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Books of the Bible - Abbreviation List

Old Testament

Gen.	Genesis
Exo.	Exodus
Lev.	Leviticus
Num.	Numbers
Deu.	Deuteronomy
Jos.	Joshua
Jdg.	Judges
Rth.	Ruth
1Sa.	1 Samuel
2Sa.	2 Samuel
1Ki.	1 Kings
2Ki.	2 Kings
1Ch.	1 Chronicles
2Ch.	2 Chronicles
Ezr.	Ezra
Neh.	Nehemiah
Est.	Esther
Job.	Job
Psa.	Psalms
Pro.	Proverbs
Ecc.	Ecclesiastes
Son.	The Song of Solomon
Isa.	Isaiah
Jer.	Jeremiah
Lam.	Lamentations
Eze.	Ezekiel
Dan.	Daniel
Hos.	Hosea
Joe.	Joel
Amo.	Amos
Oba.	Obadiah
Jon.	Jonah
Mic.	Micah
Nah.	Nahum
Hab.	Habakkuk

Zep.	Zephaniah
Hag.	Haggai
Zec.	Zechariah
Mal.	Malachi

New Testament

Mat.	Matthew
Mar.	Mark
Luk.	Luke
Joh.	John
Act.	Acts
Rom.	Romans
1Co.	1 Corinthians
2Co.	2 Corinthians
Gal.	Galatians
Eph.	Ephesians
Php.	Philippians
Col.	Colossians
1Th.	1 Thessalonians
2Th.	2 Thessalonians
1Ti.	1 Timothy
2Ti.	2 Timothy
Tit.	Titus
Phm.	Philemon
Heb.	Hebrews
Jas.	James
1Pe.	1 Peter
2Pe.	2 Peter
1Jn.	1 John
2Jn.	2 John
3Jn.	3 John
Jud.	Jude
Rev.	Revelation

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INTRODUCTION

(Ecc.1:9) That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. (10) Is there a thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been long ago, in the ages which were before us.

(Ecc.3:15) That which is hath been long ago; and that which is to be hath long ago been: and God seeketh again that which is passed away.

These verses were written by Solomon, the King of Israel, one of the wisest men who ever walked the earth. He is telling us that history repeats and if we learn to read the clues given in the Old and New Testaments, we will be able to understand current events and the way God works in our lives today.

Our teacher in these pages, David Eells of Unleavened Bread Ministries, takes us on an excursion through the Book of Matthew to show us how prophecy is fulfilled first in the letter and then in the Spirit in these latter days. We will learn to read Matthew as not only history, but as extremely accurate prophecy, as God prepares His people for what lies ahead. It is guaranteed that you cannot find insight and teaching like this anywhere else because the Lord has hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes (Matthew 11:25). God chooses the meek of the world to deliver His message because His power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

CHAPTER ONE

The 42nd Generation

Father, in the Name of Jesus, we're thanking You so much, Lord, for all that You have meant to us, all that the Lord Jesus has done for us, and all that He has sacrificed to give us. Lord, we know that Your abundant life has already been provided and that we're just entering into these things by faith. Lord, reveal and open our understanding to know and apprehend those things that You have provided for us. Thank You, Lord, for showing us the things that are coming, to encourage us and to help us to know how to be in agreement with Your plan. And thank You, Lord, for reaching out to us, drawing us unto Yourself and providing for us in these coming days. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. Praise the Lord!

Seven Chronological Years

The Bible says, ***That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun (Ecc.1:9)***. We quite often look at the Scriptures, even in the natural, as something that's a revelation of the distant future, but we need to study the Gospels to give ourselves a revelation of soon-coming things that are now almost upon us. Years ago, I shared with you how everything that has happened in the Gospels and in the Book of Acts is now coming again upon the earth, except the cast of characters has been multiplied many times over, meaning that they will be corporate bodies of people

all over the world walking in the steps of earlier individuals. The Lord also spoke to me years ago that the Gospels represented the first 3½ years of the Tribulation period and that the Book of Acts represented the second 3½ years of the Tribulation period.

There's a doctrine out there which teaches that Jesus ministered for only one year because they do not see that the Feasts that Jesus kept did not all happen in the same year in the Scriptures. But one very good proof is in *Bible Chronology* by Ivan Panin. It basically proves the correct chronology through numeric patterns. Panin's book is one of the only chronologies out there that actually uses Bible dates that can be found by cross-referencing other Bible dates. The only other book I know of was from Martin Anstey, who wrote *Romance of Bible Chronology* back in 1913. Both authors' chronology comes only from Bible dates. There is also a way to verify those dates with Numerics, the numeric pattern. So here's what I've found concerning Jesus' ministry: Year one of His ministry was in AD 27, year two in AD 28, year three AD 29, and the Cross, resurrection, ascension and Pentecost all happened in AD 30. That is cross-referenced with numeric Bible chronology. I personally already believed what they're saying because of what the Lord told me, but I think there are things we can point out and see through the Gospels that will show us that the 3½-year ministry of Jesus is just like the one we're about to enter now, only with a new reformation leadership which the Bible calls the "Man-child."

The Father of the Spiritual Man

I'd like to start in Matthew because I think there's a picture there of what happens through the rest of the Gospels. Now, some people think that Matthew 1 is the dullest part of the whole Gospel because it has all those "begat"s and "begat"s. I'm not going to recite all of those to you here, but I would like to point out a few things. First, where it speaks of ***The book of the generation of Jesus Christ (Mat.1:1)***, according to Numerics, it says simply, "The generation of Jesus Christ," or "The genealogy of Jesus Christ." Either way, it's the same word. The interesting thing is that the word "generation" here is actually the Greek word *genesis*, so it can be read as "The *genesis* of Jesus Christ." You know that the Book of Genesis is about the creation of Adam and the natural creation and yet here we're starting another "Genesis" of what the Bible calls "the last Adam" (1 Corinthians 15:45), Jesus Christ. This is not speaking of the natural creation, but the spiritual creation, the creation of the "born-again" man, Jesus Christ being the Adam of this new race of people who are created to be sons of God.

People have really perplexing questions about the genealogy here in Matthew 1 and one of those perplexing questions is, "Why does it seem to be the genealogy of Joseph?" For instance, it says, ***and Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ (Mat.1:16)***. So we follow the genealogy from Abraham to Joseph here and that Jesus was of virgin birth. Mary was ***with child of the Holy Spirit (Mat.1:18)***. In fact, Joseph really had nothing physically to do with bringing Jesus forth. Joseph was not the father of His flesh. Mary was actually the mother of His flesh, but

the Bible tells us that it is the seed of the woman that was going to bring forth the Son who would crush the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15). God used the DNA from Mary to create the body of Jesus, the fleshly part of Jesus. He was the Son of God and Son of Man. The Son of God came in a body that He called the Son of Man. Of course, ***That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (Joh.3:6)***. That means your natural creation has been born of your fleshly parents, but your spiritual creation came from God, just like when God breathed into the first Adam the "breath" (or *ruach*, which is the Hebrew word for "spirit"), the "breath of life" (Genesis 2:7). That spiritual man in you came from God, but the carnal man was passed on by your parents.

So why mention Joseph in this passage? Because we are really wanting to know of whom Jesus was born. I think that's a really interesting question and it goes right to the root of why this is the *genesis* of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. *Genesis* also means "birth," "beginning," "origin" and so forth. Jesus is the beginning and He is the end (Revelation 1:8). He is the beginning of the new creation man and He is the end; all things would be summed up in Him (Ephesians 1:10). Getting to the point here, Joseph did have something to do with raising Jesus; he had everything to do with the spiritual man and nothing to do with the carnal man.

Joseph was ordained of God to represent Him in raising Jesus in the image of God. You say, "That doesn't make sense. He's the Son of God." But the Bible says, ***And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (Luk.2:52)***. Joseph had something to do with that. He could contribute none of his physical

self in bringing forth Jesus, but he contributed both words and actions into Jesus' life in order to train Him up and bring Him into the image of God that He was ordained to be. In Hebrews, it appears to be Jesus speaking when He says, ***a body didst thou prepare for me (Heb.10:5)***. The Son of God in Heaven came down to inhabit a body that was brought forth through Mary, but the lineage written is of Joseph. Actually, it even says that. ***(Mat.1:16) And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ***. It didn't give Joseph any credit for the birth of Jesus; Jesus was of virgin birth. But Joseph had something to do with bringing forth this *genesis*, this new generation of man, because what he was sowing into the life of Jesus were words, actions, an example and other such things. Even though Jesus was the only begotten Son of God, meaning "born" Son of God, and even though He was filled with the Holy Spirit while still in the womb, He still had to be raised up into the fullness of that image.

Speaking Life

(Luk.2:52) And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. The seed that Joseph sowed in Jesus' life is the most important seed in bringing forth the spiritual man and not the carnal man. In the carnal man, it is a physical seed that brings forth the physical life. But the spiritual man, which lives in all of us who have been born from above, is born by the seed of the Word of God that has been sown in us. We're told, ***It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit,***

and are life (Joh.6:63). So Jesus was doing the exact same thing that was done to Him: He was sowing in the disciples the Spirit and the life of God through the Word of God that He was speaking. Joseph could have had an ordained work from God in bringing forth the spiritual man here, but he had nothing to do with the physical.

We are also told, ***That is, it is not the children of the flesh that are children of God; but the children of the promise are reckoned for a seed (Rom.9:8).*** The “children of the promise” is the promise that was spoken to them that put faith in their heart to receive the gift of God to be what they were not before. With all of us, that’s the way salvation is. It’s God working in us to will and to do of His good pleasure (Ephesians 1:5,11). Mary was not, as some people say, the “mother” of God. She was the mother of Jesus’ flesh. What was sown in Jesus Christ was sent from God the Father; the Father sent His only begotten Son (John 3:16). It had nothing to do with, and was even in spite of, Mary. She even had to receive salvation, obviously, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14; 2:4). But she was required and necessary to be the mother of the flesh that Jesus would come to live and walk in as the Son of God. And yet, this whole genealogy in Matthew is all about bringing forth the spiritual man and not the carnal man, or it would have been Mary’s genealogy written in Matthew.

What we’re seeing here is that the physical is not so important. Any flesh out there can manifest bearing the fruit of the Son of God if the seed is sown in it. The Lord God is showing us by this example that the important thing is what is spoken into someone’s life. This is how we pass on our seed in the Kingdom; we pass it on through the Word of God.

In the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:3-23), Jesus sowed the seed and the seed was the Word of God, and He brought forth in people's hearts the fruit 30-, 60- and 100-fold. Jesus was what He was, in spite of His human heritage. According to Romans 8, He had to overcome His human heritage. He was ***one that hath been in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin (Heb.4:15). (Rom.1:3) Concerning his Son, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, (4) who was declared [to be] the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness ... Therefore, That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (Joh.3:6).*** That which came from Mary was the seed of David because she was in the lineage of David and God took her DNA to do that. But that which was born of God out of heaven was the Spirit of God, according to what Jesus said.

Genealogy of the Spirit

In the Scriptures, it's very plain that in the spiritual man, which is the Son of God (or the sons of God, as we are), our lineage is not according to genealogy at all. Jesus was the only begotten Son of God, in Whom we all live (Acts 17:28) and we manifest our sonship through Him. Scripture portrays Melchizedek as a theophany, very much in the same way Jesus is a Theophany or, in other words, "God in flesh." Jesus is said to be ***a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek (Heb.6:20).*** Both Melchizedek and Jesus were ***without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God***

(Heb.7:3). It says “without father, without mother” because we’re talking about the Son of God, not the son of man. The son of man has an earthly father, earthly mother, earthly genealogy, but the Son of God does not have any such thing. The Son of God is eternal. He is the Word which came down out of heaven (John 1:14), which we eat like the Israelites ate the manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16:4).

When we read this Word, we absorb it into ourselves. We spiritually eat that Word of God, which is eternal, and that recreates in us the Son of God, which has no end. There’s no genealogy to the Son of God in you. **(Col.1:27) ... Christ in you, the hope of glory.** There’s no beginning of days nor end of life because He is eternal. That Word is simply recreating in you the manifestation of God in you. This is what the Bible refers to where it says, **For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing** (“manifestation”) **of the sons of God (Rom.8:19)**. So we see that there is no earthly genealogy, no physical genealogy, to a son of God. This genealogy in Matthew is a genealogy of people concluding with Joseph, who had no physical connection, but was only sowing a seed in the life of Jesus to raise Him up from a child. And, of course, we’re also being raised up in the same way.

