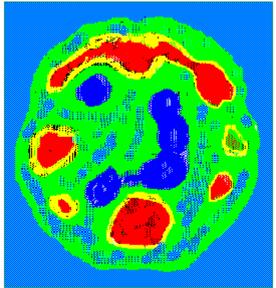
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**Cherubims** 



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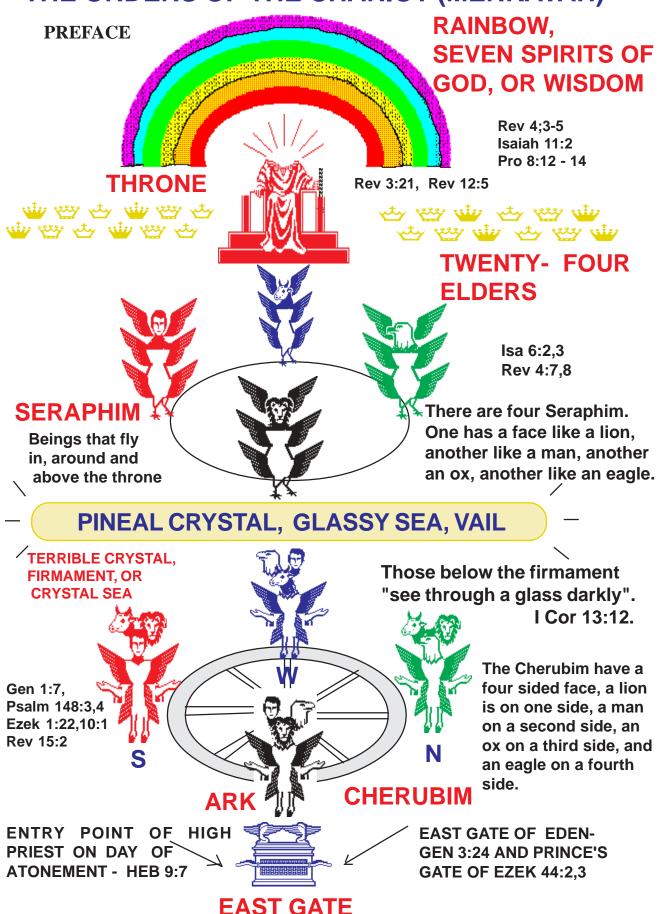
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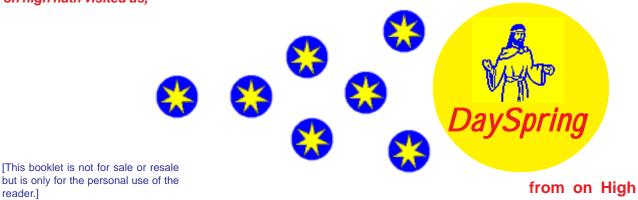
## THE ORDERS OF THE CHARIOT (MERKAVAH)



#### **PREFACE**

## Ezekiel's Vision of God

- EZE 1:1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.
- 2 In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,
- 3 The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.
- 4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.
- 5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.
- 6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.
- 7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.
- 8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.
- 9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.
- 10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.
- 11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.
- 12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.
- 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.
- 15 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.
- 16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.
- 17 When they went, they went upon their four sides: and they turned not when they went.
- 18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about them four.
- 19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.
- 20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
- 21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 25 And there was a voice from the firmament that was over their heads, when they stood, and had let down their wings.
- 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
- 27 And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.
- 28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.



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## The Chariot of The Cherubims

1CH 28:10 Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

- 11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat,
- 12 And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit ...
- 18 And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.
- 19 All this, said David, the LORD made me are stand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern.

In business, there is a saying, "Better get it in writing!" And of course, this saying is used to insure that very important transactions are faithfully and accurately recorded. At future dates, this record may be consulted so that details of the transaction can be precisely recalled.

In this case, it was the Lord who insisted and made David record the details of the pattern that "he had by the spirit". What was so important about this pattern of the tabernacle and particularly "the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims" that required that it be put in writing?

The Rabbis regard two mysteries as being the great mysteries of God. The first is "Ma'aseh Bereshit" which being translated is the "Act of Creation". The second is "Ma'aseh Merkavah" which relates to the Throne of glory and the chariot (merkavah) which bears it. We have studied the creation mystery and peered back into the realms before the "chaos" in Genesis 1:2 (see the writings entitled "The Ancients"). We found that the throne of The Ancient of Days (the Antecedent of Time) existed before the foundation of the world. Now it is time to study a second great mystery - the orders of the chariot or merkavah. When we understand the mysteries of the throne, we understand the mysteries of the kingdom of God.

MAR 13:21 And then if any man shall say to you, **Lo, here** is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:

If we are going to study the throne of God, where would we look to find that throne?

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**.

JOH 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

There are many manifestations of the kingdom of God. The throne is found in the nucleus of the smallest atom as well in the largest universe. We have no quarrel with those who want to find the kingdom being set up in Jerusalem or want to find it in the multicolored nebulas of Orion's sword. But, we must find a starting place and it is unlikely that we will understand the kingdom without until we understand the kingdom within. And it is difficult to observe the coming of that kingdom within because as Jesus told the Pharisees, "it cometh without observation."

Where, O where do we look to find the kingdom within us that cometh without observation?

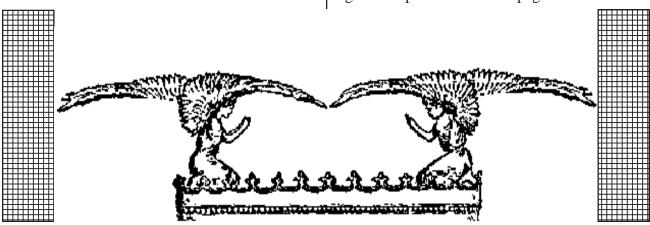
If we are going to look for the kingdom within us, how can we take our head and eyes and look within our heart? Or, an even more difficult feat would to be to take our eyes and look within our own head. And most mysteries remain mysteries until we find a starting point. So, let us find a starting point regarding "the chariot of the cherubims".

The cherubims are described many places in the scripture. They are found guarding the east gate of the garden, in the tabernacle in the wilderness, in Solomon's temple and in the visions described by Ezekiel.

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 of the house.

The above scripture describes the cherubim as being set within the inner house or holiest place. They face each other and one wing touches the other in the center of the house. The other wing extends backward from each and touches the wall behind each cherubim. The figures of the cherubim extend from wall to wall and yet they are not attached to the wall. They are, in external appearance, mirror images of each other, and yet touch their wings together. What is the purpose of these cherubims in the temple and what do they represent?

Now, compare what you see below with the image and caption on the next page.





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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Sometimes, when we look at something, we do not realize what we see or what is being represented. Compare the pictures of the cherubim and the depiction of the brain. Do not the two halves of the brain meet in the middle? Do not the outside portions of the brain touch the inner walls of the house or the cranium?

When Ezekiel was given his vision of the cherubim, very little was known in the natural realm about the human mind. Certainly the PET scans (positron emission tomagrapy) which show the electrical activity within the two halves of the brain would have been a complete mystery to Ezekiel. The PET scans show a remarkable arena of communication circuits which interconnect with each other. As one observes this display on a computer screen, it looks like little flashes of lightning and lamps that glow. The flashes go back and forth and seem to move suddenly in one direction and then the other. The four lobes of each half of the brain (frontal, parietal, occipital, and temporal) would have been a complete mystery to him as he described the four faces of the living creatures.

Turn once again to the front cover of this book and look at the PET scan representation which shows the brain activity in one instant of time and then compare it to the scriptures given in Ezekiel.

You will note that Ezekiel describes not only the cherubims, but also the firmament or crystal and the beings above the firmament and also the throne of God. A depiction of these orders of the chariot is given on the preface page. This drawing of the orders will serve as a road map as we delve into the secrets of the chariot. You will note the ascension from the ark through the cherubims and firmament and through the seraphims to the throne.

This study of the merkavah or chariot has been described as follows in the Encyclopedia Judaica.

MERKABAH MYSTICISM or MA'ASEH MERKAVAH ..., the name given to the first chapter of Ezekiel in Mishnah Haqiqah, 2:1. The term was used by the rabbis to designate the complex of speculations, homilies, and visions connected with the Throne of **Glory** and the **chariot** (merkavah) which bears it and all that is embodied in this divine world. The term, which does not appear in Ezekiel, is derived from I Chronicles 28:18 and is first found with the meaning of Merkabah mysticism at the end of Ben Sira 49:8: "Ezekiel saw a vision, and described the different orders of the chariot." The Hebrew expression zanei merkavah should possibly be interpreted as the different sights of the vision of the chariot in Ezekiel, chapters 1, 8, and 10 ... or as the different parts of the chariot, which later came to be called "the chambers of the chariot" (hadrei merkavah). It has been suggested by Israel Levi in his commentary on Ben Sira ... that the text be corrected to razei merkavah ("secrets of the chariot").

The divine chariot also engrossed the Qumran sect: one fragment speaks of the angels praising "the pattern of the Throne of the chariot." ... This was a study surrounded by a special holiness and a special danger.

A bariata in Hagigiah 13a, which is ascribed to the first century C.E. relates the story of "A child who was reading at his teacher's home the Book of Ezekiel and he apprehended what Hashmal was [see Ezek. 1:27, JPS "electrum"], whereupon a fire went forth from hashmal and consumed him." Therefore the rabbis sought to conceal the Book of Ezekiel. Encyclopedia Judaica

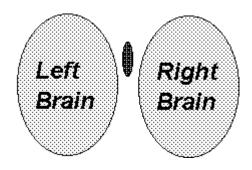
And while we do not expect anyone to be consumed with fire, it is interesting to look further at the set of scriptures referred to above as describing *hasmal*.

EZE 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.

27 And I saw as the **colour of amber**, [hashmal - bronze or polished spectrum metal] as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

It is curious that the word *hashmal* is translated as amber. Amber has a very curious history and is prized for making jewelry. It is derived from the resin gum of prehistoric pine trees and is particularly found in Baltic area. Some of the amber even contains preserved insects that became trapped in the resin gum. Amber has interesting electrical properties which have been known from antiquity. One writer reports it in this way: "The Greeks believed that amber was the petrification of sun rays; some even felt that it was petrified tears. They prized amber for the magical properties that electricity exhibited when rubbed ... The term static electricity is derived from the Greek word, elektron, which is also the Greek word for amber"

#### THE PINEAL GLAND



When we relate this back to the human body, there is a small, pea sized gland located between the two hemispheres of the brain that is sensitive to light and controls the sleep cycles of the body. The pineal gland is named after the pine cone due to its resemblance to a pine cone.

At one time, the pineal gland was thought not to be important. But as we shall shortly see, much has changed as scientists have begun to understand the function of this gland. And as discoveries have unfolded, we have found that this gland is similar in function to being the high priest for our body. It seems to be that window of light above the ark.

GEN 6:16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

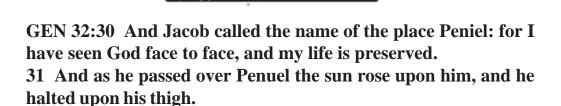
ROM 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

We have likened the two hemispheres of the brain to the cherubims and will supply many more details concerning this later in the writing. But, as Moses turned aside to observe the burning bush, we will turn aside for a time to observe the parallels between the firmament or glassy sea as described by the scriptures and the pineal gland which is located between the hemispheres of our brain.

EPH 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

The scriptures use the allegory of Christ as being the head of our body. So, in the realm of the overall being, there is a hierarchy and the head controls the rest of the body. But within the head is another hierarchy. And we would certainly say that the left and right brain are part of that hierarchy. 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.



THE ARK

Spiritual and natural discoveries often run in parallel paths. And in recent years, much has been discovered about the pineal gland. Doctors once thought it was of no value like an appendix, but it now appears that it is the master control of the body cycles. We quote from a recent book written about the pineal gland.

"Imagine a symphony orchestra. In one section are the string instruments, in another area are the woodwind, and in another area 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 system, 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. ..."

# MAT 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

## "Chapter 4 The Pineal Gland: Your "Third Eye"

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.

In mammals, including humans, the pineal is set deep within the center of the brain and does not have direct access to light. Instead, it "sees" through our eyes. Light passes through the pupil and is focused on the retina, the light-sensitive layer that lines the interior of the eye. From the retina, a message is relayed through the optic nerve to the middle brain and the suprachismatic nuclei ... The amount of light that is registered on the pineal through the eyes determines the production of melatonin. Light suppresses melatonin production; therefore, the duration of daylight, which varies according to the season, affects the ebb and flow of melatonin. ...

Starting at about age forty-five, melatonin levels begin their steepest decline. We lose the ability to properly cycle melatonin, and the "aging process" begins. Women enter menopause, and although men remain fertile, they begin to show signs of diminishing sexual function. These, and all other signs of aging, are a direct result of the breakdown of pineal and the loss of the body's natural cycles. What is actually happening is that the pineal is losing its hold over the rest of the body, or in other words, the conductor is running out of steam. ...

One of the things that has long puzzled scientists is the fact that, as many of us age, our pineal glands calcify. In fact, X-rays of the pineal of an older person often show that the pineal is full of calcium deposits or so-called brain sand, and many scientists have assumed that this deterioration affects the pineal function. ...

Ours is the first generation that need not experience senescence, the dismal physical decline now associated with old age. We are the first generation that need not resign ourselves to accepting the fate that our later years will be filled with debility and disease. Ours is the first generation that has the capacity, by resetting our aging clock to actually prolong youthful health and vitality into our eighties, nineties, and possibly even our hundreds.

Selected excerpts from: The Melatonin Miracle, Pierpaoli, Regelson and Colman (Pocket Books)

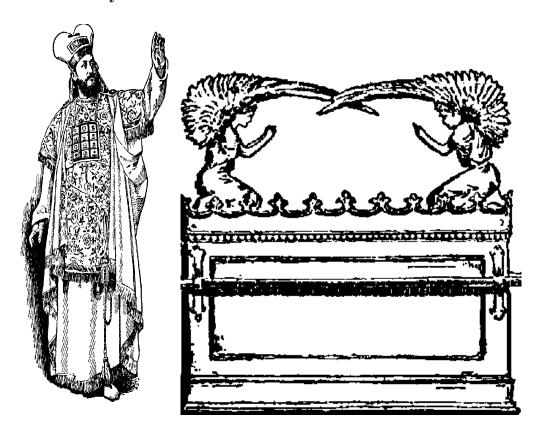
1CO 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

1CO 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

2CO 3:18 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.

It is true that as truths are brought forth in the natural realm they are often paralleled in the spiritual realm. And perhaps, it is time for us to become aware of the twinkling or entry of light into the inner eye that will trigger the changes from mortality into immortality. The kingdom comes from within.

REV 4:6 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.



EZE 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.

HEB 9:6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

HEB 9:7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

We have regarded the above as being within some tent being built in a desert with the cloud by day and the fire by night. But that tabernacle, the first, is no longer standing. It is time to regard the second tabernacle - our body. And the "terrible crystal" over the cherubim is the light sensitive crystal of our pineal gland and the tent is our body. It is the crystalline glass before the throne of God. When we come into Pentecost, we "see the light" through this crystal - but only darkly. The further work of Tabernacles remains to be done until the twinkling of an eye brings our change. Our double eye becomes a single eye and the left and right cherubim function as one.

1CO 13:12 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.

HEB 7:15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,

16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

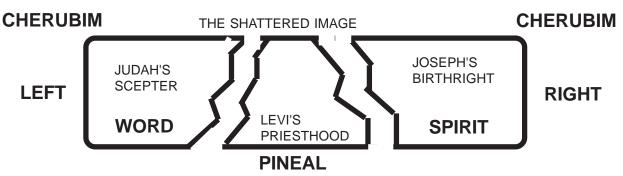
17 For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

# GEN 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was priest of the High God (El Elyon).

What is this order of Melchisedec where the high priest goes within the holiest place on the day of atonement? For this tabernacle is not one pitched with hands, but the true tabernacle of the Living God. And the order of Melchisedec is much more than a priesthood. It involves also a birthright and a scepter because it is both a kingship and a priesthood. It is the order of the firstborn.

HEB 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Consider Reuben, the firstborn of Jacob. He had it all, the birthright, the scepter, and the privileges of the firstborn of the matrix (priesthood). And then, he lost it and the fragments were distributed among his brothers. And is it not true that we have lost that unity of the mind that distinguished the order of the king-priesthood of Melchisedec. Our mind was fragmented. We have learned about the Scepter (the Word) and the birthright (the Spirit) and now it is time for the High Priest to put it back together again. And in the terms of our body, it is time for the pineal gland to begin to function in the way it was intended so that our mind has a single eye to serve the Most High God.



I CHRON 5:2 For **Judah prevailed above his brethren**, and of him came the chief ruler; **but the birthright was Joseph's**:)

GEN 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah . . .

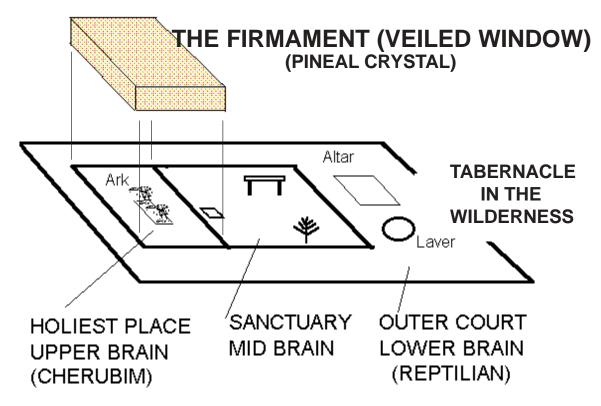
EXO 13:12 That thou shall set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix . . .

NUM 3:12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine.



24 ELDERS - (NOT DEPICTED)

**SERAPHIM** (NOT DEPICTED)



The above is an elementary sketch of the tabernacle in the wilderness showing how it ties in to the ascension to the throne. We might say that the tabernacle in the wilderness depicts our earthly walk. When we reach the cherubims at the eastern gate of the garden (where the ark is), we are ready to begin the ascension or our celestial walk. The firmament or ""terrible crystal" is located over the heads of the cherubims. When we enter the process of "healing the breach" and ascending through the crystal, we will be completing the conquest of the beast mind and stand on the glassy sea in our walk as well as our talk.

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.

