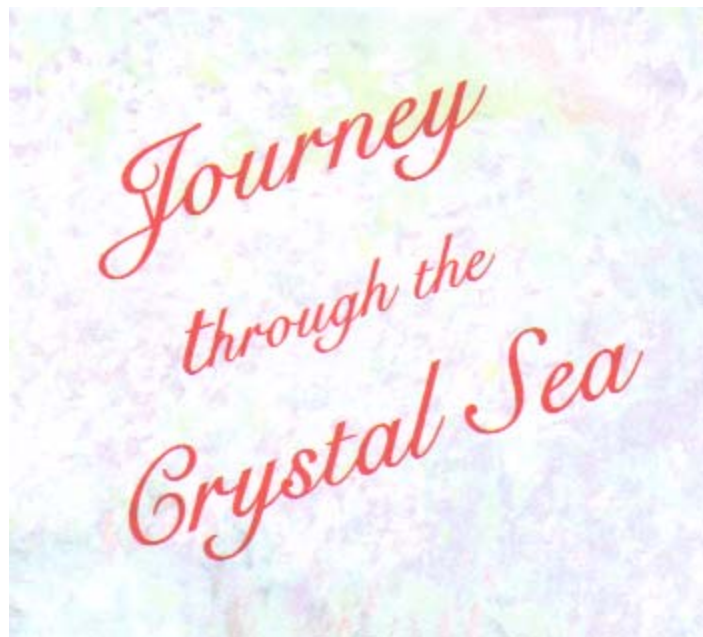
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on high hath visited us,



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***REV 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.***

***6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.***

We are about to embark on a spiritual journey. As the story of the journey unfolds, some of you will recognize landmarks that you have seen before. But, even if you have traveled this road, recognize that having entered a place and having the spiritual strength to abide there are two different things. Do not the scriptures tell us that we can go in and out of abodes? *Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and **he shall go no more out**: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.* <sup>REV 3:12</sup> Indeed there are some that have made great spiritual advances toward the very throne and yet must be returned for further processing in the more outer courts because they still have certain flaws that are yet to be overcome. So, gird up your loins (or in modern day terms - fasten your seat belts) and prepare for the ultimate journey that leads us through the crystal sea.

# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THIS JOURNEY?

REV 15:2 And I saw as it were **a sea of glass mingled with fire**: and **them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass**, having the harps of God.

3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

REV 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, **to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea**,

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads**.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Those that have the strength to stand (to spiritually walk) on the sea of glass have "*gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name ...*" When this occurs, they have been sealed in their foreheads and are not subject to the forces "*to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea ...*"

Does this mean that they will escape tribulation? Not exactly - depending on which tribulation you are referring to. *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that **tribulation worketh patience**; And patience, experience; and experience, hope:* <sup>ROM 5:3,4</sup> Did John escape the process of patience being worked through tribulation? Not at all - and neither will we. *I John, who also am your brother, **and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ**, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.* <sup>REV 1:9</sup>

But then, what good is all of this if we don't escape tribulation? Again, we must ask which tribulation - because the tribulation of the His sons and daughters must precede the general tribulation of the world - else these sons and daughters will not be prepared to assist the world in its time of tribulation. Do not the scriptures tell us that the Most High's people will be judged first? *Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that **judgment must begin at the house of God**: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?* <sup>1PE 4:16, 17</sup>

OK, once the sons and daughters have completed their ordeal of tribulation working patience, then what happens? ***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. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*** <sup>REV 3:10-12</sup>

Thus, we see in the thread of the scriptures above a scenario. God deals with His people first and uses tribulation to do it. For like Job, His people are wondered at because of their fiery trials and tribulations. But, when the first tribulation process is done, a second tribulation is about to take place involving the people still living in the "worldly mind". And His people, having transformed bodies, will stand ready to show the world the "how to" of the process that overcomes the world and the worldly, earthly mind!

# IN THIS WORLD OR OUT OF THIS WORLD?

As Christians encounter tribulation, one of the more appealing ideas is that of escapism from that tribulation. But, the scriptures make clear that tribulation "goes with the territory" of being in the world. Jesus told us that the tribulation is part of the world system when He said, "*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. **In the world ye shall have tribulation:** but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*" <sup>JOH 16:33</sup> When Yahshua spoke these words, He was speaking from a unique perspective - in that He was manifesting Himself in the world, but He had been translated above the world system and walked in a translated body. How else could He stand and tell His disciples the following words?

JOHN 17:5 And now, O Father, **glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**

6 I have manifested thy name unto **the men which thou gavest me out of the world:** thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

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.

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.**

So, we can conclude that as long as the worldly mind exists, there will be tribulation - the only question is what will be the degree of this tribulation and when will this degree happen to what groups? We have heard of the term "trial by fire". Peter characterized the believer's tribulation this way. "*Beloved, think it not strange concerning the **fiery trial** which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*" <sup>1PE 4:12,13</sup> We have characterized this writing as a chronicle and roadmap of the journey from the world to be able to stand on the fiery crystal sea with a transformed mind that has overcome the world. So, if the crystal sea is a fiery place, then we may expect some fiery trials in order to pass through it and to stand upon it.

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But what about tribulation to the world system? What do the scriptures tell us about this?

MAT 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and **there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes,** in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

21 **For then shall be great tribulation,** such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 **And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved:** but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

The previous scenario seems rather grim. One remembers the scenario of the flood in the ancient world when " *For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.* MAT<sup>24:38, 39</sup> But, did not God promise that there would never be another flood like the one that occurred in Noah's day?

GEN 9:13 **I do set my bow in the cloud,** and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15 And I will remember my covenant, **which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.**

Thank goodness, that we no longer have to worry about a flood destroying mankind from the face of the earth. But, is this small consolation if the earth is going to be wiped out by something that seems even more horrible than flood water? Consider the following scriptures.

MAT 24:35 **Heaven and earth shall pass away,** but my words shall not pass away.

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

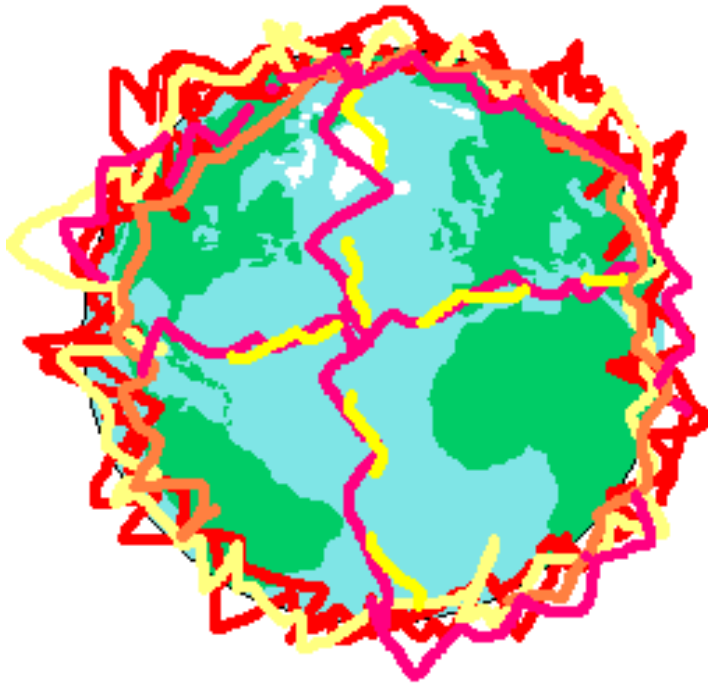
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10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; **in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

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13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth,** wherein dwelleth righteousness.



In this day and age, the super powers and even some of the smaller nations have armed themselves with nuclear bombs, and it is not at all inconceivable that a nuclear war could be triggered which would literally bathe the earth in flame and radiation. Consider the words of Zechariah: " *And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and **their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.*** ZEC 14:12 "But, wait a minute!", some may say, "I have started to read this writing to increase my faith, joy, and love; and the above makes me feel very gloomy! Where is the love of God for His creation? Would He actually let the whole earth be roasted?"

WARS

RUMOURS OF WARS

EARTHQUAKES

PLAGUES

FAMINES

We have noted the rapidly increasing volume of literature by Christian ministers specifically predicting this catastrophe or that great catastrophe - many times with concrete dates attached - and most of these predictions fall to the ground without fulfillment. But that does not seem to bother some of them - eventually the law of averages says that they will get a prediction right. Where are the prophets like Samuel of whom it was written, " *And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.*" ISA 3:19 ?

One European writer, whose work we read recently, described this state of affairs in the following manner. ""The prophecies, sayings and parables which have been uttered have only had a partial fulfillment, and had more direct reference to the time of the end,- -when the fullness of the Gentiles had set in. It is by losing sight of these facts that so many Bible students have erred; --that so many sects have risen up at various times and by calculations and figures, through their worldly wisdom have affixed at various times, the precise date at which the Second Coming Of Christ would actually take place;--and the deluded multitude, led by their spiritual leaders have been induced to sell their farms, give up the their properties, &c. and at each streak of lightning in the firmament they have concluded that Christ was then actually coming.--But all their calculations and figures so wisely arranged have all come to the ground; and the people have turned out to be infidels, and exclaimed "The Lord delayeth His coming" and "Where is the promise of His coming," more infidelity has been brought into the world through false teachers than through any other source."" **However, this same writer went on to make a number of predictions of his own. So, we will present some of these here and ask our readers to look them over with a critical and discerning eye and to evaluate their validity. These predictions are as follows:**

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"Each denomination vying with one another to gain the ascendancy in numbers;--but in the face of all this profession, we declare unto men this day, that it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the Day of Judgment, than for this generation. And despite all the boastings of this age of their advancement,---progress--civilisation, etc.--we declare that a greater spiritual darkness never reigned in Satan's kingdom than at this hour.--Yes, the evil inoculated in blood of man at the beginning has become doubly evil by its intermixture. Look at the increase of crime in such cities Paris, London and New York and others. The police reports make one shudder at the enormous strides evil is taking in these Latter Days.

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The day is now at hand when every man's faith will be tried by fire,--every man's work will be tried, the materials wherewith he has been building will be tried by a fire of persecution such as was never witnessed before. It will not be found sufficient to cry out: Lord! Lord! for in a few days a cry will go up from this land of Egypt, compared to which the former cry of the first-born of Egypt will be as a drop in the sea of blood. The Egyptians are beginning to see this--they cannot help but see the great black ominous cloud, overhanging our planet. They begin now to realize that the terrible and gigantic weapons of destruction at present in construction in all nations, foreshadow a terrible day of judgment. Their fearful surmisings are based upon a solid fact. The leading statesmen are troubled and anxious, and by diplomacy try all in their power to avert the coming evil. They are beset on all sides by jealousies from desire of aggrandizement and would fain seek shelter under their own wings, but they find themselves assailed from within as well as from without. They are becoming but too conscious of the terrible fact that their foundation is undermined by those to whom they look for support. From the moment that the signal gun was fired in the East, Europe has been in an unsettled condition and the situation is assuming more gigantic proportions day by day. In vain do they cry for peace, there shall be no peace save that rest which will afford breathing time for renewed and more deadly efforts.

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... when the vials of the wrath of God will be poured out upon the earth and all nations gathered together in battle. When the fiends of war will be let loose and valley of Jehoshaphat will open wide her jaws and the blood of the slain and wounded will flow in the valleys;--for great and terrible will be the Day of the Lord, which is now fast approaching. The world may cry out: Peace! Peace! but there will be no peace, but War! War! with all its miseries, pestilences, famines and diseases: neither will it be confined to Europe alone, but the whole planet will be one scene of bloodshed.

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The greatest statesmen of Europe are bewildered and perplexed and are seeking counsel from the wisest astrologers of the age; who, in turn shake their heads, and look askance at the ominous signs of the times. Learned theologians are searching the prophecies of the Scriptures, with a renewed energy, and their features betray a dread suspicion of coming troubles. ... They have boasted in counterfeit peace, crying Peace! Peace, when there was no peace.--Nations too, are sweeping for a Peace with a vengeance, with a besom of diplomacy, but find that they are only sweeping against the wind and are bespattering themselves with their own dirt,--which has accumulated for years that are past. Not only are they bespattering themselves, but they are raising volumes of diplomatic dust in an unknown tongue to the great annoyance of themselves and of their neighbours. Whilst this great sweeping for peace is going on, there is another sign taking place among all nations in Europe. Every nation is arming itself to the teeth with bones and sinews. The arsenals and dockyards of Europe are busily constructing the most deadly weapons of destruction against life and property ever before known in the annals of history.--The hitherto casual observer is suddenly aroused from the mechanical and regular routine of his daily avocations--to notice and take cognizance of the unusually strange signs in the time, which to him appear incomprehensible.--In no generation that has passed, have men proved so arrogant, proud and boastful of their progress in civilization,--science, knowledge and light, as in this generation;--which in themselves are no doubt blessings to mankind if properly applied,--but if misapplied, prove curses instead of blessings, as it is written: "For if the light that is in us be darkness how great is that darkness"

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So what do you think? Do you agree or disagree with the above writings? Or, would you agree with some parts of the paragraphs above? How would we, here at DaySpring, evaluate these writings? **Actually, we would be even more specific than what is written above and add the following to what was written at the time by this European minister.**

- 1. A terrible famine will take place in the Ukraine with deaths of about five million.**
- 2. A wall of water from the sea will result in a death toll of over 6000 in Galveston, TX**
- 3. Within a short period of years, widespread war will kill almost 100 million people**
- 4. There will be nuclear attacks with casualties of over 150,000 in a short space of days.**
- 5. A terrible virus - to which victims have no immunity - will result in 70 million deaths worldwide.**



So, while we at DaySpring have not had a history of outlining such prophetic specifics, what happened? Did we receive a visitation from an angel who instructed us to write down things to come -- or have we become foolishly rash or have we gone mad? Actually, none of the above. **We can say with confidence that the five items shown on the previous page are a certainty.** How so?

**What we did not tell you previously** was that the European writer (a Reverend James Jezreel) was based in England and **the predictions concerning the future were written in the late 1870's.** We have only read from **the chronicles of history** since that time. We read Jezreel's writings only recently and were intrigued with this question. Suppose that we stood in the time frame of the last quarter of the 1900's? What predictions would we make for the next century? For the 20th century certainly saw famines, wars, earthquakes and great discoveries in science such as electricity, radio, television, nuclear energy, computers, space travel, understanding of DNA, etc. Will the next century hold the same kind of surprises?

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Concerning the time that Jesus walked the earth, Lambert Dolphin, in his internet writing, *World Population Since Creation*, states that, "...there seems to be broad agreement that the world population at the time of Christ was between 200 and 300 million." So, if a series of wars, and a plague in the last century resulted in almost 170 million casualties, would this not be something "**such as was not since the beginning of time**"? Let us consider the five items from the previous page and see if some of them might fall into the category of a thing that was not since the beginning of time.

### **1. A terrible famine will take place in the Ukraine with deaths of about five million.**

Andrew Gregorovich in his internet article, *Black Famine in the Ukraine 1932-33* makes the statement: "Conservative estimates place the number of deaths in the Ukraine due to this enforced famine, at about 4,800,000. Many recognized scholars, however have estimated the number between 5 million to 8 million." This famine resulted from Stalin instituting the collectivization of the farms starting in about 1930 and the famine was used as a tool to break the free spirit of the Ukrainian farmers and put them under the yoke of communism. The grim statistics were kept hidden for years.

### **2. A wall of water from the sea will result in a death toll of over 6000 in Galveston, TX.**

The Galveston County Daily News in its article, *The 1900 Storm*, reported as follows: "No one will ever know how many lost their lives in Galveston in the Great Storm of 1900. The best estimate is that at least 6,000 perished. It was the most awesome natural disaster in our history as a nation. A major center of commerce, with a population of 40,000 at the turn of the century, Galveston was the most important seaport in Texas and poised for greatness in the new century. Then, on September 8, 1900, came a hurricane of such fury it drove an angry ocean before it, covering the island from Gulf to Bay and laying waste to the city by the sea."

### **3. Within a short period of years, widespread war will kill almost 100 million people.**

An article from the National Archives (Learning Curve) lists the total military and civilian casualties of World War I as 35,508,686. Phil's World War II pages lists a total of circa 61 million for the World War II fatalities. This gives a total of 96.5 million - or almost 100 million people dying in the in the 28 year period from 1917 to 1945. Certainly, these two World Wars were greater in magnitude, world wide scope and deadlier in weaponry than any thing that has been seen since flood. We have not even included fatalities from other wars in the century such as the Korean and Vietnamese Wars.