Counting Unto Christ

(Mat.1:17) So all the generations from Abraham unto David are fourteen generations; and from David unto the carrying away to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the carrying away to Babylon unto the Christ fourteen generations. Praise God! It’s very interesting that it’s so neatly divid-

ed. I remember one time years and years ago, as we read this in a Bible study in my home, that somebody said, “I’ve counted these and there aren’t 14 generations there. There are 14, 14 and then 13.” So we all started counting and we counted it again and again and we said, “Hey, you’re right! There’s 14, 14 and then 13.” We had to be careful not to double-count between the paragraphs, for instance, in verses 11 and 12, where there is a paragraph break. Jechoniah is mentioned twice and you could count him twice, so we had to be careful.

There aren’t 14 generations in the last paragraph, yet God says here that there were 14 generations! At the time, the answer came to me that this is not referring to Christ Himself, but that the “fourteen generations” were speaking about Jesus’ offspring, meaning the body of Christ. Then it would be correct. That would make Christ the 41st generation and it would make the people of God the 42nd generation, which explanation I still believe today. I received a word of knowledge at that time and I believe that God was speaking to me, that in the phrase, “unto the Christ,” the word “Christ” is actually used of the saints. And, if we’re “in Christ,” we are part of the 42nd generation, even though the fullness of that is coming forth in the days that we’re in right now.

Anointed Offspring of Jesus

2 Corinthians has a good proof that the 42nd generation is speaking of Jesus’ offspring. **(2Co.1:21) Now he that establisheth us with you in** (Greek: “into”) **Christ, and anointed us, is God.** Here we have the word “Christ,” which in Greek is *Christos*, and we have the verb

“anointed,” which in Greek is the verb *chrío* and means the same thing. Those who are established “into Christ” are one body and “anointed,” which is the verb *chrío*. So when He says, “unto the Christ” in Matthew, it could very well be (and I’m totally convinced that it is, from other proof that we’ll look at), this anointed body; that is, the offspring of Jesus. Remember, Jesus was the progenitor of this body. He sowed the seed, which is the Word of God, that went into the hearts of men.

In the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13, the word “seed” is the Greek word *sperma*. The Sower sowed the *sperma* to bring forth fruit 30-, 60- and 100-fold. So “unto the Christ” could very well be the “anointed” because He is saying that we are those anointed. The word “anointed,” or *chrío*, is the very same word Jesus spoke when He read from Isaiah. **(Luk.4:18) *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Because He anointed me ...*** So Jesus is the *Chrío* and His body is the *Chrío*. He left an individual body in order to come back in a corporate body so He could do to the whole world what He did in the Middle East. That was the whole point, a glorious work of God.

Notice that “He establisheth us into Christ.” We are the anointed because we are in Him. You know, it’s Christ in you and you in Christ, as He said. **(Joh.17:21) ... *That they may all be one; even as thou, Father, [art] in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us ...*** This is what everyone wants to call a “mystery,” but the more of Christ we get in us, the more we are the anointed. We need to be receiving what He received when He was anointed; we need to be receiving the power of the Holy Spirit. He manifestly became the Christ because He was anointed with the Holy Spirit. And then we also see

of Christ this additional proof. ***(Eph.1:10) Unto a dispensation of the fulness of the times, to sum up all things*** (There is no numeric pattern to include the word “things” here.) ***in Christ the things in the heavens, and the things upon the earth; in him, [I say,] (11) in whom also we were made a heritage, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his will.*** He wanted to sum up all people in Christ, in the anointed, in *Christos*, and we are that “all people.”

Chosen Generation

Galatians 3 tells us that there is just one generation after Jesus, the 42nd generation. ***(Gal.3:16) Now to Abraham were the promises spoken, and to his seed. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*** There is only one seed of Christ. If we abide in Him, then we are now His corporate body on the earth and Paul tells us this a little further down. ***(Gal.3:28) There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for ye all are one [man] in Christ Jesus. (29) And if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed*** (Notice that the “seed” is singular, just one.), ***heirs according to promise.***

How do we become heirs? We become heirs according to the promise that enters our hearts. It works in us the faith to receive all the benefits of the Kingdom and to walk as Christ walked. This is an amazing thing that God is doing. The only way that we can be a part of this generation, the 42nd generation, is to receive the Word of God,

which is the very seed that makes us a member of the body of Christ. That's why Joseph is listed there in Matthew 1 because Joseph could pass on to Jesus the wisdom that a child would not have. **(Luk.2:52) And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.** It says, **But ye are an elect race** (Greek: *genos*, "chosen generation") **(1Pe.2:9)**. We are a chosen generation. There is just one generation from the time of Jesus on. We have all received the same seed, the Word of God, and allow it to bear fruit. We all come into the same body and we have been chosen to be a part of that body in the earth to do the works of God.

The Generation That Was to Come

There is more interesting revelation found in Psalms. **(Psa.102:12) But thou, O Lord, wilt abide for ever; And thy memorial [name] unto all generations.** So all of the generations of God's people become one generation, the 42nd generation. **(13) Thou wilt arise, and have mercy upon Zion ...** When is God going to do this? We know that it's in these days He is going to do this. He is going to bring His children out of bondage in Babylon back to Zion. **(Psa.102:13) Thou wilt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; For it is time to have pity upon her, Yea, the set time is come.** This is the time, our day. This is when God is going to have pity on Zion, to raise her up again. He will raise up Zion, whose land has been desolate because God's people were taken into Babylonish captivity. Now they're going to return by His grace to their Promised Land. **(Psa.102:14) For thy servants take pleasure in her stones ...** "Her stones" are a symbol of separation

from the world. Zion, the Tower of the Flock, separated the people from the world. It represents holiness; it represents being on the mountain of God; it represents overcoming the world and drawing close to His Presence, which is on top of the mountain.

(Psa.102:14) For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, And have pity upon her dust. (15) So the nations shall fear the name of the Lord, And all the kings of the earth thy glory. Before this is over, that's exactly what's going to happen: the nations are going to fear the name of the Lord because He is once again going to show His sovereignty and His judgments in the earth, just as He did in the time of Moses. Egypt was a type of the nations. ***(Psa.102:16) For the Lord hath built up Zion*** (which is the Bride, according to Revelation 21:2); ***He hath appeared in his glory.*** The Lord is coming in His people. It is a body made up of Himself, His Word and His life. ***(Psa.102:17) He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute, And hath not despised their prayer.*** Does that perhaps indicate that in these days many are going to draw close to the Lord because of destitution in the world, tribulation in the world and a wilderness experience? That's what it sounds like to me.

(Psa.102:18) This shall be written for the generation to come ... Notice that it is one generation, the 42nd generation, in whom Jesus lives. ***(Col.1:27) ... Christ in you, the hope of glory.*** It's not the 41st generation, which was Jesus, but the 42nd generation, in whom Jesus lives. ***(Psa.102:18) This shall be written for the generation to come; And a people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.*** That's the 42nd generation, one generation, the generation of the Lord. Remember what

was said back in Matthew: it is “the generation of Jesus Christ.” That’s what the whole genealogy was about; it was about “the *genesis* (same word) of Jesus Christ.”

(Psa.102:19) For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; From heaven did the Lord behold the earth; (20) To hear the sighing of the prisoner ... This is referring to God’s people being in bondage. He is coming once again to deliver His people out of bondage to the carnal man in Egypt. The Israelite, the spiritual man, was in bondage to the carnal man, the Egyptian. The Lord was coming down to set them free, which He is about to do again. All those are types and shadows of what now is going to happen during the Tribulation period. Even the judgments that Moses poured out are the ones that the Man-child will pour out on Egypt, the world. ***(Psa.102:20) To hear the sighing of the prisoner; To loose those that are appointed to death; (21) That men may declare the name of the Lord in Zion*** (Zion was the refuge of God’s people.), ***And his praise in Jerusalem; (22) When the peoples are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.*** Praise God!

His Generation

There is another text about the same thing in Isaiah. ***(Isa.53:8) By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who among them*** (The words “among them” was not in the original manuscript.) ***considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?***

(Isa.53:9) And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death; although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Praise the Lord! This is the generation of the Lord, which is the generation or genealogy of Jesus Christ in Matthew 1.

One Seed

We can see that genealogy in another Psalm, too. **(Psa.22:30) A seed shall serve him; It shall be told of the Lord unto the [next] generation.** However, the word “next” was not in the original. Also, the word used there for “told” can be translated as “counted,” so the verse may be read, “counted unto the Lord unto a generation.” Some of you may have a footnote that reads, “or, ‘counted unto the Lord for His generations.’” Actually, the word “generations” is singular. The translators are using their own reasoning there and I believe that what it correctly reads is, “It shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.” What generation is that? That generation is the 42nd generation, the one referred to in Matthew, which is what the Lord came to do. The Lord Jesus came for this generation of people from His day until ours. The real cream of the crop is coming in our day. The best wine He has saved for last (John 2:1:10). He refers to this generation in the next verse. **(Psa.22:31) They shall come and shall declare his righteousness Unto a people that shall be born, that He hath done it.** He has done it! It is finished! He has overcome the world (John 16:33). He has brought forth His children, as we just read in Isaiah 53. The Bible says, **He shall see [his] seed (Isa.53:10)** and

again, the word “seed” is singular. Jesus gave His life in order to see this seed and said, **Greater [works] than these shall he (that’s you) do; because I go unto the Father (Joh.14:12).**

This Generation

We read ***This is the generation of them that seek after him (Psa.24:6).*** That’s an awful lot of people, between the time of Jesus first raising up disciples and our day. So who is this “generation”? If you go back and read Psalm 24, you get an idea. ***(Psa.24:1) The earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof; The world, and they that dwell therein. (2) For he hath founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the floods. (3) Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? (That is, of course, Mt. Zion.) And who shall stand in his holy place? (4) He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; Who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood, And hath not sworn deceitfully. (5) He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, And righteousness from the God of his salvation. (6) This is the generation of them that seek after him, That seek thy face, [even] Jacob.*** Oh, praise the Lord! This generation that God has spoken about so often, this chosen generation, is the 42nd generation of 14 + 14 + 14. And this 42nd generation is made up of the spiritual man, not the carnal man who is not eternal. The carnal man is not the offspring of Jesus Christ; he is the offspring of Adam, the first Adam. The last Adam is the Father of the spiritual, born-again creation man, the sons of God.

This body each of us has is a temporary thing and all of

its desires and lusts are temporary; they're all going to pass away. We have a new body and a born-again soul that's been born again from the Word of God and we have a new spirit. All this is the 42nd generation, which the whole Gospel is for and about. We're looking toward the crowning of this generation in the coming days. It's an awesome work that God is about to do!

Whose Seed Are We?

Now we can continue on in Matthew because here's another passage that is spiritual and concerns what God is about to do: **(Mat.1:18) Now the birth** (The word "birth" is the same Greek word as in verse 1, meaning the *genesis* or "generation.") **of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.** Notice that when we speak of abortion, we refer to the child as a *fetus*. It says, "she was found with child of the Holy Spirit." It is not a *fetus*; it is a child. Abortion kills a child and this is a child of the Holy Spirit. Spiritually-speaking, Mary represents the people of God in whom the Holy Spirit has sown a seed that is bringing forth the fruit of Jesus Christ. It was said to Mary, **And blessed [is] she that believed; for there shall be a fulfilment of the things which have been spoken to her from the Lord (Luk.1:45).** What was spoken unto her from the Lord was that she was to bring forth the fruit of Jesus Christ.

Of course, each one of us also has been called to this. We have been called to be a Mary because Jesus said, **Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?**

(Mat.12:48). (50) For whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother. Everyone who does the Will of the Father is a part of this corporate body of Mary, which is bringing forth the fruit of Jesus Christ. He sowed the seed into the womb of the hearts of men in the Parable of the Sower told in Matthew 13 and He brought forth the fruit of Christ 30-, 60- and 100-fold. So we see that this, too, is a prophecy of things to come, just like the first part of chapter one. We are all called to bring forth the fruit of Jesus Christ. Everyone who does that is a part of the 42nd generation. The natural Jesus was the 41st generation and we are the 42nd generation. This is how God chose to bring forth His sons, in the only begotten Son of God, one Body.