We have discussed this process as if we were a person walking on a journey from one country to another. But actually that journey is taking place within us as our mind and body are transformed from one realm to another. Ascending through the crystal firmament is removing the darkness from our pineal gland crystal so that we may behold the face of God.

Above the glassy sea are the four living creatures known as the seraphims, the twenty-four elders, the Seven Spirits of God, and the throne of God. As one ascends from the ark, one ascends from one order to another. This writing primarily deals with the ascension from the cherubims through the pineal crystal. And we know that the seraphim dimensions of our mind have been largely sealed. Although, we have written in the past about cherubims and seraphims and the throne, we will take quick tour for a review. Please use the drawing above and the chart in the preface as a reference as you follow the tour steps.

#### A Quick Tour

1CH 28:2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for **the ark** of the covenant of the LORD, and for **the footstool of our God**, and had made ready for the building:

Let's begin with a point with which we are familiar - the ark - and begin a vertical ascent within the holiest place. First we encounter the Cherubim. These beings have four wings, a set of hands, and on the four sides of their head, the face of a lion, man, ox, and eagle respectively.

Then we come to the terrible crystal or firmament over the head of the Cherubim. This is also known as the crystal before the throne. It is a dividing point between the world of the Spirit no longer subject to time or space limitations and the world.

Above the crystal are the Seraphim which have six wings and one face. Each of the four Seraphim is uniquely different in that it only has the face of a lion, man, ox, **or** an eagle. On the other hand the Cherubim have four faces on one head.

Then we come to the twenty-four elders who lie their crowns down before the throne. And then, of course is the throne itself.

Surrounding the throne are the rainbow colors of the Seven Spirits of God. These include the Spirit of the Lord (or the master light envelope), the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. These are also given the name Wisdom.

Now that we have taken a brief tour, let us go back through the ascension route and look at descriptions of each of the beings.



Cherubim

Ezek 1:5 Also out of the midst thereof [came] the likeness of four living creatures. And this [was] their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

- 1:6 And every one had **four faces**, and every one had **four wings**.
- 1:7 And their feet [were] straight feet; and the sole of their feet [was] like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.
- 1:8 And [they had] the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.
- 1:9 Their wings [were] joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.
- 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and

they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

1:11 Thus [were] their faces: and their wings [were] stretched upward; two [wings] of every one [were] joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

Thus we can see that on one head, there is a face on each of the four sides. If we looked at the back side of the face of the man above, we would see the face of an eagle.

#### The 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.
- 1:27 And I saw as **the colour of amber**, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.
- 1:28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so [was] the appearance of the brightness round about. This [was] the appearance of **the likeness of the glory of the LORD**. And when I saw [it], I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

Rev 4:6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and behind.

The scriptures given in Ezekiel trace a path from the Cherubim up through the crystal or firmament to the throne. The scriptures from Revelation chapter 4 describe the same view from the throne. Paul saw through this crystal or glass darkly and recognized his view as being an in-part view. The same firmament is described below in Genesis chapter 1. This describes when the foundation of the world occurred - and the world was separated out from the spirit realm. And in the same way, within the earthly being, there was a separation of vision in all realms to an earthly vision and a heavenly vision. And those who dwelt in the earth lost the vision of the heavenly.

I Cor 13:12 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.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved

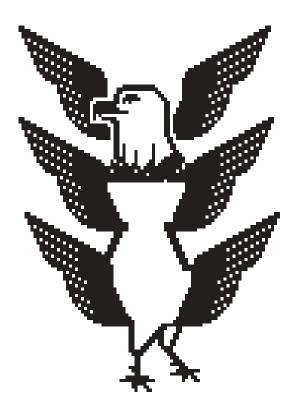
upon the face of the waters.

- 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
- 1:4 And God saw the light, that [it was] good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
- 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.
- 1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
- 1:7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which [were] under the firmament from the waters which [were] above the firmament: and it was so.

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: For he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

17:15 And he said unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

#### The Seraphim



Next we will consider the Seraphim that Isaiah saw and compare those descriptions to that given in Revelation chapter 4.

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

- 6:2 Above it stood the **seraphims**: **each one had six wings**; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.
- 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy**, **holy**, [is] the LORD of hosts: the whole earth [is] full of his glory.
- 6:4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.
- 6:5 Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

Remember when we studied the Cherubim, we found that they had four wings. Here, we see that the Seraphim have **six** wings. We found previously that the Cherubim were below the firmament. Here the Seraphim are around the throne which is above the firmament. Now, let us go to the book of Revelation for more clues about the Seraphim.

Rev 4:6 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.

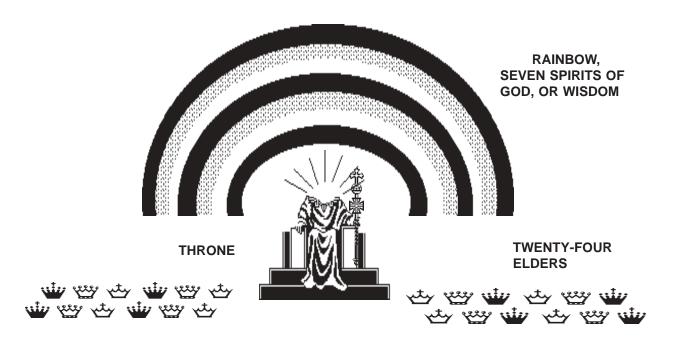
- 4:7 And the first beast [was] like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast [was] like a flying eagle.
- 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about [him]; and [they were] full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.
- 4:9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

Comparing the scriptures from Isaiah and Revelation, we discover some remarkable things. It is clear that both are describing the same thing - the Seraphim.

Note that the Seraphim and the four beasts each have six wings. Note that they each are positioned around the throne. Note that they each cry Holy, Holy, Holy. So it is now clear that the four beasts in Revelation chapter four are really the Seraphim.

Note that each Seraphim is unique. One is like a lion, one is like a calf, one is like a man, and one is like an eagle. We have shown the representation of the Seraphim that is like an eagle in the illustration above. The puzzle is beginning to fit together.

If we are looking from the underside of the firmament, we will see this realm only darkly. But, once we **come through** the firmament, we understand fully and the word is no longer hidden in dark parables.



We will continue our tour by exploring the area around the throne.

Rev4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, **and** [one] sat on the throne.

- 4:3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and [there was] a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.
- 4:4 And round about the throne [were] four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.
- 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.

- 4:6 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.
- 4:7 And the first beast [was] like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast [was] like a flying eagle.
- 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about [him]; and [they were] full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night,

saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Rev 4:9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

- 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, saying,
- 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

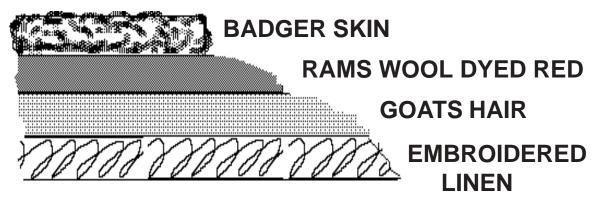
These scriptures take us through the throne and the rainbow around the throne. We see the twenty-four elders who are crowned for their works - yet in the final analysis they cast their crowns down before the One Who is totally worthy to receive worship.

We find mention of the Seven Spirits of God in different ways. As seven lamps burning and as a rainbow. We have discussed this as being in the envelope of light called Wisdom.

We have followed the path of Yeshua who led the way for us and ascended into heavenly dimensions to sit at the right hand of the Father.

Now that we have completed our tour from the outer court, sanctuary, and holiest place of the tabernacle in the wilderness and ascended through the firmament to the throne, we will backtrack just a bit. The tabernacle in the wilderness had a tent within it, much as Paul described our body as being a tent. And the covering of this tent had four layers which are depicted below.

# THE FOUR COVERINGS OF THE TENT OF THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS



- 1. EXO 26:1 Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.
- **2.** EXO 26:7 And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.
- **3.** EXO 26:14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red.
- **4.** and a covering above of badgers' skins.

Now we will present a puzzle. Read the scripture below and then look at the picture on the next page. Can you recognize what you are looking at? If not, read the caption that goes with the picture.

PSA 139:13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

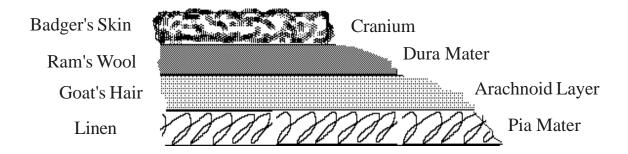
- 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
- 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

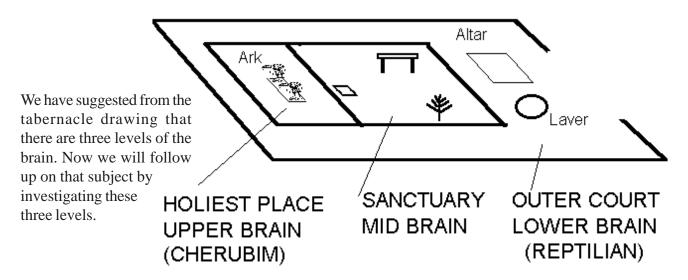


Caption

In addition, although the brain is well protected by **the cranium**, it is covered by **three** membranes called **meninges**. **The outer one, the dura mater,** is tough and shiny. The **middle membrane, the arachnoid layer,** encloses the brain loosely and does not slip down into the brain's convolutions, or ridges. **The inner membrane, the pia mater,** consists mainly of small blood vessels that adhere to the surface of the brain. """Brain," Microsoft (R) Encarta. Copyright (c) 1994 Microsoft Corporation. Copyright (c) 1994 Funk & Wagnall's Corporation.

In case you have not guessed it by now, the above picture from Microsoft Encarta shows a top view of the bone structure of the skull of a newborn baby. Initially, there are soft areas in the skull which later on will be completely protected by the skull as the child grows. But, just like the tabernacle in the wilderness, our brain is protected by four layers. Note that these layers are shown below.





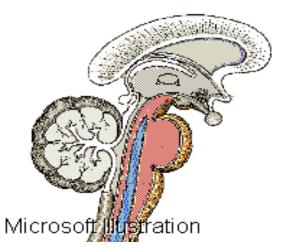
# "Why are some parts of the brain called reptilian and mammalian?

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)



Structure of the Brain Stem

The brain stem, shown here in colored cross section, is the lowest part of the brain. It serves as the path for messages traveling between the upper brain and spinal cord but is also the seat of basic and vital functions such as breathing, blood pressure, and heart rate, as well as reflexes like eye movement and vomiting. The brain stem has three main parts: the medulla, pons, and midbrain. A canal runs longitudinally through these structures carrying cerebrospinal fluid. Also distributed along its length is a network of cells, referred to as the reticular formation, that governs the state of alertness. Microsoft Illustration Caption

The lower part, or so called reptilian part of the brain stem is shown above. A person that has fallen to this level of brain function would be one whose "love has waxed cold.". This is why we see so much abandonment of children exhibited by those in this fallen state of the mind.

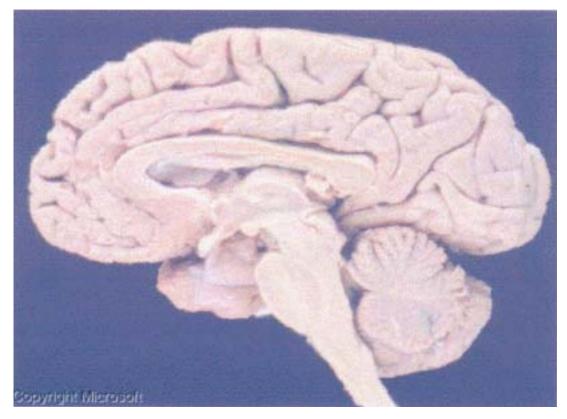
As one views the photograph on the next page, the lower brain stem shown above can be discerned. Also shown is the mid brain and upper brain.

#### **HUMAN BRAIN**

THE HUMAN BRAIN HAS THREE MAJOR STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS: THE LARGE DOME-SHAPED CEREBRUM (TOP), THE SMALLER SOMEWHAT SPHERICAL CEREBELLUM (LOWER RIGHT), AND THE BRAINSTEM (CENTER). PROMINENT IN THE BRAINSTEM ARE THE MEDULLA OBLONGATA (THE EGG-SHAPED ENLARGEMENT AT CENTER) AND THE THALAMUS (BETWEEN THE MEDULLA AND THE CEREBRUM). THE CEREBRUM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTELLIGENCE AND REASONING. THE CEREBELLUM HELPS TO MAINTAIN BALANCE AND POSTURE. THE MEDULLA IS INVOLVED IN MAINTAINING INVOLUNTARY FUNCTIONS SUCH AS RESPIRATION, AND THE THALAMUS ACTS AS A RELAY CENTER FOR ELECTRICAL IMPULSES TRAVELING TO AND FROM THE CEREBRAL CORTEX.

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We then can identify three levels of consciousness within the human brain. And each human, depending on their state of fall will operate predominately within one of those levels.

#### **REPTILIAN**

GEN 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made ...

# ANIMAL OR BEAST

JUD 1:10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: **but what they know naturally, as brute beasts**, in those things they corrupt themselves.

HEB 12:20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, **And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:** 

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

#### UPPER LEVEL

- 22 **But ye are come unto mount Sion**, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.
- 23 **To the general assembly and church of the firstborn,** which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

#### THE UPPER OR THIRD BRAIN



EZE 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

Now that we have looked at the three levels of the brain, we will turn our attention to the two hemispheres of the brain, particularly the two hemispheres of the upper brain. We know that each hemisphere of the brain has four lobes. These lobes are identified on the adjacent page as the frontal, temporal, parietal, and occipital. The Reader's Digest book gives this description of the lobes.

#### " Does each lobe have a special function?

In the last 20 or 30 years, the idea that each lobe has specific tasks has undergone revision as neuroscientists have probed deeper into the secrets of the brain. Although the lobes do specialize in certain functions, there is more and more evidence that many important responsibilities are shared by more than one lobe. Thus, it is wise to remember that certain functions are *primarily*, but not exclusively, the business of one lobe or another.

The frontal lobes, just behind and above the eyes, include the motor cortex at the rear of each lobe, a control center for body movements. The left frontal lobe plays a key role in speech. The prefrontal (nearest the front) part of the lobes seems to have much to with the interaction of thought, emotions, and behavior.

The temporal lobes, named for their location at the temples, are involved in hearing and memory. If one temporal lobe is damaged, hearing is not



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lost, since nerves from both ears go to each temporal lobe. Through links with the limbic system, the temporal lobes seem to affect how we experience fear, anger, lust, and jealousy.

The parietal (from Latin *paries*, wall) lobes are named after the bones that form the back top half and sides of the skull. These lobes are just to the rear of the frontal lobes, and the front most portion of the parietal lobe is the somatosensory cortex. It is directly across a grove from the motor cortex, the rear most portion of the frontal lobes, The somatosensory cortex is a receiving area for sensations.

The occipital lobes, beneath the occipital bone that forms most of the lower back and base of the skull, are the smallest lobes, but no less important that the others. Among other functions, they are centers for vision."

## From ABC's of the Human Mind (Reader's Digest)

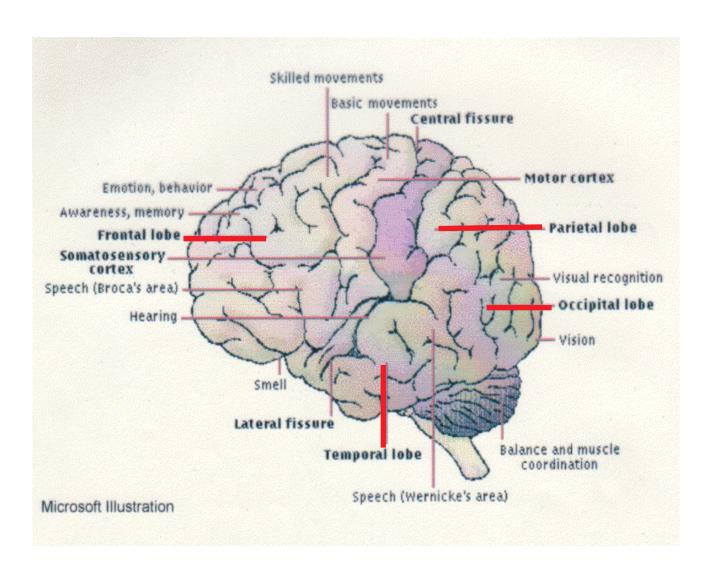
The above gives a two dimensional view of the brain in the same way that one might see the cherubim over the ark or the cherubims guarding the east gate of the garden. But, there are deeper and unseen dimensions which we shall discuss later.



#### **Functions of the Cerebral Cortex**

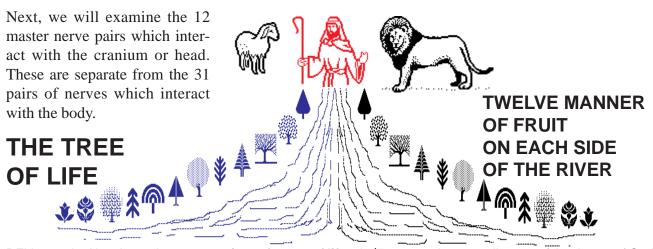
Many motor and sensory functions have been "mapped" to specific areas of the cerebral cortex, some of which are indicated here. **In general, these areas exist in both hemispheres of the cerebrum, each serving the opposite side of the body.** Less well defined are the areas of association, located mainly in the frontal cortex, operative in functions of thought and emotion and responsible for linking input from different senses. The areas of language are an exception: both Wernicke's area, concerned with the comprehension of spoken language, and Broca's area, governing the production of speech, have been pinpointed on the cortex.