#### **4. There will be nuclear attacks with casualties of over 150,000 in short space of days.**

The United States military conducted extensive investigations of the effect the atomic bomb had on the populations of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Discussing casualties, the report *The Effects of the Atomic Bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki* says: The most striking result of the atomic bombs was the great numbers of casualties. The exact number of dead and injured will never be known because of the confusion after the explosions. Persons unaccounted for might have been burned beyond recognition in the falling buildings, disposed of in one of the mass cremations of the first week or recovery, or driven out of the city to die or recover without any record remaining. No sure count of even the pre-raid populations existed .... In this uncertain situation, estimates of the casualties have generally ranged between 100,000 and 180,000 for Hiroshima and 50,000 and 100,000 for Nagasaki. ...Some of the dead were said by survivors to have had their abdomens ruptured and intestines protruding; others were reported to have protruding eyes and tongues, and to have looked as if they had drowned." The first bomb was dropped on August 6, 1945 and the second a few days later. Certainly, the deadly force of an atomic bomb qualifies as something that "**as was not since the beginning of the world to this time** and we certainly hope and pray that such a conflagration will fall into the category of "**no, nor ever shall be.**" at anytime in the future. However, the potential still exists for additional horrific nuclear attacks to occur.

#### **5. A terrible virus - to which victims have no immunity - will result in 70 million deaths worldwide.**

In these days of bio-terrorism, the potential of diseases such as anthrax and smallpox are very much on the minds of the people. However, what has happened recently is dwarfed by some of the episodes of the past. We quote from the National Archives Learning Curve article entitled: *Influenza in the First World War*: "In the spring of 1918 large numbers of soldiers in the trenches in France became ill. The soldiers complained of a sore throat, headaches and a loss of appetite. Although it appeared to be highly infectious, recovery was rapid and doctors gave it the name of 'three-day fever'. At first doctors were unable to identify the illness but eventually they decided it was a new strain of influenza. The soldiers gave it the name Spanish Flu but there is no evidence that it really did originate from that country. In fact, in Spain they called it French Flu. Others claimed that the disease started in the Middle Eastern battlefields, whereas others blamed it on China and India. A recent study argued that the disease was brought to the Western Front by a group of USA soldiers from Kansas.

For the next few months soldiers continued to be infected with the virus but there were very few fatalities. However, in the summer of 1918, symptoms became much more severe. About a fifth of the victims developed bronchial pneumonia or septicemic blood poisoning. A large percentage of these men died. Others developed heliotrope cyanosis. Doctors were able to identify this by the bluish condition of the sufferer. Over 95% of those with heliotrope cyanosis died within a few days. This second-wave of the epidemic spread quickly. In one sector of the Western Front over 70,000 American troops were hospitalised and nearly one third of these men died failed to recover.

By the end of the summer the virus had reached the German Army. The virus created serious problems for the German military leadership as they found it impossible to replace their sick and dying soldiers. The infection had already reached Germany and over 400,000 civilians died of the disease in 1918.

The first cases of the influenza epidemic in Britain appeared in Glasgow in May, 1918. It soon spread to other towns and cities and during the next few months the virus killed 228,000 people in Britain. This was the highest mortality rate for any epidemic since the outbreak of cholera in 1849.

In Britain desperate methods were used to prevent the spread of the disease. Streets were sprayed with chemicals and people started wearing anti-germ masks. Some factories changed their no-smoking rules under the mistaken impression that tobacco fumes could kill the virus. Others believed that eating plenty of porridge would protect you from this killer disease. However, despite valiant attempts, all treatments devised to cope with this new strain of influenza were completely ineffectual.

The USA was also very badly affected by the virus.

By September a particularly virulent strain began to sweep through the country. By early December about 450,000 Americans had died of the disease. The country that suffered most was India. The first cases appeared in Bombay in June 1918. The following month deaths were being reported in Karachi and Madras. With large numbers of India's doctors serving with the British Army the country was unable to cope with the epidemic. Some historians claim that between June 1918 and July 1919 over 16,000,000 people in India died of the virus.

**It has been estimated that throughout the world over 70 million people died of the influenza pandemic. In India alone, more people died of influenza than were killed all over the world during the entire First World War."**

This writer's father relates the experience of a grieving family opening up a coffin from World War I, that had the words, "Do Not Open - Influenza" on it to view the remains of their son. The whole community was decimated and why this writer's father was one of the few that did not perish, only God knows. Had he perished, this vessel - at that time - unconceived and unborn, would not be writing these words.

Sometimes, we have been so conditioned to what we knew when we grew up, we lose our perspective. But, when one looks at almost 100 million perishing in World Wars I & II, 70 million perishing in a flu epidemic and over 150,000 being vaporized or radiated by nuclear bombs in a period of days, it gives one pause to wonder if at least some of the tragedies prophesied are behind us. Let us pray that it be so.

## **WILL THE EARTH BE BURNED UP?**

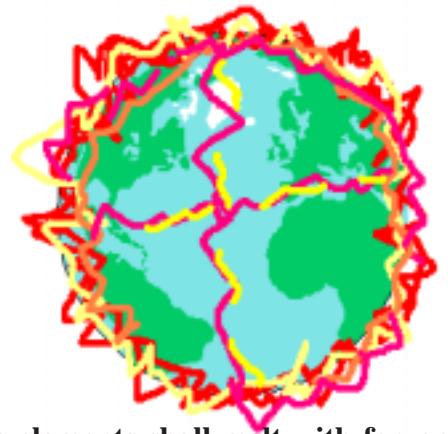
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As far as the future is concerned and the timing of events, we are not ashamed to say and will very frankly tell you that we don't know. We have not been given a quickened word concerning it. In the way of timing, Jesus pointed out that this secret was very tightly held by the Father. So, if the Father did not tell Jesus, it is quite doubtful that He would confide this same information to us.

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However, there are some gleanings as to timing that we can obtain from the above scriptures. These scriptures about the fiery fate of the earth are preceded with a scripture about the Lord's timing. Let's take a closer look in terms of what might be happening in the way of millenniums.

# THE DAY OF THE LORD

There is an old saying that it is always darkest before the dawn. Certainly, it was a dark day and a darkened end to an age when Jesus was crucified. *Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* <sup>MAT 27:45, 46</sup> But, out of this darkness - within a period of fifty days - the earths of His disciples were bathed in fire and a new beginning of an age of enlightenment was begun. For those who were willing to receive it, the old ways of thinking were done away with and a new lightning had dawned from the eastern sky and began extending itself to the west.

ACT 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.  
2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.  
3 **And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.**  
4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

ACT 2:16 **But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;**

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

19 **And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:**

20 **The sun shall be turned into darkness,** and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come:

Yes, the sun was turned into darkness and wonders were shown in the heavens - there was a great earthquake that split the veil in the temple. But, the sun and earth were not destroyed and what was thought to be a bad thing turned out to be a blessing for the peoples of the earth. What happened did not apply so much to the physical earth and physical sun as it did to the mind of mankind.

MAT 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, **behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;**

52 **And the graves were opened;** and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Now, we must ask you - was the **holiest place veil of the temple** splitting the important event that happened **or**, was the splitting of **what the veil symbolized** the more important event? Jesus explained this to the Pharisees, but his explanation went right by them because **their way of thinking represented the old heavens** - the old way the thinking that would soon pass away with signs and wonders in the heavens manifesting - when the new heaven (or way of thinking) appeared on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost removed the veil to the entrance of the third level (court) of thinking and that veil was contained within the body (or temple).

JOH 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**

20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

21 **But he spake of the temple of his body.**

22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

So, has it not become quite clear that if we had taken the prophecies of Joel and what happened in the way the physical earth and sun and the physical temple, we would have missed the true significance of one of the greatest events in mankind's history? When the dispensation changed from the age of law to that of grace, certain things changed with it. Paul summed up some of these changes in the following verses.

GAL 4:1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under **the elements [# 4747 Stoicheions] of the world:**

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 **To redeem them that were under the law,** that we might receive the adoption of sons.

GAL 4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the **weak and beggarly elements [# 4747 Stoicheions]**, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Why have we highlighted the Greek word for elements which is "**stoicheions**" in the above verses. When the fire of Pentecost set upon the heads of the 120 in the upper room, **were not the weak and beggarly elements of the law dissolved** and replaced in the 120 by the leading of the Holy Spirit and fire? Did the elements in the **physical** upper room fly apart so that the place was on fire or exploded physically? Certainly not - the changes were made to the minds and bodies of the 120! Stoicheion means "*something orderly in arrangement*". And yet the weak and beggarly elements of the law were dissolved! They were replaced with the higher order of the Spirit led mind. Could Peter have been talking about a further work to build upon the in-part work that was done at Pentecost when he wrote about the old heavens and earth being destroyed by fire? What do you think?

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.**

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and **the elements [# 4747 Stoicheions] shall** melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and **the elements [# 4747 Stoicheions]** shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless **we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth,** wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, **seeing that ye look for such things,** be diligent

The same Greek word "stoicheions" is used in Peter's dissertation above. So perhaps he is not talking about burning up the physical earth and heavens, but he is describing what it will take to finish the in-part work that was done at Pentecost - on what is contained within the temple we call our body. Contrary to popular opinion, Peter tells us that the above event is something to look forward to - rather than something to dread! So, how long will this take to come about. Why did Peter refer to one day as a thousand years?

# THE DAWNING OF 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.**

In Pentecost, there were gifts of the Spirit which includes casting out of devils and healing. But these gifts were more directed at temporary fixes of the maladies of mankind and did not include, even in the case of Lazarus, the impartation of translation so that death permanently ceased. Jesus was looking forward to the day when the body of Christ would be perfected - but, in the meantime - the fivefold ministry apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers were empowered at Pentecost to work the process of perfecting the saints.

So, if Jesus said that this process would go on for two days and then in the third day he would be perfected - what does this mean? Perhaps, He was giving us a clue that age of Pentecost would go on for two days - symbolic of 2000 years - and then there would be the dawning of the third day (millennium) in which He would be perfected and admired in His saints. Consider the following verse about the dawning?

MAT 24:27 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.

Before the sun comes up, it is very dark. But a very small glimmer of light begins to appear in the east and by a gradual process it comes out of the east, moving to the west, and illuminates the day. Rather than one specific date, it is a gradual and continuing process. Was everything completed on the day of Pentecost? - certainly not! - but it started there. Are we now seeing the very small glimmer of light announcing the beginning of the dawning of the third day? We can have two attitudes concerning the coming events. Depending on the order of the stoicheions of our mind, we will either dread it or look forward to it. If we live in a mind set under the law and its impending judgment we will fear it.

HEB 12:18 **For ye came not near to the mount touched and scorched with fire, and to blackness, and darkness, and tempest,**

19 and a sound of a trumpet, and a voice of sayings, which those having heard did entreat that a word might not be added to them,

20 for they were not bearing that which is commanded, 'And if a beast may touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or with an arrow shot through,'

21 and, (so terrible was the sight,) **Moses said, 'I am fearful exceedingly, and trembling.'**

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,

Whether they will admit it or not, many of the churches are still under the mindset of the law. And they see God forever frying and roasting the wicked with only their little group of true believers escaping. But, perhaps those coming upon Mount Zion have already been processed to have a different outlook and will stand in the gap for the world and petition the Father to cut short those days of tribulation.

How could it be that those that come upon mount Zion would be instrumental in shortening the days of tribulation? Some may find the plural use of the word "saviours" in the verse below troubling - but didn't Jesus come to teach us to be like Him? And astounding as it may seem, did He not say that He would empower us to do greater works than He did while he walked the earth?

OBA 1:21 **And saviours shall come up on mount Zion** to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

ROM 9:28 For he will finish the work, **and cut it short in righteousness**: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

MAT 24:22 **And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved**: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

JOH 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do**; because I go unto my Father.

Now that we have laid this foundational background, let us proceed on to the main topic of this writing which is about the journey through the crystal sea. What does this journey have to do with the elements being dissolved by fire and new heavens and a new earth?

REV 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6 And before the throne there was **a sea of glass like unto crystal**: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

We think that most of you would agree with us that Peter's writing points to a further dissolving of the old way of thinking - even of the Pentecostal mind - and looking forward to totally putting on the mind of Christ. When our mind has been transformed, then our body can be transformed - so said Paul: "*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **ye present your bodies** a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*" <sup>ROM 12:1,2</sup> Well, unfortunately, saints still die, so there must be some further renewing of the mind so that the body can be saved. As Paul wrote: "*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> However, Paul recognized that even though Pentecost was wonderful, it was still an in-part work and that further work still had to be done so that the saints could be fully transfigured. Strangely enough, he referred to it being like a glass? Could be that Paul was seeing **the underside of the sea of glass** and that a work of ascension still had to be done before one could stand upon the glassy sea - victorious in overcoming the name and number of the beast mind? Was Paul asking us to mature from the childish things of the law and the teenage growth stage of Pentecost into the fullness of the love and saviourship manifested by Christ? What do you think?

1CO 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 **For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face**: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; **but the greatest of these is love**.

# Rolling Up Your Courts (Heavens)

We can see the plan of salvation in the tabernacle. The outer court of the sacrifices is the court of the law - an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth - the death of the Lamb for our salvation. The middle court is the court of Pentecost - where one eats the shewbread of the Word in the light of the candlestick of the Sevenfold Spirit. The inner court begins to reveal the secrets of the Melchisedec priesthood. But, as wonderful as these truths are, it is only the beginning of the ascension from between the Cherubim (His footstool) upward toward the throne of God. For these three outer courts must be rolled up so that we might ascend through the glassy sea and stand before the very throne of God. As wonderful as they are, the old earth and heavens must be dissolved! See the scripture in Hebrews below - the Most High is saying that the garments of our mind - our mantle must be changed! The old must be rolled up to make way for the new! **Are you ready to roll?**

**HEB 1:10** and, 'Thou, at the beginning, Lord, **the earth didst found, and a work of thy hands are the heavens;**

**11** **these shall perish, and Thou dost remain, and all, as a garment, shall become old,**

**12** and as a mantle **Thou shall roll them together, and they shall be changed,** and Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.' (YLT)



2PE 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, **wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements [stoicheions] shall melt with fervent heat?**

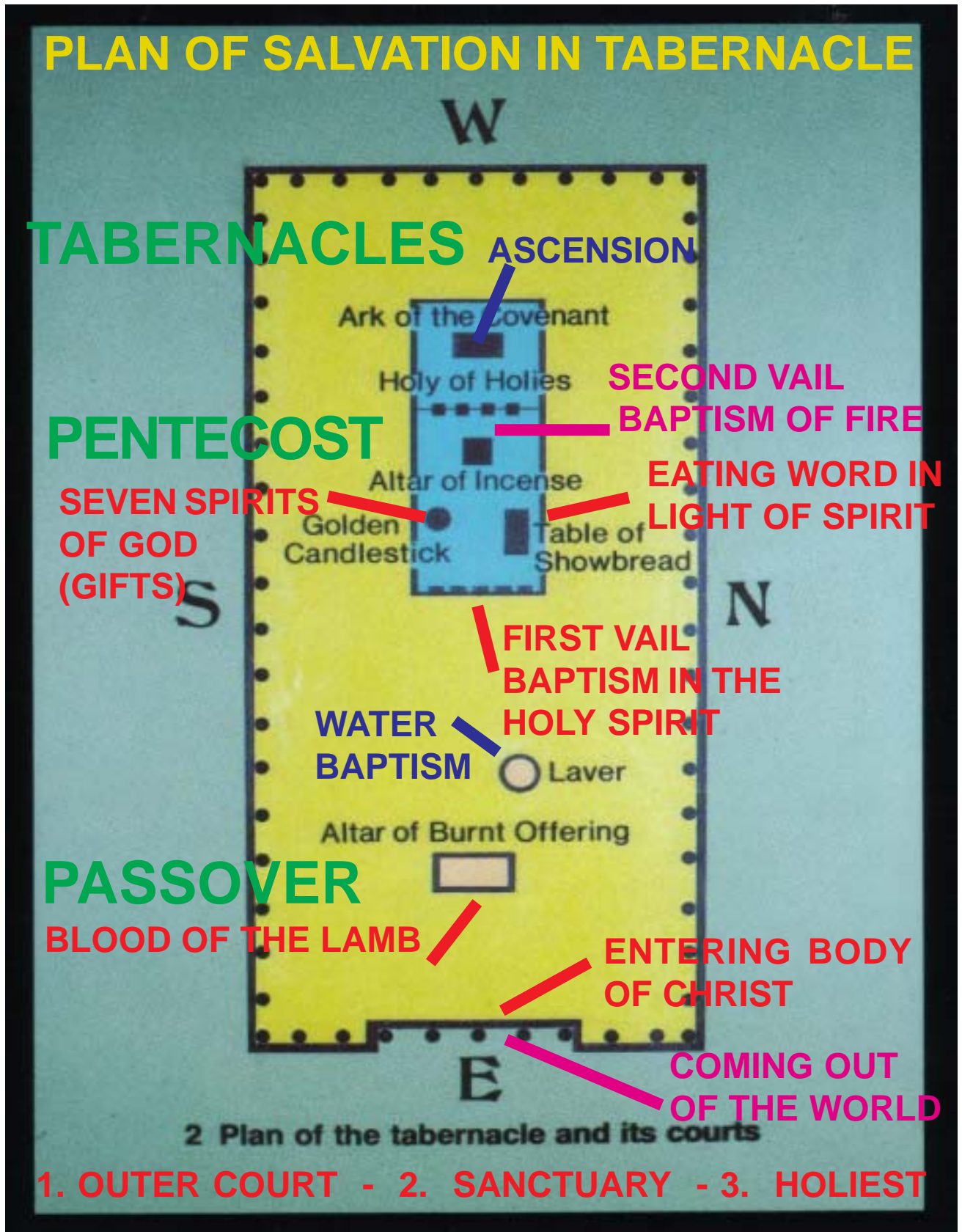
ISA 34:4 **And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll:** and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

REV 6:14 **and heaven departed as a scroll rolled up,** and every mountain and island - out of their places they were moved;

The next page shows the plan of salvation in the Tabernacle in the wilderness. As you trace through this from the outer court, you may reach an unfamiliar step. This is the next step in your spiritual walk. However, we must be willing to let Jesus and El Elyon do a quick work, because all of this is about to be rolled up and dissolved. The Tabernacle in the wilderness describes our present earthly walk - what we want to get to is our new Heavens and new Earth.