(Mat.1:19) And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. (20) But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. By the way, the word “conceived” here is the word “begotten” in Greek, *gennao*, and is an offshoot of the word *genesis*, or “born.” Notice it says that this is not just a *fetus*, once again, but that it is “born in her.” It is a child born in her at the time of conception. The Chinese count a person’s birth years from the time of conception, not the time of birth, and the Bible is saying the same thing here. It is not saying that this is a *fetus* that is not human; it’s saying that the birth age starts at the time of conception. “That which is born in her is of the Holy Spirit.” What the Spirit is bringing forth in us is

the fruit of Jesus Christ. Glory be to God!

(Mat.1:21) And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. It's interesting that it says that He is going to save His people from their sins. How do we prove that we are "His people"? If we were chosen from the foundation of the world, we're going to be a part of this 42nd generation, in that we have received the seed of the Kingdom, which is the Word of God, and brought forth the fruit. Not everybody who is loosely called a "Christian" can say that. He is only talking about those who are "in Mary." **(Mat.12:50) For whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my ... mother.** The Lord is referring only to those who do His Will. The others, who are in rebellion and call themselves "Christians," are not a part of this whole scenario. It was the same in Jesus' day when **He came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not (Joh.1:11)**. In fact, He said to some of them, **Ye are of [your] father the devil (Mat.8:44)**. **(39) They answered and said unto him, Our father is Abraham. (41) ... We have one Father, [even] God. (42) Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me ...** And the Bible says if we loved Him, we would keep His commandments (John 14:15). Those who are "in Mary" do the Will of the Father because they have true faith and true faith brings forth true ability from God to walk in His Will. God gives us the gift of working in us to will and to do of His good pleasure (Ephesians 1:11) when we have this gift of faith and we exercise it. **(Mat.1:21) ... It is he that shall save his people from their sins.** Hallelujah! **(22) Now all this is come to pass, that it**

might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, (23) Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted, God with us. This is the whole plan of God, that He is “with us.”

Notice that He was born unto a virgin. Is it still true today? Of course. The only way that Jesus Christ can be born in us is if we don't receive the seed of man, but we receive the seed of God, which is the Word of God. You know, **a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump (1Co.5:6)**. You don't have to add much to the Word of God to make it not be the Word of God anymore. You just need to add a little bit of man's theology and it's not the Word of God. Jesus said, **Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees (Mat.16:6)**. Why? Because what they were sowing was the seed of their father, whom Jesus said was the devil. There's only one thing that will bring forth Jesus Christ in His people, which would make them a member of this body of the 42nd generation, and it's the Word of God.

I suggest to an awful lot of people out there, who are wasting a lot of time in religion and not bearing the fruit of Jesus Christ nor walking in His steps and manifesting His power and His fruit, that they get back to the Word of God. If you cannot do anything else, stay home and read the Bible until you get it into you enough that you can recognize true and undefiled religion. It is to the Word of God that we must humble ourselves and that brings us into the 42nd generation and the body of she who is the virgin. We are members of Mary's body who will bring forth the fruit of Jesus Christ, if we are virgins. The Bible says of the 144,000 group in Revelation 14:4 (which is 144), **These are they**

that were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These [are] they that follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were purchased from among men [to be] the firstfruits unto God and unto the Lamb (Rev.14:4). They are virgins because they refuse to receive the seed of men, which is “the leaven of the Pharisees.”

And Jesus said, ***beware of ... the leaven of Herod (Mar.8:15)*** because a person can also receive the “leaven” of worldly governments, which is patriotism to worldly governments as a form of worship of worldly governments. We have a new one-world order and it’s the body of Christ. We have one King over our one-world order and that’s Christ Himself. He is the head. We are the body and we do not have our own will; He is our Will. He gives us His Will; in fact, that’s how the Son sets us free. It’s because He gives us a will that cannot be thwarted. Jesus’ Will cannot be thwarted. You cannot be frustrated if you have His Will. Frustration comes when you have your will and God’s Will in the same body, at war with one another. Freedom is having God work in us to will and to do of His good pleasure (Ephesians 1:11), so that we can walk after the Lamb of God whithersoever He goes and not be defiled with “women” (Revelation 14:4).

“Women” refers to religious sects, which are typed in the Scriptures as women. Virgins receive only the Word of God and will bring forth the pure fruit of Jesus Christ, just like this lineage that we looked at in Matthew. How did Jesus get to be the Son of David? Because He was of the lineage of David all the way down through Mary. The body He dwelt in was the Son of David, but the Son of God came through the Holy Spirit, Who is the only One Who can sow the na-

ture and life of Jesus. A person who is inhabited by the Holy Spirit can also speak the Word of God, which brings forth the life of Christ in this body in which we dwell.

The Spiritual Revolution

I think that all of this genealogy was physical, but it also was a parable. Most parables were physical and Jesus spoke parables about planting corn, etc. They were physically true, but they had a spiritual revelation. A spiritual revelation is that the Gospels, the sharing of the Good News, was to bring forth the genealogy of Jesus Christ in His 42nd generation, and they would be born to a body spiritually called “Mary” because “He that doeth the Will of My Father is My mother.” Praise be to God!

People in the Bible received dreams and many in this time are having dreams, visions and revelations. In Matthew 1 and 2, there are five dreams that gave direction, warning, protection, prophecy and instruction. They were given to Mary, Joseph, the wise men and to the fruit, Jesus. Right now, the same thing is happening because we are at the same corresponding point in history. There is a period of time right here, which starts with the anointing of Jesus for His 3½-year ministry. What we’re studying right now is the introduction to that beginning of the ministry of Jesus, which started when He was 30 years old. These dreams and revelations are happening right now because they happened in the Scriptures.

We’re leading up to the time of the anointing of the Man-child, Jesus, the One Who, according to Hosea 6:1-3, is coming as the latter rain on “the morning” of “the third day,” which is where we are right now, and He is coming in

His people! He's coming in His first-fruits to begin the process of manifesting the sons of God in these latter days. It's an awesome revelation that the Lord has hidden in this literal revelation of the life of Christ. ***(Ecc.1:9) That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.*** The Gospels are giving us a revelation of the time just before the beginning of the 3½-year Tribulation.

CHAPTER TWO

Spearheading the Man-child Ministry

The Lord showed me many years ago that history repeats (Ecclesiastes 1:9) and the events in the Gospels and Book of Acts will be repeated in our day, except the cast of characters will be multiplied many times over, with corporate bodies replacing the individuals of Jesus' day. As time goes on, there is a geometric effect from people passing on to people and everybody walks in the steps of someone. Those someones are the people about whom we read in the Gospels. The corporate bodies of people in our day have walked in the steps of those New Testament individuals, whether it be Jesus or whether it be Judas. Nations have become empires in our day from the same geometric effect. We saw in the last chapter that the lineage of Jesus Christ, for some strange reason, was given as the lineage of Joseph, even though we know that Joseph had no physical connection, no genetic connection, to Jesus Christ. But he did have a spiritual connection, which was the most important one in the New Testament. Joseph had a gift from God to impart words, actions and examples for the child Jesus to imitate as He was growing up. ***(Luk.2:52) And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*** Of course, He was filled with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 1:32).

Revelation of the Man-child

I'd like to point out a few more things, continuing from

the last chapter, in Matthew 1. We read, ***And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ (Mat.1:16).*** The lineage given is the family tree of Joseph, but the interesting thing is that “Jacob begat Joseph.” That sounds very familiar. This is referring to Joseph the husband of Mary, but we know that in the Old Testament Jacob also begat Joseph (Genesis 30:22-24). Who was Jacob? He was Israel (Genesis 32:28) and he is now a corporate body of people. And it’s very interesting that Israel brought forth Joseph, who was a Man-child of the Old Testament.

Jesus’ earthly father, Joseph, was two things to Jesus: He was a “head” to Jesus, the head of his family, the father Jesus was to submit to while He grew up in that earthly body as a young child. But there was something else about Joseph. He represents the spiritual fathers of these days who are being used to raise up the Man-child. Again, it has nothing to do with bloodline; it has everything to do with the Word spoken and taught and the emphasis on walking the holy life, etc. Joseph was also someone who received from God the revelation of the coming Man-child. He got that revelation from God when it was sent to him through an angel. ***(Mat.1:18) Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. (19) And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. (20) But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee***

Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. (21) And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. Joseph of the New Testament got this revelation of the coming Man-child and the Joseph of the Old Testament was a part of the Man-child. In fact, you might even say he was the head of the Man-child. The Joseph here in the New Testament is also the head of the Man-child. In a way, he is the head of Jesus, but he is also a spearhead of the Man-child. ***(Mat.1:22) Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, (23) Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted, God with us.*** Jesus was “God with them” in the Gospels and the Book of Acts, and He is “God with us” today as well because He left an individual body in order to come back in a corporate body, that He might be “God with us” and in us. He was also the reformer of the Church in His day and today we desperately need the same thing.

The Bride to Come

The prophet Joel spoke about two times in history when there would be a great reformation. Those are in the “former rain” and the “latter rain” (Joel 2:23), in which God would restore all things that had been stolen from His people (Joel 2:25). Frankly, over the last 2000 years, by fake teachers, fake leaders and the devil himself, God’s people have been robbed and plundered. So God is com-

ing once again in a reformer ministry called the Man-child of Revelation 12. ***(Mat.1:24) And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took unto him his wife; (25) and knew her not till she had brought forth a son: and he called his name JESUS.*** Jesus warned us of what was going to happen when the events of Revelation 12 come to pass. He said that He would be again like a little baby born to a woman and that the “woman” was those disciples, His Church (John 16:21). Today the “woman” is His Church again. ***(Rev.12:1) And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman arrayed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.*** Of course, the Church doesn’t look much like this but there is a body in the Church that we call the Bride. All through the Old Testament, the Bride was not the Church but was chosen from out of the Church. There were also the virgins, the friends of the Bridegroom and other attendees of the ceremony, and those who were invited to the ceremony, besides the Bride. She is not the whole Church, as you’ll understand if you read the Book of Esther, Psalm 45 or the Song of Solomon.

The point is that this “woman” to whom He’s referring is those who are manifesting the fruit of Christ, just like Mary represents in our Matthew text study. She was a virgin and a bride in the midst of a larger church. Joseph was the head of the Man-child, who was being raised up in the midst of the virgin bride, who was also in the midst of the larger church, and she will bring forth the Man-child. That’s similar to King David’s position in the midst of Jerusalem, which the Book of Revelation tells us is the Bride (Revelation 21:9-10), but Jerusalem was not all of Israel. It was

just the part of Israel that was the leadership. So there's a hierarchy consisting of the Man-child, the Bride and the people of God. Here we see the woman "arrayed with the sun," having been clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and the moon under her feet.

In other words, her authority is over the moon and the moon represents a reflection of the light of the Son. The 12 stars around her head, I believe, is the doctrine of the 12 Apostles in her mind, the renewed Mind of Christ. **(Rev.12:2) And she was with child; and she crieth out, travailing in birth, and in pain to be delivered. (3) And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems. (4) And his tail draweth the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon standeth before the woman that is about to be delivered, that when she is delivered he may devour her child. (5) And she was delivered of a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and unto his throne. (6) And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that there they** (the Man-child) **may nourish her a thousand two hundred and threescore days.** This is the revelation that we're looking at as the type and sign. The letter always comes first; the Spirit comes afterwards. There is more than one fulfillment of prophecy. In Jesus was the letter-fulfillment of prophecy. The Bible tells us in Isaiah 7 that His birth to the virgin Mary was a sign, or an *owth*, which means "a sign of something to come," which is what we read about

in Revelation 12 and in our end-time, the corporate body fulfillment of what we are reading about in this text.

Tribulation Child

I'd like to point out something else to you, so that you understand that this is an end-time revelation. Jesus came in the body of the Son of David, as we have seen. That was because He was the offspring of David, naturally speaking. So God used the DNA of Mary to bring forth the Son of David and the Son of God dwelt in the Son of Man, the Son of God being the spiritual man and the Son of Man being the human part of Jesus. But the Son of David is once again coming in our day. First, I'd like to prove that to you and then I want to share a revelation with you.