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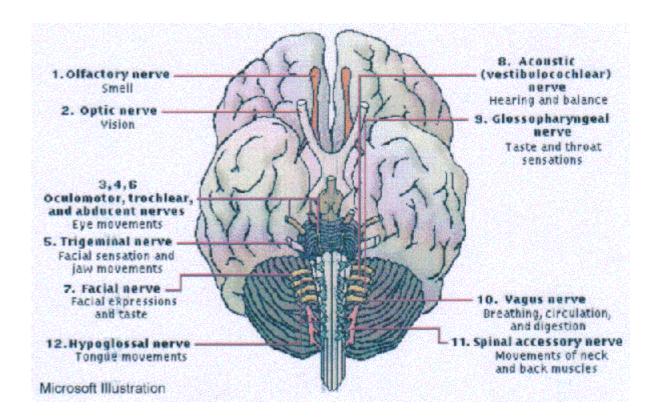
#### THE FOUR LOBES OF THE BRAIN (EACH HEMISPHERE HAS FOUR LOBES)

- 1. FRONTAL LOBE EYES, SPEECH, THOUGHT, EMOTION, BEHAVIOR (EAST)
- 2. TEMPORAL LOBE HEARING AND MEMORY. FEAR, ANGER, LUST, JEALOUSY THROUGH LINKS WITH LOWER BRAIN (TEMPLE)
- 3. PARIETAL LOBE PROCESSING OF THE SENSES (WALL)
- 4. OCCIPITAL LOBE CENTER FOR VISION (WEST)



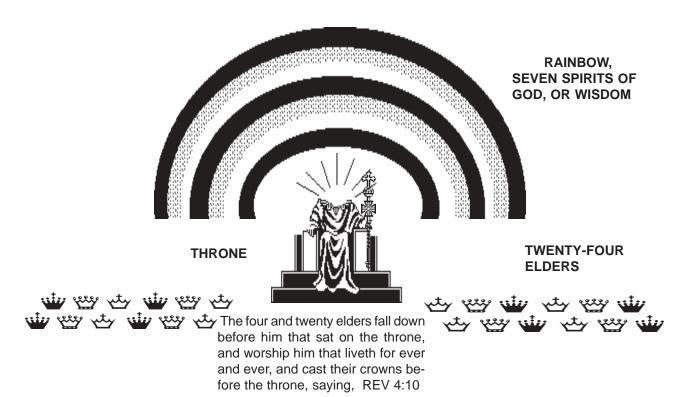
REV 22:1 And he shewed me a **pure river of water of life**, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

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.



#### Cranial Nerves

Whereas most major nerves emerge from the spinal cord, the 12 pairs of cranial nerves project directly from the brain. All but 1 pair relay motor or sensory information (or both); the tenth, or vagus nerve, affects visceral functions such as heart rate, vasoconstriction, and contraction of the smooth muscle found in the walls of the trachea, stomach, and intestine.



Note in our representation of the throne room, there are twenty-four elders. These have crowns, but in the final analysis, they cast their crowns before the throne in worship.

COL 1:18 And **he is the head of the body**, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

In the preceding page, you will note that there were twelve **pairs** of nerves that are called the cranial or head nerves. These are responsible for the master controls that serve the head. One nerve pair, the tenth, or vagus nerve comes from the Latin meaning "wanderer". However, since this nerve controls the very vital heart rate and breathing, it, too, is considered part of the twelve pairs of cranial nerves - even though it goes outside the head.

There are also thirty-one pair of peripheral nerves that serve the body. A little later, we will see that Solomon's temple had thirty peripheral chambers and also an entry chamber giving a total of 31 chambers opening to the outside or periphery of the temple.

Spiritually, we know that in Pentecost, we refer to it as "body ministry", but in Tabernacles, we must **grow up into the head**.

#### 12 NERVE PAIRS X 2 PER PAIR = 24 NERVES

Above, we have done our math and find that we have twelve pairs of cranial nerves, or actually twenty-four nerves, which are the master control nerves for our head or cranium. In the hierarchy of nerves, we might say that these are the twenty-four master or elder nerves. Then, we must ask, within the hierarchy of our being, are these our twenty-four elders?

PSA 24:9 Lift up your heads, O ye **gates**; even lift them up, ye everlasting **doors**; and the King of glory shall come in.

There are outer gates and inner doors, but our twenty-four elders have direct access to the throne room and can stand on the glassy sea. And when the veil is removed from our pineal crystal, we have the full utilization of the twenty-four elders within.

You may have noted that there are twelve pairs of trees on each side of our river of consciousness that proceeds from the throne room. In the feast of Tabernacles, which teaches us to grow up into the head, we must learn to build booths from the leaves of trees. We will now learn about the special path that is marked by the tree experiences that opens up inner doors of the throne room.

EZR 3:11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

When the southern tribes returned from captivity in Babylon, the day came when the foundation of the temple would once again be laid. But those ancient men who had seen the first temple were very disappointed and even wept.

And when we look at the true temples, our bodies today, one finds that Christians die, have funerals, and are buried just like other mankind. And while their spirits and souls have a different destiny, one could weep at the present state of aging, disease, and disrepair of the tabernacles of our bodies. And those ancient spirits who were born before the foundation of the world will weep when the veil of remembrance is removed and they remember the celestial bodies that once were compared to the terrestrial bodies that we have today. What we have is a foundation and even though most Christians know very little about the Tabernacles path (Jacob's Ladder) of the olive, vine, fig, and pomegranate, we must be strong and continue building.

HAG 2:3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?

4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua ...

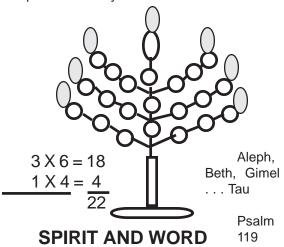
HAG 2:18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid, consider it.

19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.

We need a starting point for the path of the mystery of the trees. As you view the diagram on the adjacent page, you will note that the bottom step of the tree path is the almond tree and the next step is the olive tree. This is our starting point.

EXO 25:34 And in the candlestick shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers.

27:20 And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee **pure oil olive beaten for the light**, to cause the lamp to burn always.



We know that olive oil was used in the almond knoped candlestick. And when you total up the three almond knops per branch and multiply by six branches you get 18 almond knops. Then, adding the four almond knops in the main shaft, we get a total of 22 almond knops. From Psalm 119, we know that there are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet. So, in effect, the almond knops represent the basic building blocks or letters of creation of "Let there be light." And along with the Word, the oil of the Spirit is required for the creation to come forth. Also, Psalm 119 is a coded acrostic (each verse begins with the title letter) with repeating sets of eight verses for each letter. The almond knop represents the letter.

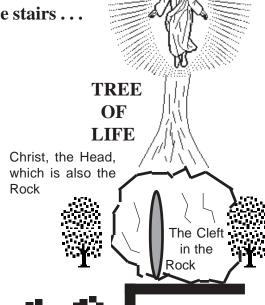
Now that we have anchored the foundation of Jacob's ladder in the candlestick, we will examine the rungs beyond the almond and olive tree. Please take a few minutes to look over the diagram on the adjacent page. This gives the sequence of the pathway along with the experiences that go with each tree. The next tree after the olive tree is the palm tree.

## The Secret Places of the Stairs Leading to Transfiguration

O my dove that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs ... (Songs 2:13, 14)

SON 2:11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; 13 The **fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.** Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.



#### THE VINE

Preparation of the pineal crystal from the wine cask.



Growing up into the head, healing the breach, and learning about the Cherubims

Now the Jew's feast of tabernacles was at hand.

... then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. (John 7:2,10).

THE PALMS

The breastplate of judgement (Deborah's palm tree). Balance of the Urim and Thummim

The disciples said to Jesus: Tell us how our end will be.

Jesus said: Have you then discovered the beginning so that you inquire about the end? For where the beginning is, there shall be the end.

Y

THE ALMONDS

The letter or word

THE OLIVES
The oil of the Spirit and also
Gethsemane which means
"olive press"

For you have five trees in Paradise, which are unmoved in summer or in winter and their leaves do not fall. Whoever knows them will not taste death. (Book of Thomas)

THE FIGS

Entering the garden and beginning the change from the terrestrial to the celestial.

Christ is right at the doors.

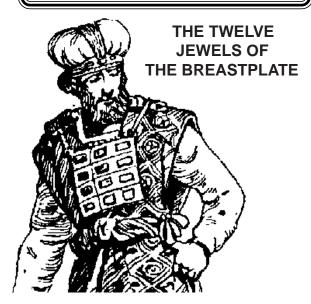
JDG 4:4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

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



Next we come to the palm tree which represents judgement. Deborah sat under the palm tree and judged Israel. The palm tree rung of the ladder represents the beginning of the process of restoring the Urim and Thummim breastplate area so that we may partake of the most holy things.

NEH 7:65 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.



In humans, the thorax is considered the breastplate area and is served by the peripheral nervous system. Encarta tells us (see below) that there are 12 thoracic vertebra and twelve pairs of ribs. While these are the outer gates of the city (rather than the inner doors of the cranium temple), it is interesting to note that the high priest has twelve jewels in the breastplate.

In humans the spinal column contains 33 vertebrae: 7 cervical vertebrae in the neck; 12 thoracic, or dorsal, vertebrae in the region of the chest, or thorax, providing attachment for 12 pairs of ribs; """ Spinal Column, "Microsoft (R) Encarta. Copyright (c) 1994 Microsoft Corporation. Copyright (c) 1994 Funk & Wagnall's Corporation.

We have been following a pattern for the feast of Tabernacles. And so far we have covered the almond (candlestick oil holder or stone with seven eyes), the olive, and the palm.

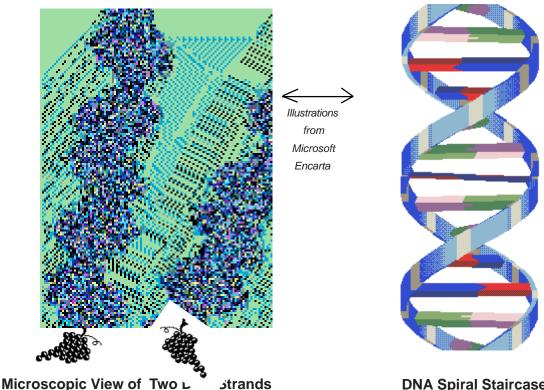
NEH 8:15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch **olive** branches, and **pine** branches, and **myrtle** branches, and **palm** branches, and branches of thick trees, **to make booths**, as it is written.

ZEC 3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; **upon one stone shall be seven eyes**: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

We will save the myrtle and pine tree for a little later and pick up on the path outlined in the Song of Solomon: "The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with a the tender grape give a good smell.". Next we will look at the vine. The vine does not seem to be a tree as much as it is the sides of the spiraling ladder which hold the tree rungs.

#### THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE OF JACOB'S LADDER



As we begin to consider the fruit of the grapevine, we will start with a quote from another writing.

Some years ago, a Bible teacher related how the Lord had shown them that our ability to communicate with God had been diminished from the original condition because of imperfections in the "receiving crystal" of the pineal gland. The term "receiving crystal" is a hold over from radio days when the radios were called crystal sets because of the crystal called the cat's whisker which picked up the vibrations which were then amplified and routed to a speaker.

The teacher went on to say that the Lord said that this crystal was composed of Rochelle salts. This person was not trained in chemistry and had no idea what Rochelle salts were. So, this information was filed away for a period of time with a large dose of skepticism that it really had any validity.

But eventually, curiosity tweaked the "cat's whisker" and a preliminary checkout of Rochelle salts revealed that they had some rather unusual and unique properties.



The Rochelle salts are the sodium - potassium salts of tartaric acid. The tartaric acid has two acid reactive "hands" so to speak. One of these hands grasps a sodium atom and the other hand grasps a potassium atom.

**DNA Spiral Staircase** 

Further information on tartaric acid or Rochelle salts is available from the Merck Index of chemicals.

Widely distributed in nature, classified as a fruit acid. Occurs in many fruits, free and combined with potassium, calcium or magnesium. Observed in antiquity as the acid potassium salt found deposited as a fine crystalline crust during fermentation of grape juice or tamarind juice and termed faecula (little yeast) by the Romans. ... In modern processes, the acid potassium tartrate obtained during wine-making ...

And, it turns out that there are two kinds of Rochelle salts. One is called "levo" [meaning to the left] and the other "dextro" [meaning to the right]. Curiously enough, when polarized light is passed through a levo solution it refracted to the left and a dextro solution refracts it to the right. We could relate this to the right and left sides of the spiral ladder. The Rochelle salts are crystals that are scraped out of wine casks. So, if we want to come into that face to face, crystal clear relationship with God, we must have the right wine and wine cask.

LUK 5:37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.



Next, we will examine the fig tree experience. When we complete our fig tree experience, the nakedness that took place in the garden **even before** the forbidden fruit was eaten will be reversed. For this reason, the scriptures shown below are given in reverse order of the fall.

THE FIG

**TREE** 

GEN 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons

GEN 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

GEN 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

GEN 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof.

The choices that were made in the garden resulted in the sting of death and the subjugation of the woman so that she was ruled over by man. For when one chooses the flesh, it is a means of reproduction but it does have its pain. Consider the description given in an encyclopedia about the two means of fertilizing fig fruit.

The fertilization of the fruit is dependent on a tiny wasp, which carries pollen into the inner parts by boring into the center of the fruit. The fig tree therefore will not bear fruit if the wasp is absent and may even require hand-fertilization by incision.

For there is an alternative to the sting of the wasp and in the natural pollination of figs, it is the incision of the knife. And, when we cross our Jordan and go into the promised land, the operation of the knife will replace the sting of the wasp.

JOS 5:3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

4 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

1CO 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The fig tree experiences and processes are a sign that we are growing up into our head. This head is Christ who is knocking at the everlasting doors that we may further grow spiritually.

MAR 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:

29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.

PSA 24:7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

While there is much more we could say about the fig tree experience, this has been covered in previous writings and our intent here has been to present only a summary of the almond, olive, palm and fig trees experiences. This writing is more directed at what happens once we grow up into the head and the next fruit we will examine is the pomegranate which represents the temples of our head.

### THE POMEGRANATE TEMPLES

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 or **metamorphooed**] by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

MAT 6:20 But **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither **moth** nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

SON 1:17 The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.

SON 4:3 Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

RIGHT
TEMPLE

SON 6:7 As a piece of a pomegranate are thy temples within thy locks.

LEFT
TEMPLE

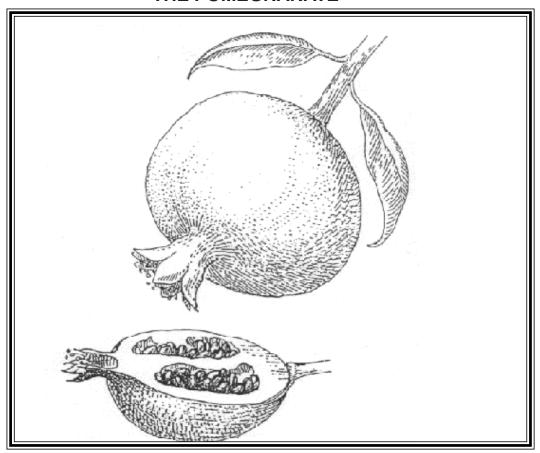
1KI 4:33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

34 And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

The above diagram gives insight into the secrets that are revealed when we enter the cleft in the rock and discover the hidden stairs that spiral upward.

It is obvious that the pomegranate fruit corresponds to our temples or mind. And one temple is like a piece of pomegranate and we can only assume that the other temple is represented by another piece of pomegranate fruit. More on this shortly. Note that beams of the house are cedar and the rafters are of fir. Cedar prevents the allegorical moths from stealing the treasures of our mind. Both cedar and fir were used by Solomon in the building of the temple. Cedar shakes are used for roofing houses and cedar also represents the covering of our mind. Hyssop springs out of the wall. As we shall shortly see, fallen man has a wall between the left and right hemispheres of the mind. Hyssop is used to fracture that wall.

#### THE POMEGRANATE



*Illustration from Harper's Bible Dictionary* 

As one views the picture of sliced pomegranate above, it is not difficult to relate this fruit to the brain and its two hemispheres. On the adjacent page, a picture of the brain is given and the functions of the left and right hemispheres of the brain are given. It is evident that the left brain functions have much more to do with almond tree type activities - letter, structure, speech, etc. On the other hand, the right brain has more to do with olive tree type spiritual concepts - such as music, art, and intuition.

Unfortunately, it seems that the brain's two hemispheres do not always function very well together and some times a breach exists between the two halves. The scriptures tell us as much.

ISA 30:26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

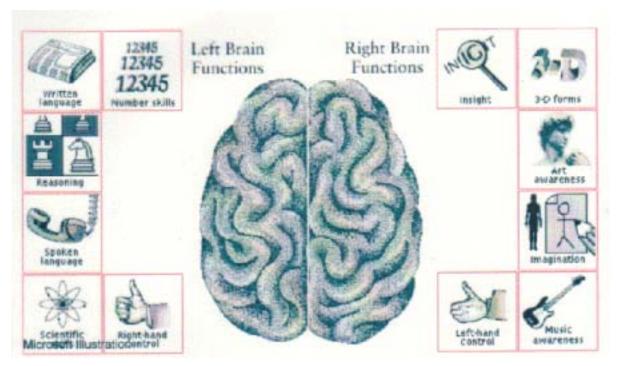
Isaiah mentions the stroke of the wound being healed by the Lord - and this is a promise that we should bring before the Lord so that the stroke of our wound can be healed. A stroke is the result of damage to one side or the other side (or both) of the brain. Usually damage to one side of the brain will impair action and response from the opposite side of the body. It does appear that much more than physical problems resulted from the fall in the garden - the mental capabilities were severely diminished, too. But even though these ancient foundations were damaged, we are promised that there will be restoration.

ISA 58:11 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.

12 And they that shall be of thee **shall build** the old waste places: thou **shalt raise up** the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, **The repairer of the** breach, The **restorer of paths** to dwell in.

#### 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. Microsoft Illustration (Encarta)



1KI 4:33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall ...

PSA 51:6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

There is an element in fallen man that is known as iniquity. And it is not so much sin as a condition which provides an opening for sin. When the right and left functions of the brain became separated, it opened the way for the "letter of the law" to prevail without discerning the motives of the heart. The wall that was placed between the right and left opened the way for "inner feelings" to prevail without the foundation of the principles of the Word.