# Rolling Up Your Courts



It was in wee hours of contemplation, when I received a visitation from Jesus. He told me how much He loved me and that He had many riches that He wanted to share with me. He described precious gems, pearls, and silver and gold rings, bracelets and necklaces. He said, "My child open your hands, and receive what I have for you."

As I extended my hands to receive the very riches of God, there was a pause and it seemed that Jesus was visibly concerned about what He saw. He said, "My child, I would give you all these gifts, but there is no place within your cupped hands to receive them. For you are holding on to all the old things and there is no room within your hands to receive the new gifts that I would give you!" I looked, and behold, all the things that had been so important to me were as filthy rags in my hand. Truly, if Jesus placed anything within my cupped hands, it would have only fallen to the floor. As this realization came to me, I immediately took the filthy old rags and placed them in the trash to be burned. I then bowed before Jesus and asked forgiveness for clinging to the old and not being ready to receive the new. He took me to His bosom and told me how much He loved me. Then, He asked me to open my hands to receive that which He had prepared for me - precious stones set in silver and gold.

## DISSOLVING THE OLD RECEIVING THE NEW

2CO 5:1 For we know that **if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

2 For in this we groan, **earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:**

3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

4 For we that are in this tabernacle **do groan**, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, **that mortality might be swallowed up of life.**

ROM 8:22 For we know that **the whole creation groaneth** and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan within ourselves**, waiting for the adoption, to wit, **the redemption of our body.**

Moses was given the revelation concerning the Tabernacle in the wilderness. But it was this same Moses that went up on the mountain - and was permitted to see the promised land - but did not enter it in a physical body. Jesus caused the veil to the holiest place to be ripped in two and that work has been completed for almost 2000 years. The days of the spiritual activities in the three outer courts of the tabernacle is coming to an end. But, what do these three courts represent and what will be their replacement.

**We would submit to you that these three courts represent the three levels of the mind - three levels of thinking - but they are to be dissolved and replaced with something far higher and greater.** *For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.* <sup>1CO 2:16</sup> Examine very closely the description of the three courts of the mind on the following page. As wonderful as this human mind is, it is but filthy rags compared to the mind of Christ - a gift from our Savior!

# THE THREE COURTS OF THE MIND

OUTER COURT= REPTILIAN; MIDCOURT=ANIMAL; INNER COURT = CEREBRUM

The human brain has three major divisions. The large dome shaped cerebrum (the upper brain) is responsible for intelligence and reasoning and is unique to man. The smaller, somewhat spherical cerebellum (midbrain) helps to maintain balance and controls body movement. The cerebellum is present in animals. The medulla or pons is the lower brain and is responsible for maintaining respiration and is a gateway for electrical impulses to and from the body via the 31 spinal cord nerves. This lower brain is sometimes called the reptilian brain, because it is the only brain configuration present in reptiles.

## CEREBRUM - MAN

LOWER BRAIN -  
REPTILIAN OR  
SERPENT - PONS  
(CALLED FISH BRAIN  
- FISHERS OF MEN)

## SPINAL CORD

HEB 1:10 and, 'Thou, at the beginning, Lord, the earth didst found, and a work of thy hands are the heavens ...

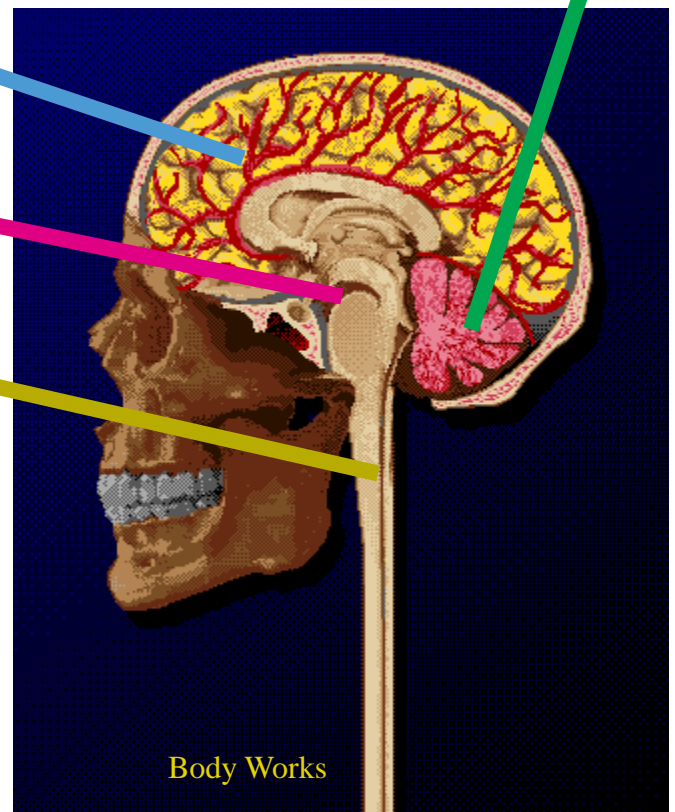
### LOWER BRAIN

GEN 1:21 And God created **great whales**, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and **every winged fowl** after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

### MID BRAIN

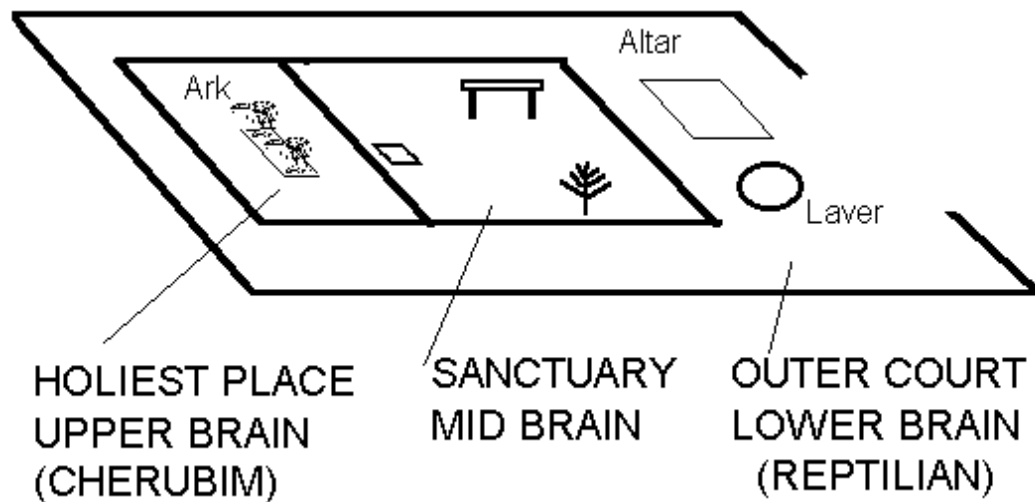
GEN 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, **cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.**

## CEREBELLUM = ANIMAL



### UPPER BRAIN

26 And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:** and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.



**"Why are some parts of the brain called reptilian and mammalian?"**

Neuroscientist Paul MacLean sees the human brain as really three brains. The first is made up largely of structures at the very top of the spinal stem. Because it resembles in some ways the total brain possessed by reptiles, this part of our brain is called reptilian in MacLean's terminology. Like the entire brain of a lizard or snake, it is mainly devoted to life support, such as the regulation breathing, heartbeat, and muscle movements, and to basic drives such as eating, mating, and self-protection.

While retaining generally the brain abilities of reptiles, mammals add dimensions to living. Their behavior, for example, involves complex emotional responses. They snarl, skulk, cringe, purr, growl, yelp in excitement or fear, nuzzle, teach their young, do tricks for rewards, wag their tails, show affection, and may even look ashamed or guilty when they have done something wrong. Such behavior is linked with a section of the mammalian brain that is not nearly so well developed in reptiles: the limbic system. For this reason, MacLean sees the limbic system as the core of our "second brain." If it does not function properly, he found in experiments with hamsters, the young lose interest in play and mothers stop their maternal behavior. The loss of limbic functions makes mammals behave more like reptiles.

Our third brain, according to MacLean, is composed of the outer bulges of the cerebrum and the overlying cerebral cortex. It is the reasoning brain."

ABC'S OF THE HUMAN MIND (READER'S DIGEST)

**In What Court Do Our Thoughts Reside?**

# Clearing the Mind to Transform the Body

**ROM 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

**2** And be not conformed to this world: **but be ye transformed [transfigured] by the renewing of your mind,** that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The formula for transfiguration is outlined above. The body (outer court) must be submitted to the mind. And then the mind must be renewed. Then, and only then, is the process of transfiguration about to begin. So, how does this process of overcoming death work - for man - since Adam's fall has been fearful of death?

## HOW? - BY GETTING RID OF FEAR!

HEB 2:14 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;

15 And deliver them **who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

When we reach the point of being able to look death in the face and have no fear of it, then we have broken the bondage that death has had over us and we are free in the Lord - free from death. And part of overcoming the fear of death is letting our mind become saturated in the love that Jesus has for us. For we must reach the point where we know that **there is not anything that can separate us from the love of God.** *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* ROM 8:38, 39

You have heard of the phrase of being "trapped between the devil and the deep blue sea". And, we can recall the predicament that Moses and the Hebrews were in when they came out of Egypt. The chariots of Pharaoh were advancing on the west and they were trapped on the east by the sea. And, then Moses stood and used the almond rod given to him by Aaron to part that sea and the Hebrews were able to cross over. The sea then became a friend rather than an enemy as it closed and stopped the pursuing armies. So, in type, we find the lower courts being dissolved behind us and the fiery crystal sea in front of us. Will we be able to use the almond rod of the priesthood to deal with the more exterior courts (as Moses did before Pharaoh's court and magicians) and open the crystal sea so that we may stand in victory over the name and nature of the beast? We must learn the secrets of the almond rod which are specific to each court.

# The Flourishing of the Almond Tree

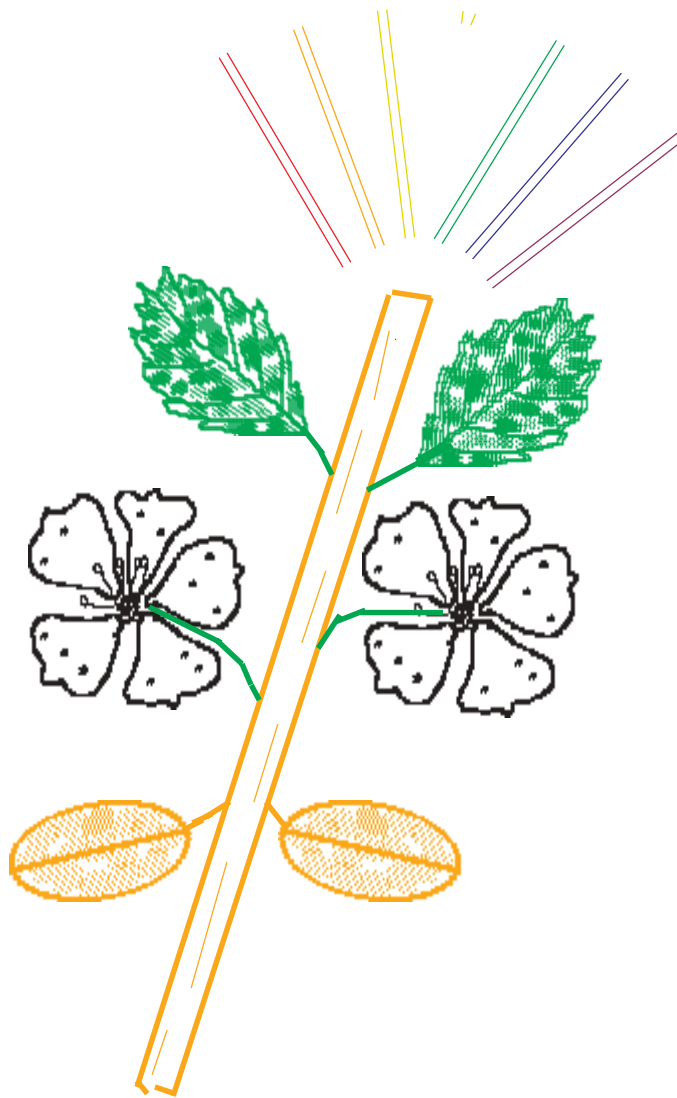
ECC 12:3 In the day when **the keepers of the house shall tremble**, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and **those that look out of the windows be darkened**,

4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;

5 **Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish**, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:

6 **Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken**, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.



Up until now, with few exceptions, the resident keeper of the house or vessel body has trembled when facing death. And then the silver umbilical cord is withdrawn so that man's spirit leaves the body and the golden bowl of the throne room of the mind is broken - man goes through death - and the spirit returns to God who gave it. Truly, in this death process, "*fears shall be in the way*". But wait ... , for right in the middle of this, there is a glimmer of hope for "*the almond tree shall flourish*." **Can this almond tree be instrumental in helping man overcome his paralyzing fear when he sees the serpent of death raise its head in preparation for injecting its final venom of death?**

So now we will begin to trace the path of the rod from the tree of the priesthood through the courts and see how each court must be rolled up behind us so that we may ascend before the throne and truly have the mind of Christ. In the outer court, the roll of the almond is not very obvious, so we will skip that for the time being. In the sanctuary, which is the court of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the role of the almond is very obvious. The scriptures tell us that the candlestick is designed to have 22 almond knobs in its main shaft and branches. We know from Psalm 119 that there are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet. So, it becomes apparent that the candlestick in the sanctuary represents the spoken word which is quickened by the olive oil of the Holy Spirit which illuminates that word.- for letter without Spirit is dead letter.

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE IS NO OIL IN THE CANDLESTICK?

**1SA 3:2** And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and **his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;**

**3** And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;



**OIL = SPIRIT**

**ALMOND KNOPS = WORD**

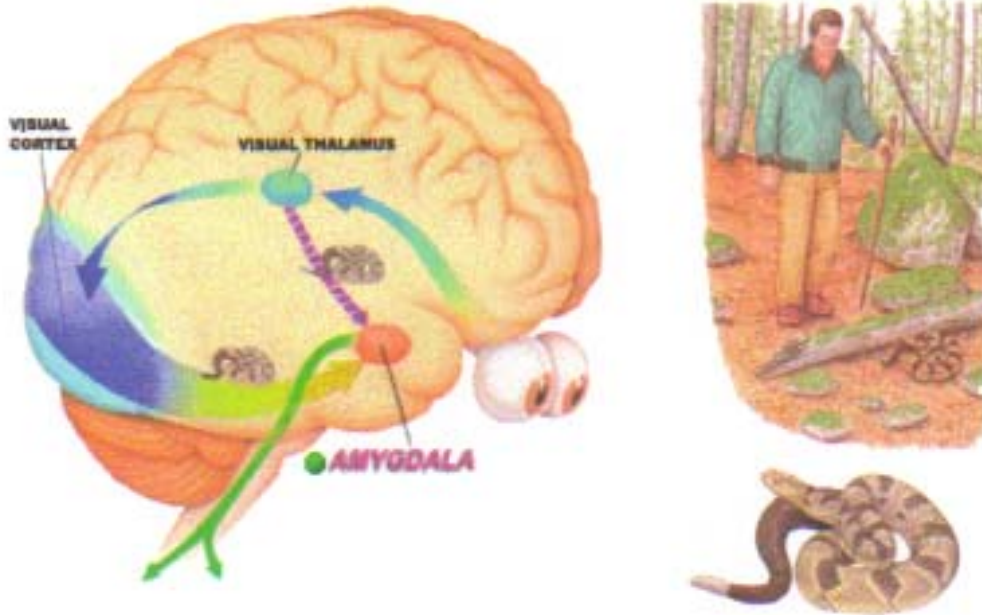
**NO SPIRIT = THE LETTER OF THE LAW THAT KILLETH**

It is clear that the baptism in the Holy Spirit as represented in the sanctuary or mid court is a step up from the letter and ritualism of the law. And while the lamp went out in the physical temple, it is also clear that the light of the olive oil of the spirit went out in the vessel of the high priest named Eli. And, it is a very important lesson that the true tabernacle is the body - and not the silver, gold, brass of the physical tabernacle.