(Jer.30:4) And these are the words that the Lord spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. (5) For thus saith the Lord: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. (6) Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child: wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins (The Man-child Jesus is being birthed in a company of men today in order to do this.), as a woman in travail (This is the woman Church in travail with the Man-child.), and all faces are turned into paleness? (Jer.30:7) Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. Most of you recognize "the time of Jacob's trouble" as an end-time revelation of Jacob entering into trouble in our day – Jacob being Israel and also representing, spiritually, the Church. We remember Jacob's trouble, when he was in travail com-

ing into the Promised Land and was being threatened by his brother Esau, who had already said that he would kill him (Genesis 27:41), and who was leading a beast army out to meet him (Genesis 32:6). And we remember how God preserved Jacob through that time of trouble, showing him favor and deliverance.

That's what is about to happen with the whole Church, folks. ***(Jer.30:7) ... It is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. (8) And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck (meaning the Beast), and will burst thy bonds; and strangers shall no more make him their bondman*** (The words "no more" tell us that its fulfillment is obviously very close to the end-time.); ***(Jer.30:9) but they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.*** This was a long time after David, so He's not talking about David, physically. This was about 440 years after David had died, so it's not referring to a past but to a future "David." Nor is it talking about Jesus, Who was also a fulfillment of this as the Son of David; this is talking about David in the end-time, the "time of Jacob's trouble." ***(Jer.30:10) Therefore fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the Lord; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity ... (20) Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me*** (As it was before, the Lord is once again raising up the Israel of God, as it is called in the New Testament. That is the Church; it's those who are circumcised in heart, not in flesh.); ***and I will punish all that***

oppress them. (Jer.30:21) And their prince shall be of themselves, and their ruler shall proceed from the midst of them (The Man-child is birthed out of the midst of the Bride.); ***and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is he that hath had boldness to approach unto me? saith the Lord.*** In other words, the Man-child is in the position of authority in the Church and over the enemies of the Church, like David was. David not only fought the battles of the Lord against the enemies of the Church, but he was the leadership of the Church. He was the leadership in the Bride, the Man-child in the midst of the Bride.

So we see that Mary had a Son. That Son was raised up to be her Head. He led her into the wilderness, where He multiplied the fishes and the loaves, and so it will be in the end times also, as we just read in Revelation 12. The Bride brought forth the Man-child, but the Man-child led her through the wilderness as a corporate body. ***(Jer.30:22) And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. (23) Behold, the tempest of the Lord, [even his] wrath, is gone forth, a sweeping tempest*** (Yes, and a great storm is about to be raised upon the earth. You will want to have true leadership and the true anointing of the Holy Spirit, even the Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit.): ***it shall burst upon the head of the wicked. (Jer.30:24) The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall understand it.*** This is an understanding that is given unto us for the latter days. ***(Jer.31:1) At that time, saith the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.*** That's all the families,

from the Old Testament to the New Testament.

Who is Israel in the New Testament? In the New Testament, if you are not born again, you are not Israel. You have been broken off the olive tree. The Church was grafted into the olive tree which, as God said in Romans 11:26, was all Israel. That God will be the God of all the families of Israel can only be fulfilled in the end times. **(Jer.31:2) Thus saith the Lord, The people that were left of the sword found favor in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.** That's what God has planned for in the wilderness, to cause His people to enter into His rest, trusting in His promises.

In the New Testament, this rest is called *sabbatismos*. **(Heb.4:9) There remaineth therefore a sabbath** (Greek: *sabbatismos*) **rest for the people of God.** "There remaineth therefore a *sabbatismos* for the people of God." That word means "a continual rest," not one day a week. The only thing that remains in the New Testament of the Sabbath rest is that continual rest. Of course, the apostles went into the synagogues on the Sabbath as evangelists to teach the Jews what Jesus had brought in the New Testament. The New Testament Sabbath rest is every day of the week, all the time, because you believe the promises of God. You cease from your works; you enter into His rest. This is what the Man-child is going to bring: the revelation of the true Gospel and the true Sabbath rest of God to God's people.

Dream-Come-True

I said all that to say this: I want to share with you a revelation that was given to us. Now you don't base anything

on modern-day revelations, dreams, visions or prophecies; you base everything on what the Scripture says. But these things do come to confirm what is written in the Word and sometimes to explain so that you are able to reach out and put together verses to explain what is happening. There's a revelation on our website called *Spearheading the Man-child Ministry*. I'm going to share part of it with you here because I feel that it's very important concerning what we've discovered about a type in the Bible. You might call it a snapshot in the midst of a panoramic view, a snapshot of Joseph being the head of the Man-child as someone who spearheaded the Man-child's ministry by raising-up Jesus and bringing Him into this position as an earthly guide to His humanity. Jesus also had the Father and the Holy Spirit, Who were guiding Him to receive wonderful revelations of Who He really was in this earth and Whom He manifested. He was growing both as the Son of God and the Son of Man.

The Man-child that we know is coming upon the scene now is also both son of man and son of God. The members of the Man-child have a body and therefore must be submissive to parents and authority, but they also each have a spiritual man who is taught of the Lord. We noticed that between the time of the conception of Jesus and His ministry in Matthew 1 and 2, there were many dreams that came forth. Do you think that's a sign for our day that the same thing is going to happen? I guarantee it. As a matter of fact, the dream and the prophecy I am sharing with you now is a fulfillment of that. It's saying that the same thing is going to happen in our day between the time of the conception of the Man-child and when He starts His earthly ministry. There were five dreams in Matthew 1 and 2 that were to

fulfill guidance and protection and wisdom and provision to the Lord. We know that God is building the Man-child ministry to spread His truths to multitudes of babies about to come looking for answers when this nation is brought into severe chastening.

I share this revelation for your edification and preparation, not to give any credit to myself. The Lord did not choose the wise and the noble and the mighty (1 Corinthians 2:26) because He wanted His power to be made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9). I have always told people that's the reason I'm qualified, not because I'm a great speaker (I'm not) or very intelligent (I'm not), or that I went to Bible school (I didn't) or anything, but only because ***God chose the foolish things of the world, that he might put to shame them that are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong (1Co.2:27)***. Some of these things appear to be glorifying me, but I tell you that what God is doing here is using me as a type and shadow of a larger body of people. He's using me because my name is David, because I believe in the Man-child ministry and because I have faith that I will, by the grace of God, have a part in this ministry. There's nothing to brag about; it's not us, it is Christ in us (Colossians 1:27). The Jesus about Whom Matthew speaks is coming again. ***(Hos.6:2) After two days will he revive us: on the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live before him. (3) And let us know, let us follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is sure as the morning; and he will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth.*** Jesus is coming on the morning of the third day, as the latter rain

anointing that comes, first of all, upon the Man-child, so that Jesus would live in this Man-child and do His works to be a reformer to the Church. The Lord is coming to shepherd His flock. Most people don't know that. The following is a prophecy that was given to me by a prophet named Philip, who shared this vision with me. My comments are in parentheses.

The Phoenix Vision

I have prayed for three days now for the holy Father's will in this matter of sharing the vision that I received during a meeting with David as the speaker in Phoenix. (I've often thought about why Phoenix was chosen for this vision. Well, the Phoenix bird as a legend, which I think was a very spiritual thing, aside from its pagan background, is a type of resurrection life. The Phoenix, after its life cycle, flies to Heliopolis, which means "city of the sun," or to me, "city of the Son," and creates a nest. Sitting on the nest, it bursts into flames and burns up, leaving nothing but ashes and an egg, which hatches a new bird out of the ashes as a type of resurrection life. So Phoenix is the place of resurrection life and it was no accident that the prophecy that he sent forth occurred in Phoenix.)

I am permitted to share the following: As I prayed with David at the start of the meeting (I led everyone in a prayer before the teaching and Philip was among the people there), I saw the room change into a stadium filled with people and David was at the podium shouting through a microphone that was in the shape of a shofar. He wore a silver yarmulke that glowed as he spoke and from above came a white-golden light pouring down from the sky as a beam

of glory, growing brighter with each outpouring. From David's clothing came the same glory, lights pouring through the tzit-tzit on his garment, flowing like fingers through the people. The lights touched the forehead and were grabbed by the right hand of people who became pregnant and began shouting as they were covered in glory. This is the vision that I had at the meeting. The holy Father says that David would know its meaning, if not now, very soon. Months after that meeting, Philip contacted me again and he had received this:

The Holy Father is forming this ministry into His image to spearhead the Man-child ministry birthing and delivery to the world. Amen! He has given this to me in a mighty vision that ran in succession for three nights, along with some other things that I can't say just yet.

Interpreting the Dream

What he's describing here is the corporate body of the spearhead of the Man-child Ministry. It's not just referring to me. He just used me because my name is David. It's not to glorify me; it's to tell you what is about to happen here, that God is raising up a spearhead like He did Joseph in bringing the Man-child ministry to fruition. The full interpretation is given on our website. I had already received a previous prophecy that I would be teaching in stadiums. I thought that this might be spiritual because of the rows of people and the way a stadium is built. The Word is passed on from person-to-person as each tier speaks to greater and greater circles of people in a geometric progression, like a stadium is built. In other words, you speak from the middle and it goes out and reaches the first circle, then the next

circle in ever-increasing numbers and, actually, this is the way our ministry has been. I speak to a certain circle of people and they go and speak to a certain circle of people, and I hear back from their children, their relatives, etc. So it's just radiating out. Praise God! I've been contacted by many who have told us that they are using our broadcasts or MP3 audios for their home Bible study groups. Also, multitudes are copying our materials and passing them out, so it just enters a larger and larger circle. This has been happening for some time now, but not to the degree that it's about to happen. It will soon happen in a much greater way, as the Lord has shown us.

That my microphone resembled a shofar is significant because a shofar turns inaudible breath, which is the same Hebrew word for "spirit," into the audible voice of the Spirit or the Word, which warns God's people and destroys the enemy, as in Gideon's battle. We are all called to this ministry of being a vessel through whom the pure word of the Spirit will flow. The people being touched on the forehead by the light from Heaven are those who humbly receive the Word and so receive the renewed mind of Christ. These are grabbing the light with the right hand, which represents those who act on the Word and so have the renewed works of Christ. Obviously, the left hand represents the works of the flesh and the mark of the beast in the forehead represents having the mind of the Beast, which are the opposite of those. So these became pregnant with the seed of Christ through the Word, which is what recreates in us the life of Christ. Jesus was the sower who sowed the seed and the seed that He sowed was the Word of God. It went into hearts and brought forth fruit 30-, 60- and 100-fold. Jesus told us, ***For whosoever shall do the will of my Fa-***

ther who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother (Mat.12:50). When this seed bears fruit in the womb of the heart and mind, and is eventually birthed to the world, they will be seen as the image of Christ.

What about the tzitzit? We're told, ***But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings*** (The "wings" are the same as the tzitzit, the fringe on our garment.); ***and ye shall go forth, and gambol as calves of the stall (Mal.4:2).*** ***(3) And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I make, saith the Lord of hosts.*** The Man-child Ministry is coming to bring not only judgment upon the wicked but resurrection life to the saved people of God. ***(Mal.4:4) Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, even statutes and ordinances. (5) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.*** Notice, this speaks of Moses and Elijah, which is what the Man-child brings into fruition. The Man-child raises up the corporate body of the Two Witnesses.

The disciples were Jesus' witnesses and they went forth two-by-two. They're a type of the corporate body of Two Witnesses, as Moses and Elijah symbolize. Before the Day of the Lord, the Man-child is going to raise up the Two Witnesses. ***(Mal.4:6) And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*** The Jews believed that the "sun of righteousness" would be the Messiah, Who would have the power to heal whoever touched the tzitzit, or fringes, of His

garment. They did not know that this would be repeated in the end-time through Christ in the Man-child company. A light from Heaven poured through the tzitzit of Jesus' tallit (prayer shawl) to heal the sick, just as it will spiritually through the end-time Man-child. Praise God!

The fulfillment of the Phoenix vision is the spearheading of the Man-child ministry. If we're talking about the physical Man-child Jesus, He was born in a physical body of the virgin Mary. But I believe that the Man-child is going to be born over a period of time because we're talking about a very large body of people that is being born out of the virgin Church. It could happen over a period of time, with the spearhead being born first. Just like Joseph was a type of the Man-child who was born to Israel, Jesus was a type of the end-time Man-child who was born to the virgin Mary of Israel.