#### **HYSSOP**



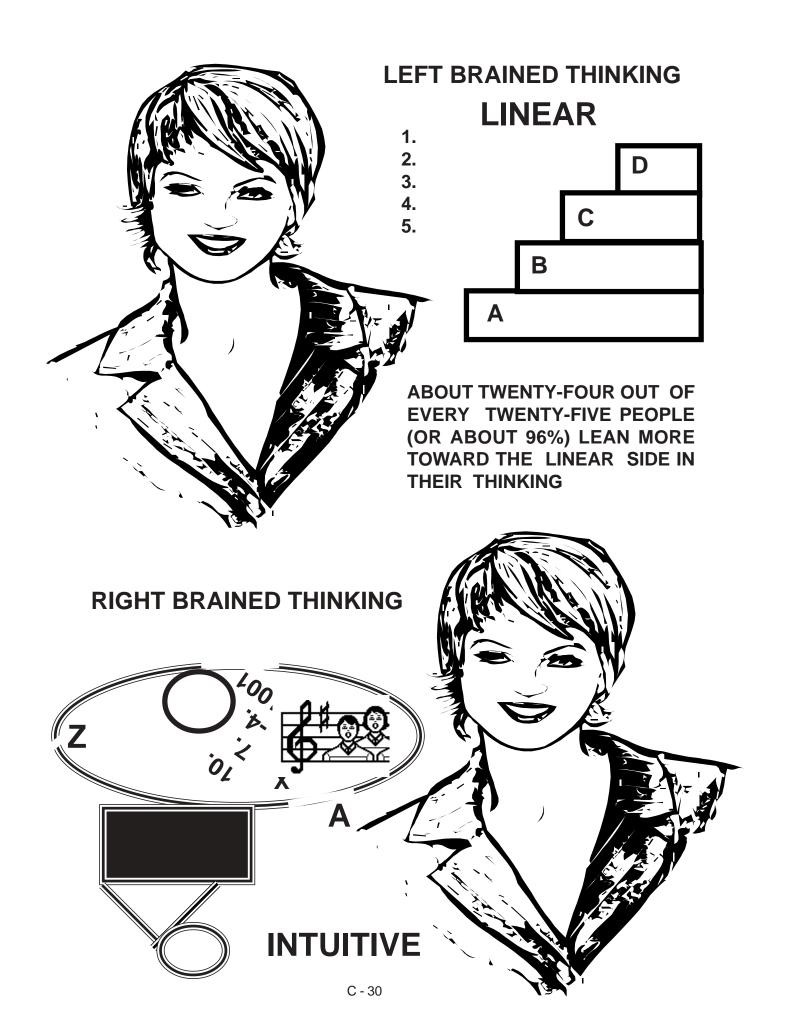
The Hyssop "that springeth out of the wall" is designed to puncture and ultimately remove this wall of separation between the word and spirit within us. It removes a veil, so that two eyes can function as a single eye.

This wall of separation was removed by Jesus as He hung on the cross. We pick up the narrative of the removal of the wall of separation.

JOH 19:29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a spunge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

MAT 27:51 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;



The diagram on the adjacent page illustrates the difference in left brain thinking and right brain thinking. Those in the left start with data and try to organize it into logical steps to reach an overall evaluation.

Those on the right do not seem troubled that information does not fit into neat categories or is not organized. They may see an overall picture, be it somewhat jumbled, and will start with an intuitive feeling which they deem to be correct and let the data fall into the neat categories as time passes.

Let us take a situation where a sweet looking, little grandma, who actually is somewhat of a con person, comes into a group of Christians. If she says and does all the correct things and espouses the favorite scriptures, those on the left may be somewhat vulnerable to the hidden motives of her heart until something external happens which belies her hidden purposes. For the left evaluates external data and is made aware of problems only when the internal motives surface to become external acts. This is also true of Old Testament law.

On the other hand, those in the right operate from intuitive feelings. When the sweet little grandma first comes into their presence, they will have a "feeling" that something is very wrong - even though there is no naturally visible reason to have that feeling. They will then "follow their intuition" and watch and wait very carefully until the hidden motives begin to become visible fact. The left and right brains operate in the natural realm, but when we lift it into the spiritual realm, we have the gifts of the spirit. The gift of discerning of spirits would primarily flow through the right brain from the river of the Spirit.

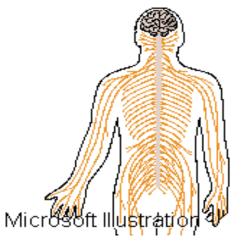
1CO 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

- 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
- 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

#### TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

ISA 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; **that they might be called trees of righteousness**, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

4 And they **shall build the old wastes**, they **shall raise up the former desolations**, and they shall **repair the waste cities**, the desolations of many generations.



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The above gives a picture of the human nervous system. It is not difficult to see the peripheral nervous system to the body as the roots of the tree. The spinal cord, particularly in the neck area, is analogous to the trunk. And the brain is like the leaves of the tree "for the healing of the nations."

JOH 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** 

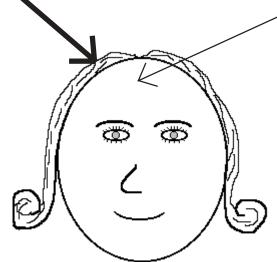
39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

JER 17:8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

While the center of the spirit in man is the belly, the water of the spirit rises like water in a tree trunk to the mind and is predominately perceived in the right mind and spoken through the left mind. SON 1:17 The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.

1KI 5:8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. 9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea:

## SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



1KI 6:14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

1KI 6:7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

8 The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.
9 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

The scriptures given above show how Solomon's temple (built from plans given to David) is furnished from cedar and fir from Lebanon. Wood from "Lebanon" is a clue that the scriptures are speaking about the feast of Tabernacles.

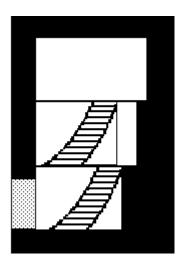
Note that cedar and fir from Lebanon are the prime woods that are used for building the temple. The cedar and fir mentioned in the Song of Solomon have to do with the upper part of the house or in anatomical terms, the head.

SON 5:15 His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: **his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars**.

SON 2:14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

The stones for the temple were specially prepared and not hammered together by man's tools. And within the cleft in the rock is the secret places of the stairs.

#### THE SECRET PLACES OF THE STAIRS



I Kings 6:8 speaks of some special chambers which are one over the other. And these chambers have winding staircases that go from the bottom chamber to the second chamber to the third chamber. And further, the chambers become larger as one ascends. What are these chambers, what is their purpose, and how do they fit into the temple. Do they have any relationship to the cleft in the rock in the secret places of the stairs in Songs 2:14?

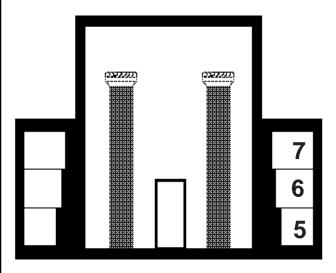
EZE 41:6 And the side chambers were three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which was of the house for the side chambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

7 And there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house was still upward, and so increased from the lowest chamber to the highest by the midst.

Note that these side chambers were built around the temple and yet "they had not hold in the wall of the house." At the upper right of this page is a frontal representation of Solomon's temple. You will note the two pillars in front (Jachin -on the right and Boaz -on the left) which have each have a decoration of 200 pomegranates on the chapiter on the top of the column.

The plan view of the temple is shown below. Note that there are thirty chambers around the outside of the temple at ground level. Then, there would also be thirty chambers at mid level and thirty chambers at the third level. Once must climb the stairs to enter the final sixty chambers.

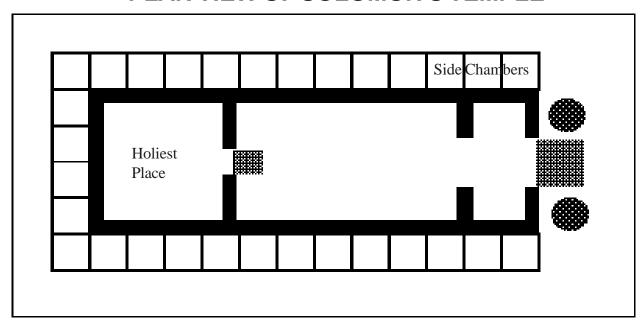
## FRONT VIEW AND SECTION OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



1KI 6:6 The nethermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house.

If you like to do little exercises just for the fun of it, please take a pencil and number off the peripheral chambers in the plan view of the temple below. And then add one to your total for the main entry chamber which also opens to the outside. Do you have your total marked down? Where have we seen that number before?

#### PLAN VIEW OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

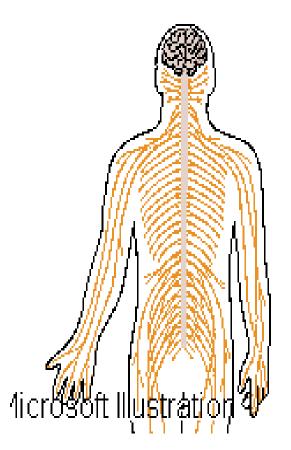


#### SPINAL CORD NERVES 31 PAIRS OF NERVES THAT SERVE THE BODY

"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

Spinal nerves, after they exit from the vertebrae, are distributed in a bandlike fashion to regions of the trunk and to the limbs. They interconnect extensively, thereby forming the brachial plexus, which runs to the upper extremities; and the lumbar plexus, which passes to the lower limbs."



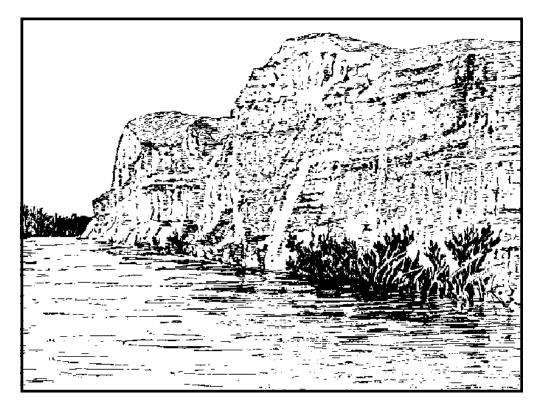
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## PARALLELS BETWEEN SOLOMON'S TEMPLE ... AND THE BRAIN

- 1. THIRTY CHAMBERS + THIRTY ONE SPINAL PORCH CHAMBER .............. NERVES (PERIPHERAL)
- 2. TWO CHERUBIM ..... TWO HALVES
- 3. ORACLE AT ARK ......PINEAL GLAND
- 4. INNER, MIDDLE UPPER, LOWER OUTER COURT ...... MIDDLE BRAIN

## WHAT DOES CROSSING THE OVERFLOWING JORDAN AND SUBDUING THE PROMISED LAND HAVE TO DO WITH THE 31 NERVES OF THE PERIPHERAL NERVOUS SYSTEM?

There came a day when the forces of Israel under their new leader, Joshua ( same word as Hebrew original of Jesus), crossed over into the promised land. If we note from the scriptures that the kingdom of God is within, then our promised land is our body. And what kings did Joshua and his forces have to subdue?



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;

JOS 12:9 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 Hepher, one:

- 18 The king of Aphek, 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.

Amazingly enough, there are 31 peripheral nerves that serve the body and there were 31 kings that Joshua had to subdue in the promised land. Do not the scriptures tell us that there is a war between the members of the body and the mind?

ROM 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Lest anyone doubt that this is a very real war between the 31 kings of our carnal flesh desires and the law of the mind of Christ, we submit the following as only a sample of what the scriptures say about the warfare between the flesh and spirit.

#### THE WAR OF THE MEMBERS

ROM 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

- 23 But **I see another law in my members**, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to **the law of sin which is in my members**.
- 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
- 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God: **but with the flesh the law of sin**.
- 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

ROM 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

- 13 **Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin**: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.
- 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

## ROM 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

1CO 6:15 Know ye not that **your bodies are the members of Christ**? shall I then take the members of Christ, **and make them the members of an harlot**? God forbid.

COL 3:5 **Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth**; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

ROM 6:6 Knowing this, that **our old man is crucified with him**, that the **body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

EPH 4:22 That **ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

- 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
- 24 And that **ye put on the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Someone once wrote about their fasting experiences as a means of overcoming flesh and getting into the spirit. They reported that one does not really realize how strong the flesh is until it is denied food, and one begins to hear "the howls coming up from the basement". And it isn't just food, but many other terrestrial attributes are rooted in these 31 kings. What is the meaning of the names of the cities in which these kings rule? Remember that the other tree in the garden is a tree of both good and evil - so some of these cities would seem to have redeeming qualities.

#### THE THIRTY ONE STRONGHOLDS OF THE FLESH

<b>#</b> 1	CITY JERICHO	CITY MEANING FRAGRANCE	MEANING OF KING	KING'S NAME
2 3 4 5 6	AI JERUSALEM HEBRON JARMUTH LACHISH	HEAP OF RUINS PLACE OF PEACE FRIENDSHIP HIGH IMPREGNABLE	LORD OF JUSTICE DRIVEN FLEET SPLENDOR	ADONIZEDEC HOHAM PIRAM JAPHIA
7 8	EGLON GEZER	CALF-LIKE STEEP	ORACLE HILL	DEBIR HORAM
9 10 11 12	DEBIR GEDER HORMAH ARAD	ORACLE WALL LAID WASTE WILD ASS	Note: Names of all the kings are not given in scripture.	
13 14 15	LIBNAH ADULLAM MAKKEDAH	WHITE JUSTICE OF THE PEOPI SHEPHERD PLACE	_E	·
16 17 18	BETHEL TAPPUAH HEPHER	HOUSE OF GOD APPLE PIT		
19 20	APHEH LASHARON	STRENGTH PLAIN		
21 22 23	MADON HAZOR SHIMRONMERON	STRIFE WALLED COURT WATCH PLACE/HEIGHTS	DESERT INTELLIGENCE S	JOBAB JABIN
24 25 26 27 28	ACHSHAPH TAANACH MEGIDDO KEDESH JOKNEAM	FASCINATION SANDY CROWDED SACRED GATHERED/FRUITFUL	JASHER 89:41 And a to the words of Jabin, they went forth with enteen kings, and the ous as the sand	king of Chazor, and all their camps, sev
29 30	DOR GILGAL	DWELLING ROLLING	The book of Jasher furthe	er tells us that Chazo

The scriptures tell us that one of these kingdoms is the head of the others.

**PLEASING** 

31

TIRZAH

JOS 11:10 And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for **Hazor beforetime was the** head of all those kingdoms.

11 And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.

The book of Jasher further tells us that Chazor (or *Hazor*) was also the head of a subgroup of seventeen of these kings which we will call "the works of the flesh." Seventeen flesh works are listed below:

- GAL 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
- 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies.
- 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Lets lift the 31 kings out of the geography of Canaan and look at them in terms of fleshly desires of the 31 kings of the members of our body. We do not know if we have the list below exactly right, but we do feel that we have captured most of these kings in our net. Since, some of these fleshly attributes appear in more than one place, we have sorted the Strong's numbers to check for duplications and have come up with the list shown below.

#### THIRTY ONE KINGS OF THE FLESH

#	SCRIPTURE	STRONG'S#	FLESH DESIRE
1	EPH 4:18	52	IGNORANCE
2	GAL 5:20	139	HERESIES (disunion)
3	COL 3:8	140	FILTHY COMMUNICATION
4	COL 3:5	167	UNCLEANNESS
II .	EPH 4:19	167	UNCLEANNESS
II .	GAL 5	167	UNCLEANNESS
5	COL3:6	543	DISOBEDIENCE
6	EPH 4:19	766	LASCIVIOUSNESS (filthy wantonness)
II .	GAL 5:19	766	LASCIVIOUSNESS
7	COL 3:8	988	BLASPHEMY
II .	EPH 4:31	988	EVIL SPEAKING
8	GAL 5:20	1370	SEDITIONS (resistance against authority)
9	GAL 5:20	1495	IDOLATRY
10	COL 3:5	1939	CONCUPISCENCE (immoral sexual desire)
11	GAL 5:20	2052	STRIFE
12	GAL 5:20	2054	VARIANCE (wrangling and quarreling)
13	GAL 5:20	2189	HATRED
14	GAL 5:20	2205	EMULATIONS (jealous zeal or envy)
15	COL 3:8	2372	WRATH
"	EPH 4:31 GAL 5:20	2372	WRATH
	COL 3:8	2372 2549	WRATH
16	EPH 4:31	2549	MALICE
	EPH 4:28	2813	MALICE
17 18	EPH 4:31	2906	STEAL
19	GAL 5:21	2970	CLAMOUR (noisily complaining) REVELLINGS (riotous carousing)
20	EPH 4:17	3153	VANITY
21	GAL 5:21	3178	DRUNKENNESS
22	GAL 5:19	3430	ADULTERY
23	COL3:8	3709	ANGER
11	EPH 4:31	3709	ANGER
II .	EPH 4:26	3710	ANGRY
24	COL 3:5	3806	INORDINATE AFFECTION (obsession)
25	EPH 4:31	4088	BITTERNESS
26	COL 3:5	4124	COVETOUSNESS
II	EPH 4:19	4124	GREEDINESS
27	COL 3:5	4202	FORNICATION
II .	GAL 5:19	4202	FORNICATION
28	EPH 4:18	4457	BLINDNESS
29	EPH 4:29	4550	CORRUPT COMMUNICATION 3056
30	GAL 5:20	5331	WITCHCRAFT
31	COL 3:9	5574 5570	LIE
*	EPH 4:25	5579	LYING

#### DAVID + 30 CAPTAINS = 31 MIGHTY MEN OF THE SPIRIT

ACT 15:16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

Our celestial body is the tabernacle of David that will be rebuilt. And arraigned against the 31 kings of the flesh are the mighty men of the spirit that will rebuild Adam's fallen tent body. The list of 31 attributes that we have sorted is shown below:

1CH 11:11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, an Hachmonite, the chief of the captains: he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain by him at one time.