Next, we see the almond rod inside the ark within the third court or the holiest place. Here, it was kept along with the golden pot of manna and the tables of the law. The ark is a higher spiritual plane than the sanctuary - but it is still Aaron's rod that budded. It must be transformed from Aaron's rod to the rod of Melchisedec in order to begin the ascension through the fiery crystal sea. Yes, there is a rod of Melchisedec. We will just simply touch on it here for later reference (see Psalm 110). However, we have skipped over the almond tree in the outer court and while many of our readers have advanced much deeper into the courts, they may have a lingering fear of death residual that is in the outer court and it must be dealt with. What is this fear and how does it concern the almond?



The Lower Brain (Outer Court) is the same type of brain that humans share with reptiles and birds. It consists of the head of the spinal cord and various organs including the amygdala (*ah mig' dull uh*) which is the Greek word for *almond*. The amygdala regulates fear.



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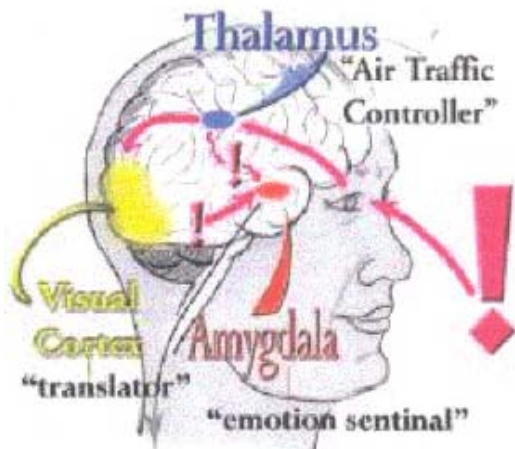
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Some of you may have been involved in an automobile accident at one time. And now, when you have a close call, your body is given a shot of adrenaline, and you can still hear the clanging of the metal from the previous accident. Others of you may have suffered intense embarrassment at the hands of a certain individual - and when you see someone that reminds you of that person, you experience the same feelings of embarrassment once again. Your pulse races, your hands sweat, and a reddish blush comes over your complexion. These are the activities of the amygdala - which because of its peculiar appearance is called "almond" in the Greek language. It short circuits the higher levels of the brain and gives an almost instantaneous reaction to a perceived danger.

Is the short circuiting action of the amygdala bad? Not necessarily, when it performs its function in the proper context. Suppose that you were walking along and suddenly saw a snake. Without the amygdala functioning, the knowledge that a snake was about to strike would be sent to the higher brain and it might think, "I do believe that there is a snake about ready to strike - perhaps I should jump out of the way - I will send a signal to the muscles to do that." By that time, it might be too late to avoid being bitten by the serpent. However, the amygdala drastically speeds up the response time to be almost instantaneous from the recognition of danger to the jumping away from the snake.



The routes from sensation to action are depicted in this brain. The journey begins with sensation — in this case vision — which is routed to the thalamus. The thalamus acts as “air traffic controller” to keep the signals moving. In a typical situation, the thalamus directs the impulse to the cortex — in this case the visual cortex — for processing. The cortex “thinks” about the impulse and makes sense. “Aha,” it says, “this is an exclamation mark! It means I should get excited.” That signal is then sent to the amygdala where a flood of peptides and hormones are released to create emotion and action.

From: [www.eqtoday.com/hijack.html](http://www.eqtoday.com/hijack.html)

The amygdala is often called the emotional brain. It can cause us to react by emotions rather than by the result of logical thought. This becomes a real problem when it causes phobias and anxieties when there is no real danger. However, frequently, as a result of traumas or bad experiences, thought patterns are pre-programmed into the amygdala, and people will find themselves doing things and reacting in ways that make no real sense - and yet - it is very real to them. It is as pointed out above, the amygdala "hijacks" the normal functioning of the brain. When this happens, individuals are malfunctioning in the outer court realm of the reptilian brain. We see young mothers and fathers that have no love for their children - it is as though their brain only operates in the outer court -reptilian brain.

MAT 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and **shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.**

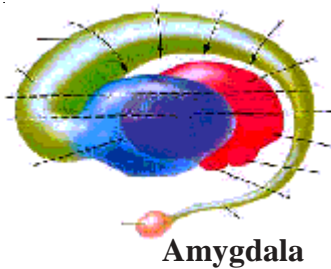
11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, **the love of many shall wax cold.**

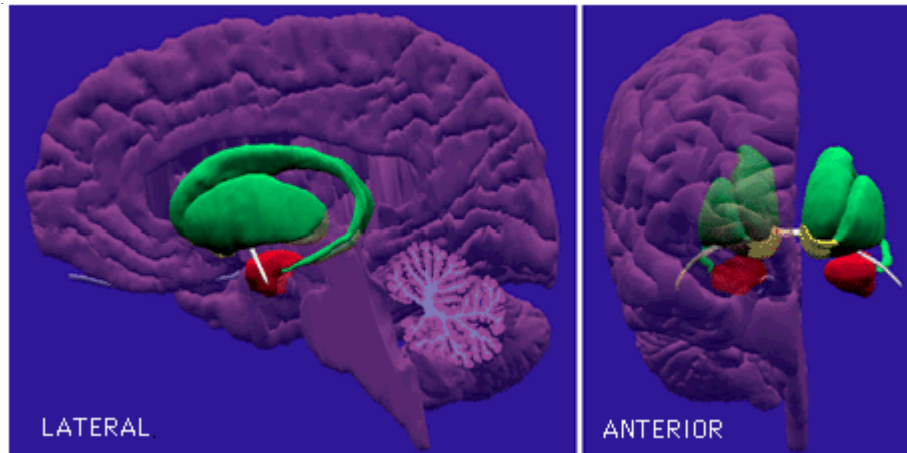
Truly, in the latter days, love shall wax cold - cold as a cold blooded reptile in its characteristics. For the outer court is the court of the law - it a weak and beggarly law and demands a sacrifice as atonement. And for us, Yahshua, our Savior, offered the sacrifice of the innocent Lamb and love overcame hate.

# FEAR - THE LAW OF THE SERPENT!

**EXO 21:24** Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,  
**25** Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.



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HEB 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

1CO 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.  
26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

LUK 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

So, fear is one of the main mechanisms that the enemy uses to keep mankind in bondage. For the world - and even some Christians - would tell us that "death and taxes are inevitable". But, the scriptures tell us that we are not chained to this bondage - but because of the love of Jesus we are free indeed. How many times in scripture have we been told to "fear not!" Note that it is not flesh and blood that we are wrestling with - but it is a **spirit** of bondage and a **spirit** of fear. And only when we are fully saturated in the belief that nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus, can we look death in the eye and say, "I have nothing to fear from you." *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.* We use the almond rod to part the sea.

ROM 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

2TI 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1JO 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

# WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT FEAR

**MAT 1:20** But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, **fear not** to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

10:28 And **fear not** them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

28:5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, **Fear not** ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

**LUK 1:13** But the angel said unto him, **Fear not**, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

30 And the angel said unto her, **Fear not**, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

2:10 And the angel said unto them, **Fear not**: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

5:10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, **Fear not**; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

8:50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, **Fear not**: believe only, and she shall be made whole.

12:7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. **Fear not** therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

32 **Fear not**, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**JOH 12:15** **Fear not**, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

**ACT 27:24** Saying, **Fear not**, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

**HEB 13:6** So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will **not fear** what man shall do unto me.

**REV 1:17** And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not**; I am the first and the last:

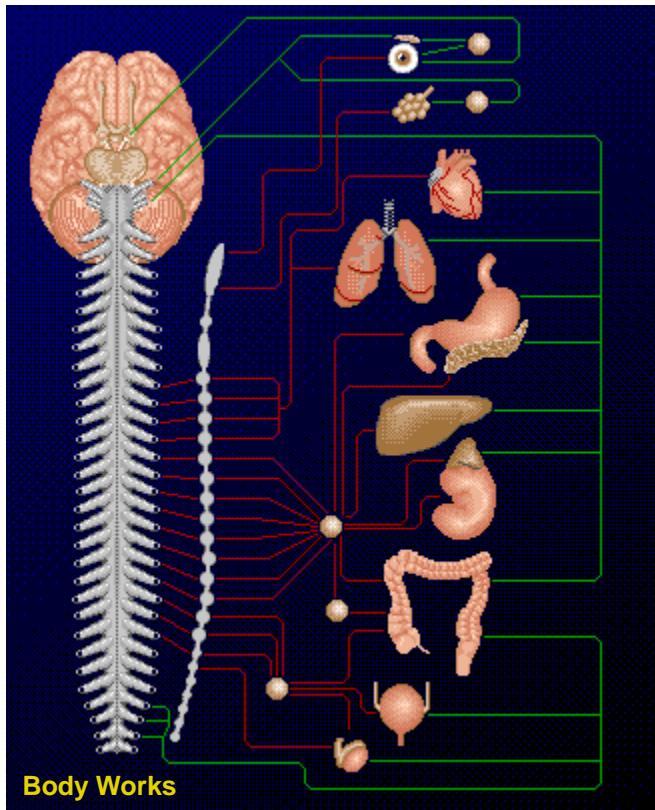
In case anyone has any doubts that the scriptures admonish us to overcome fear, the above scriptures should dispel those doubts. "Death" is not just a physical death, but it is interwoven into the everyday circumstances of our life. Joseph was fearful of the censure of his compatriots because of Mary's condition. **Death is anything in our lives that diminishes our walk with God** - and we must begin to recognize it as such. Adam was potentially "dead" at the time of the fall - he just didn't realize it at the time. The "fall" was from the use of the higher levels or courts of thinking into the lower courts. He became subject to the lower - reptilian brain. The unity of the nerve tree system in the "garden" of the mind became divided into the right and left brains and he knew good and evil. Instead of ascending in his thinking to the nerve tree of life, he choose to descend. The "woman" could choose to go up or down but went down. His soul, the "woman", was pitted against the lower brain - or the serpent - and the battle began. As Paul said, the mind or soul warred against the flesh. The mind tries to crush the head of the reptilian brain and the reptilian brain nips at the heels of the mind. Overcoming death is a process and the last enemy to be over come before transfiguration can take place is the very fear of death. For faith in the promises of God replaces the fear of what the enemy of our soul can do to us. Faith gives us hope and that hope completes the process in love. *For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.* GAL 5:5, 6

# FEAR OF THE SERPENT IN THE GARDEN OF THE MIND

Isaiah 58 compares our **soul** to the **garden** and we know from Genesis that the serpent was also in the garden. The top of the spinal cord is part of the reptilian brain. And we can see from the left hand illustration below that the spinal cord even looks like a serpent coming into the garden of the mind.

ISA 58:10 And if **thou draw out thy soul** to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day:

11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, **and satisfy thy soul in drought**, and make fat thy bones: **and thou shalt be like a watered garden**, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

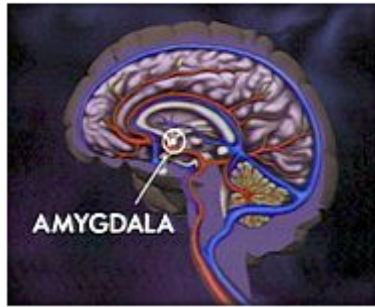


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Some may say - we've long passed the activities of the outer court - why are we dwelling on the amygdala's and the reptilian brain's functions. Because, for many Christians, further work needs to be done in this area. Look at the list below - you certainly are in contact with others who have these kind of symptoms and they need help in understanding their problem and appropriating God's help in solving it.

**ANXIETY DISORDERS; PHOBIAS; PANIC DISORDERS; ROOT OF EPILEPSY; OBSESSIVE - COMPULSIVE DISORDER; POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER; PRE-PROGRAMMED DISPOSITION TO FAILURE.**



The amygdala, which processes emotion in the brain, can strengthen memories that carry strong emotional content. (ABCNEWS.com)

## Remember the Feeling

Emotional Impact Can Be Key to Memory

By Erin Hayes

abcNEWS.com

Aug. 6 — If you saw a tornado coming your way tomorrow morning, chances are you'd have a very accurate memory of it, for a very long time. So why can't you remember where you parked your car?

**One of the keys to locking in a memory is how much emotion is attached to it.**

"I think it's fascinating how some memories stick and others seem to disappear into thin air," says Stephan Hamann, an assistant psychology professor at Emory University who researches this very phenomenon.

Hamann uses functional magnetic resonance imaging, a technique that builds on standard MRI hardware, to chart activity in people's brains as they are shown different pictures and words. ...

**"When the amygdala detects emotion, it essentially boosts activity in areas of the brain that form memories," says Hamann. "And that's how it makes a stronger memory and a more vivid memory."**

These can range from painful or fearful memories to ones that are slightly more pleasant, such as "the birth of a baby or a wedding."

**In Hamann's experiments, test subjects are able to remember twice as many emotional words and pictures as neutral ones.**

## THE ENEMY TRIES TO PREPROGRAM US WITH FEAR FROM THESE TYPES OF EXPERIENCES WHICH LIMIT US TO THE REPTILE BRAIN:

- \_\_\_ 1. HUMILIATING EXPERIENCES \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 2. HORRIFYING EXPERIENCES \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 3. EMBARRASSING EXPERIENCES \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 4. GUILT EXPERIENCES \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 5. DEJA VUE REACTIONS \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ 6. STRESS INITIATED ADDICTIVE HABITS \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEN WE LET THE LOWER BRAIN CONTROL OUR ACTIONS, WE BYPASS THE BLESSINGS THAT THE MIND OF CHRIST WOULD PROVIDE FOR US.**

# EVE: TORN BETWEEN TWO LOVERS



**ANOTHER  
SPIRIT**

## THE SOUL



**THE SPIRIT  
HUSBAND**

2CO 11:1 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.

2 **For I am jealous over you** with godly jealousy: **for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.**

3 But I fear, lest by any means, **as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.**

4 **For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received**, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Both men and women have souls (minds) that have been corrupted by the tempter. To reverse the fall, one must reverse the choices made in the garden. The choice is between the spirit of hate and unforgiveness or the spirit of love. The truth is that unforgiveness allows the enemy to imprint his preprogramming into the amygdala when traumatic experiences happen. Forgiveness removes his foothold and erases the post-trauma.

# Why Can't We Get the Outer Court Rolled Up?

REV 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

As we discussed earlier, we find situations where some are given great spiritual truths and we are greatly blessed by their sharing. And yet, along with these great truths, we see areas in their life that are bogged down and still anchored in the outer court. It is like they have a lead anchor that keeps them from truly ascending Mount Zion. What is the answer to this puzzle? We can see in the above scripture that we can go to very throne room of God, but for various reasons we are not able to abide there. And these reasons are that we still have lead anchors in the more outer courts. When we can successfully get rid of these outer court anchors, then we will have rolled up our courts and "shall go no more out."

Some years ago, a minister had a near death experience. They found their self rising above the operating table and saw the doctors working feverishly over their body. And then Jesus came and escorted the minister to a part of heaven to be reunited with parents and loved ones that had passed on. Then, Jesus said that there was another part of heaven that the parents were not yet ready to enter, but that the minister could enter because they had passed the tests on earth and were worthy to enter. The minister was then taken to the entrance of the tabernacle and told that they could advance as far as their knowledge permitted.



It was related that the brass laver in the outer court had a very peculiar test that had to be passed. When one looked into the polished surface of this laver there was a reflection seen of one's face. If there was any hatred or prejudice against any individuals or races, then the reflection in the mirror would be distorted with that hatred. On the other hand, if there was only love shown, the reflection of the countenance was clear and true and the pilgrim could continue farther into the tabernacle. Finally, the minister progressed as far as looking into the Holiest place. There, they were given a choice of going on in the heavens or - returning to the body and to a ministry of healing the wounded and bleeding sheep of their flock. They chose to return and relate the experience. We are very much saddened when ministries that have great spiritual truths allow themselves to be weighted down because they want to stir the muck in the pot of comparing one race against another. Yes, there is even an **anointing** in doing this, because the gifts to the Israelites were given without repentance - or God deciding to take the gifts back. *As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.* ROM 11:28, 29 The anointing concerning the races is but a faint candle compared to the brilliant Sun of grace that God has given to every "kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" Rev 5:9. Why hold on to the rags when God wants to give you the riches?

1JO 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

ACT 17:26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

REV 5:8 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.