Another Confirmation

What follows is a revelation that I'd like to share with you concerning the Man-child's "head" coming forth first to bring the Word to the world. In these days, I'm convinced that there's a Joseph, or a spearhead, of the Man-child that's coming forth first to bring the revelation of the Man-child to the Man-child Company, and this whole body, including the head, will have this end-time ministry. That's what I have been trying to explain to you through Matthew 1 and I hope that we're being somewhat successful. This revelation was given through Leisa Miller in the May of 2007. I will interpret (in parentheses) as we go along.

I dreamed that a lot of people and I were on top of a mountain. (I believe that the mountain represents the

Kingdom of God, His people, His Church, worldwide.) I could see that some of us were looking at a small but active version of the mountain. Looking at this smaller version, I could see the whole shape of the mountain. (Why see a large mountain and then a smaller version of it? They were seeing a local microcosm, meaning in Greek, “small world.” In other words, we locally see the Church, but there is a Church that’s worldwide. She was only seeing in her experience a small part, a small representation or scaled-down version of the Kingdom of God worldwide, the portion of the body of Christ that she was familiar with as part of the worldwide body. Leisa is part of UBM, which will have a part in this movement.)

There was an image in the mountain. The whole of the mountain had the shape of a woman who was pregnant. I could see that she was birthing her child. The mountain would shake and we could feel it. On the smaller version, we could see rocks give way to form the new development of the child being born. It was very detailed. (She saw the microcosm as the woman Church in her fellowship experience began to bring forth the first-fruits Man-child company at the same time as it happened worldwide.) The head and shoulders were out but the water had only begun to break. (This is the head of the Man-child body being born. Could this have been happening for some time? I believe so. It’s not going to be finished until it is finished, but it could have been happening for some time. The head or spearhead of the Man-child ministry will be born first in the microcosm seen by Leisa, as well as in other microcosms.)

Suddenly there was a very hard shaking. (Who knows what this could be. But we have had this revelation given to us many times before, that when the Man-child begins

His ministry, something catastrophic is going to happen in the world.) We could see on the little version water begin to flow out. (In the beginning of the coming time of judgment, the head will bring forth the water of the Word. We noticed that Joseph's words were the only seed that brought forth Jesus, the Son of God, the spiritual man, the true Man-child. It had nothing to do with any physical seed because he was not Jesus' physical father, but he did have something to do with that spiritual seed, which the Bible tells us is the Word of God. So Joseph raised Him up as a father would.) The detail of the child became more distinct and we could hear the water rushing all around us, until it carried us away from the spot where we were standing. (Could this be akin to bringing the Church into the wilderness? It could be.) But each of us could still see one another and somehow we could also see that the whole world was flooding with this water. (Why? Because all she saw was the microcosm. The same thing was happening simultaneously all over the world. The head being born was breaking the water and the water was going forth.)

(What the Man-child lives on in the womb is the water, the Word of God. We have to be born of water and of Spirit, don't we? As a matter of fact, the Bible tells us that where Jesus was born was in Bethlehem. **(Mat.2:5) And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written through the prophet, (6) And thou, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Art in no wise least among the princes of Judah, For out of thee shall come forth a governor, Who shall be shepherd of my people Israel.** And "Bethlehem" means "House of bread," or "House of food." Jesus is born in, and is a product of, the Word of God. He is, as John said, the

Word made flesh (John 1:14), and “Moses” means “drawn from the waters.” Moses was the man-child in his day. He was a product of the waters of the washing of the Word of God. So the head comes first and it teaches the body. With the breaking-forth of the head of the first-fruits in the microcosm, a great flood of the Word will go forth over the whole earth. This Word is being prepared by books, radio, television, Internet, etc. The Lord will use every available method to get this Word out.)

(This move of the Spirit will also carry disciples with the message all over the world. Notice that when the water broke, it carried them all away, just as it was in Jesus’ day when He was the Man-child. He sent disciples with the same Word, the same anointing, the same mantle that He had, and they went all over the world. They were called “Christians” because they walked in the power and the anointing of Jesus Christ. This is about to happen once again in our day. A great reformer movement is going to go forth, but not necessarily a popular one. It will be popular with the people who love God and know Him, but it won’t be popular with the status quo or the Pharisees and Sadducees, as we will see shortly.)

We were under the water, but we could breathe. (Abiding in the Word is natural for those who live by the Spirit, which in Hebrew is also the word “breath.”) We saw others caught in this water who could not breathe and were dying. (The Word brings death to the carnal man and to his spirit, or breath.) But the water was so abundant that I could not tell which way was up unless I was near an object on the ground that could identify direction. (Beholding the reward of the wicked, as in Psalm 91:8, and the corruption of the earth lets us know what is under our feet and what is

the way to Heaven. The earthly will swallow the flood going forth from the dragon's mouth, as in Revelation 12:15, and the heavenly will swallow the flood that goes forth from the Man-child, as Revelation 12:14 says.)

Some of us found ourselves inside of a large building under the water. It seemed to be a large farm building where tools and farm equipment and seed were kept. (***For we are God's fellow-workers: ye are God's husbandry*** (Greek: "tilled land"), ***God's building (1Co.3:9)***). It's interesting that this farm and building were under the water. It's a part of God's work, God's building. You are God's husbandry, His tilled land. (***1Co.3:10***) ***According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder I laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. (11) For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*** Jesus in the Man-child is about to again lay the foundation of God's building and once again plant the seed of the Word over the world. It's a very spiritual revelation that Leisa had there.)

We knew that there were people who were now above the water and were angry at us and wanted to kill us. (The righteous lived beneath the waters. They were baptized in the Word of God which had put to death their flesh. They could no longer die because the spiritual man received life and sustenance from the water of the Word of God. It is a product of the Word of God. But to the carnal man the Word of God is death, so for those to whom the water is death, they will hate the righteous even more because of the increase of truth and fruit in them. Abiding in the water of the Word is a place of protection to them.)

Amen! I believe that both of these revelations have to do with what we're looking at here in the Book of Matthew.

Reformation Not Well-Received

Let's return to where we left off. **(Mat.2:1) Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, Wise-men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, (2) Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we saw his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (3) And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.** Remember those from Leisa's vision who were above the water, not dwelling in the water, not baptized in the water of the Word of God? They are troubled. We can see why Herod might be troubled, but "all Jerusalem with him"? You know, religious folks are enjoying their life in the world, their leaders are enjoying their life in the world and they really don't want the Messiah to come and upset their apple cart. If you don't believe that, just read the Bible. What kind of a reception did Jesus get? The overwhelming majority of people were anti-Christ. Their leaders were anti-Christ. They had already set up their stage of playing church through their religion and really didn't need Jesus to come along and upset them. They were already set in their ways and wanted no reformation whatsoever. Jesus was a reformer. That's what He came for, so we can understand why "all Jerusalem" was troubled. **(Mat.2:4) And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ should be born. (5) And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for**

thus it is written through the prophet ... Why would they tell Herod, whom they knew was anti-Christ, where Jesus would be born? It seems as if they were on the side of the Beast here and throughout the New Testament we see that.

The leadership of the natural people of God, the status quo, was always on the side of the Beast, all the way through the Scriptures. Herod, representing the Beast kingdom, had ambitions to be the king and did not want any competition from this new upstart King coming on the scene. However, Jesus' Kingdom was ***not of this world (Joh.18:36)***. He came to be the King over the spiritual, born-again man and to lead God's people to the ways of righteousness and restoration. But Herod and the priests did not want anything to change and so it will be in our day. We have a wonderful reformation ministry coming that will spread over the whole world, bringing the true Word of God and the true Gospel to the whole world, yet it will be fiercely resisted by these people and they will attempt to quash it. We'll cover that in the next chapter.

End-Time Fulfillment

Throughout history, it has been that when God raised up a Man-child or a reformer or a prophet, they were fiercely resisted and hated by the religious leaders and people who wanted to live in the flesh. A person is comfortable living in the flesh and does not want the spirit man to be the ruler and the leader and the guide in their life. So they will fight against it, as they have throughout history. Nothing is going to change. ***(Ecc.1:9) That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been***

done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. The Lord is continuing to repeat history.

What we're reading in the Book of Matthew is all going to be fulfilled on a much larger scale, meaning the cast of characters has been multiplied. Herod represents a much bigger body of people in authority over God's people, a worldly body of people that is a Beast kingdom over God's people. Jesus also represents a much larger body of people, the Man-child ministry. The Pharisees and the Sadducees – the Sanhedrin, if you will – represents today a larger corporate body called the False Prophet. The Sanhedrin was the False Prophet in Jesus' day; they were the ones who crucified the Christ, the ones who sided with the Beast against God's people, the ones who sided with the Beast against the disciples of Christ; and they were the ones who sided with the Beast against the Two Witnesses, etc. So history is about to repeat on a much larger scale, as it has throughout the Bible, and we're fortunate enough to read Matthew as not only history, but a very accurate prophecy.

As a matter of fact, all of the Gospels and the Book of Acts, even though they recount history, are speaking a prophecy because the Bible says, "That which hath been is that which shall be." Anything that happens today has already happened earlier, but on a smaller scale. Praise be to God! He is opening our eyes here to understand this and to have much prophecy opened to us in these latter days. I've shared with you how the Gospels, which were Jesus' 3½-year ministry, represent the first 3½ years of the Tribulation and how the Book of Acts represents the second 3½ years and the 40 years between Jesus' ministry and the 70 A.D. destruction of the Harlot by the Beast. 40 is the num-

ber of tribulation, as can be seen in type when Moses took the children of Israel through 40 years in the wilderness.

CHAPTER THREE

The Throne of David and the Spirit of Christ

Some body on the Throne

Taking up where we left off, we read, ***And thou Bethlehem, land of Judah, Art in no wise least among the princes of Judah: For out of thee shall come forth a governor, Who shall be shepherd of my people Israel (Mat.2:6)***. We know that Jesus is always going to be the Shepherd; He's always going to be the King David over Israel. God is never going to change that, but there are some things that He might change, as we'll see. In the previous chapter, we learned that the Lord said, ***A body didst thou prepare for me (Heb.10:5)***. The Lord, Son of God, came in a body that was prepared for Him through Mary, a body of the Son of Man. We know that God's plan was for Jesus to leave an individual body and return in a corporate body so that He could minister all over the world. Today we are going to see the first-fruits of those who have fully entered into this by the grace of God. In other words, the first-fruits will be a body like the body of His temple that He spoke about when He said, ***Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (Joh.2:19). (21) But he spake of the temple of his body.*** And we've discovered that's referring to His corporate body.

We know that the Lord comes in every one of us. For instance, He says, ***Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves. Or know ye not as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you? unless indeed ye be reprobate (2Co.13:5)***.

(Col.1:27) ... Christ in you, the hope of glory. Jesus Christ is in you! All through the Old Testament, Jesus was coming in vessels of honor through whom He ministered. For example, it says this: **(1Pe.1:10) Concerning which salvation the prophets sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that [should come] unto you: (11) searching what [time] or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did point unto, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow them.** The Spirit of Christ was in great men of the Old Testament and that's what made them great men. He is the Shepherd; He is the Ruler; He is the King David and always will be, but He's going to repeat history because **That which hath been is that which shall be (Ecc.1:9).**

I'm reminded of a very famous text that speaks of Who Jesus is: **(Isa.9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father** (or "Father of eternity," literally), **Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.** God called Jesus to repeat history Himself. He was a King David in His day, Who was given, once again, the reins of government, which is in total agreement with what the Bible says about Him. **(Luk.1:31) And behold, thou shalt conceive in**

thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. (32) He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: (33) and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. So He would receive the throne of David forever, just as the Bible speaks about when it states, **David shall never want** (“lack”) **a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel (Jer.33:17).**

Branching Out

For example, the Bible says this: **(Jer.33:14) Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. (15) In those days, and at that time, will I cause a Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David** (and, of course, this was a long time after David); **and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. (16) In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is [the name] whereby she shall be called ...** That’s a very strange text, but if nobody had changed what word was actually there in the Hebrew, that’s what they would have had to translate; the word is “she.” It’s strange because in Chapter 23 the word is “he,” but here it is “she.” Some people think, “Well, he made a mistake and they replaced it with ‘he.’” That’s what they do, but then they didn’t translate what was really there.