15 Now three of the **thirty captains** went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim.

#	SCRIPTURE	STRONG'S#	ATTRIBUTE
1	GAL 5:22	19	GOODNESS
2	COL 3:14	26	CHARITY
II	GAL 5:22	26	LOVE
II	TIT 2:2	26	CHARITY
3	TIT 5:5	53	CHASTE
4	TIT 2:7	90	UNCORRUPTNESS
5	COL 3:13	430	FORBEARING (enduring)
6	TIT 2:7	861	SINCERITY
7	TIT 2:1	1319	SOUND DOCTRINE
8	GAL 5:23	1466	TEMPERANCE
9	COL 3:15	1515	PEACE
II .	GAL 5:22	1515	PEACE
10	COL 3:10	1922	KNOWLEDGE
11	1 PET 3:9	2129	BLESSING
12	IPET 3:8	2155	PITIFUL (pity)
13	COL 3:15	2170	THANKFUL
14	COL 3:15	3056	WORD OF CHRIST
II	TIT 2:8	3056	SOUND SPEECH
15	COL 3:12	3115	LONGSUFFERING
11	GAL 5:22	3115	LONG SUFFERING
16	TIT 2:2	3524	SOBER
17	COL 3:12	3628	BOWELS OF MERCIES
18	GAL 5:22	4102	FAITH
II	TIT 2:10	4102	FIDELITY
II	TIT 2:2	4102	FAITH
20	COL 3:12	4236	MEEKNESS
II	GAL 5:23	4236	PEACE
II	1 PET 3:4	4239	MEEK
21	TIT 2:2	4586	GRAVE
22	IPET 3:8	4835	COMPASSION
23	TIT 2:6	4993	SOBER MINDED
SEE 24	TIT 2:2	4998	TEMPERATE
24	TIT 5:5	4998	DISCREET
25	COL 3:12	5012	HUMBLENESS OF MIND
26	TIT 2:2	5281	PATIENCE
27	TIT 5:5	5296	OBEDIENT
SEE 2	IPET 3:8	5361	LOVE
28	IPET 3:8	5391	COURTEOUS
29	GAL 5:22	5479	JOY
30	COL 3:13	5483	FORGIVING
31	COL 3:12	5544	KINDNESS
II	GAL 5:22	5544	GENTLENESS

HEB 8:5 Who serve unto **the example and shadow of heavenly things**, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

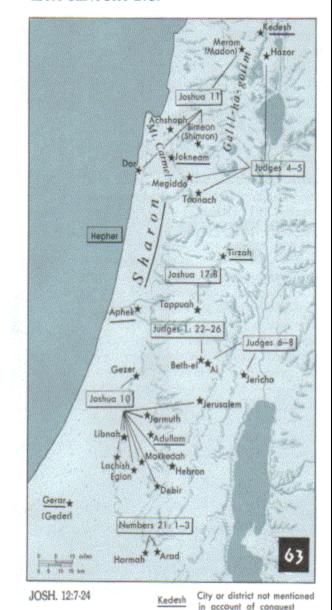
The scriptures use types and shadows to illustrate spiritual truths. And while there are obvious limitations to comparing an example against the real thing, types and shadows have their place as a teaching tool.

And the similarities between the human body and the layout of the promised land are rather striking. The River Jordan descends like a spinal cord through the land. The head would be in the Sea of Galilee and Mt. Hermon area.

head would be in the Sea of Galilee and Mt. Hermon area. And even the land is named indicating two sides: "trans" Jordan meaning across and "cis" Jordan meaning the same side. Compare the nervous system of the human body with the layout of the promised land. TESTITO D Negeb From: Bible Atlas History; F. F. Bruce, p. 17; pub. Crossroad, NY

Illustration below from p. 17, Bible History Atlas by F. F. Bruce, Crossroad Publishing Co., NY, NY And where are these 31 cities located that Joshua and the forces of Israel vanquished. Please refer to the map shown below.

## THE LIST OF KINGS OF CANAAN 12TH CENTURY B.C.



The above illustration is from p. 55 of the MacMillan Bible Atlas, 3rd Ed., Shasroni, Savi-Yonah, Rainy, & Safrai, MacMillan Publishing Co., NY, NY

If you look very closely at the area north and slightly west of the sea of Galilee, you will find the city of Hazor. Remember, that we were told that "Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms."

We know from experience that if the head can be dealt with, then the rest of the kingdoms will fall in line and can be subdued. Usually, in physical warfare, it is the male gender that does the physical fighting. But, as we shall shortly see, the ultimate blow to the temple of the carnal mind will finally be delivered by the daughters. This group of daughters will be a bold Deborah company and a bold Jael company as this warfare in the gates of heaven is fought against Hazor, the head, and his general, Sisera. And while this group of daughters may be just a trickle at the present time, it swells to a veritable flood as the morning "stars in their courses fought against Sisera. The river of Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon."

By now you may have guessed that we are speaking about the battle described in Judges chapters 4 and 5. But do you remember who they were fighting against?

JDG 4:2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

- 3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had **nine hundred chariots of iron**; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.
- 4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time
- 5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of **Deborah** between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

Yes, it is true that even after Joshua fought against Hazor and subdued it, Hazor managed to rear its ugly headship over Israel again because of Israel's disobedience to the Lord. Deborah stirred up the spirit of Barak and he, with 10,000 troups, engaged Sisera and his troops near the River Kishon. Because of massive rains, the iron chariots were bogged down and Israel won a great victory. But Sisera the commander escaped from Barak. What was God's plan for driving a nail through the temple of that which represented the carnal mind of man and was the head of the fleshly strongholds?

#### THE MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

1PE 4:13 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.

It would seem to be an impossible task to put a nail into the carnality of man. And most of this work was done by Jesus on the cross. But there are some sufferings and tasks that He left to be completed by His followers.

MAT 19:24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through **the eye of a needle**, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

- 25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?
- 26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Most of you are already familiar with the story of how Jael dealt with Sisera. What were the characteristics of Jael?

Jael - (climber, Ibex) Wife of Heber (of the family of Hobab), the Kenite, a sheikh of a Bedawin tribe, who had pitched his tent **under an oak**, called on that account "oak of the wanderers" BRS Bible Dictionary.

This oak has the Hebrew name allon Zaanannim (see Josh 19:33). As we shall see later in the writings, the oak is symbolic of strong, stiff necked terrestrial pride. In order to prepare the Jael company of daughters for their mission, God takes them through an experience called the "eye of the needle". For how can one help others deal with pride, unless they have learned how to conquer it themselves? This eye of the needle experience can be compared to the about ten years of testing that the young, brash Joseph had to endure before he could come to his throne - right in the midst of the worldly circumstances of Egypt. The eye teaches those that God has gifted for a certain mission not to take pride in their gifts but to be obedient and humble to the calling of the Lord. Hopefully, those that go through the eye will be able to teach others to do it in less than ten years so that a "quick work" may be done.

Now that we have the stage set, how will this Jael go about driving the nail into the oak tree of fleshly pride?

- JDG 4:17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.
- 18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.
- 19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.
- 20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.
- 21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.
- 22 And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples.
- 23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.

Later in the writings, we will identify the oak tree as being the tenth of a series of twelve trees. The myrtle tree and the box tree follow as the eleventh and twelfth tree. Myrtle means "Hadassah" or as we know it - Esther (*means star*). The box tree represents the Alabaster box ministry. The Deborah and Jael companies have the ministry of these two trees.

- MAR 14:3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an **alabaster box** of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she **brake the box**, and poured it on his head.
- 9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a **memorial** of her.

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

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

Yes, Barak and his 10,000 troups had their victory, but it also took the complement of these troups, the daughters, to win the total victory and to take "captivity captive". And curiously enough, God uses the very trickery of our enemies and turns it against them. You might say that He "tricks trickery". And the plan is so masterful that most times we do not understand it until we look back after its completion and marvel at the skill of the leading of our Master.

Most people are aware of the story about Nebuchaddnezzar's tree being cut down in his dream as related in the book of Daniel - but not very many are aware that this tree is an oak tree. We read from the Concordant Literal translation:

DAN 4:10-12 Now the visions of my head are these: Perceiving am I, and Io, an (363) **oak** in the midst of the earth, and its height is enormous. The **oak** increases and is mighty, and its height is reaching to the heavens, and it perceptible to the extremity of the entire earth. Its leaves are seemly, and pollination abundant, and sustenance for all is in it. Under it the animal of the field is shaded, and in its boughs are abiding the birds of the heavens, and from it all flesh is having sustenance for itself.

15 Perceiving am I in

Dan 4:13-15 Perceiving am I in the visions of my head on may bed, and Io, a holy rouser is alighting from the heavens. He is calling with potency and this is what he is saying, 'Slash down the **oak**; cut away its boughs. Shake off its leaves; scatter its pollinated fruit. Wander shall the animals from under it and the birds from its boughs. But the stump with its roots leave in the earth clamped with a band of iron and copper.

And when one traces out Strong's 363 and its 356, 352, and 193 root meanings, it is evident that the Concordant Literal translation as "oak" is correct.

This being the case, this oak is then a symbol of the beginning of the flesh nature for "from it all flesh is having sustenance for itself." And what happened to it is what also happened in Isaiah 6 which describes man's spiritual eyes and ears being closed.

ISA 6:10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their **ears heavy**, and **shut their eyes**; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

13 But yet in it shall be a **tenth**, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, **and** as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

Yes, there is holy seed in the oak, but that holy seed must be processed through the eye of the needle before that strength is acceptable in God's presence.

We have pointed out that later in these writings, the oak tree will be listed as the tenth tree. Do not both the scriptures in Daniel and in Revelation describe a ten horned beast?

DAN 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns

REV 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and **ten horns**, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

The ten horned beast is an incomplete, flesh nature beast. But, he tries to get an anointing from a two horned, fake lamb beast to end up with 12 horns.

REV 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

## THE RENDING OF THE TWELVE TRIBES INTO TEN



1KI 11:30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and **rent it in twelve pieces**:

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:

Israel lost its power and anointing when the twelve tribed unit was broken up into ten tribes and two tribes. The ten tribes were carried off by the Assyrians and the two tribes went into captivity in Babylon. And how will the power and anointing be restored?

REV 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

- 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.
- 3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.
- 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.
- 5 And **she brought forth a man child**, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Thus, it is the sun clothed woman with twelve stars on her head who restores and births the true Lamb anointing. And out of her birthing, the manchild is born. Behold the Lamb being birthed into His people!

And why is this twelve fold anointing so important? What did Joshua do when he and the armies of Israel crossed over into the promised land to subdue the kings of Canaan?

- JOS 4:1 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,
- 2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,
- 3 And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.
- 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man:

Again, let's lift this out of the geography of the promised land and look at it in terms of our physical body. Jesus once said:

MAT 8:20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

We have prayed and prayed to receive the mind of Christ, but are we willing to lay aside our carnal mind and give Jeshua a place to lay His head?

COL 1:18 And **he is the head of the body**, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Is this not a process of wresting the control away from the 31 fleshly kings and the ten horned carnal mind which gives shade to the beast nature? Is it not a process of giving control back to the head, the mind of Christ?

ROM 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

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.

Therefore, when Joshua crossed over Jordan, he served notice that no longer would the 31 kings of flesh control the land. Instead control was being asserted by the 12 cranial nerves of the mind which would bring the body or land into subjection. Thus, we see the pattern of twelve tribes, the twelve apostles, the twelve trees planting their feet in the Jordan and establishing control of the land.

And since the flesh kings were being peeled away and the mind of Christ being established, what was the first order of business?

JOS 5:2 At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

And we know that the circumcision for us today is not so much for the purpose of removing a small segment of the private parts - instead it is a circumcision of the heart and mind. For the scriptures tell us that we have a double mind and a double heart - and the flesh nature of these must go.

JAM 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

1CH 12:33 Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: **they were not of double heart**.

Yes, there are two sets of trees within man - a tree of good and evil and a tree of life. The twelve trees in the tree of life are rooted in the living water flowing out from the throne which is the river of consciousness flowing in the spinal cord.

The duality of these two systems of trees is shown in the scriptures below:

- JER 17:5 Thus saith the LORD; **Cursed be** the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.
- 6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.
- 7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.
- 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.
- 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

For the purposes of removing the old, corrupt nature, there is a baptism that is called circumcision baptism.

- COL 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:
- 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:
- 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.
- 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;
- 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nailing it to his cross**:

Now, that we more fully understand this process, we can recognize it as peeling away the control of the 31 kings of the flesh and leaving them in the water of baptism as the corrupt old man and instead transferring control to the Head which is Christ.

Perhaps, there is another thing that should be said about water baptism here before we move on to another subject. One of the questions that has caused a considerable amount of division in the church is whether we should baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit or baptize in the name of Jesus.

MAT 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

ACT 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and **the name of Jesus Christ**, they were baptized, both men and women.

ACT 8:16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in **the name of the Lord Jesus**.)

We will address this by posing a question. Suppose you had a relative in Flesh Prison and desired to obtain a pardon from the governor. So, you went to the governor's office and received a pardon form and brought it to prison officials and asked that your friend be released. The officials looked at the form and said, "You have the right form, but why is it not signed by the governor?" Frustrated, you return to the governor's office and obtain his signature on a piece of paper. When you return, the prison officials say, "Yes, you have the right signature, but it is not on the proper form from the governor's office." Well, you say, you wouldn't make that mistake because you recognize the difference between the governor's title and his signature above that title. So, why shouldn't we recognize both the office and the signature of the Godhead? It probably takes no more than 10 seconds longer to recognize both the office and the signature of that office when baptizing.

And, if this upsets you, then skip right on to the next paragraph, but for those who can receive it, we would suggest baptizing in the name of the Father, *El Elyon*, the Son, *Yeshua*, and the Holy Spirit, *Christ*. And for those who like to dig even deeper, we would point to the name of *El Shaddai* as filling one of the offices of the Godhead.

LUK 1:76 And thou, child, **shalt be called the prophet of the Highest**: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

LUK 18:17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a **little child** shall in no wise enter therein.



In the final analysis, each of us must come into the kingdom as a little child and God overlooks the mistakes little children make and looks more at the thoughts and intents of the heart. And, as we get the corrupt part of the double heart cut away in circumcision, we grow up from our child status and are joined to the head.

EPH 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

The chronicle of conquest of the promised land is given in the battles described in the book of Joshua. And, as we begin to subdue our earthly kings, we will go through the same battles. And what are the highlights of some of these battles:

Jericho - *means incense or fragrance*. Circling this city is like circling the spinal cord in ever increasing spirals until we come to horns of the incense altar at the top of the spinal cord. Remember in the book of Revelation, there are six seals and then in the seventh seal, there are seven trumpets? In a parallel manner, the Hebrews marched around Jericho six days, and on the seventh day they marched around the city seven times and then shouted and blew trumpets.

JOS 6:2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour.

JOS 6:3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. **Thus shalt thou do six days**.

- 4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.
- 5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

And now we pick up the parallel to this in the book of Revelation. Note the seven trumpets and the incense altar.

REV 8:1 And when he had opened **the seventh seal**, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

- 2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
- 3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
- 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

5 And the angel took the censer,

and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an

Since Jericho was controlled by the enemy, we might say that the incense (meaning of Jericho) was shut up. But when the trumpets blew, the incense ascended from the altar to the throne room.

earthquake.

Why do we consider the spinal cord as being the altar? Is it not true that an altar has horns and does not the fragrance ascend upward? Consider the cross section illustration below of the spinal cord.

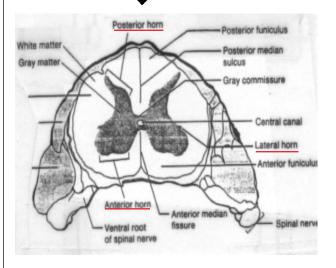


Fig. 11-4a, p. 365 Human Anatomy Physiology, 6th edition, John W. Hole, Jr, Wm. C. Brown Publishers. Dubuque, IA.

Note that there is a central part of the spinal column in which there is a section that looks like the wings of the butterfly. This gray matter section of the spinal cord consists primarily of nerve body cells, axons, and dendrites. Dendrite means "tree". Note that there are the horns of the spinal column. These are the right and left anterior horns and the right and left posterior horns. **Amazingly enough, we have the horns of the altar.** 

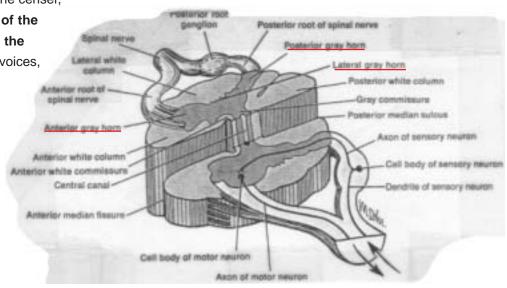


Figure 13-2a, p. 285of fifth edition, Principles of Anatomy and Physiology by Totora & Anagnostakos, Harper & Row, NY, NY

After the battle of Jericho, the next city to be attacked was Ai. The Israelites thought that they would take just a few men and readily conquer Ai. Instead they were soundly defeated and they went before God to find out why. So they began to take lots to find out the source of the problem.

JOS 7:18 And he brought his household man by man; and **Achan**, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, **was taken**.

- 19 And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.
- 20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:
- 21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

If our tent is considered to be our body, then the lesson is clear. Once we go through the waters of baptism, we should leave the corrupt old man and Babylonian ways in the water and not bring it into our tent.

LUK 17:31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

32 Remember Lot's wife.

Next Joshua and the Hebrews had to deal with the trickery of Gibeon. You know the story of how they brought food and pretended to be from a far country and made a league with the Israelites to avoid being destroyed. The main lesson to be learned from this experience is to seek the counsel of the Lord.

JOS 9:14 And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.

Next five kings attacked Gibeon and Joshua and company came to their aid. These Amorite kings were ultimately chased into a cave at Makkedah.

JOS 10:23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of **the cave**, the king of **Jerusalem**, the king of **Hebron**, the king of **Jarmuth**, the king of **Lachish**, and the king of **Eglon**.

24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.

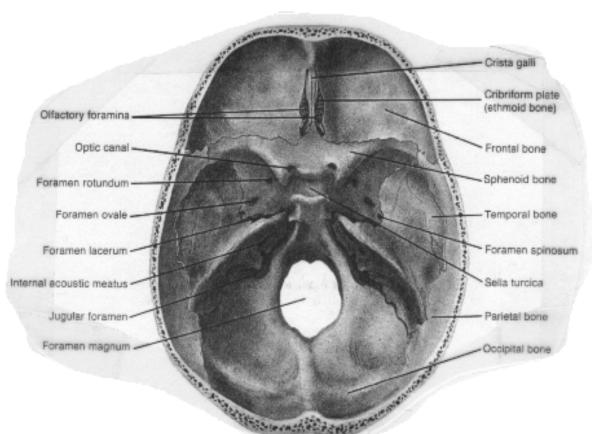
Remember, on page C-23, that we discussed the four trees along the path until we reached the cleft in the rock and inside the rock was the fifth tree, the pomegranate. In terms of the promised land as related to our body, what is this cleft in the rock?

SON 2:13 The **fig tree** putteth forth her green figs, and the **vines with the tender grape** give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

JER 48:28 O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

Perhaps it takes an unusual view for us to discover what this hole in the rock is. Take a look at the illustration at the top of the next page. Imagine a coconut that had been cut in half and that you were looking at the bottom part of it which resembled a cereal bowl. However, this cereal bowl has a hole in the bottom of it which is called the Foramen magnum meaning *opening large*.