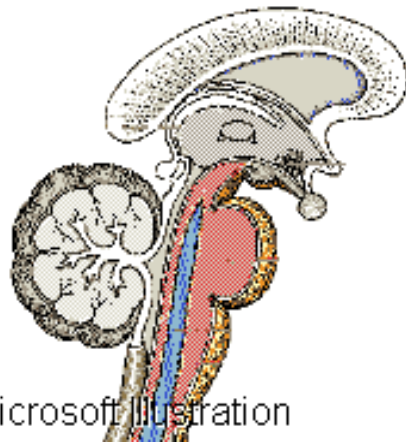
9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

1JO 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

MAT 25:39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

## Rolling up the Outer Court



**Structure of the Brain Stem**  
The brain stem, shown here in colored cross section, is the lowest part of the brain. Microsoft Illustration Caption

Above we see a side by side comparison of the outer court and the reptilian brain. The reptile lives by the "law of the jungle" so - as cruel as it was for Jesus to be slain for us - this was accomplished in the outer court on the sacrifice altar. In back of the sacrifice altar we see the laver and then the entrance to the sanctuary. Those that would roll up this court for good should clear their conscience of all unforgiveness and hatreds against their fellow man. They should ask Jesus to apply His blood to traumatic and painful memories so that their hold is broken. *Father, El Elyon, Most High, we come to you in the name of Yahshua, our Savior, and ask that you would assist those reading this - or those that they would minister to - to roll up their outer court, and may their thinking never ever return to the low reptilian realm again!*



# THE RESULT OF HAVING ROLLED UP YOUR FEARS

1JO 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, **that we may have boldness in the day of judgment:** because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; **but perfect love casteth out fear:** because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: **for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?**

21 And this commandment have we from him, **That he who loveth God love his brother also.**

ROM 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God,** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MAT 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, **An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:**

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

HEB 12:14 **Follow peace with all men,** and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

HEB 2:15 And deliver them **who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**

PSA 23:1 **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

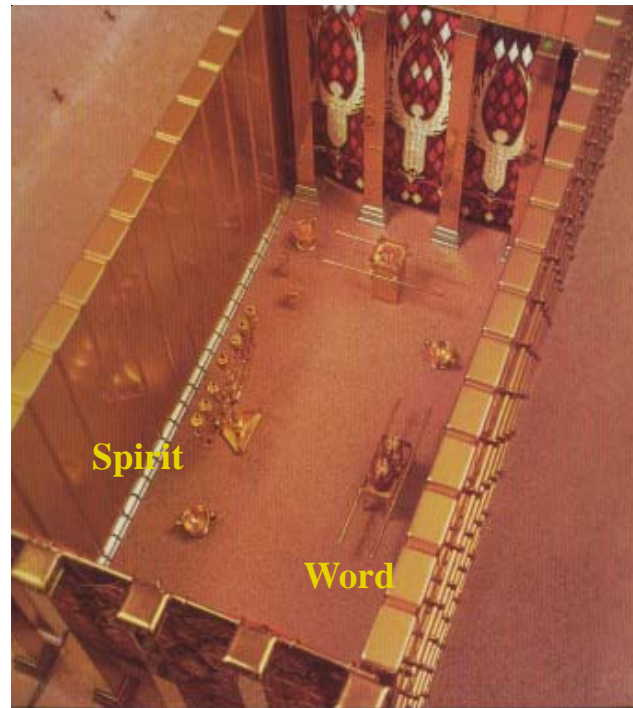
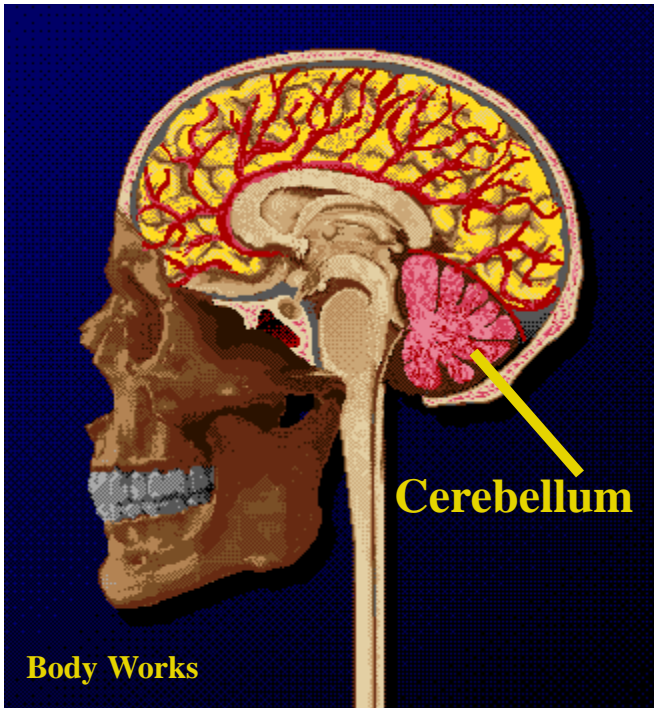
4 **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:** for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

# ON TO THE NEXT COURT: THE SANCTUARY

## THE MID BRAIN - THE ANIMAL BRAIN - THE CEREBELLUM



Above we see the mid brain or cerebellum. Also, we are looking into the sanctuary. Note the candlestick (Spirit) on the south side and the shew bread table (word) on the north side. We are progressing upward from the reptilian brain to the animal brain.

**"While retaining generally the brain abilities of reptiles, mammals add dimensions to living. Their behavior, for example, involves complex emotional responses. They snarl, skulk, cringe, purr, growl, yelp in excitement or fear, nuzzle, teach their young, do tricks for rewards, wag their tails, show affection, and may even look ashamed or guilty when they have done something wrong. Such behavior is linked with a section of the mammalian brain that is not nearly so well developed in reptiles: the limbic system. For this reason, MacLean sees the limbic system as the core of our "second brain." If it does not function properly, he found in experiments with hamsters, the young lose interest in play and mothers stop their maternal behavior. The loss of limbic functions makes mammals behave more like reptiles."**

ABC'S OF THE HUMAN MIND (READER'S DIGEST)

The primary function of the cerebellum is spatial relationship awareness, control of motion, and maintaining **equilibrium and balance**. The cerebellum processes inputs from the higher (or third brain), and from the lower reptilian brain to provide precise timing and required muscle contractions needed for "the smooth coordinated movements or our daily living --driving, typing ..."

**SPIRIT --- EQUILIBRIUM AND BALANCE --- WORD**

# THE EQUILIBRIUM

Right Brain - Intuitive  
**OLIVE OIL - SPIRIT**



Left Brain - Language  
**SHEWBREAD - WORD**



EXO 25:31 And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold...

32 And **six branches** shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:

33 **Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch;** ...

34 And in the candlestick shall be **four bowls made like unto almonds**, with their knops and their flowers.

**Psalm 119: 22 Hebrew letters**

**Aleph, Beth, Gimel**

**Daleth, He, Vau**

**Zain, Cheth, Teth**

**Jod, Caph, Lamed, Mem**

**Nun, Samech, Ain**

**Pe, Tzaddi, Koph**

**Resh, Schin, Tau**

**Shewbread**

LEHEM, PANIM,  
**(bread of the faces,**

**of the presence of Jehovah)** On the N side in the holy place of the Tabernacle was the table of acacia wood ... overlaid with gold; a rim and crown of gold encircling the top and another the bottom.

... Upon it on every Sabbath were placed, in 2 piles, **12 freshly baked unleavened loaves of fine flour (typical of the 12 tribes)** as an offering. **A golden pot filled with incense was placed on the top of each pile** and remained until the next Sabbath, when the incense was burned, the loaves were eaten by the priests in the Sanctuary, and 12 fresh ones laid for an offering.

*BRS Dictionary*

2CO 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: **for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.**

When the change was made from the age of the law to age of grace, the major shift from the old age was from the ritualism and letter of the law as practiced by the Pharisees to the balance between the word and the Spirit. The Pharisees had become cold and cruel in applying the letter of the law. For example, keeping the sabbath was more important than bringing healing and alleviating pain. If an ox got in the ditch on the sabbath, it had to stay there until the sabbath was over. Their application of the letter of the law was very cold blooded. With the advent of Pentecost, love and warmth was restored. The warmth of the flame of olive oil in the almond knobs structure of the cold metal of the candlestick returned. The balance between the right brain of the intuitive Spirit and the left brain of the word was restored.

# THE INCENSE ALTAR

## THE PREPARATION FOR ROLLING UP THE MID-COURT

After visiting the candlestick and shewbread, we come to the incense altar. This represents the flames that sat upon the head at Pentecost. It is a beginning for dissolving the mid court and going on to the holiest place.



MAT 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, **and gather his wheat into the garner;** but **he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

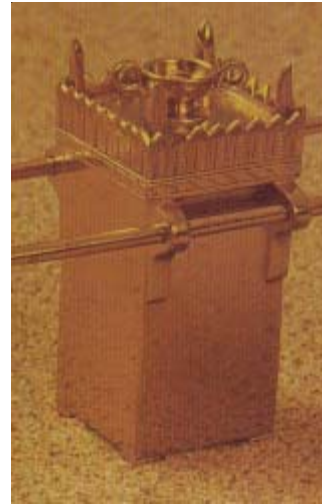
1CO 3:11 For other **foundation** can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;**

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; **and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.**

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a **reward.**

15 If any man's work shall be burned, **he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**



**FOUNDATION = SALVATION  
OF YOUR SPIRIT BY GRACE**

*Outer Court = spirit  
Ministry of the Son*

EPH 2:8 **For by grace are ye saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 **Not of works,** lest any man should boast.

**REWARDS = SOUL WORKS  
BUILT ON THIS FOUNDATION**

*Mid-Court = soul  
Holy Spirit Ministry*

PHI 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

**THE INNER COURT = BEGINNING THE REDEMPTION OF THE BODY PROCESS**  
*Ministry = The Father tabernacling within us*

ROM 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, **but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit,** even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.**

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? **ROLL UP YOUR MID-COURT WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED ITS LESSONS.**

## TRANSITION FROM THE FIVE FOLD MINISTRY TO THE FOURFOLD MINISTRY

We are now leaving behind the sanctuary - or mid court - and entering into the holiest place. The illustration below shows the top of the tabernacle removed so that we can look from the east toward the west in the sanctuary and the holiest place. Note that there are five pillars in front of the mid-court which represent the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers of Pentecost. When one enters the holiest place the ministry begins to change to the four pillar ministry. This is represented by the four standards of the twelve tribes of Israel. It is a transition from the typical church organization where one has five "husbands" or overseers to truly being led directly by the Spirit of Christ within.

It is finding that well of living water within and coming to a place where one never thirsts because one is depending upon the Spirit of Christ for leadership. And sometimes the transition is not always easy because a few of position in the fivefold ministry are more interested in keeping their students rather than graduating them.



JOH 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

JOH 4:17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, **Thou hast well said, I have no husband:**

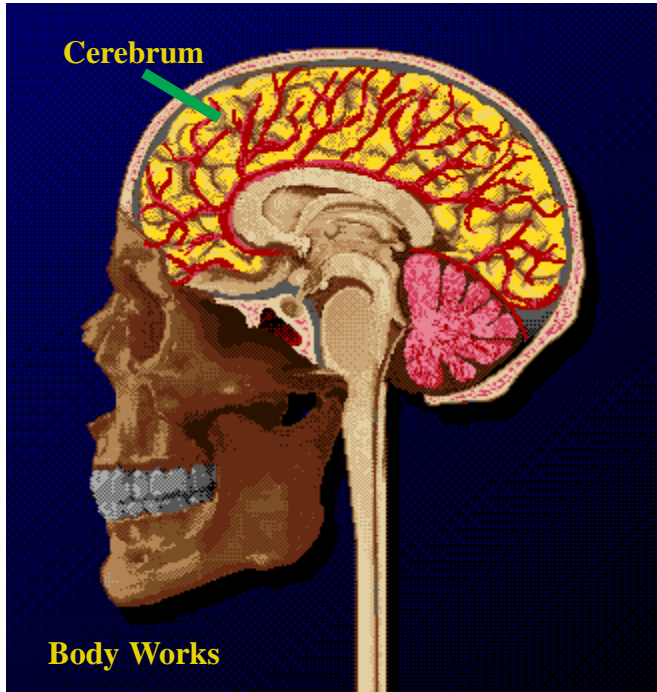
18 **For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband:** in that saidst thou truly.

EPH 4:11 And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors** and **teachers**;

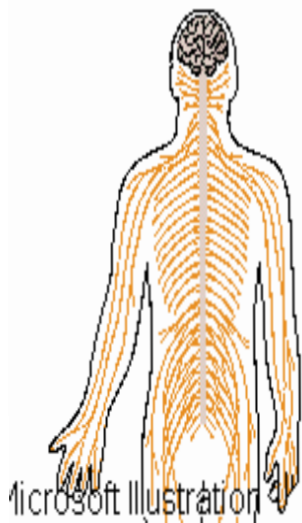
12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, **for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

# Entering The Inner Court



## THE INNER COURT HAS ROOTS THAT EXTEND INTO THE OUTER COURTS



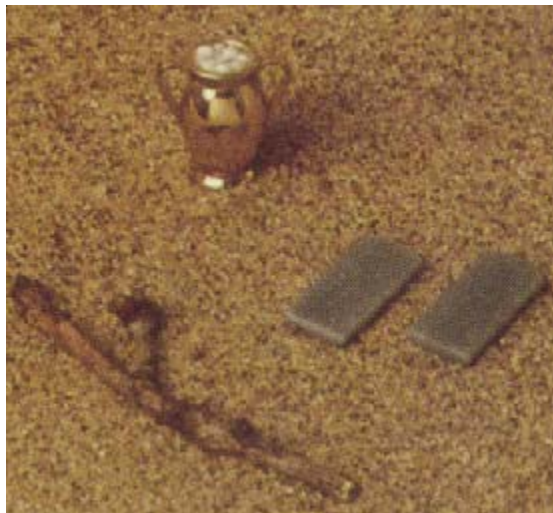
The Brain and Nervous System

HEB 9:3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

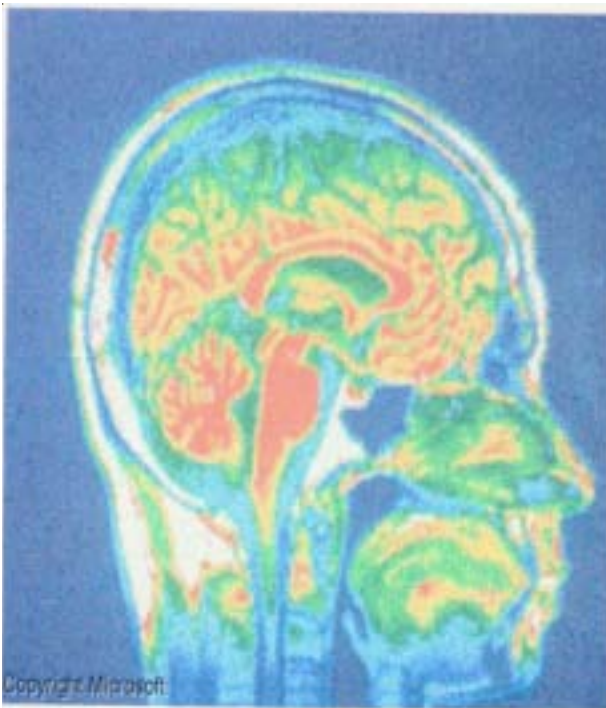
4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was **the golden pot that had manna**, and **Aaron's rod that budded**, and **the tables of the covenant**;

5 And over it **the cherubims of glory** shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

We are now entering the third court or the realm of the higher brain which is called the cerebrum. This is the reasoning brain which none of the animals have - only man has it. This brain has twelve paired cranial nerves which constitute our twenty four elders around the throne. It oversees the 31 paired peripheral nerves that are within the spinal cord [reptilian system] and transmits the wants and wishes of the body. The holiest place has cherubims and an ark. Within the ark is the almond rod of Levi. What do the cherubim represent?



The brain is cradled within the cranium (or skull) and touches the inner part of the cranium, but is not attached to it. It consists of two hemispheres which touch in the middle and are joined by the corpus callosum - an interconnector of communication pathways. Note the similarities between the cherubim and the brain - each touches the wall but is not joined to it.



MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) Scan  
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EZE 1:13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, **their appearance was like burning coals of fire**, and like **the appearance of lamps**: it went up and down among the living creatures; and **the fire was bright**, and out of **the fire went forth lightning**.

14 And **the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning**.

1KI 6:27 And he set the cherubims **within the inner house**: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, **so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst**



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#### Left and Right Brain Functions

Although the cerebrum is symmetrical in structure, with two lobes emerging from the brain stem and matching motor and sensory areas in each, certain intellectual functions are restricted to one hemisphere. **A person's dominant hemisphere is usually occupied with language and logical operations, while the other hemisphere controls emotion and artistic and spatial skills.** In nearly all right-handed and many left-handed people, the left hemisphere is dominant.