You know, “she” is used quite often in the Bible when re-

ferring to a corporate body of people and that's what this is. This is a corporate body, which God calls the "branch," that is raised up as the seed of David. We know that Jesus Christ is our David on His throne all the way up through eternity, but as we saw earlier, the Spirit of Christ comes into many men and we have seen many from the beginning of Scripture to the end who are types of the Man-child. The Spirit of Christ comes into them and uses them, like a body of the son of David. ***(Jer.33:16) In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is [the name] whereby she shall be called: the Lord our righteousness.*** Notice that this is a corporate body of people, "our righteousness." ***(Jer.33:17) For thus saith the Lord: David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel.*** Now we know that Jesus the Son of God has been given the authority of David's throne for eternity, but the question is, what is the "man" that He abides in who does this work? This is what the branch is; it's a corporate body of men in whom the Spirit of Christ rules and reigns. ***(Jer.33:18) Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt-offerings, and to burn meal-offerings, and to do sacrifice continually. (19) And the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah, saying, (20) Thus saith the Lord: If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, so that there shall not be day and night in their season; (21) then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he shall not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.*** In other words, this is from the time of David all the way up until the time of Christ

and until our time; so it appears that He never broke His covenant with David. There was always a David upon the throne. Isn't that amazing?

I would suspect that you could not recognize this corporate body according to the flesh. **(Luk.17:20) ... The kingdom of God cometh not with observation.** We're talking about a spiritual Israel, a spiritual Jerusalem and a spiritual David. Many people recognize, of course, that Jesus was the Son of David and that He **was born of the seed of David according to the flesh (Rom.1:3)**, but He **was declared [to be] the Son of God with power, according to the spirit (4)**. What body could the Lord be choosing in our day to fulfill this covenant of a man in whom Jesus Christ lives to occupy the throne? Well, it's the body of the Man-child (Revelation 12:5), which we've spoken of. **(Jer.33:22) As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured; so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.** I am sure you could look at that in a certain way, meaning multiplied throughout history, but I suspect it also means (and the Lord likes to hide things like that) that in these days there will be a great number of Davids and that this, "the Lord our righteousness," is a very large group of people. **(Jer.33:25) Thus saith the Lord: If my covenant of day and night [stand] not** (Is it still in effect? I would say so.), **if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; (26) then will I also cast away the seed of Jacob, and of David my servant, so that I will not take of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob** (The seed of David is to be rulers over the seed of Abraham,

Isaac and Jacob.): ***for I will cause their captivity to return, and will have mercy on them.*** In these days, we know that even with the natural seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, a remnant of them is once again going to turn to the Lord God of Israel.

Where Is the Throne?

We read in the last chapter's study that in Revelation 12, the son of David, this Man-child is caught up to the throne of God. And here we see the Bible says, ***Blessed be the Lord thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on his throne, to be king for the Lord thy God (2Ch.9:8).*** Many people see the Man-child caught up to the throne of God in heaven, but the Lord God is calling David's throne on Earth His throne. This is the throne of God. In fact, it says here, ***At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord (Jer.3:17).*** And Jeremiah is talking about the New Jerusalem on Earth. There is still a throne of David. You cannot find it in natural Israel, but you can find it in spiritual Israel because we know that Jesus Christ is the Son of David, the eternal Lord of His Kingdom. And He's also coming in a body, ***A body didst thou prepare for me (Heb.10:5).***

You may say, "That was referring to the body of the individual Jesus." That's true, but everything repeats and it always repeats on a larger scale. We have the Word of God for that, which ***cannot be broken (Joh.10:35).*** So we have to believe that it's going to be the same thing once again. The Lord told me many years ago, "Everything that has happened in the Gospels and in the Book of Acts will happen again, except the cast of characters will be multi-

plied many times over.” ***The Lord thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on his throne, to be king for the Lord thy God (2Ch.9:8)*** is true of Jesus. It’s true of the body of Jesus and we’ve already spoken of the manifestation of the body of Christ, that we all claim to be by faith, and rightly so. But we’ve discovered that there is also a manifestation of the body of Christ, that is, those in whom Christ lives. If Christ lives in you, then you manifestly are the body of Christ. We know that we grow into that wonderful position 30-, 60- and 100-fold, according to Jesus Himself, so God is fulfilling it in that way.

Halfway Through the Tribulation

I’d like to share something else with you because I shared with you that Jesus was coming to fulfill a type in the Gospels and then in the Book of Acts. Remember that the Lord told me that the Gospels were a type of the first 3½ years of the Tribulation period and the Book of Acts was a type of the second 3½ years. Now we know that other types of the end-time Man-child show different similarities. For instance, Joseph did bring God’s people through the seven years of famine, which is a type of the seven-year Tribulation. We also know that Moses took God’s people geographically halfway through the wilderness and we know that Revelation chapters 12 and 17 speak of the first and second 3½ years, respectively, and call the “wilderness” the “Tribulation.” Moses went halfway through the wilderness and then was glorified. When I say halfway, I’m not talking about time-wise, but in geographical distance. Some people, myself included, believe that the Lord brought His people across what we now call the Gulf of Suez, high up

near where Succoth was, where the Gulf narrowed down quite a bit. Then He carried them across the Sinai Peninsula, where they crossed the Gulf of Aqaba, which they called the “Red Sea.”

Apostle Paul said, ***Mount Sinai in Arabia (Gal. 4:25)***, not in Sinai. Arabia is east of the Gulf of Aqaba. I had heard years ago that the explorer Ron Wyatt had come across the pillar that the Israelites had erected in order to identify the place where the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea and it was on the eastern shore of Aqaba. They also discovered out there the mountain that Exodus 19 speaks of being burnt and charred on the top because God’s presence came down on it, which was Mt. Sinai, and found it as a place called Jabal al-Lawz, which means “the Mount of the Law.” That’s interesting because that’s where Moses received the Law. If you look, which I have, on several maps, you can see where the Israelites left Egypt and crossed the Gulf of Suez. And if you follow that on down to Jabal al-Lawz and then follow that point and return back up to where they crossed into the Promised Land, you find that it is like an isosceles triangle (where the two legs are approximately even). I thought the Lord was pointing out to me at that time that Moses went halfway through the wilderness (meaning 3½ years) and at that point he was glorified. Like Moses, Jesus went 3½ years through His ministry before He was glorified. I believe that Mount Sinai is Jabal al-Lawz in Arabia. There are many signs that seem to confirm that, even though the Saudi Arabians have fenced the mount off. They do not want Christians going in there.

By the way, at the foot of Jabal al-Lawz is the altar that the golden calf was set on. Of course, the golden calf isn’t there anymore, but the altar is. There are quite a few oth-

er artifacts there, including a number of hieroglyphics depicting the golden calf scratched into the rocks in the area of the altar. These finds make it very plain that this is the correct spot and I believe Ron Wyatt even took pictures of chariot wheels submerged in the Gulf of Aqaba, which further makes the case that it was the real Red Sea, not the Gulf of Suez. It would have taken the Israelites three months to travel from Egypt to Jabal al-Lawz. It took them a lot longer to get to the Promised Land because they were disobedient by worshipping the golden calf, but it was geographically halfway. I believe the Lord was showing me the two 3¹/₂-year periods of the wilderness Tribulation.

Face-To-Face Behind the Veil

At any rate, we have a pretty good confirmation right here: ***(Exo.34:29) And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of the testimony in Moses' hand ...*** The two tables of the Testimony are the same thing as the Tables of Witness, the Two Witnesses. The Man-child is going to give to God's people the Two Witnesses, upon whose heart the Word of God is written, not upon tables of stone. There's a fulfillment here of that. ***(Exo.34:29) And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of the testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses knew not that the skin of his face shone by reason of his speaking with him.*** In other words, Moses had come face-to-face with God. We know that, ***we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image***

from glory to glory (2Co.3:18). This is the type and the shadow here of God's people, at least the first-fruits, coming into the Image of God. It even says, ***The first of the first-fruits of thy ground thou shalt bring unto the house of the Lord thy God (Exo.34:26)***. There is a type of the first-fruits here and it is Moses. It would have been Jesus in His time, but here it's Moses.

So after Moses came face-to-face with God, Moses manifested His glory. I believe what's being said here is that this is a glorified soul, not a glorified body. The Man-child goes through three stages of perfection. I believe that when Jesus started His ministry, He was perfected in Spirit by the Holy Spirit because He was anointed with the Holy Spirit. And when He was crucified, that's a parable about our being crucified, too, in a crucifixion of self 3½ years into the Tribulation. When a parable is first shown (and the Bible does say that Jesus was a sign (Isaiah 7:14), or in Hebrew, an *uwth* of something to come), it's literal, and the next time it's spiritual. So we see that the first-fruits, who are only spiritually the Man-child and not physically, as Jesus was, are the spiritual fulfillment of this parable. In the midst of the Tribulation period, the Man-child is going to be glorified in soul because self has been crucified. At the end of the Tribulation period, he will be glorified in body. The progression is first spirit, then soul in the middle and then body. These are the three stages of perfection that God is bringing Himself to in His people. In fact, ***When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at in all them that believed (because our testimony unto you was believed) in that day (2Th.1:10)***. And also, ***But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren be-***

loved of the Lord, for that God chose you from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth (2Th.2:13).

Let's continue on in Exodus. **(Exo.34:30) And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. (31) And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses spake to them.** They must have run on down the road because they had to turn around and return to him. **(Exo.34:32) And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him in mount Sinai. (33) And when Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. (34) But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he took the veil off** (because he wanted to see the Lord clearly, face-to-face), **until he came out; and he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded.** In other words, Moses was in communication with God face-to-face, but with the children of Israel behind a veil.

This will also be so with the ministry of the Man-child. Jesus said, **The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father doing: for what things soever he doeth, these the Son also doeth in like manner (Joh.5:19).** Jesus was in close fellowship with the Father; He walked in the Spirit; He saw the Father and He saw the people. Yet Jesus walked also behind a veil, as the Scripture clearly shows us, and we'll see that shortly. **(Exo.34:35) And the children of Israel saw the face**

of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone; and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him. We're told the same thing about the first-fruits. ***(Heb.10:19) Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, (20) by the way which He dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh.*** So we enter into the presence of God through the veil, which is to say, through His flesh. Jesus' flesh was a veil. The people did not see the real Jesus. They didn't see the glorified man underneath that veil of flesh; they saw the veil. However, when the Lord went into the presence of God, He was in Spirit where there was no veil, speaking with the Father. This is the same thing we see here with Moses. Moses was, of course, a type of Jesus and a type of the Man-child. We're getting a description here of the kind of ministry that the Man-child is going to have and it's just like Jesus' ministry. Seeing God face-to-face makes us capable of manifesting God before His people. ***(2Co.3:18) But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.*** From behind that body of flesh that was called a veil, there was a glorified soul, ready to walk through the other half of the wilderness.

Now we know that Moses went all the way through the wilderness, but that's only part of the picture. If we look at other, different types of the Man-child, they'll show other parts of the whole picture. For example, we can also see Jesus in Acts where it says, ***And when they were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go into***

Bithynia; and the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not (Act.16:7). So Jesus was a type of the second 3½ years of the Man-child during the Tribulation. We know that because the second part of the Tribulation started at the end of Jesus' ministry when He was crucified and it ended with the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, which was the destruction of the Harlot by the Beast. We see that the second 3½ years starts at the end of the first 3½ years and extends to the point of destruction of the Harlot by the Beast. The Book of Acts represents the 40 years between Jesus' ministry and the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. Forty is the number of tribulation.

We're seeing here a perfect parallel between Moses and Jesus. Some have thought that Jesus did not have a ministry after His 3½ years, but He did have a ministry of guiding His people for 3½ years, just like Moses went the other half of the distance through the wilderness to the Promised Land. Moses brought the people all the way and, in type, Jesus did that, too. His glorification in the second 3½ years represents what Moses was when "his face shone." What we're really referring to in the end times is a glorified soul underneath a body, with the body being the veil that permitted men to look upon that which is glorified and have fellowship without being frightened. We would call it bearing fruit "100-fold." You know, when the Lord sows the seed of the Word in our hearts, it's to bring forth Himself in us, 30-, 60- and 100-fold (Matthew 13). That's not referring to the body; that's referring to the fruit of Christ in the soul, or in the heart, and that is what we are here for. What makes the first-fruits the first-fruits is that they have come into this glorified soul and they have come into the crucifixion of self, which is the type that Jesus showed us.