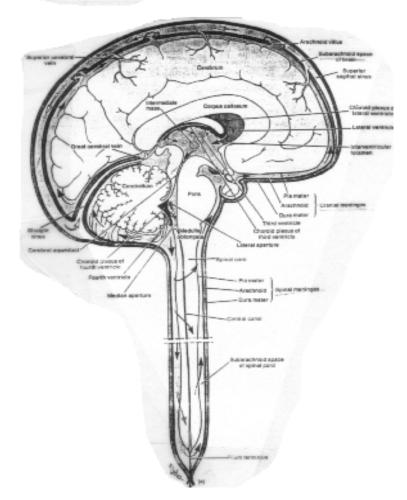


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In case you haven't figured out what you are looking at by now, imagine that the top half of a skull had been lifted off and you are looking at the foramen magnum which is the hole through which the spinal cord descends into the neck and body. This is the cleft or hole in the rock.

Fitting down through this hole is the spinal column. It is about 18 inches long and extends downward all the way to the vertebra of the tailbone. An excellent view of how the spinal column fits through the foramen magnum (hole in the rock) and the vertebra is shown in the illustration to the right. Many people do not realize it but the fluids in the brain and spinal column are all inside the same membrane and the fluid reservoirs in the brain and spinal cord are interconnected.



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

1CO 9:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

When we begin to understand the rock is the head, it opens up quite a number scriptures. We might say that the head is our heaven and the body is our earth. And "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

COL 1:18 And he is the **head of the body**, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

1CO 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.** 

There was a time that the creation was to be built in the image of Elohim.

GEN 1:26 And God [*Elohim*] 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.

But some of the "builders" disallowed and rejected the mind of Christ and instead opted to replace it with another mind or stone. But in the end, the rejected stone would be the foundation of Sion.

- 1PE 2:5 **Ye also, as lively stones**, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, **Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone**, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.
- 7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

EPH 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.



For you see, the Christ wants the whole body to be joined to the Head and that He may love the body as a husband loves a wife.

EPH 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

We normally think of the above scriptures in terms of Christ and the church - but isn't it true that the example used is the body? Do you remember when God invited Israel to become His bride?

EXO 24:9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and **seventy of the elders of Israel**:

- 10 And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.
- 11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

Just above the spinal cord there is the hypothalamus, which has the meaning "under the inner room." In the realm of the kingdom within, could it be that the Christ is inviting the members of our body to be joined and compacted to the head and be like a wife married to the Head?

If that is the case, then what would be the meaning of the seventy elders of Israel ascending from the body up into the throne room? We know that there are 31 peripheral nerves that serve the body and we also know that these nerves are paired so that there are 31 times 2 or 62 peripheral nerves. We now have 62 elders of the body - where do the other eight come from to make up the number of seventy that ascend up to the throne?

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

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

The pattern of the heaven is twelve stars, so a third of the twelve stars cast down to the earth would be four. And when consider that four paired is 4 times 2=8, then we add the eight to the sixty two and end up with seventy elders or nerves which must traverse through the hole in the rock to the inner throne.

In actuality, there are four of the cranial nerves that descend through the hole in the rock to serve more exterior and lower parts of the body. These are as follows:

The most obvious is the tenth cranial nerve pair (vagus) which descends deeply into the body and regulates the heart and lungs. The ninth pair (glossopharyngeal) innervates constrictor muscles in the wall of the pharynx that function in swallowing. The eleventh pair (accessory) descends into the neck muscles and also helps control the pharynx. Place your hand on your throat and feel the vibrations as you speak - these are controlled by the twelfth pair of the nerves (hypoglossal). Speech fell from being telepathic to depend on air wave vibrations. So, amazingly enough, we have reached our complement of seventy elders that were invited into the very throne room of the God of Israel.  $31 \times 2 = 62$ 

 $4 \times 2 = 8$  70 Elders

Earlier, we spoke briefly about "the stone which the builders disallowed". Some would say that this applies to the great pyramid in Egypt which now has a missing capstone. But perhaps this is simply an external symbol of something more profound. If the builders disallowed the mind of Christ as the headstone, then they substituted another stone which is a counterfeit of the Christ stone.

This counterfeit is described in the book of Ezekiel.

EZE 8:1 And it came to pass in the **sixth year**, in the **sixth month**, in the **fifth day** of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.

- 2 Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber.
- 3 And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.

**EZE 12:8** And in the morning came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

First, lets look at the timing of Ezekiel's trip. It was during the sixth year, sixth month, and fifth day. During the period of this fifth day, Ezekiel was shown what was within the carnal mind. And the "in the morning" of Ezekiel 12:8 would be the fullness of the timing of the sixth year, sixth month, and sixth day - or 666.

And how would Ezekiel be able to see what was within the mind? He would come to the gate to the inner room, the hole in the rock, and look within the skull. And there he saw something beside the glory of the God of Israel. He saw on the north side the image of jealousy. Consider that our body is the temple and we look toward the east. Then our left side would be our north or left brain. And isn't it true that most of the Gog and Magog attacks from the north is through the intellectualism of our left brain when it is devoid of the Spirit?

We said that the enemy was a counterfeiter. Let's see how he copied the design of the house of God. Will we find twenty four elders and seventy elders?

EZE 8:8 Then said he unto me, **Son of man,** dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door.

- 9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.
- 10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about.
- 11 And there stood before them **Seventy** men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.
- 12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, the LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

Thus Ezekiel tunneled through the skull and was able to look at what was written within the very thoughts of the 666 mind. And he saw into "chambers of imagery" and fathomed the abominable thoughts of the carnal mind. But did you notice that there were seventy ancients or elders in attendance in this court? Therefore, the enemy has counterfeited the true model of the Lord.

But this is only the peripheral part of the temple. Do you suppose that we might find twenty four elders if we go deeper within?

EZE 8:13 He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

- 14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.
- 15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these.

EZE 8:16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.

Yes, the counterfeiting of the enemy continues. We expected 24 elders but here we have "about" 25. Where does the 25th man come from?

2TH 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that **man** of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

So there we have it - the 25th man is the man of sin that sits right in throne where God should sit. We have proven out our model. And there are a number of other instances where the seventy apply. Remember that Jesus appointed seventy disciples?

Another fascinating case concerning the seventy is the Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal scriptures. You may remember how six tribes were on Gerizim for blessings and six tribes were on Ebal for cursings. If we think of Gerizim as being the right side (south) of the brain and Ebal as the left side (north), then the following unfolds as a fascinating case study. We will only present the basic elements here and then leave it as a case for further study by our readers.

DEU 11:29 And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal.

JDG 9:5 And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being **threescore and ten persons** (*seventy*), upon **one stone**: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of **Shechem** gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem.

7 And when they told it to **Jotham**, **he went** and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.

8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us.

9 But the **olive tree** said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

10 And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, and reign over us.

11 But the **fig tree** said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

12 Then said the trees unto the **vine**, Come thou, and reign over us.

13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

14 Then said all the trees unto the **bramble)**, Come thou, and reign over us.

15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

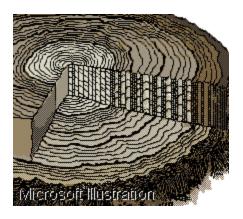
GEN 35:4 And they gave unto Jacob all the **strange gods** which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; **and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.** 

The scriptures outlined above give the basic details of the case, so we will leave it as a case study.

Over and over, we keep coming back to the trees as being symbolic. But in the realm of the kingdom within, what do the trees really symbolize? ISA 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

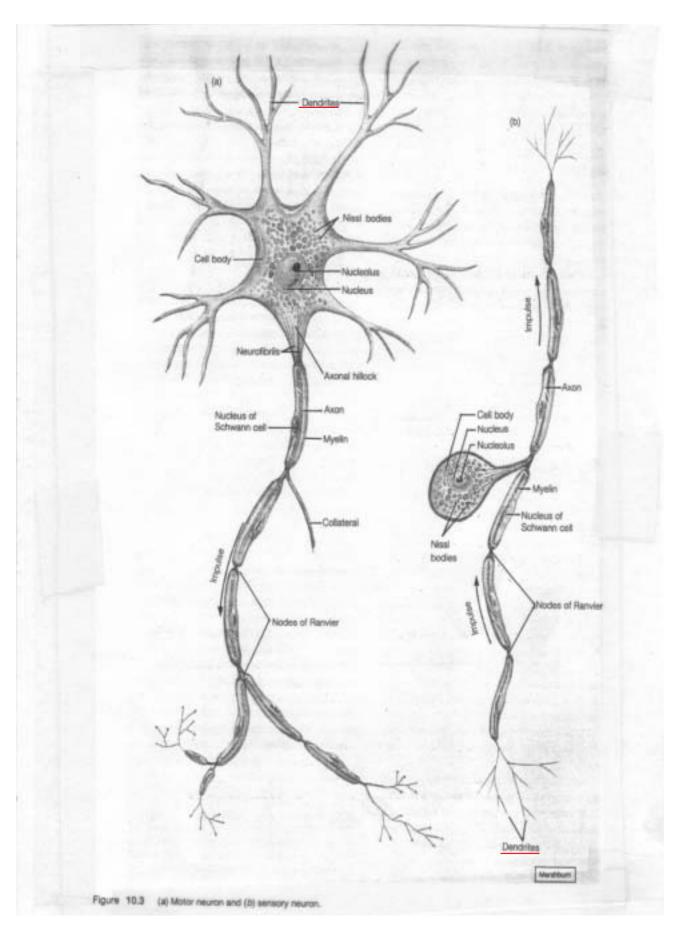
13 Instead of **the thorn** shall come up **the fir tree**, and instead of **the brier s**hall come up **the myrtle tree**: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Lets look at the tree without and consider how it is symbolic of the tree within. From Encarta, we are shown a cross section of a tree trunk.



"The sapwood of the axis functions to carry water and dissolved mineral nutrients upward from the soil to the leaves (see OSMOSIS). In the leaves the water is used, in combination with carbon dioxide taken in through the leaves, in a process of food manufacture called photosynthesis. The sapwood also transports the gaseous products of respiration, which occurs in all living cells of the plant, to the leaves, from which the gases are released into the atmosphere. Food, manufactured by photosynthesis, and oxygen, absorbed from the air and used in respiration, are transported downward to the roots by the phloem.""Tree," Microsoft (R) Encarta. Copyright (c) 1994 Microsoft Corporation. Copyright (c) 1994 Funk & Wagnall's Corporation.

Thus, in the tree in the physical world, there is a trunk which transmits nutrients from the roots in the earth upward for use by the leaves. The leaves take these nutrients and through a process involving the sunshine of the heaven, take the carbon dioxide from the air and make food which is transported back down the trunk. What is the counterpart of this process in the kingdom within our body?



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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.

The illustration on the adjacent page shows two kinds of nerve control systems. The system on the left (a) takes a signal from a nerve cell in the brain and sends it outward to a muscle which performs an appropriate movement. This is an *efferent* type of neuron which conveys information from the central nervous system to a muscle or gland. The system on the right (b) is an *afferent* neuron which conveys information (such as touch) from the periphery of the body inward to the central nervous system.

Note that there are configurations called dendrites which look like roots and leaves at the extremities of the neurons. Dendrites (*dendro* = tree) are highly branched, thick extensions of the cell body. Thus, the drawing on the left is like the leaves of the tree receiving nutrients and Sonshine and sending the food back to the structural parts of the tree. The second is like the roots of the tree gathering nutrients and sending it up the trunk of the tree to the leaves for processing.

If we consider the twelve paired cranial nerves the major highways of information for the head, it is quite easy to see why the scriptures use trees as an example. And the river that flows out from the throne is a river of information that allows the body to edify itself in love so that it might grow up into the head. What a beautiful picture - no wonder the trees clap their hands when they are the conduits of the love of the Most High God.

JDG 5:20 They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

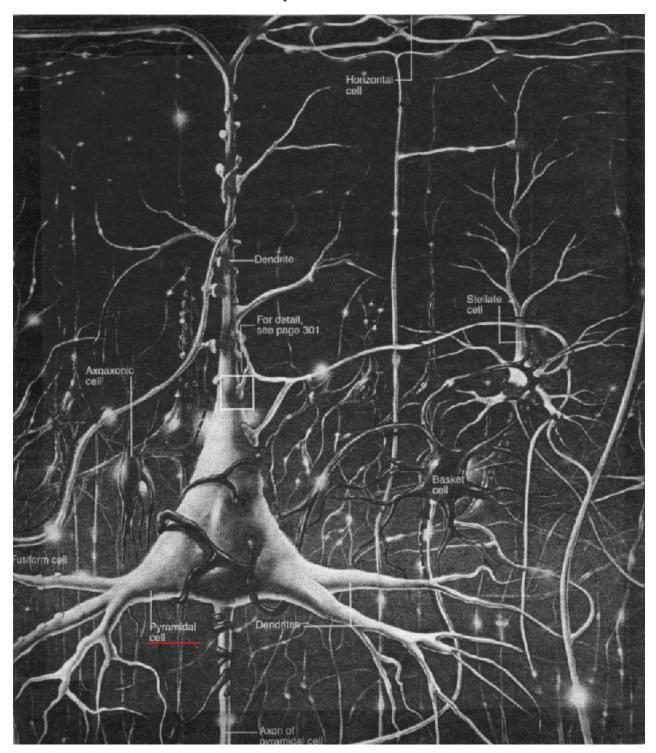
21 The river of Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.

Remember that we discussed earlier the battles fought by the Deborah and Jael companies of daughters? Let us further examine the kingdom within our being and consider what it might mean for the stars in their courses to fight against Sisera, the captain of the armies of the flesh. Shown below is an astrocyte nerve cell which sends information from the central nervous system to the body. The word *astro* means star. Hence, the stars (*Esthers*) in their courses fought their battle.



Figure 12-2, p. 263 of fifth edition, Principles of Anatomy and Physiology by Totora & Anagnostakos, Harper & Row, NY, NY

"The Neuron Pathway: on the Trail of a Touch"



"Once past the thalamus and into the sensory cortex ... the electrical impulse diffuses through the area devoted to receiving and processing touch signals from the left forefinger--a small patch of cerebral cortex high in the brain's right hemisphere. For an instant this part of the brain's electrochemical circuitry becomes, as one scientist puts it, "a seething mass of patterns going off and on."

The pyramidal, stellate, and fusiform nerve cells, which number in the millions, receive incoming signals. In ways not fully understood, they process and sort the neuronal messages. Other cells, such axoaxonic and basket cells, act as inhibitors to prevent the spread of impulses that might overload the sensory circuits. Still other cells, including Martinotti and horizontal cells, bring additional information to the brain's surface.

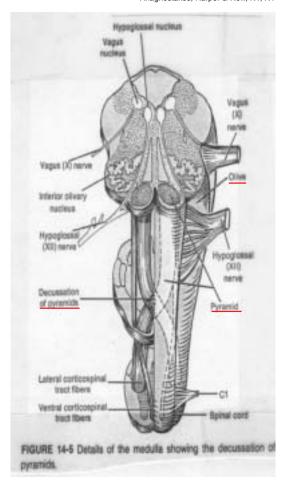
The constant interplay of impulses goes on until the touch of the button is recognized for what it is, and not, say, the painful prick of pointed object."

Above from P. 296-299, The Incredible Machine, National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.

The illustration on the page to the left is an excellent illustration of how the nerve cells resemble trees. If you weren't aware that it was a nerve cell, you would probably think it was the roots and trunk of a tree.

We have already discussed the astrocyte or star type cells and next we will look at the pyramidal cells which are so named from their pyramid type shape. The pyramidal nerves are the so called crossover nerves because they cross from the left side of the brain to the right body and others cross from the right side of the brain to the left body. This crossover is called "decussation". An excellent drawing of how this takes place in the medulla oblongata (me DULL-la ob'-long-GA-ta) is shown below.

Figure 14-5, p. 311 of fifth edition, Principles of Anatomy and Physiology by Totora & Anagnostakos, Harper & Row, NY, NY



This pyramidal nerves are primarily motor nerves and the crossover in the medulla is called the "decussation of the pyramids" because it resembles a pyramid and an inverted pyramid. Note also above that you see parts of the vagus and hypoglossal nerves which extend downward into the body.

The anatomy book goes on to say, "On each lateral surface of the medulla is an oval projection called the **olive** (Figure 14-4), which contains an inferior olivary nucleus and two accessory olivary nuclei. A second anatomy book states, "On each side of the medulla oblongata is an oval swelling called the *olive*, from which a large bundle of nerve fibers arises and passes to the cerebellum." Look at Figure 14-5 below to the left and you will find the olive shown.

Thus, you might say that the **olive** is the transition point between the body and the head. Could it also be the transition point between our heaven and earth?

ACT 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up**; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

- 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;
- 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.
- 12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from **the mount called Olivet**, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

ZEC 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

We have been so busy looking for the kingdom without that we did not realize that we have a mount of olives within our very own being! And when the mind of Christ sets His foot down upon the top of our body the old carnal carcase shall be split open and circumcised away. The eagles will be gathered together above the carcase.

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.

28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

#### WHERE IS MOUNT ZION AND WHERE IS THE MOUNT OF OLIVES?

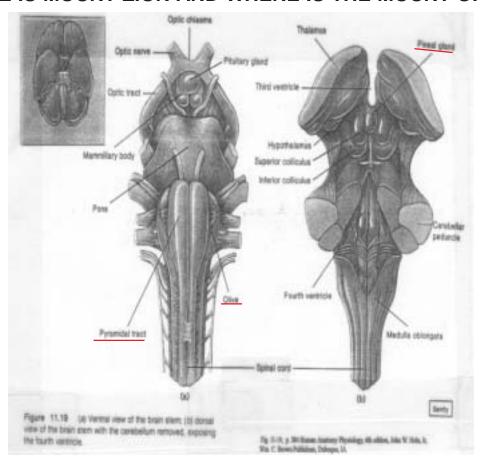


Fig. 11-19, p. 384 Human Anatomy Physiology, 6th edition, John W. Hole, Jr, Wm. C. Brown Publishers, Dubuque, IA.

Shown above is another view of the pyramidal tract and the olive. Also shown in this picture is the pineal gland which we have partially discussed as being like the glassy sea. Is this mount Sion?

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.