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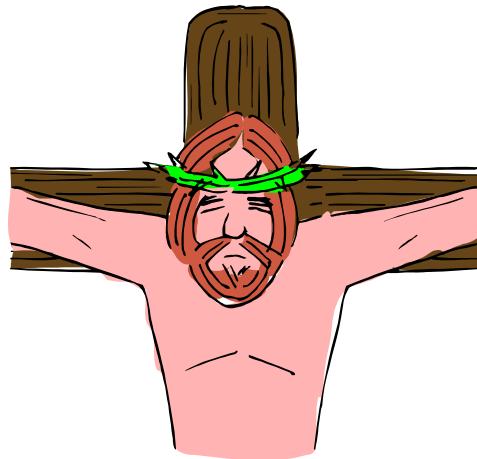
MAT 27:39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,  
40 And saying, **Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself.** If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

MAT 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, **the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom;** and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52 And the graves were opened; and **many bodies of the saints which slept arose,**

**Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?**



The Pharisees of the land were fixated on the physical temple and little did they realize that it was only a symbol of what was taking place within the human temple. If we are not careful, we fall victim to the very same error when we study the tabernacle. When Jesus yielded up the ghost, the sacrifice was complete and the resurrection power brought forth many bodies of the saints. Do not you believe that Samuel, Isaiah, and Daniel were among these that were brought forth and, if they desired, could still walk about the earth today? For the sacrifice of the Lamb activated the resurrection power for these saints. And three days later, that same power would be demonstrated personally by the resurrection of Jesus' own body. The first part of what Jesus said to Mary [sister of Lazarus] was fulfilled. But, the second part went right by Mary, because the time for general transfiguration belonged to another dispensation. Nearly 2000 years later, are we that generation that will believe what Jesus said in verse 26?

JOH 11:25 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?**

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

When Jesus yielded up the ghost, the veil of the temple was rent in twain and the secrets known only to the priests were opened up to the believers. The age of the church and the spiritual outworking of Pentecost had begun. Within the holiest place was the ark and hidden within that ark was Aaron's almond rod that buddeth, the golden pot of manna, and the tables of the law. These were symbols of the ending of an age, but also symbols of what existed in a higher realm. We know that the tables of the law were replaced by the earnest of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit does not evaluate by external circumstances but by the thoughts and intents of the heart. And, yet, at Pentecost, only the earnest of the Spirit was received. God is telling us that there is much more - we look forward to the **fullness** of the Spirit. The hidden manna was saved from a time when the Hebrews wandered in the wilderness and it sustained them there. But, we are coming from the wilderness into the promised land. For us the promised land is not a nation by the Mediterranean Sea, but it is the redemption of our body. For this, we need a word that preexisted before the foundation of the world - the old corn of the land. *And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover; unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day. **And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land;** neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.* <sup>JOH 5:11, 12</sup> Therefore, we see a new and more powerful fulfillment of the Spirit and the Word as we prepared to redeem our promised land - our celestial body. But, what about Aaron's rod that budded, what will be the higher and greater fulfillment of the powers of the almond rod? Will we use it to part the crystal sea? What priesthood will move us forward to our promised land?



PSA 110:2 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**.

At the time Jesus walked the earth, He began the outworking the priesthood of Melchisedec. But, He will call on His brethren to finish what He had begun. For this priesthood is from the womb of the morning and preexisted before the foundation of the world. And they have a rod of the very strength of God that is much more powerful than rod used by Aaron and Moses. As tribulation increases in this world, they will wield this rod to part the sea of misery and circumstances for those who will turn to God in their time of tribulation. In order to move into this ministry, we must be willing to forsake the rags of the old order and receive the marching orders of the order of Melchisedec. This will not be an easy task, **for one must be willing to dissolve the elements [stoicheions] of the three outer courts** and move on to fully receive the mind of Christ. The three outer courts represent resurrection. **What is next is ascension and transfiguration!** One must leave milk and meat behind and go on to strong meat - and be willing to go through the fire that brings new heavens and a new earth. One must come to full age and maturity be willing to roll up the outer courts [levels of thinking] and cross the crystal sea. Are you one of those pioneers and explorers that will launch out into the deep? What is this new realm? Paul described it very eloquently in his letter to the Hebrews. Note that the translators have translated "stoicheions" as "principles" here rather than as "elements" as was done in II Peter.

## *Are You Ready to Roll ?*

HEB 5:10 **Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.**

**11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.**

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 **For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.**

14 But **strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age**, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

6:1 Therefore leaving the **principles** [# 4747 *stoicheions*] of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; **not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,**

**2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal [age (or aion) duration] judgment.**

**Strong's 4747 - stoicheion - something orderly in arrangement, i.e. (by impl.) a serial (basal, fundamental, initial) constituent (lit.), proposition (fig.)**

Look at the list of teachings above - how dear these are to the hearts of many of us. We are not being admonished to tear them up but to recognize that these are but a foundation for something greater. Does it make sense, as happens in many churches, to build a foundation, then tear it up, and build it again. Let us look at the celestial plan and see what is to be on that foundation and what must be dissolved by fire.

# IT IS TIME, IT IS TIME, IT IS TIME TO TAKE OUT THE TRASH (WOOD, HAY AND STUBBLE)

1CO 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

For some, it is graduation time and time to ascend higher into the Lord. While retaining the foundation of Jesus Christ we must take out the wood, hay and stubble to be burned in the fire. Otherwise, when the general judgment takes place, we will suffer loss of the reward that would be ours - but not our general salvation. At a given time, the law was considered perfect, did not David write? "*The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*" PSA 19:7 And, in David's dispensation, it was considered perfect. But, Paul later wrote, "GAL 4:9 *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?*" GAL 4:9 So, what was perfect in one age was weak and flawed in another age. And so we are once again coming to the changing of the age, will we be like the Pharisees and cling to the old or will we take out the wood, hay, and stubble to be burned and place the silver, gold and precious jewels - which will abide the fire - on the foundation of Jesus Christ. Will we allow ourselves to be in-Christed such that we can see our brothers and sisters without discrimination due to race, economic station, or gender? Then, truly we will have "*put on Christ*" and burned up the old, moth-eaten garments.

GAL 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

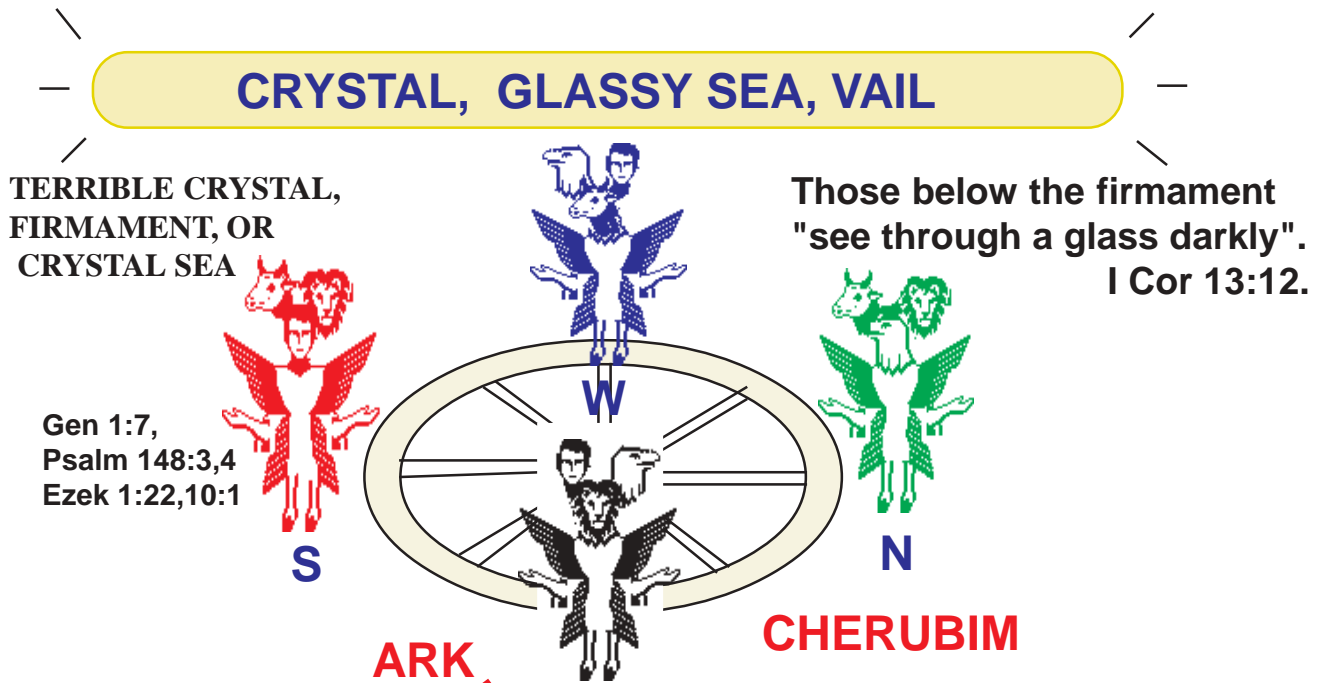
28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

But some may say, these differentiations are doctrines that I have taught for years, how can I just toss them aside now? Good question - is it more important to hang on to the old elements and garments of these doctrines that are passing away - or is it more important to be prepared for when the fire comes that will dissolve the old way of thinking? Each one will decide for themselves. Some will have a smooth transition into the greater glory and others will come kicking and screaming, but eventually - in the age of ages - all mankind will come through the fire of the crystal sea to stand before the face of God.

But, it would seem that coming into the holiest place is a great achievement. Why one is right at the ark and amongst the cherubim. And further, behind the cherubim is the west wall that has no door in it. Why try to go on from here - there is no door - and it seems like a good resting place? And truly, in our earthly walk, there is no door to the west, if we go back to the east along our previous path, we are going spiritually backward. Once, one reaches the holiest place, what next? *And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.* LUK 21:28 For those who learn the lessons of the holiest place have completed their walk in the earthly way of thinking and a new thing is about to happen. If you stand between God's footstool called the cherubim, look up. And what will you see above the cherubim?

# BRINGING FORTH NEW HEAVENS

REV 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.



Isaiah and John clearly saw the crystal from above the crystal sea. Ezekiel these were blocked from his view. Ezekiel could only hear a voice from above the veil which is the crystal sea. Good heavens - you mean there is another veil to go through other than that which is in front of the holiest place! - yes there is. For the purposes and dimensions of God are never ending and forever unfolding. Examine the scriptures below and you will see that Ezekiel only saw the underside of the crystal sea - then later - he was able to see through a glass darkly to see the "likeness" of the throne above it.! He did not describe the seraphim above the crystal sea as did John and Isaiah.



tal sea, the seraphim, and very throne of God did not at first see the throne of God because by the underside of the crystal sea or firmament.

Ezek 1:22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature [was] as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

1:23 And under the firmament [were] their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.

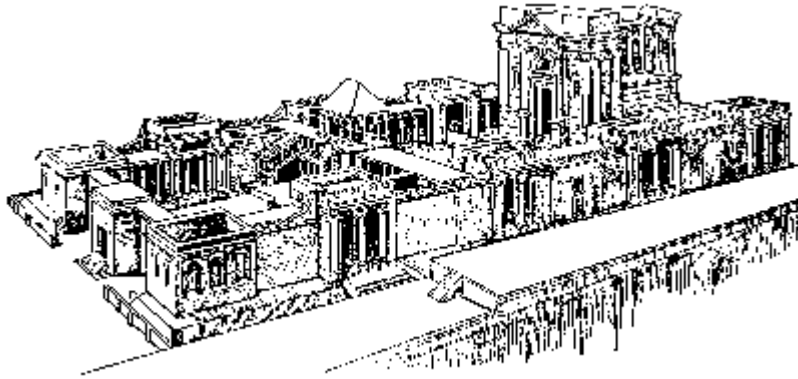
1:24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty,

the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

1:25 And there was a voice from the firmament that [was] over their heads, when they stood, [and] had let down their wings.

1:26 And above the firmament that [was] over their heads [was] the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne [was] the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

# EZEKIEL FORESAW THE DISSOLVING OF THE GLORY FROM THE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM



EZE 9:2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; **and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side:** and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side;

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and **set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.**

There is a sixth ministry that is a transition from the five husbands [apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers] to the seventh ministry of the order of Melchisedec. It is the ministry of the writer that refuses to be a husband with oversight of the people. Instead, it only points believers to the seventh ministry, teaches them to be totally submitted to the ministry of Christ as administered through the order of Melchisedec. **After the sealing of the foreheads** (symbolic) of the location of the cherubim, we find that the glory lifted from the cherubim and departed. And so it will be that the glory that is ascribed to the human brain will be lifted so that it may be replaced by the mind of Christ. Note in the verses below that **the coals of fire must be scattered** over the old Jerusalem and then the glory departs and heads toward the east. This is a pattern of how the human brain will be changed into the mind of Christ.

EZE 10:1 Then I looked, and, behold, **in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims** there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

2 **And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter them over the city.** And he went in in my sight.

3 Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

EZE 10:18 **Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house,** and stood over the cherubims.

19 And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: **when they went out,** the wheels also were beside them, **and every one stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD'S house;** and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above.

# SEALING OF THE FOREHEAD IS A PRIORITY!

REV 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, **Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.**

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of **Juda** were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Reuben** were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Gad** were sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of **Aser** were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Nephtalim** were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Manasses** were sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of **Simeon** were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Levi** were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Issachar** were sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of **Zabulon** were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Joseph** were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of **Benjamin** were sealed twelve thousand.

The man in the linen garment with the writer's inkhorn was instructed that first those men who sought righteousness must be sealed in the forehead before the coals of fire could be sprinkled over the city. And now, we see this old testament admonition being played out in the book of Revelation. What does it mean to seal men in their foreheads and why was it related to the twelve tribes? Why not just seal the righteous men period and not be concerned about which tribe they were from? After all, could there not be 14,000 righteous men in one tribe and 10,000 in another. We would not want 2000 righteous men to get left out because of a mere quota or 2000 unrighteous men to be added just to fill a quota. Perhaps, the sealing of the twelve tribes is symbolic of something else. Conventional wisdom has been that God will have 144,000 very elite members of a special endtime force. And, many of the denominations teach that the 144,000 will come from their particular denomination because of the particular knowledge that their denomination possesses. And, it may well be true that a literal number of 144,000 will be assigned to perform a special mission upon mount Sion for the Lord.

LUK 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, **The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:**

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, **behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**

Both John and Ezekiel spoke about seeing the throne of God. Where you have a throne, there is a king, and where you have a king, there is a kingdom. But, the above scripture tells us that the kingdom of God is within us. So, if we are sealing the foreheads, this would tell us that the activity is located somewhere around the head. And if we are doing some internal work in the forehead, then it would seem that it might be related to twelve of something related to the mind. Further, the scripture mentions trees, so we are admonished to do the sealing before the trees are hurt. The scripture mentions earth, so we would relate earth to being the human body. And then it mentions sea - could this have something to do with the crystal sea? Is it not true that those who go through the crystal sea are those who *"had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God."* We know that the 144,000 need harps for their new song. So, if this sealing of the forehead is an internal work, then what is it? We would submit to you that the answer is given on the next page.