Worshipping the Beast

If we look at the timing of Exodus 34, we find that it falls in the middle of the Tribulation period. How do we know that? Well, for instance, at Chapter 32, we see that what happened there was that they made the image of the beast and worshipped it. That's a pretty clear sign of its being the middle of the Tribulation period. What came along with worshipping the image of the Beast, according to Revelation 14, was the mark of the Beast. So we see them there in Chapter 32 bowing down to this image of the beast and we see God's rebuke of them, and we see the Tables of the Testimony were cast down and broken. **(Exo.32:19)** *And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.* We know the two Tables of the Testimony represent the Two Witnesses corporate body because "witness" and "testimony" is the same word. So Moses the Man-child, as a type of Jesus Christ, brings the two witnesses with the Word of God written upon their heart to the people of God, which is what Jesus did with His disciples when He sent them out two-by-two. They were a corporate body of two witnesses to go to God's people and bring the Law, that was written upon their hearts, to them. It's an exact type and shadow of what we see here.

However, it says here, ***he saw the calf and the dancing*** (in other words, the people were worshipping the image of the beast): ***and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount (Exo.32:19)***. So not only did Je-

sus bring the Two Witnesses, but the people in their sins “broke” them. I believe that the Apostle John was the only one who died a natural death of old age. The rest of the apostles were all killed. The apostates “broke” their Two Witnesses. We see what God says about this situation a few verses later: ***(Exo.32:26) Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Whoso is on the Lord’s side, [let him come] unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.*** These are the only people who did not worship the image of the beast from among the camp of God’s people. We’re told that God has chosen us to be a kingdom of priests. ***(Exo.19:5) Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be mine own possession from among all peoples: for all the earth is mine: (6) and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation ...*** In other words, all of God’s people were called to be priests because we all offer sacrifices unto God and we especially offer up this body as a living sacrifice unto the Lord. On the altar of the fiery trial, the old flesh is burned up, which is what our sacrificial life is supposed to be.

The people who did sacrifice, the Levites, did not join in with the rest in worshiping the image of the beast. The true Levites, the tribe that followed God, they were God’s inheritance. It was the first-born from among all of Israel who were His inheritance and then God changed that to be the Levites. Those priests were His inheritance, He said, and God was their inheritance. Those Levites were the ones who were on the Lord’s side. ***(Exo.32:27) And he said unto them, Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Put ye every man his sword upon his thigh, and go***

to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor. Well, as you know, those who worship the image of the Beast are slain because they no longer belong to the body of Christ; they belong to the Beast. The mark of the Beast is the sign of his ownership and those on whom the mark is belong to him. They are dead; they're no longer living.

The Levites will have the authority to bring great judgment on the earth and, again, we're talking about the middle of the Tribulation period because we're referring to the mark and image of the Beast being manifested. This was the time that Moses was glorified; this was the time when the Two Witnesses were beginning to be killed. ***(Rev.11:8) And their dead bodies [lie] in the street of the great city*** (that's Babylon, not Jerusalem), ***which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. (9) And from among the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations do [men] look upon their dead bodies three days and a half, and suffer not their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.*** "Three days and a half" is half of the seven "days" of the 70th week of Daniel 9, which makes it 3½ years that the Two Witnesses will be killed. From the time of the middle of the Tribulation to the end of the Tribulation, they are being killed. When they finish their testimony, this great group of witnesses (prophets) will be allowed by God to be killed and then they're resurrected in the last trump of Revelation 11:15. But in response it is Moses, it is the Man-child, who sends the Levites forth to slay the members of the body of the Beast. ***(Exo.32:28) And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell***

of the people that day about three thousand men. (29) And Moses said, Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord, yea, every man against his son, and against his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day. (30) And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make atonement for your sin. (31) And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. (32) Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

Moses wanted to take the place of the people, which is also what Jesus did, but how many of you know that Jesus' sacrifice will not apply to everybody in the end? *(Heb.10:26) For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more a sacrifice for sins, (27) but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries.* People who live a life of willful sin and indulgence in the world will die. As the Bible says, *If ye live after the flesh, ye must die (Rom.8:13).* Walking after the flesh is to take the mark of the Beast because the mind of the flesh and the works of the flesh is to take the mark. Those people who are walking in sin willfully and do so up until death will have no sacrifice. *(Exo.32:33) And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.* In other words, God would not take the sacrifice of Moses for those people

who worshipped the image of the Beast and took the mark. In fact, in Revelation 14:9-11, He says that there is no sacrifice for them. This is a way of separating those people who are Christian in name only from those who are Levites, the kingdom of priests that God said would come. “Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.” That sounds like reprobation to me. ***(Exo.32:34) And now go, lead the people unto [the place] of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine angel shall go before thee; nevertheless in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them. (35) And the Lord smote the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.*** This is clearly referring to the time of the middle of the Tribulation period, when Moses in type as the Man-child is glorified, at least in soul underneath that body of flesh, in order to carry them all the way to the Promised Land, which in one parable we would call the “Kingdom of Heaven.” At the end of the seven years, that’s exactly where God’s people go. Just like Noah, they’ll be in the Ark; it lifts off and they’re in the Kingdom of Heaven.

I think it would make a very good study to do an Internet search for “Jabal al-Lawz” and learn about some of the things that have been discovered about this particular mountain. Again, it’s not located in the middle of the wilderness by time; it’s only the middle of the wilderness by geography, by distance. But that’s where the altar of the golden calf was and that’s where the fire burned the top of the mountain and where Moses was given the Law to give to the people. It’s very interesting. Actually, the first time Moses was on the mountain was way back in Exodus 19 and this is the second time he’s on the mountain because this had to fulfill the type. So we have Joseph going, as a type of

the Man-child, seven years, and we have Moses, as a type of the Man-child, going through the first and the second half of the Tribulation, which were both called “the wilderness.” Now we have Jesus also going through the two halves, in the Gospels and the Book of Acts, as well.

First-fruits in the Promised Land of Rest

As we said earlier, the Spirit of Jesus was surely in those disciples. Jesus said, ***It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life (Joh.6:63).*** His words went into those disciples and recreated Himself in them. The spirit in them was the Spirit of Christ. He had taken on a new body, but it was still the Spirit of Christ. When the first-fruits show up, I believe very shortly, in our day, this is what we’re going to find. They are the body of the Son of David which sits upon God’s throne. It’s not a throne somewhere up there in the sky, but it’s the throne here on the earth that spiritually is the leadership of God’s people. The throne is the place of leadership. I had quoted Jeremiah earlier, but only a part of it. It says, ***At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it*** (So you know it’s not natural Jerusalem because the Gentiles are coming to it.), ***to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart (Jer.3:17).*** This is the end time, obviously, because this has not been true at any time in history. It has to be the “latter days” because, truly, when these people come to the throne, God has perfected them and matured them and made them ready for

the Kingdom of Heaven.

(Jer.3: 18) In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north (which was captivity) ***to the land that I gave for an inheritance unto your fathers.*** Our early church fathers were given all of the land for an inheritance, but for 2000 years we have not entered into it. It was the same with Israel. In the beginning, God gave them the whole land, which represented the Land of Promise, but I don't think they ever set foot on any more than about a third of it to actually take possession of it. Well, in these last days, we are going to take possession of all of the land that was given to our fathers; we're going to take possession of all of the Land of Promise, representing all of the promises of God that we're going to walk in. We are going to enter into the land of rest. ***(Heb.4:3) For we who have believed do enter into that rest ...*** We're actually going to keep the real Sabbath, not the shadow, and it is to walk in all of the Land of Promise that the Lord gave unto us. Once again, God's people will be walking as the early disciples walked. They'll be walking in the power of God, in the anointing of God and in the knowledge of the truth, only this time it will be the latter rain.

The Anointing and Ministry of Jesus

When he began to walk with God, Moses was the one who had the former rain (or the latter rain, in type) because God took of the anointing that was upon Moses and put it upon the 70 elders. If you remember, that's the same thing that happened to Jesus. Jesus was the One Who came with

the former rain and He was the only One Who had it, but the people whom He raised up as disciples were later given this anointing. When Jesus first sent His disciples out during the first 3½ years, they didn't have that anointing. What they had was authority given by the Lord. He said, "You go and do this," and they went out and healed the sick and cast out devils and raised the dead (Matthew 10). Jesus was their authority. But then He said that God was also going to send "another Comforter" (John 14:16) and, of course, that was the Holy Spirit Who came in the middle of the Tribulation, on Pentecost, in the middle of the seven years and at the end of the 3½ years of Jesus' ministry. The disciples received the former rain and went out with that anointing to do the works of Jesus.

Jesus said the Spirit of God ***shall take of mine, and shall declare [it] unto you (Joh.16:14)***. One of the jobs of the Holy Spirit is to recreate in us, through the anointing (because "Christ" means "anointed"), the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. It is impossible to do that without the anointing, which breaks the yoke (Isaiah 10:27). It is ***Not by might, nor by power*** (meaning man's might and power), ***but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts (Zec.4:6)***. The Lord is about to make this possible. The anointing that was upon Moses, the Lord later took and put upon those 70 elders. Jesus also had 70 whom He sent out and the anointing came upon them. I like especially what it says a little further down in the text. ***(Jer.3:19) But I said, How I will put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of the nations! and I said, Ye shall call me My Father, and shall not turn away from following me.*** He had already said, "Neither shall they walk

any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart.” Wow! This is awesome! I dare say, most of the people of God do not know Him as Father. They know Him as “God,” a very distant name. But know Him as Father? This is the relationship the Lord is going to establish by bringing us into the manifestation of the sons of God (Romans 8:19). Jesus was the Son of God and always called Him “Father.” Get out your concordance and look it up. He did not call Him all the names that the Jewish Christians or the Judaized Christians wanted to call Him. Jesus called Him “Father” and this is what He says we will call Him. This is what we’ll know Him as – as “Father,” like Jesus knew Him. He used the term over and over, all the way through the Gospels.

New Jerusalem

These people are going to be coming back out of the land of the north (as we see from Jeremiah 3:14 on down), out of bondage, back to Zion. Zion is the place where King David ruled and Zion is the place where Jesus ruled, not in the flesh, but in the Spirit. Jesus was ruling in a new city of Jerusalem and the Apostle Paul told the disciples that they ***are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem (Heb.12:22)*** while they were on the earth, by the way. So, once again, God is restoring the Kingdom. As Jesus came to restore the Kingdom, the Man-child is coming to restore, to rebuild spiritual, heavenly Jerusalem on this earth and to sit as the body in whom the King Jesus Christ lives. God has said, ***David shall never want (“lack”) a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel (Jer.33:17)***. Inside that “man” is going to be the King of kings and He is going

to get all the credit. The King of kings is coming inside the body of the Son of David. Glory be to God! Isn't it neat the way God has put this parable together over and over, so we would understand sooner or later?

Father, in the Name of Jesus, we thank You so much, Lord, for helping us to see these wondrous things and we enjoy seeing the New Testament in our time, Lord, the Gospel time period. You are going to repeat this again. Oh, what a wondrous time we are coming to! A time of great glory, a time when the Lord Himself is coming to fellowship with us and live in our midst, like He lived in the midst of the Tabernacle in the wilderness, Lord. He came in the midst of His people. Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us," and we thank You, Lord. We want so much for You to live in our midst. Those people who bowed to the golden calf, You were angered with and said You would no longer go in the midst of those people because they were a stiff-necked people. Lord, we know that's true of those who worship the image of the Beast, but it's not true of Your true people, who are Your true Levites, Your chosen ministers. Lord, we praise You and we thank You for the privilege of having You walking in our midst. We ask You, Lord, to finish the promise that You gave us, the promise that You gave to the fathers. Cause us to walk on all of the land that You gave to them, Lord, which our forefathers lost out on during the Dark Ages all the way up until the time we are in now. Thank You for being our Father and our Savior, in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHAPTER FOUR

Out of Bondage and Into the Wilderness

Dear Father, we thank You so much for being our Savior. Thank You for guiding us with Your Word. Thank You for encouraging us and for showing us wonders and revelations concerning the times to come, Lord. We want to be in agreement with You. You said, “How shall two walk together, except they be agreed?” We thank You for revealing to us Your Word so that we can cooperate with You in the principles that You abide by and we thank You for drawing us, giving us wisdom and opening our understanding. We thank You for giving us eyes to see and ears to hear that this may be possible. Thank You so much, Lord. Amen.