REV 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the **mount Sion**, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

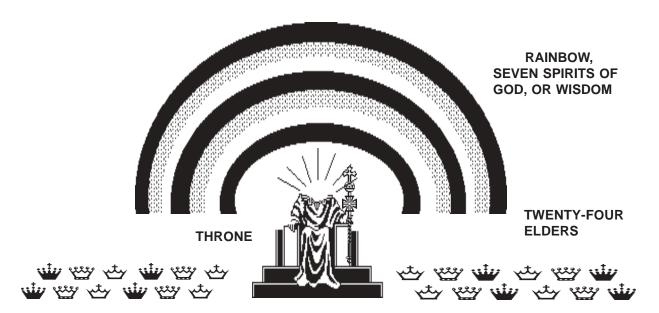
- 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:
- 3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

When Ezekiel was shown the takeover of a mind by the beast nature during that fateful 666 time period, the glory of the Lord departed in three phases, first from the cherub, next from the house, and next from the city. The glory then stood by the city, by the mount of olives, awaiting an invitation of once again being desired by the Hebrews.

EZE 10:4 Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD'S glory.

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

EZE 11:23 And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.



What is this glory of the LORD that is around the throne? Is it not the Seven Spirits of God as described in the rainbow around the throne?

ISA 11:2 And the (1) **spirit of the LORD** shall rest upon him, the spirit of (2) **wisdom** and (3) **understanding**, the spirit of (4) **counsel** and

- (5) **might**, the spirit of (6) **knowledge** and of the
- (7) fear of the LORD;

So far, we have majored primarily on the central nervous system and the peripheral nervous system as providing the primary controls for the body. But, there is another **major** part of the body control system that we have not yet discussed - it is the endocrine system. One of our anatomy book sources describes the endocrine system this way.

"Two regulatory systems are involved in transmitting messages and correlation of various body functions: the nervous system and endocrine system. The nervous system controls homeostasis through electrical impulses delivered over neurons. The endocrine system affects bodily activities by releasing chemical messengers, called homones, into the bloodstream. Whereas the nervous system sends messages to a specific set of target cells (muscle cells, gland cells, or other neurons), the endocrine system sends messages to target cells in virtually any part of the body. The nervous system causes muscles to contract and glands to secrete; the endocrine system brings about changes in the metabolic activities of body tissues. Neurons tend to act over short distances within a few milliseconds; hormones can take up to several hours or more to bring about their responses."

Two of the seven major endocrine glands (the pineal and the pituitary glands) are shown on the page to the left. Two of these glands are located in the head and the remaining five are located in the body.

How then can these seven glands be the rainbow around the throne? Generally, when one sees a rainbow, they only see half of it. Sometimes from a plane, we see the both the top and bottom of the rainbow which makes a beautiful circle in the heavens. Below is half of a circulating system - and when you look closely, you will be able to identify it as the arteries which supply blood to the entire body.

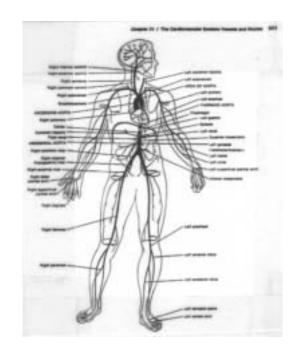


Figure 21-2, p. 501 of fifth edition, Principles of Anatomy and Physiology by Totora & Anagnostakos, Harper & Row, NY, NY

And we know the other half of this circulating system is the veins which return the blood to the heart. Thus, the hormones are **circulated around the throne and the rest of the body in the blood system** and the chemical messengers are able to reach their target cells.

PSA 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

LEV 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

1JO 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

And we know that the blood that circulates in the celestial body is different than the blood which circulates in the terrestrial body. And we look forward to our change so that we may become houses of light.

The study of the endocrine system is very exciting and the spiritual application unlocks many mysteries. For example, one of the glands mingles her wine and prepares her seven pillars and we find an exact counterpart for this among the glands.

PRO 9:1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her **seven pillars**:

2 She hath killed her beasts; **she hath mingled her wine**; she hath also furnished her table.

Another sets astride the saddle of the body and controls the reins of the horse (the body's muscular system). It controls the "Giddyup!" and "Whoa!" of the body. And where is the body's saddle located on the horse? A clue is given by finding the Cauda equina on the drawing to the right.

And there are many other revelations concerning the Seven Spirits of God and the endocrine system. But we know that it is not time yet and our revelation is incomplete. So, we must wait on the timing and revelation of El Elyon, the Most High God.

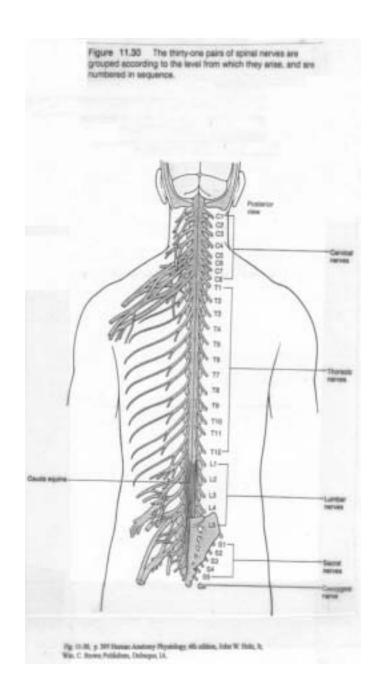


Fig. 11-30, p. 395 Human Anatomy Physiology, 6th edition, John W. Hole, Jr, Wm. C. Brown Publishers, Dubuque, IA.

In addition to showing the location of the cauda equina, the above drawing shows a further breakdown of how the 31 nerves serve the body.

And like the flow of fluids in the tree trunk, the spinal cord is a two way street. The afferent nerves are sending information to the brain. Here it is processed in the three tiered system of the lower brain, the middle brain, and the upper brain (remember the three levels and the stairs ascending in Solomon's temple?). Then the information processed in the brain is sent back out to the body via the efferent nerves to the muscles of the body and the glands of the endocrine system with specific instructions for action.

There are 31 pairs of spinal nerves: 8 pairs of cervical, 12 pairs of thoracic (breastplate area), 5 pairs of lumbar, 5 pairs of sacral, and one pair of coccygeal nerves.

The 31st pair of nerves in the spinal cord system serves the coccyx or the lowest part area of the spinal system. Webster's's' Collegiate Dictionary defines coccyx as follows: "the end of the spinal column beyond the sacrum in man and tailless apes".

One of the medical books makes this comment about the lower part of the nervous system:

"Since the spinal column ends in the upper lumbar region of the vertebral column, the lower lumbar, the sacral and coccygeal nerve roots must descend further and further before they reach the dorsal cavity (vertebral canal). Each successive pair of roots is longer than the one before, and as the roots descend they form a fairly large bundle of nerve fibers which is called the *cauda equina* (meaning the tail of a horse)."

One may wonder why the term "the chariot of the cherubims" is used. A chariot is a vessel or container that is used to transport something from one place to another. The place where something is being transported is called a bed. For example, we speak of a truck bed today as the place where the object being transported rests. Some information about Solomon's chariot is given below:

SON 3:7 **Behold his bed**, which is Solomon's; **threescore valiant men are about it**, of the valiant of Israel.

- 8 They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night.
- 9 King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon.
- 10 He made the pillars thereof of silver, **the bottom thereof of gold**, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved with love, for the daughters of Jerusalem.
- 11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

It would appear that the cranium is the chariot in which our consciousness or master control and communication system rests. It is the bed of rest.

SON 1:16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also **our bed is green.** 

17 The beams of our house are **cedar**, and our rafters of **fir**.

An analogy might be that the brain and the river of consciousness is the software programming that controls the body or flesh. The hardware itself is merely a mass of silicon, iron, and various plastics and minerals which make up the visible portion of the computer. And it makes little difference what race the computer is - be it Dell, IBM, Compaq, Northgate, etc. - that is simply the external appearance of the machine. The important characteristic is the river of Christ consciousness.

GAL 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

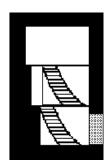
28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

And the flesh or body is simply the horse that moves the chariot from one place to another as directed from the consciousness within the "golden bowl" of the chariot which directs the body via the "silver cord" of electrical transmission comprising the nervous system.

And how do the scriptures show the difference between the flesh and spirit?

ISA 31:3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

Egypt is a type of the world and those whose minds dwell in the world have their source of consciousness mainly in the flesh and in the lower or reptilian brain. And if another entity, such as an anti-Christ spirit is controlling our chariot (proclaiming himself as God), the scriptures also tell us, "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots ..." Isa 31:1.



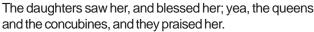
### THE SIXTY SWORDSMEN AND SIXTY QUEENS OF THE TWO UPPER CHAMBERS.

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- 11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in **the day of his espousals**, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

SON 6:7 As a piece of a pomegranate are thy temples within thy locks.

- 8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.
- 9 My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her.



- 10 Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and **terrible as an army with banners?**
- 11 I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished and the pomegranates budded.

Son 6:12 Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like **the chariots of Amminadib**. 13 Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? **As it were the company of two armies**.

The above representation gives more details concerning the chambers and sixty swordsmen and sixty queens that serve and protect the chariot of the mind. It appears that there are two armies and yet they work in pairs to left and right as one army. And there are many more mysteries in the above, and some of these we must leave it for another time.

What does it mean when the above statement is made, "They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night." What is this night of fear and when did it come about? If our spirits "return to God who gave it" then our spirit must have been with God in the beginning. And when our spirit was with God, we did not have an earth house to keep and have any fears of the chaos and darkness of the earth realm.

- ECC 12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;
- 2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, **be not darkened**, nor the clouds return after the rain:

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.

Can we remember our Creator now from the days of the youth of our spirit, and consider how we have been lowered into the fear and darkness of the earth realm.



And when the change came and our spirit was dispatched into the earth, we became keepers of the house that is called the flesh. Our remembrance of the heavens was veiled and the window of the pineal crystal by which we perceived the face of God was darkened.

1CO 13:12 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.

But in the middle of earth's darkness and transgressions, God has marked the path back to Him by making sure that "the almond tree shall flourish." And once the almond knops of the candlestick is set in place, He leads us to the next tree which provides the olive oil of the Spirit. And so on from tree to tree until we have arrived at the pomegranate tree marking the cleft in the rock.

But the pomegranate is not the end of the path, it only leads us to another tree which eventually brings us face to face with that window that was darkened when our spirit left the heavens.

SON 2:8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

- 9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.
- 2:13 The **fig** tree putteth forth her green figs, and the **vines** with the tender grape ...
- 14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs ...

And once we come to the vine, fig tree, and pomegranate, where does that path lead?

SON 6:11 I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the vine flourished and the pomegranates budded.

- 12 Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like the chariots of Amminadib.
- 13 Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? **As it were the company of two armies.**

The pomegranate tree is a marker in the path that points the way to another tree. Again, we pick up the trail in the Song of Solomon.

SON 7:12 Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the **vine** flourish, whether the **tender grape** appear, and the **pomegranates** bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

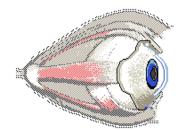
- 13 The mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.
- 8:1 O that thou wert as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! when I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, I should not be despised.
- 2 I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house, who would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine of the juice of my **pomegranate**.
- 3 His left hand should be under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.
- 4 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please.
- 5 Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the **apple tree**: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth that bare thee.

And lo, and behold, we have followed the path back to the apple tree. And when we have reached the apple tree, we have reached the window of the lattice of the pineal crystal. How do we do know this? Does not the pineal gland react to light and regulate the cycles of the body. And through what organ is light perceived? Does not God give us an eye to perceive Him?

PSA 17:8 Keep me as the **apple of the eye**, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

DEU 32:10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the **apple of his eye**.

ZEC 2:8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth **the apple of his eye.** 



#### THE APPLE OF THE EYE

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Under the apple tree is described in Song of Solomon as the place of our birth. And we usually associate the apple with a very pleasant fruit. But, there was something associated with the apple that Jesus suffered for us that was very unpleasant. Do you remember what it is? A clue is given in the adjacent picture of the hyssop plant.

JOH 19:29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a spunge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Vinegar is made by taking apple juice and allowing it to ferment into a cider. The cider is then allowed to have air contact and oxidizes into a dilute solution of acetic acid which is very bitter. Jesus took into Himself the very bitter fruit of the apple that we might receive the very sweet and lovely taste of the apple as we return to the place of our birth where we are born again of the Spirit. When He had done this, He said "It is finished". And when we return to the apple tree, the domain of the earthly is being finished and we can complete the final stages of transfiguration. And it is the hyssop that is used to break down the wall between the right and left - for it springs out of the wall.

1KI 4:33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall ...

## THOSE BORN UNDER THE APPLE TREE OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT WILL TRAVEL LIKE THE WIND

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

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

When we come to the apple tree, we come to the place of the birth of our spirit by the Spirit and we must go through a rebirth to regain that which we once lost when our spirit descended.

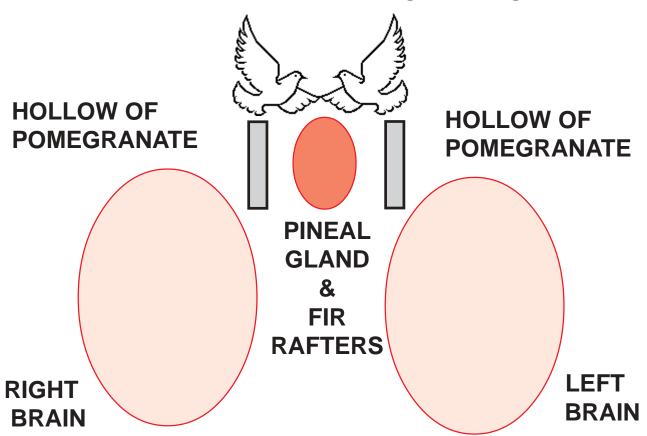
#### GAL 4:26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

- 27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.
- 28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.
- 29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the **Spirit**, even so it is now.

In the vicinity of the apple tree or eye gate is the cedar, the fir tree and the pine tree. Let us look again at the cedar roof and the rafters of fir. For as light comes through the eye gate, it activates cycles of timing and the fir tree involves timing.

SON 1:17 The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.

#### THE FIR TREE - THE TREE OF TIMING



It appears that the fir tree rafters are the means of suspending the pineal gland which is the gland of timing.

ISA 55:12 For ye shall go out with **joy**, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

PSA 104:16 The trees of the LORD are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

17 Where the birds make their nests: **as for** the stork, the fir trees are her house.

JER 8:7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.

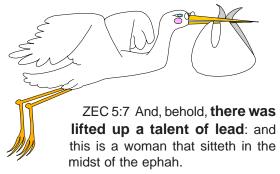
Note that there are four birds associated with the fir tree. These are the stork, the turtle dove, the swallow, and the crane. We shall soon see that our ability to "see" in the spirit has four different levels and we will characterize these levels as ranging from murky darkness to walking under an open heaven. Given these four birds, how would you arrange them in the order of progression? We will start with the crane.



The crane lives in marshes and the swamps and eats the creatures of the water. It associates with the beastly creatures hidden in the dark and dismal swamps.

(Heb. AGUR) Is a wader, migratory, utters a twittering cry and goes in vast flocks (Ency. Judaica).

It is curious that the stork is used as a symbol of a baby being born in the world. And it is fitting that the stork is associated with Shinar or Babylon, because we seem to come into the world born in the state of Babylon.



- 8 And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.
- 9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.
- 10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?
- 11 And he said unto me, **To build it an house in the land of Shinar**: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.
- 6:1 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.

And then after the stork comes the swallow.

The swallow has the unique ability to return to its origins at a set time. Remember the swallows that return to Capistrano?

Is the unique ability of the swallow to return home recognized in scripture? Yes it is.

PSA 84:1 How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

- 2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

And then we come to the symbol of the dove-probably the most well known in its meaning.

ISA 60:8 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?



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

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

Given a choice, which one of these birds would we want to be in our fir tree as a symbol of the pineal gland? The answer to Christians is obvious, but lets discuss the progression of the state of our pineal gland from one state to another.

When we come into the world, we most likely come in the Babylonian state as symbolized by the stork and we rely mainly on intellect. If we go downward to the beast mind that Babylon rides upon, we go to the state of the crane. On the other hand if we follow the Lord's leading, we return to the altar of our birth in the spirit. This is the doing of the swallow. And if we would walk under an open heaven, then we would progress to the dove. And no longer would we see through a glass darkly. These are the birds of timing that nest in the pineal gland suspended from the fir rafters.

#### ALL THIS TALK ABOUT PEOPLE BEING TREES IS WACKY; DO YOU THINK WE HAVE SAND IN OUR BRAIN OR SOMETHING?

Well, perhaps we have dwelt a lot on examples of trees - and perhaps it is difficult to see people walking out the various tree experiences. But, on the other hand, some times we have to have help to really "see" something, and the best way to get help to ask one who can give it. We read the account below of a person who had trouble seeing.

MAR 8:22 And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

25 After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

26 And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.



JOH 3:12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

It is in Pentecost that we begin to see the mystery of the trees. But, the second healing of the eyesight was necessary to remove the darkness from the eye's window so that the formerly blind man could clearing see the meaning of the symbols of the trees.

Now, we will go on to the second question - about brain sand. And the answer is that there is indeed such a thing as "brain sand" and it is more prevalent as humans age and sometimes become more forgetful.

Let us return to our consideration of the Rochelle salt crystals that are scraped out of wine casks. Remember the word that was given (without any substantiation) that the pineal gland has Rochelle salt crystals within it which process the optical and electromagnetic waves much like the crystal in a radio processes radio waves.

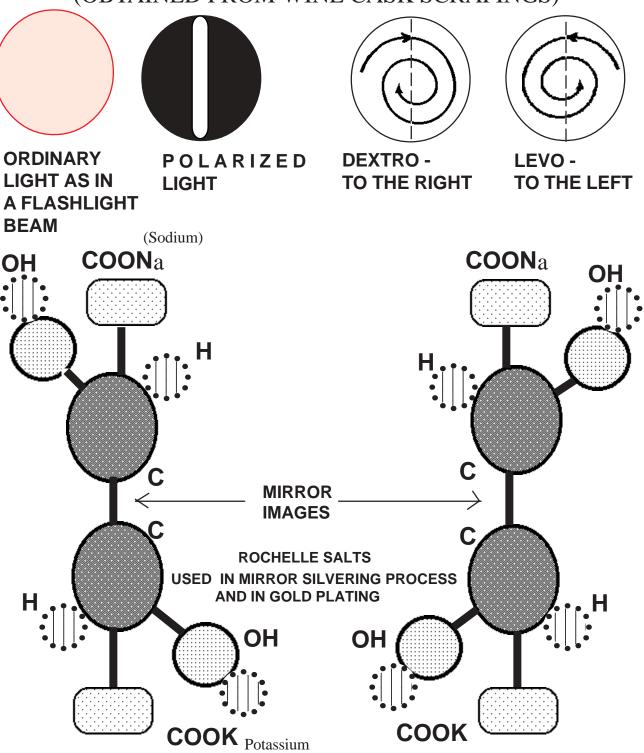
Note the graphical representation of the two compounds on the left - they are mirror images of each other. (The drawing is only to give a rough idea of the appearance of the compounds and is not based on any particular molecular picturing system). For all practical purposes, one would say that these two compounds are twins - but they are not - they have different physical properties.