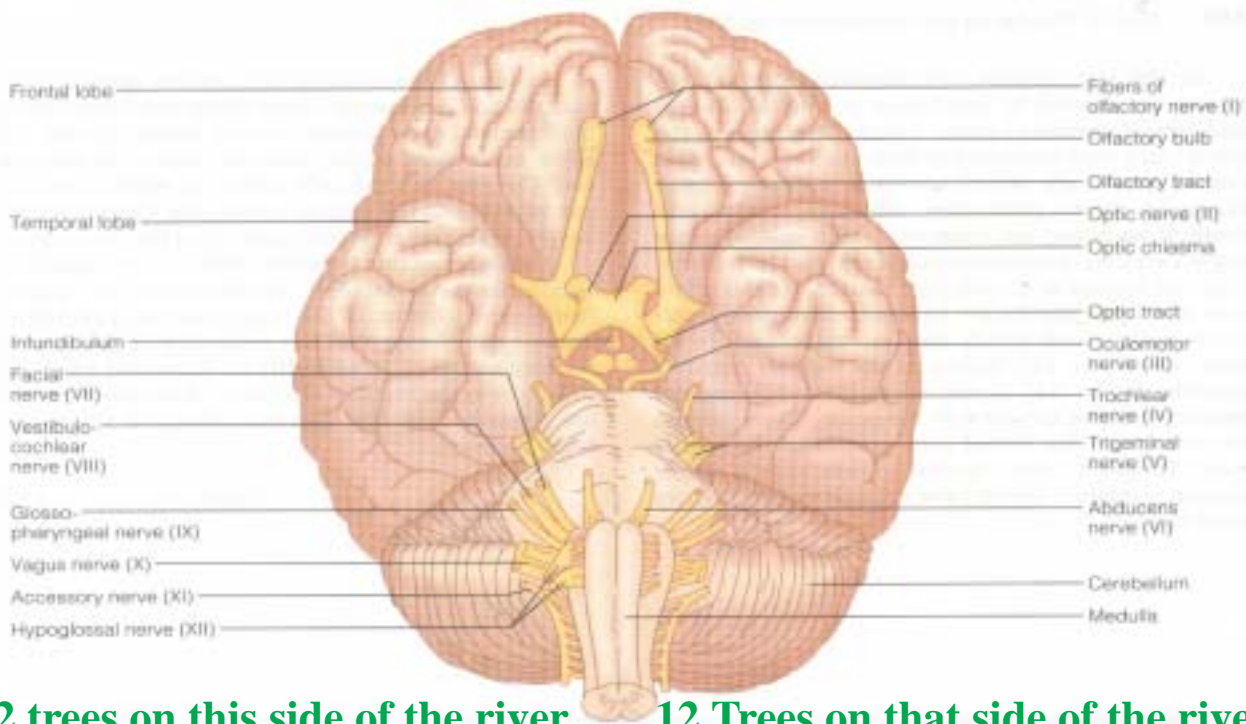
# THE RIVER OF CONSCIOUSNESS

**REV 22:1** And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

**2** In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

**REV 4:10** The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne ...

## THE TWELVE CRANIAL NERVE TREES



12 trees on this side of the river

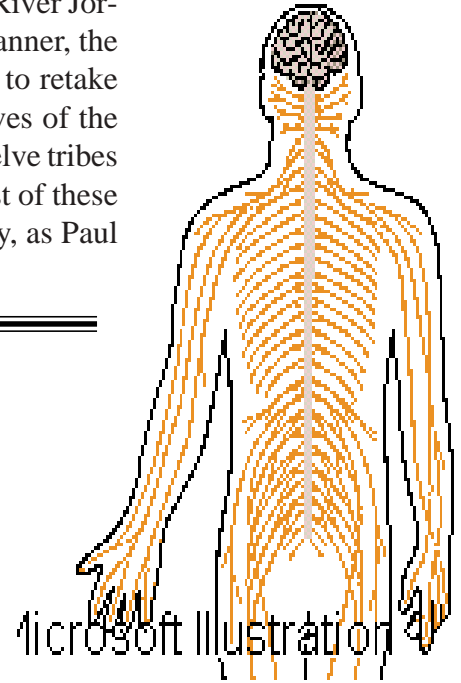
12 Trees on that side of the river

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I Olfactory	Yes (smell)	No	No	VII Facial	Yes (taste)	Yes	Yes
II Optic	Yes (vision)	No	No	VIII Vestibulocochlear	Yes (hearing and balance)	No	No
III Oculomotor	No	Yes	Yes	IX Glosso-pharyngeal	Yes (taste)	Yes	Yes
IV Trochlear	No	Yes	No	X Vagus	Yes (taste)	Yes	Yes
V Trigeminal	Yes (general sensation)	Yes	No	XI Accessory	No	Yes	No
VI Abducens	No	Yes	No	XII Hypoglossal	No	Yes	No

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**12 PAIRED NERVES = 24 ELDERS**

The twelve tribes were assembled for war when they crossed the River Jordan to reclaim the promised land from the Canaanites. In like manner, the twelve cranial nerves of the mind must be sealed and mobilized to retake the land that has often been controlled by the 31 peripheral nerves of the reptilian type spinal cord system. There were 31 kings that the twelve tribes were told to conquer in order to retake the promised land. The list of these 31 kings of the flesh are listed below in Joshua chapter 12. Truly, as Paul wrote, the mind does war against the flesh and vice versa.



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**"The cranial nerves connect to the brain by passing through openings in the skull, or cranium. Nerves associated with the spinal cord pass through openings in the vertebral column and are called spinal nerves. Both cranial and spinal nerves consist of large numbers of processes that convey impulses to the central nervous system and also carry messages outward; the former processes are called afferent, the latter are called efferent**

**The cranial and spinal nerves are paired; the number in humans are 12 and 31, respectively."**

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JOS 12:7 **And these are the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west**, from Baalgad in the valley of Lebanon even unto the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir; which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions;

9 The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one;

10 The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

11 The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

12 The king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

13 The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

14 The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;

15 The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;

16 The king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one;

17 The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hopher, one;

18 The king of Apher, one; the king of Lasharon, one;

19 The king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

20 The king of Shimronmeron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;

21 The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

22 The king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one;

23 The king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one;

24 The king of Tirzah, one: **all the kings thirty and one.**

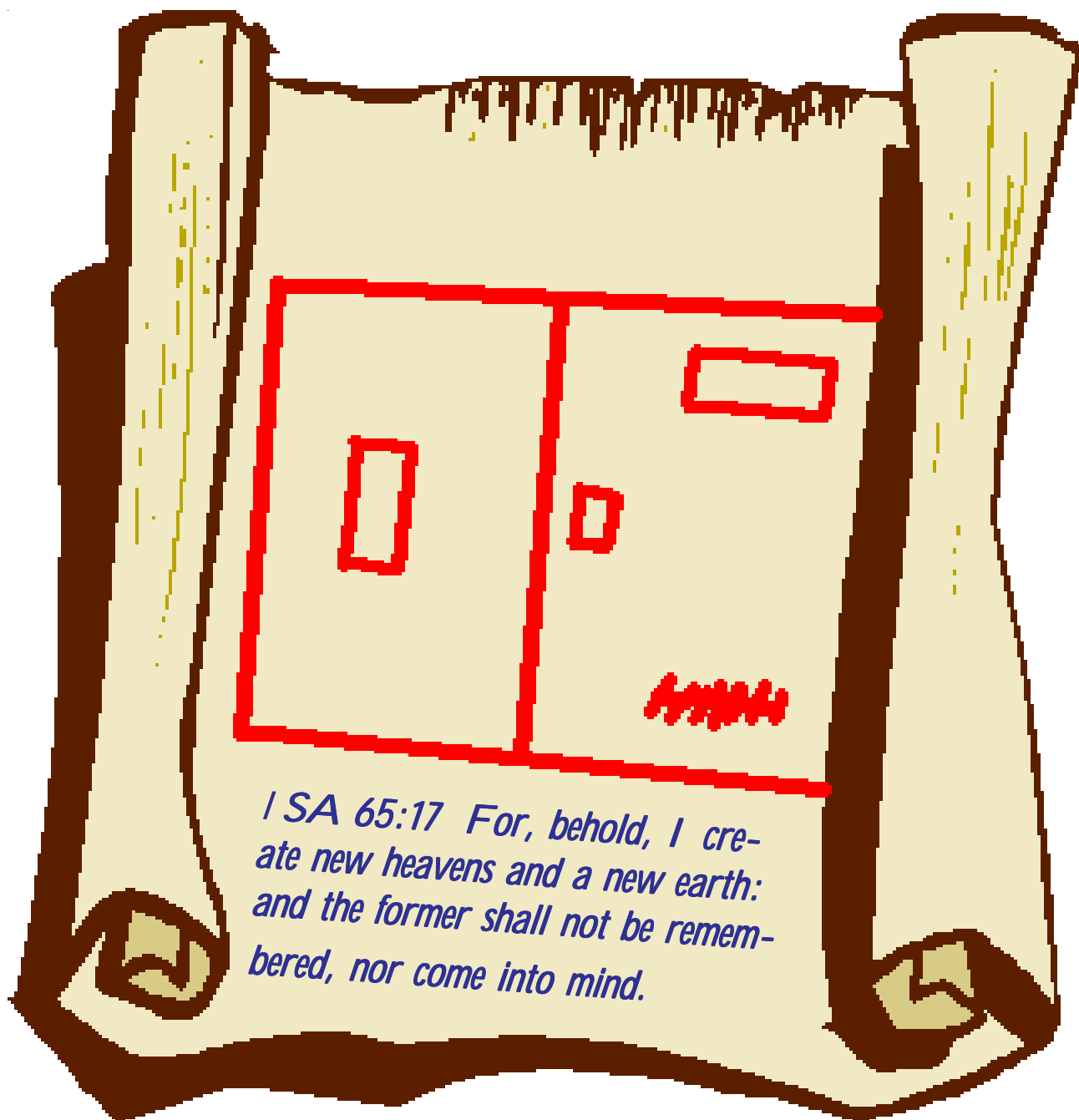
# Rolling Up Your Courts (Heavens)

## ROLL THEM UP IN THE TIMING OF THE SPIRIT

HEB 1:10 and, 'Thou, at the beginning, Lord, **the earth didst found, and a work of thy hands are the heavens;**

11 these shall perish, and Thou dost remain, and all, as a garment, shall become old,

12 and as a mantle Thou shall roll them together, and they shall be changed, and Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.' (YLT)





So, we have been on a long journey from the outer court through the sanctuary and the holiest place to finally emerge and stand upon the crystal sea. And most likely, many of us still have some parts of the journey ahead of us. But, at least, we have looked at the roadmap and now have some idea of what to expect as we go over the next hill.

We have looked at the subject of tribulation. And while we do hope that most of the tribulation is behind us, it would be unrealistic not to expect more in the future - simply because of the great potential that exists from nuclear bombs and bio-terrorism. When we give control of world events to the enemy of our soul, the prospectus of coming events is frightening and we become overwhelmed with fear. However, when we begin to look at tribulation as simply as process that God uses to cause mankind to forsake the carnal ways and turn to him, then faith, hope, and love begins to flow and we can then begin to cooperate with that process - for the scriptures tell us that we can have boldness in the day of judgment. More importantly, we must seek the Most High to find out what role that we are to play in the events coming upon the earth. For God is preparing a group of overcomers who will be there to assist the bulk of mankind as the veils are removed and the face of the Most High God, El Elyon, begins to be revealed to the people. This will be a group that has no fear of death for they are fully born of the Spirit [El Shaddai Wisdom's womb] and will be able to come and go (translate) as the wind.

JOH 3:4 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?**

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.**

This will be a group that is fully acquainted with the secret place of the Most High and know the natures and purposes of the Godhead. They will not be afraid of the terror by night or the arrow by day.

PSA 91:1 **He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High** [El Elyon] shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty [El Shaddai].

2 I will say of the LORD [Yahweh], He is my refuge and my fortress: my God [Elohim]; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 **Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;**  
**6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.**

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; **but it shall not come nigh thee.**

8 **Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.**

This group has been given very special "attention" by the Lord in that they have already been through much tribulation. Like Job - they were working so hard to do everything right and please the Lord - and it seemed like everything went wrong. Their friends said, that if that is the results of the religion that you practice - I want none of it! But, what the world perceived as a curse upon them - was in the final analysis a blessing. But, you couldn't tell Job this when he was right in the middle of it. In the end, Job compassionately prayed for those who had castigated him, for they began to encounter tribulation of their own.

# PIONEERS WITH "ANOTHER SPIRIT"

NUM 14:6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:

7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, **The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land.**

8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.

NUM 14:24 But my servant Caleb, because he had **another spirit** with him, and hath followed me fully, **him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.**

The group of overcomers that God is training is not fearful of the "giants" of the land. Unlike the majority of the Hebrews were in the wilderness, they are ready to press on to the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. A barrier to them is simply something to overcome rather than a fearful road-block. We are reminded of the story of another pioneer who came up against a barrier - that had already resulted in the deaths of a number of test pilots. Every time the pilots hit a certain speed, the plane would begin to vibrate violently. If they backed off, the vibration would stop - but in some cases it was too late - for the plane had been damaged and the pilots crashed to their death. Chuck Yeager approached this barrier with a different idea - rather than hit the barrier and back off - he would accelerate through it. Much like Caleb and Joshua, he thought that he would reach the promised land of supersonic flight and he was not afraid of the giants. Like Esther, he determined to go forward. *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.* <sup>EST 4:16</sup> So Yeager formulated his plan and when hitting the sound barrier, he quickly accelerated through it in his Bell X-15 rocket plane. And, once through the turbulence, he reported that supersonic flight was so smooth "that your grandma could drink a glass of lemonade" without spilling it.

Bell X-15 October 14, 1947

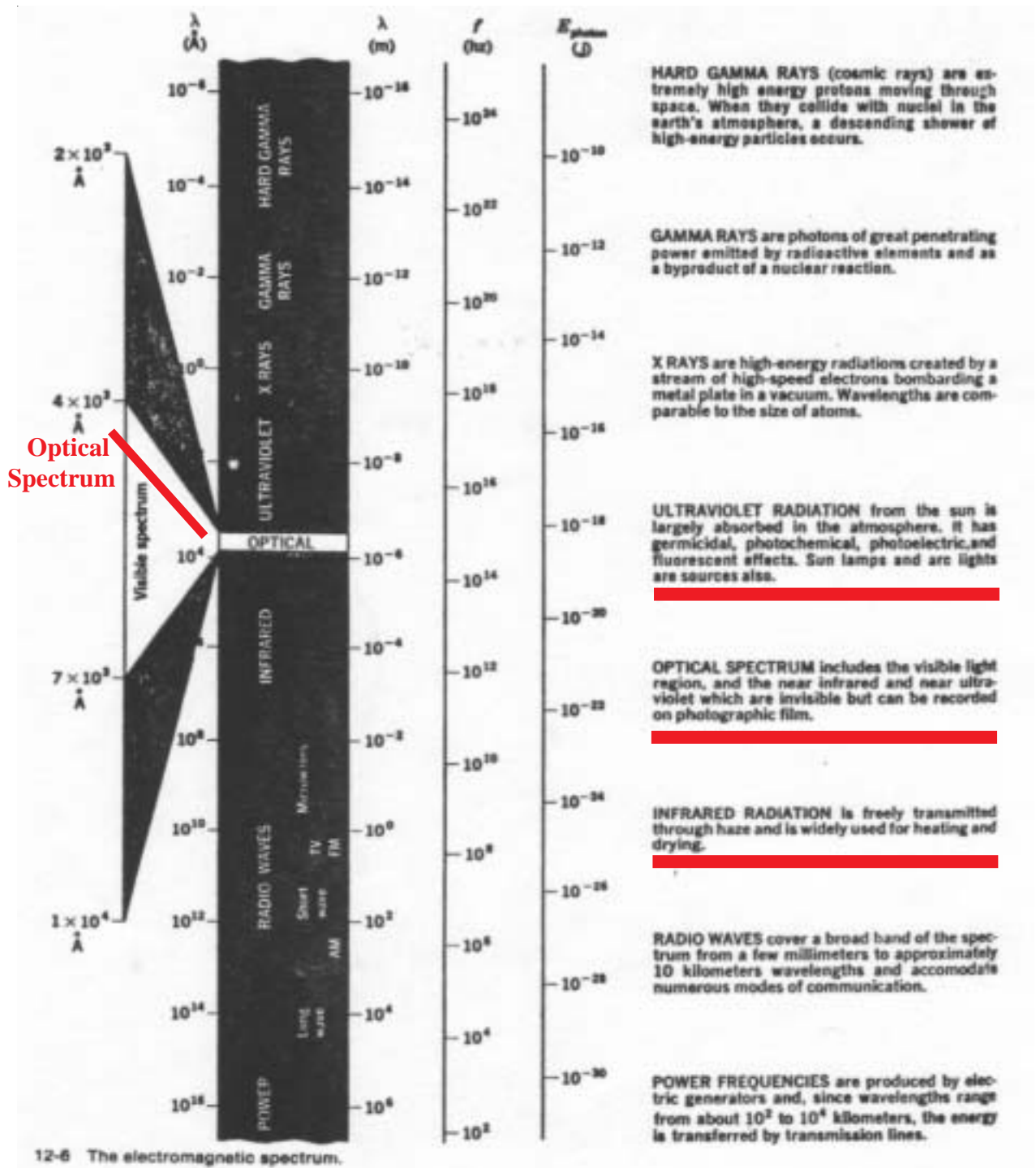


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Yeager broke the sound barrier on October 14, 1947 and ushered in the era of supersonic flight. Fifty-five years and 12 days later, at the age of 79, he repeated this feat for one last time in his career. He truly was one that had "another spirit" as did Joshua, Caleb and Esther. For he looked death in the face and never blinked - a giant in the eyes of the world had become a grasshopper in his eyes. A sound barrier was broken and spiritually those that are deaf need to hear the voice of the Lord. *And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh.* <sup>EZE 10:5</sup> Curiously enough, within a short time of Yeager's flight, the Hebrews that had dwelt in the **outer court** were drawn back to Israel to establish a nation in 1948. At about the same time, in the United States, there began an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in great intensity. Has this movement establishing the voice of the Almighty God (*El Shaddai Elohim*) come to maturity and now God is about to do a new thing in the earth? Instead of the sound barrier, is the next barrier to be broken the "**light barrier**"?

The scriptures tell us that even though mankind thinks that he see, he still is blind. *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:* <sup>REV 3:17</sup> Even in the physical realm, man is relatively blind. How so? Look at the electromagnetic spectrum shown below. Out of the entire range of wave lengths from the top to the bottom of the page, man only sees in the narrow little slot labeled below as "optical". In other words, there is an "unseen" world in which man can not see at all.



The above illustration is from the physics textbook Modern Physics by Williams, Trinklein, and Metcalfe. Starting at the bottom are the 60 cycle waves common to household electricity. The little slice labeled **OPTICAL** is shown in an expanded form on the left with red light at a wavelength of 7000 Angstroms to violet at 4000 Angstroms. (An Angstrom is about 1/250,000,000th of an inch.) This little slice is all that we can "see" out of the entire spectrum of electromagnetic waves.

When we are speaking about breaking the light barrier, are we talking about going to "warp" speed which is a greater speed than the 186,000 miles per second speed of light? Perhaps that barrier will be broken. However, we are more concerned about breaking the barrier of visible perception that means that man is basically blind. Unless God gives man supernatural vision, he is unaware of the presence of angels or other unseen beings around him. The scriptures below make this clear.

HEB 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so **that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**

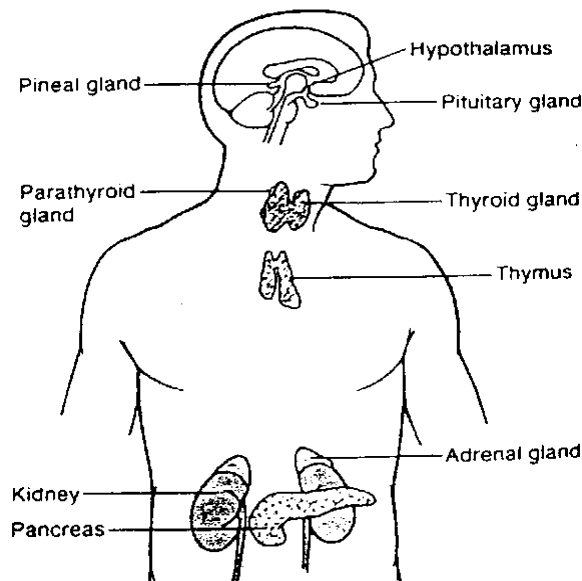
ROM 1:20 For the **invisible things** of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

COL 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and **invisible**, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

1TI 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, **invisible**, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

So, what is this light barrier and how does this relate to our journey through the crystal sea? Is the crystal sea some mystical place off in the constellation of Orion to which we must travel to get a spiritual blessing. Or, if we can accept that the kingdom of God is within us, would it be possible for us to go one step further and consider that the "crystal sea" might be within our very being? Further, when this crystal is "tuned" to the frequencies of the invisible, might we even see angels? Moses glowed when he came down from the mountain after communing with God. Might we see a glow when we behold our face in the mirror? *Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.* <sup>2CO 3:17, 18</sup> Man does not realize that God is sending out communications, because, by and large, he has been blind and deaf. Consider the messages that Psalm 19 describes. *The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.* <sup>PSA 19:1-3</sup> So, where could this crystal sea possibly be located within the anatomy of man?

Between the two hemispheres of the cerebrum, or third brain, is an interconnector called the corpus callosum which coordinates signals between the right and left brain. We might say that it moderates between the Word and the Spirit. Just above the corpus callosum is the pineal gland. It would be located in the brain just like where the ark is located between the cherubim. This gland is a regulator of light within the body. Doctors once thought the pineal did little. However, we now know that it does much. We are convinced that the crystals within the pineal gland are the tuning crystals for communication between the Christ within and the Christ without. Consider this account of the function of the pineal gland from a book called "The Melatonin Miracle".



"Imagine a symphony orchestra. In one section are the string instruments, in another area are the woodwind, and in another are the brass horns, and so forth. If you play the violin you sit among the other violinists and you play your part. If you play the clarinet, you sit among the other clarinetists and you play your part. Since your parts are very different, they might seem to be totally unrelated and independent of one another. But of course, we know that this is not true. All we have to do is step back and stand in the position of the conductor to see that the performance of each orchestra section is interdependent upon the others, and that when the musicians follow the directions of the conductor, they produce beautiful music.



We have discovered that the pineal gland is to our bodies what the conductor is to the orchestra. The job of the pineal gland is regulate and harmonize the functioning of a number of our bodily systems. One of these systems is our endocrine system, which is made up of the many glands that produce the hormones that control our growth from childhood to adulthood. They also control our sexual development. And another of these systems is the immune system, which protects us against disease. In its capacity as the regulator of these systems, the pineal also functions as the body's aging clock. When the pineal begins to run down, so do all the other systems under its control. To return to our analogy, it is as if the orchestra conductor has become too tired to lead the orchestra. The musicians become disorganized and unable to play in concert. The performance breaks down and finally stops all together. ..."

"The pineal gland is the body's aging clock, the internal timer that controls the aging process. It releases the hormone melatonin, which transmits instruction to other body systems that tells them how and when to age. We age because our pineal glands tell us to. With the benefit of hindsight, this is not surprising, nearly all of our vital bodily functions are somehow under the control of the pineal gland. The pineal gland is the regulator of the endocrine system, the hormones that control all human activities, including when we sleep, how we grow, and even our sexual development. Clearly the pineal gland has a profound effect on every aspect of our lives, and has probably performed these functions since the beginning of our time on earth. In many ways, we owe our very survival to this tiny, hard working gland." From The Melatonin Miracle (Pierpaoli, Regelson, and Colman)

Since, the picture of the tabernacle depicts our body, we will liken the right and left brain to the cherubim. And between the cherubim is the ark where the very oracle of God spoke. And located between the left and right brain is the pineal gland which we will liken in allegorical function to being the high priest of the body. Is the pineal gland our ark? Is it the source of the very rod of power of God within us? Does it communicate the hidden manna of His Word? Will the Christ within us communicate directly with the Christ within others so that we are a truly a corporate body? Does the ark contain the inner law of the very heart of God? Is it the crystal sea of the kingdom within us? Is the ark opened in heaven of Rev 11:19 in a higher realm than the ark of the wilderness tabernacle? Is this where God speaks to us and we can behold His Face? **Is breaking the light barrier** being able to "see" the **invisible** God and the unseen angels?



*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.** MAT 24:27*

GEN 32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place **Peniel: for I have seen God face to face**, and my life is preserved.

31 And **as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him**, and he halted upon his thigh.

When Pilate inquired of Jesus about him being a king and where was His kingdom, Jesus told him that "My kingdom is not of this world." But that was then and this is now. There is coming a time when all the kingdoms of this world are, in fact, the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ. The ark in our temple will be opened and we will be prepared to deal with the coming conflicts.

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.**

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 **And the nations were angry,** and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

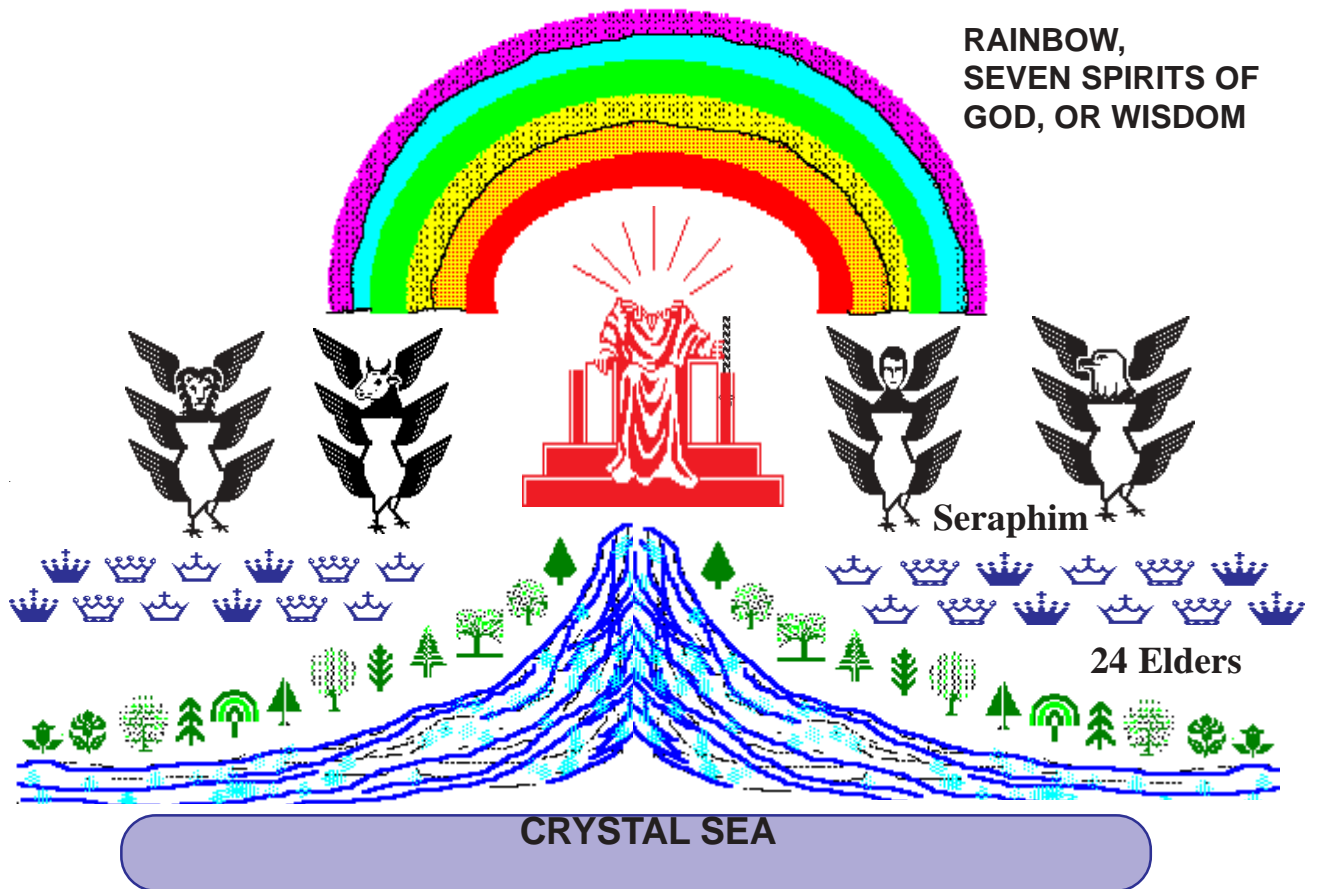
19 **And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament:** and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Recently, a daughter was given a very difficult spiritual assignment by the Lord. As she contemplated the things that could go wrong on this mission, she realized that if she went forth within the power and anointing of God - everything would work out - no matter how difficult the mission seemed. About this same time, it seemed that the world was in total turmoil. The Washington sniper had paralyzed the nation's capital. Al Qaeda and terrorist threats were still very much on peoples minds. And then there were the verbal battles going on with Iraq and Saddam Hussein. As the daughter contemplated the Iraqi situation - she found herself weighing and going back and forth about various courses of action. Would it be better to directly confront Iraq militarily and get it over with? Or, would it be better to turn the other cheek - so to speak - and hope that some way every thing finally worked out OK. Then, she asked the Lord about this problem and also the terrorist problem. He told her in her spirit that the best defense was not the natural weapons but spiritual weapons. He then told her that **if** she would carry out her assignment as He wanted and **if** others like her would carry out their respective assignments, then it would make no difference if there were a 1000 Saddam Husseins - the problems would be resolved! Truly the kingdoms of this world will become "**the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ**".

For those who are involved in a far more literal interpretation of the scriptures, we would say the God is multi-talented in that He can bring forth fulfillment of scripture in more than one realm. So, it is not our purpose to promote the spiritual realm to the point that possible literal fulfillments are rejected. We would, however, ask those that promote the more literal interpretations to exercise discretion. For example, when the book of Revelation describes a slain Lamb with seven eyes and seven horns, surely it can be agreed that this applies to Jesus and not to a **literal lamb** with seven eyes and seven horns. And from this point, is it much of a stretch to agree to: "**Christ in you, the hope of glory**"? <sup>Col 1:27</sup> This, then being the case, we simply ask that the other symbols in the scriptures be weighed in the same manner.

We have reached the end of our journey through the crystal sea. And, as with any long journey, it is good to take a bit of rest before going on. Even God rested after six days of work. However, if you would like to take to just a quick look around to see what is on the upper side of the crystal sea, then this is given on the next page. Both Isaiah and John described the seraphim, the living creatures with six wings and the very throne of God. And, once we have rested, we will explore this wonderful new realm in the never ending, always unfolding kingdom of God.

**REV 22:1** And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.  
**2** In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits ...



**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.

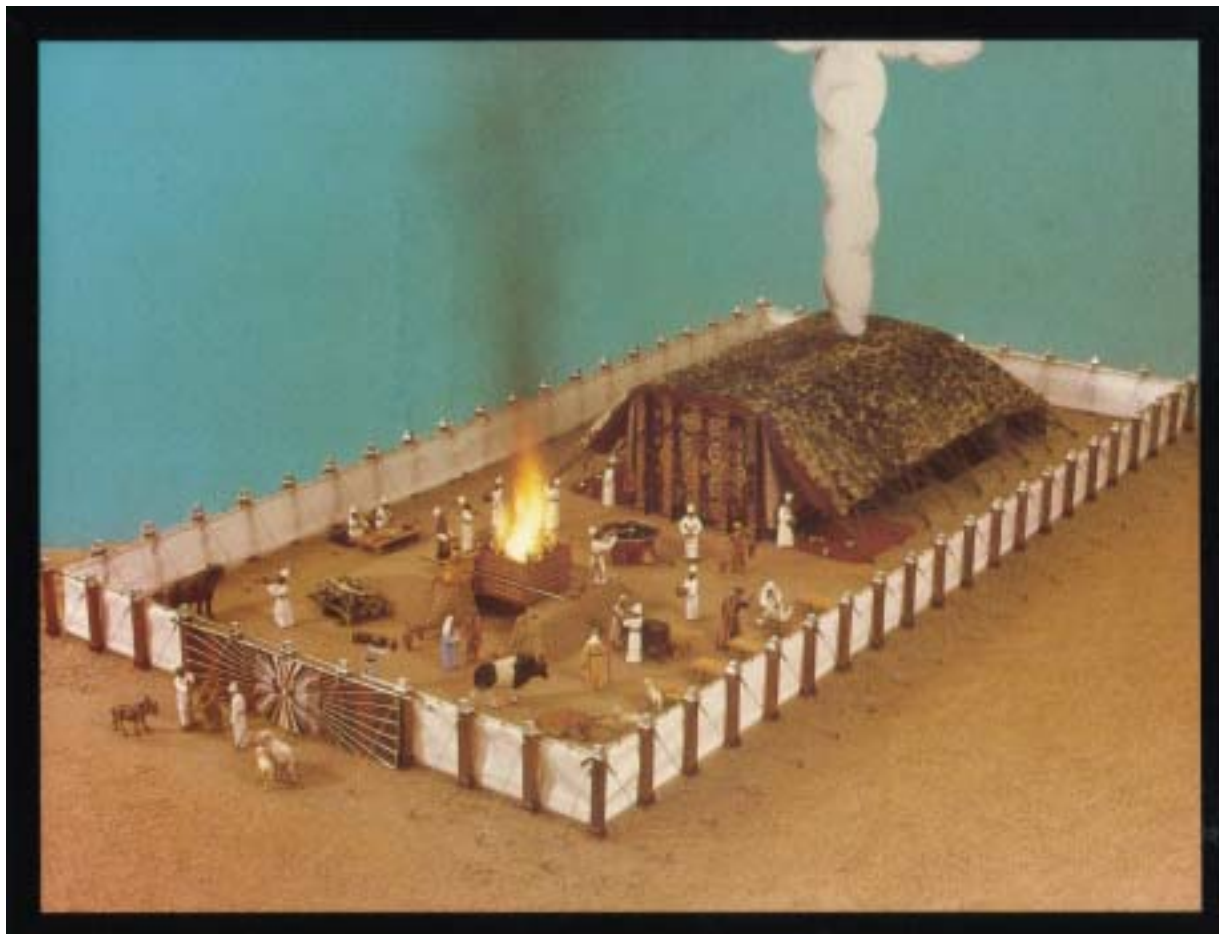
**3** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

*Father, El Elyon, we come to you in the name of Yahshua, our Savior, and we ask on behalf of our readers that you would open this day another page in the volume of their book, and that they would understand that which has been preordained from before the foundation of the world concerning them. We ask that you would give them the guidance and provision that they need to sustain them on their journey. Amen.*

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