One difference is in how light reacts when passed through a container of the liquid. Suppose we had a flashlight and placed a solid piece of metal over the end of it. And suppose that this metal had a **very** narrow slit in it. When looking at the light, we would see a narrow slit of light which we might say had been polarized into a vertical beam.

However, if this narrow slit of light were shined down into a beaker of the dextro compound, we would see that this slit of light would be rotated to the right as it traveled down through the liquid. Dextro means right. On the other hand, the levo compound would always rotate the light to the left hand. Levo means left. So, while the dextro and levo compounds appear to be twins -they are not.

#### **OPTICALLY ACTIVE TARTARIC COMPOUNDS**





Note at the very top of each molecule you will see the atomic symbol **Na** which stands for sodium. At the very bottom of the molecule, you will see a **K** symbol which stands for potassium. The tartaric acid is essentially all that is in between the Na and the K. An acid and a base react to form a salt.

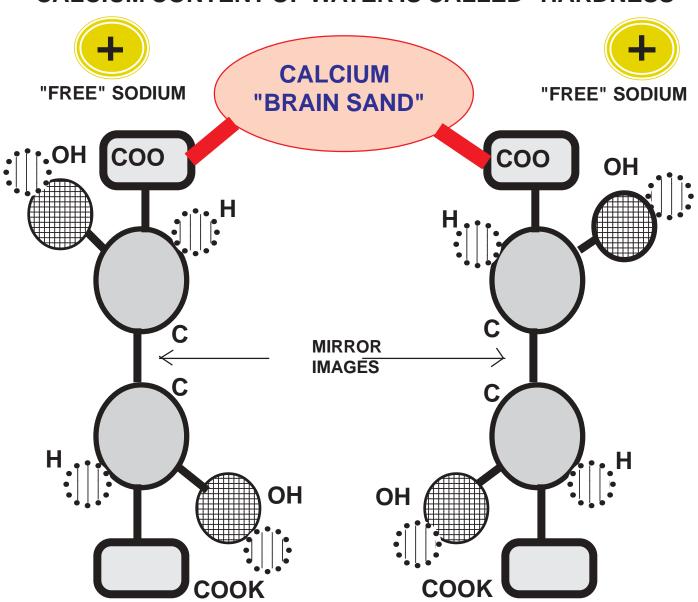
Therefore, we say that Rochelle salts are the sodium-potassium salts of tartaric acid. If you have ever worked with a water softener, you know that the sodium in common table salt is used to regenerate the softener and the hardness (calcium) is removed from the water by the softener. "One of the things that has long puzzled scientists is the fact that, as many of us age, our pineal glands calcify. In fact, X-rays of the pineal of an older person often show that the pineal is full of calcium deposits or so-called brain sand, and many scientists have assumed that this deterioration affects the pineal function." From: The Melatonin Miracle

MAT 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

MAR 10:5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

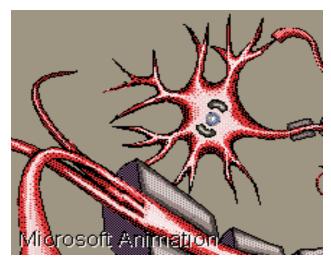
#### **CALCIUM CONTENT OF WATER IS CALLED "HARDNESS"**



When a water softener removes the calcium or hardness from the water, it lets the sodium atom go free. The sodium atom does not interfere with the action of soap like the "hard" calcium atom does. Therefore, we have soft water. The calcium atom ties up the twin molecules and interferes with their light rotating and electrical transmission properties. The light is no longer rotated properly. Our pineal crystal is calcified and we seem to have "sand" in our brain.

#### SODIUM AND POTASSIUM ATOMS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE NERVOUS SYSTEM SIGNALS

Some of you may be more interested than others in how the sodium and potassium ions are involved in the transmission of nerve signals. If that process did not work, the optic nerve signals would not be bringing to your brain what you are reading at this very moment. As you scan the information below, note how the very nerve impulses themselves are carried by pulses in the sodium and potassium concentrations.



"Neurophysiology, the study of how nerve cells, or neurons, receive and transmit information. Two types of phenomena are involved in processing nerve signals: electrical and chemical. Electrical events propagate a signal within a neuron, and chemical processes transmit the signal from one neuron to another neuron or to a muscle cell ...

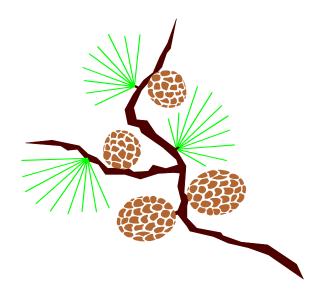
#### **Electrical Transmission**

A neuron is polarized, that is, it has a negative electrical charge inside the cell membrane. This is due to the free movement of positively charged potassium ions through the cell membrane and, at the same time, the retention of large, negatively charged molecules within the cell. Positively charged sodium ions are kept outside the cell by an active process. All cells have this charge difference, but when a stimulating current is applied to a nerve cell, a unique event occurs. First, potassium ions flow into the cell, reducing the negative charge (depolarization). At a certain point the properties of the membrane change and the cell becomes permeable to sodium, which rapidly enters the cell and causes a net positive charge inside the neuron. This is called the action potential.

Once this potential is reached at one area in the neuron, it travels down the axon by ion exchange at specific points, called nodes of Ranvier. The size of the action potential is self-limiting, because a high internal sodium concentration causes the pumping out first of potassium and then of sodium ions, restoring the negative charge inside the cell membrane, that is the neuron is repolarized. The whole process takes less than one-thousandth of a second. After a very brief period, called the refractory period, the neuron can repeat this process. """Neurophysiology," Microsoft (R) Encarta. Copyright (c) 1994 Microsoft Corporation. Copyright (c) 1994 Funk & Wagnall's Corporation.

The fir tree seems to provide the suspension rafters for the pineal gland, the cedar tree is the general covering, and the apple tree is the gateway or eye way of light to the pineal gland. But what tree represents the pineal gland itself?

NEH 8:15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and **pine branches**, and myrtle branches, and palm branches,



ISA 60:13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, **the pine tree**, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

EZE 1:27 And I saw as the colour of **amber**, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

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.

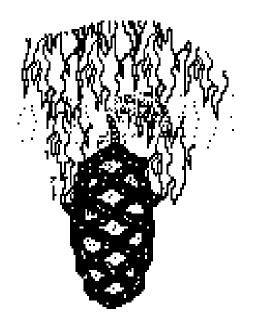
31 And as he passed over **Penuel the sun rose upon him**, and he halted upon his thigh.

Since the Bible says that we are to look for the fruit of the tree, let us consider the fruit of the pine - a pine cone.

The fruit of the pines, a cone, requires two or rarely three seasons to mature. It is composed of numerous woody, armed or unarmed scales spirally arranged about a woody central axis, each bearing two winged, or rarely wingless, seeds. The cones of several species open at maturity to release their seeds, others remain closed for several seasons; still others require the heat of a forest fire to open them in appreciable quantities. In such instances vast amount of viable seed are accumulated through the years, which when released, completely reseed burned over areas. (Encyclopedia Brittannica).

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon

each of them.



The World Book Encyclopedia has this to say about the pineal gland:

**PINEAL GLAND,** *PIHN ee uhl,* is an organ near the center of the brain. But it is not part of the brain. The pineal is shaped like a pine cone--from which it got its name-and is about the size of a pea.

Experiments with laboratory animals have shown that the pineal serves as a biological "clock." It helps regulate the timing of certain body functions by secreting various chemicals. The gland secretes different amounts of these chemicals during periods of light than during periods of darkness. Nerves signal the pineal when the eyes see light.

Since the pineal gland is named because it resembles the pine cone, one wonders if the human pineal gland is like the cones that lie dormant and are activated by the fire. By and large, our spiritual eye lies dormant until it is activated by the fiery passage between the cherubim back into the garden. Then we begin to see dreams and visions as the tongues of fire sit upon our head (Pentecost). But this is only the beginning (or earnest) of the activation of the Spirit within our inner spiritual crystal or eye.

GEN 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and **a flaming sword** which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

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.

2CO 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, **who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.** 

There are many that believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit but more correctly, the full step is the baptism in the Holy Spirit **and** fire. The fire seems to ignite the candlestick and then also the incense altar which must be taken into the holiest place of the tabernacle (Heb 9:4).

LUK 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:** 

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

#### FROM THE THRONE

LUK 15:11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

12 And the younger of them said to his father, **Father**, **give me the portion of goods that falleth to me**. And he divided unto them his living.

### THE FALL



#### TO THE GARDEN

EZE 31:8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chesnut trees were not like his branches; nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

- 9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.
- 10 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;
- 11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; he shall surely deal with him: **I have driven him out** for his wickedness.

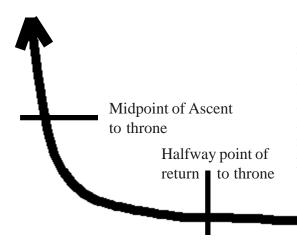
The scriptures speak that "the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Therefore, our spirit was once with God. And we can look at the path of the prodigal son who was once with his father, but took that which "falleth to me" and started a downward descent. We can see how he was deceived by the world and came through a garden. His mental capabilities fell even further as he went past the gates of the garden to eat at the swine trough of the wilderness. He had nothing.

#### TO THE SWINE'S TROUGH

LUK 15:16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

- 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
- 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

#### **EVERYTHING**



Once the prodigal son realized that he had nothing, he could start the process of retracing his path of descent and returning and ascending to his father's house. And we often think of the prodigal son in terms of someone who squanders his youth. But, is his story really any different from that of Adam's race and the very plight in which we find ourselves? And as you examine the path below, you will find that it is not really very different than the path at the top of the next page as we walk out the steps.

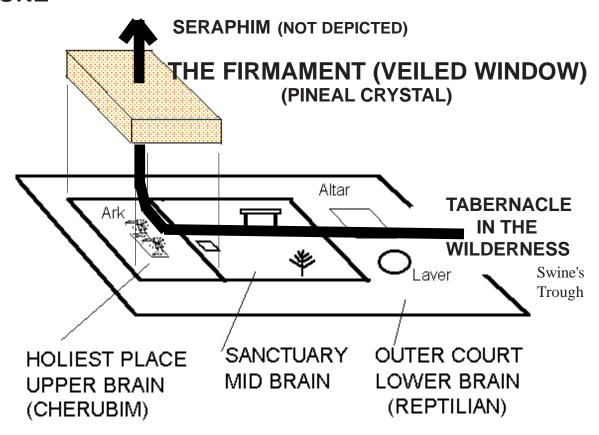
Swine's trough

**NOTHING** 

# THE THRONE

#### RETURN TO THE FATHER

24 ELDERS - (NOT DEPICTED)

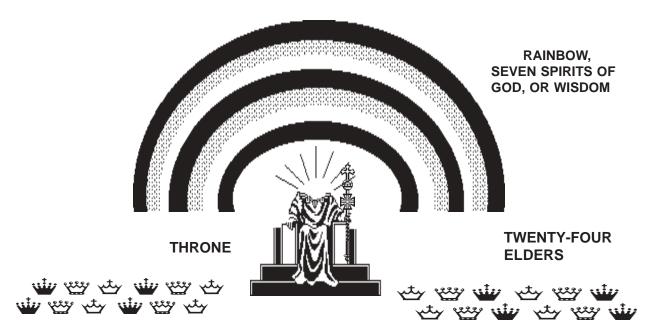


Adam's race became estranged from God and went outside the garden. But the Father yearned for Adam to come back and He made a way for him to return from the world. While Adam's race was yet in sin, the Father sent a mediator to begin to draw him back. When Adam's race acknowledged that Jesus was and is the Son of God, he was brought out of the wilderness into the outer court of the tabernacle. It was here at the altar that the Lamb was slain for the sins of Adam's race and forgiveness for sins was granted. And then to the laver, where the baptism water was granted to permit Adam's race to bury the old man of sin and walk in newness of life.

And then a vail was removed as the mighty wind of the Spirit came at Pentecost and the flames of fire sat upon the head that the long dormant candlestick could be lit. And by the light of the Spirit, Adam's race ate the shewbread of the Word with new understanding in the sanctuary or midcourt. And as Adam's race continued westward in the tabernacle, the baptism of fire ignited the coals of the incense altar.

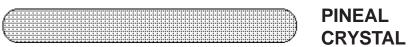
And then came the fateful day when Jesus drank the vinegar on the hyssop and said, "It is finished!" And vail to the holiest place was ripped in twain, and Adam's race came back to the gateway of the Cherubims at the east of the garden. And Adam's race once again returned to the garden.

The path through the tabernacle to the ark was a completion of the horizontal or earthly walk. And even as Jesus ascended into the heavens, Adam's race would begin to learn the secrets of ascension back to the throne, so that through the blood of Jesus they might come boldly to the throne of Grace and be reunited with their heavenly Father. The prodigal son had found his way home.



#### **SERAPHIMS - (NOT DEPICTED)**

#### FIRMAMENT OR GLASSY SEA



The transition from Pentecost to Tabernacles begins in the sanctuary or mid-court with the almond tree knoped candlestick and the olive oil. The process of ripping the vail to the holiest place began at Gethsemane where Jesus sweated great drops of blood. Gethsemane means "olive press".

And the day of atonement brings the high priest into the holiest place and vail is rent. It is here that the tree branch experiences of the feast of tabernacles begins in earnest. Some of the trees that we have studied are listed below.

And, yes there are at least twelve trees in the diferent manner of fruit making up the tree of life.

PINE
FIR
CEDAR
APPLE
THE TOTAL TOTAL

FIG VINE PALM OLIVE ALMOND

But we are simply listing ten here and will await further revelation as to how the trees fit into the overall pattern. As we enter the holiest place and come between the Cherubims, we can begin the ascent upward toward the firmament above the head of the Cherubims. Once we ascend through the firmament, we stand upon the glassy sea and have achieved a great victory over the beast nature. This brings a transition from just understanding the concept to manifesting the reality in our soul and spirit.

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.

This writing has dealt primarily with the path from the holiest place of the tabernacle up through the glassy sea. We have dealt very little with the Seraphims and only slightly with the inner doors leading to the twenty-four elders. These seem to be mysteries which wait for a later timing and further revelation and experiences. Therefore, we will not attempt to go beyond what has been given to us at this time.

When we look at the Cherubims over the ark, we tend to see in two dimensions instead of four (the fourth dimension being time). And we face the same kind of problem in understanding the Seraphims. Secondly, beyond the vail of the crystal sea (or the glassy firmament) lies an unseen realm that we only receive glimpses of from time to time in visions and dreams. We must have the darkness removed from our crystal in order to have that face to face communication with the Most High God. What an adventure as we ascend through the glassy sea and come into an awesome new realm in the orders of the chariot!

The newspaper article shown below reveals some of the very intriguing new discoveries about the unseen realms of the human mind. Interestingly enough, it reports that " In all, scientists suspect there may be four separate memory systems in the brain, rather than one, as long believed."

# Research backs theory of two memory systems

#### By ROBERT LEE HOTZ

Los Angeles Times

Peering into the dark well of human memory, researchers have produced compelling new evidence for at least two independent systems of memory long theorized by neuroscientists, which go to the heart of how the brain learns and remembers.

In a series of remarkable experiments with patients suffering from different kinds of brain damage, the researchers showed that some could not learn a new task but could easily recall being tutored in it, while others could learn the new task, even though they were never able to recall the many sessions in which they tried it.

The experiments, conducted by researchers at the Universities of California at Los Angeles and at San Diego, highlight the difference between conscious memory and non-conscious learning abilities.

Published in today's Science, the reports are the latest in a series of studies that shed new light into the intersection of the conscious mind, cognition and physical structure of the human brain.

"There are a lot of important clinical implications to this work," said Richard Thompson, director of the University of Southern California neuroscience program in Los Angeles.

"The more we know about where these memories are stored and about the neurochemistry of how they are stored and retrieved, the more likely we are to develop treatments to improve or repair brain damage," he said.

In recent studies, other researchers have revealed the interplay between emotion and recollection, between

learned habit and conscious thought, and between memories made for the moment and those that become a permanent part of the brain's chemical structure.

In all, scientists suspect there may be four separate memory systems in the brain, rather than one, as long believed. Each system, they suggest, handles a different kind of information and experience.

Focusing on two of those proposed systems, the newest study compared the learning abilities of people with amnesia and those with Parkinson's disease. The aim was to show that the anatomy of memory is so complex that the brain processes conscious memories of events in one region and the memories needed to retain learning in another.

Amnesia, stemming from damage to a part of the brain called the hippocampus, impairs the ability to acquire and consciously recall information about past facts and events but spares the brain's capacity to learn new skills and habits.

Conversely, Parkinson's disease, which affects the basal ganglia, has the opposite effect. The learning ability may be gone but conscious memory is left intact.

Consequently, the kinds of experiences one set of patients in the study could remember, the other set of patients could not, and vice versa.

"This is the strongest kind of evidence that one could get," said UC San Diego memory expert Larry Squire, who performed the study with UCLA psychologist Barbara Knowlton and University of Toronto psychologist Jennifer Mangels.

Squire and his colleagues conducted the study with 12 patients with amnesia, 20 people with Parkinson's disease and 15 control subjects who had no brain damage.

HEB 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, **the evidence of things not seen.** 

- 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.
- 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.

It would appear that some elements of our memory systems are linked to the physical anatomy of our terrestrial body and other elements of our memory systems are linked to the unseen, celestial world. Therefore, we will likely search in vain in the physical realm for the unseen. As we ascend closer and closer to the throne, we hear the words of the song, "the things of earth begin to grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace." The prophet Ezekiel described the Cherubims with the "terrible crystal" over their head. The prophet Isaiah was given visions beyond the terrible crystal into the very glory of the throne room.

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

2 **Above it stood the seraphims**: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

1CO 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

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