We’ve been studying out of Matthew some things that show us the truth, ***That which hath been is that which shall be (Ecc.1:9)***. We have been looking at the principles of what we know to be not only literally true, but a parable of things to come; and we’ve been reading down through Matthew 2, where we discovered that the Messiah appears as a type and shadow of the coming Man-child Ministry, in whom He will live as the first-fruits. The Messiah showed up and Herod and all of the people in Jerusalem were troubled concerning this, which is amazing, unless you understand that people who are walking in the flesh and enjoying this world really do not want to be disturbed by a Messiah, or by a coming Kingdom, and they don’t want their sins to be revealed. Obviously, God’s people have no business being troubled about the coming of the Lord. It should be a joyous thing and it is for all disciples of Jesus Christ.

Biding Time in the Wilderness

We left off here in the previous chapter. (**Mat.2:7**) ***Then Herod privily called the Wise-men, and learned of them exactly what time the star appeared. (8) And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search out exactly concerning the young child; and when ye have found [him,] bring me word, that I also may come and worship him. (9) And they, having heard the king, went their way; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.*** Notice that He wasn't a baby anymore; at this point Jesus was a "young child." (**Mat.2:10**) ***And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. (11) And they came into the house*** (He was not in the cave. He was in a house at this time.) ***and saw the young child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and worshipped him; and opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. (12) And being warned [of God] in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. (13) Now when they were departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I tell thee: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.*** Sounds very much like what we know from the Scriptures in Revelation 12, where the dragon was awaiting the birth of the Man-child to devour him, but the Man-child escaped and was

caught up to the throne. In the same circumstance here, we see that Jesus is about to escape the clutches of Herod. ***(Mat.2:14) And he arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt; (15) and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt did I call my son.*** The Lord has called His Son, and all of His sons, actually, to come out of Egypt, and if we don't come out of Egypt, we cannot be useful in bringing other people out of Egypt.

Herod was seeking to destroy the Messiah. The Bible says that Joseph took the young child and His mother and departed into Egypt. Going into Egypt from where they were in Bethlehem would have entailed them going into the wilderness and God said that they were to stay there until the death of Herod. And then what? Then He called His Son out of Egypt. To do what? To come through the wilderness and go to the Promised Land. This fits very well with all of the histories of the Man-child back through the Bible. Moses went into his personal wilderness when fleeing from Pharaoh, only to return after the death of Pharaoh and become a leader of God's people. Now we see the same thing of Jesus going into His own personal wilderness in fleeing from Herod until the death of Herod. Then, when Jesus came out from His wilderness, He started His ministry very quickly. We're not speaking physically, but you'll see as we continue this study that there is a seeming jump in time and suddenly the child grew up. The Man-child ministry is the same. Many people have had visions and dreams of what occurred here, that the Man-child was born and immediately started walking, talking and acting

in the Kingdom. He grew up very quickly, as we will see. The narrative jumps from the time He was a young child all the way until the time when His ministry started and that's about to be fulfilled. But notice that all the Man-child types went into their own personal wilderness until the death of the king who ruled over God's people and then they came out of the wilderness and started their ministries.

Full-Grown Babies

Now Herod wanted to make sure he killed this Messiah; he did not want any competition from any other kings. ***(Mat.2:16) Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the Wise-men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the male children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had exactly learned of the Wise-men.*** As we have learned, the word "Bethlehem" means "house of bread" or "house of food." Notice that Herod slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem. That's very interesting because Herod was seeking to destroy the Man-child by killing all the people who were in the "house of food." I know that some people think that this murder of all the children applies only to something like abortion, but I think it's the other way around. Abortion is just a physical sign of what is really happening in the Spirit.

Herod represents the Beast and Pharaoh represented the Beast kingdom. The beasts attempt, like the Dragon attempts, to destroy the promised seed. How is that fulfilled in the earth today? How does the Beast destroy people in the first place? Well, the Beast represents all mankind

which walks in the flesh because it is at enmity with God. If a person walks after the flesh, the Bible says he must die (Romans 8:13). If you walk after the flesh, the Beast has destroyed you. The Beast is making a war on the people who are receiving the Word of life, the “house of bread.”

In these days, God is revealing His promise to raise up His first-fruits in His image. Obviously, there are a lot of people who understand, who know, who want to be a part of this and are seeking to be full of the food of God so they can grow into maturity. The fact that God uses a child does not mean that He is not seeking after maturity. To be mature in the Kingdom is quite the opposite to the way it is in the world. **(1Co.14:20) Brethren, be not children in mind: yet in malice be ye babes, but in mind be men.** So, according to the ways of the world, we are children, but in mind and soul we are mature. Jesus said, **Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven (Mat.18:3).** We have to be a child in trusting our Father, in being submissive to Him, and that is what maturity is. The Man-child, though, as a corporate body, is very small, so you could see him as a child in that way. We’re seeing that Jesus was what the Bible says in Isaiah 7:14. He was “a sign,” an *uwth*, a sign of something to come; and the Lord has shown us that, as history repeats, it repeats on a larger and larger scale, with larger and larger groups of people. The Man-child Jesus represents an end-time Man-child of quite a number of people, but it’s still a relatively small corporate body. Let me say, there are more people called to this first-fruits ministry than are attaining to it. One of the reasons is that some of them are being put to death by the flesh, the Beast. They’re being taken out and I’ve

seen myself that people who desired to be in the first-fruits were tricked by their flesh into succumbing to the lusts of the world and so were removed from taking part in this first-fruits ministry. They are slain by the Beast; they are carried away from the “food” to Babylon; they are carried into bondage. I’ve seen people who started out with Christ but who were taken out by the world. They were taken into bondage in Babylon, bondage to the Beast, and that’s what Herod wanted to do – he wanted to capture the Christ-child.

Second Born-Again Son

This fits with what follows here: ***(Mat.2:17) Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying, (18) A voice was heard in Ramah, Weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; And she would not be comforted, because they are not.*** Actually, this text quoted from Jeremiah 31:15 fits with what I just described, which is that going into bondage to the Beast is death. The Bible says, ***for if ye live after the flesh, ye must die (Rom.8:13).*** Being in bondage to the flesh, to Babylon, to Pharaoh, is death. That’s when the old man is ruling over the spiritual man, like it was in Egypt. So who is Rachel? And what does she represent here? Rachel was the second bride of Jacob, the second, favored bride of Jacob, who was Israel, the father of the 12 patriarchs. Can you think of another father of 12 patriarchs? Of course, that would be Jesus. In this case, Jacob, or Israel, represents Jesus, the father of the 12 patriarchs. The second, favored bride represents the Church, and not only that, Rachel bore Jo-

seph and Benjamin. Joseph represents the Man-child, as you know. He was the one who was taken to Egypt and was basically “crucified,” sent to prison (Genesis 39), where he preached to the butler and the baker about who was going up and who was going down (Genesis 40), and came out of prison to be the king over everything, second only to Pharaoh (Genesis 41:40). Jesus did the same thing as a type.

So Rachel was the one who brought forth the Man-child, but some of these people were being slain; people who lived in the same “house of bread” as Jesus did were being slain. Rachel was also the mother of Benjamin, who is the last fruit of the Church. You see, there is another fruit after Joseph, who is the first-fruits. The Bible says, ***But many shall be last [that are] first; and first [that are] last (Mat.19:30)***. We know that natural Israel is coming back into the Kingdom, but they are coming in last. When the brothers of Joseph came to meet him in Egypt, Benjamin was the last-fruits of Rachel, and I believe that this is referring to the fruits of natural Israel that are coming into the Kingdom at the end. Let’s pay attention to Joseph here. What does Rachel and the death of her children represent, and how can we avoid it? Let’s look at the original text in Jeremiah that’s quoted in Matthew: ***(Jer.31:15) Thus saith the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children; she refuseth to be comforted for her children, because they are not.*** They have in some way died and the rest of the text will reveal to us in what way they’ve died. In the text, Jeremiah speaks of Ephraim and he refers to the children of Rachel, but how is Ephraim of the children of Rachel? Well, Ephraim was the second-born son of Joseph, and the first-born was Manasseh. When Is-

rael came to bless Joseph's sons, who followed in Joseph's steps, Israel took his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head, then he took his left hand and put it on Manasseh's head and he began to bless them (Genesis 48:14).

The right hand is always placed on the son of the double-blessing, so Joseph was displeased when he saw his father doing this and he began to move his father's hands, but Israel ***refused, and said, I know [it,] my son, I know [it;] he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: howbeit his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations (Gen.48:19)***. It says "the fullness of nations" in the original text, so Ephraim represented the fullness of nations. Not only did Rachel represent the Church, in that she was the second and favored bride of Israel, who represents Jesus, the father of the 12 patriarchs, but also her son was the second-born son who received the first-born's blessings. You remember that Jesus came to first give that blessing to the first-born son, Israel, and they refused it, so He turned to the Church, which was made up of both Jews and Gentiles, to receive this blessing. But, by and large, the first son did not receive the double-blessing. Instead, the right hand was upon the second son. Joseph's second son (or his born-again son) is God's first-born.

How is that? Because Israel was not born-again. They should have entered into that blessing and they did not. They were not born-again, but the Church was and is born-again. So Joseph's second son was God's first-born. How do I know that? (***Jer.31:9***) ***They shall come with weeping; and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble; for***

I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born. Why wasn't Manasseh, who represented Israel, the first-born? Because he was the first-born son of Joseph, who represented Jesus. Everything that happened to Joseph happened to Jesus. So, once again, the doctrine that the Church has about the relationship of the Church to natural Israel is totally wrong. God has from the beginning planned to have a born-again people and the "letter people" were a type and shadow of the born-again people. If you don't understand that, you're going to go around worshipping Israel, which failed. And, frankly, if the Church doesn't have any better sense, they will walk in the steps of those people and fail as well.

Dead Men Walking

Now we can continue and find out what it was for Rachel to lose her children. How did they die? What did it represent? (***Jer.31:16***) ***Thus saith the Lord: Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.*** Wow! What is it for them to be dead? It's the same thing we were talking about; it means they were in bondage to the Beast, they were walking after the flesh and so they were dead in the eyes of God. I'll prove it just a little further down. "They shall come again from the land of the enemy." In other words, they were taken into captivity, serving the old man, like Israel was doing in Egypt or in Assyria when they were taken captive. They were no longer living in their Promised Land. (***Jer.31:17***) ***And there is hope for thy latter end, saith the Lord*** (Israel must come

out of captivity in the latter end and so will the Church.); ***and [thy] children shall come again to their own border.*** The Lord calls it “living” when we come back to live in the Promised Land, or live on the promises of God, or live in right relationship to the Presence of God, which was in Zion. That’s what He calls “living.” To be in bondage, walking after the flesh in the world, in bondage to your flesh, that’s what being “dead” is, according to the Lord. ***(1Ti.5:6) She that giveth herself to pleasure is dead while she liveth.*** God calls that “death” – spiritual death. For us to come out of this bondage is what God’s plan is.

Why did God raise up the Man-child? To bring His people from death into resurrection life. ***(Jer.31:18) I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself [thus,] (Notice, we’re seeing Rachel’s children here as Ephraim and he represents the “fullness of nations,” the Church, the second-born son.) Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a calf unaccustomed [to the yoke:] (You know how a calf is if it’s unaccustomed to the yoke – they buck and snort, trying to get loose, wanting to do their own thing.) turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the Lord my God.*** This is grace, folks. Ask the Lord to turn you, to grant you repentance. It’s His gift to give. ***(Jer.31:19) Surely after that I was turned, I repented (That shows grace, doesn’t it? If God turns you, you will be turned. Repentance means “turn and go the other way.”); and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth. (Jer.31:20) Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a darling child? for as often as I speak against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore***

my heart yearneth for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the Lord. The Lord has a heart to deliver His people out of bondage. Ephraim went into bondage before their enemies. They were taken captive by the Beast. They were reckoned as the dead by Rachel. So, how can we see this? The whole text of Jeremiah chapters 30 and 31 speak of this. The whole story is there of God delivering His people out of bondage. Why did Jesus come? He came to deliver His people out of Babylonish, or beastly, bondage, so that they could serve God. You cannot serve God while you are serving the Egyptian, while you're in bondage to the old man.

Man-child to the Rescue

God started the story in Jeremiah the same way He did in Matthew. If we look at the previous chapter in Jeremiah, we find He talks about the woman in travail with the Man-child. ***(Jer.30:6) Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child: wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?*** Why? Because this is where the whole sequence of events is going to begin. ***(Jer.30:7) Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.*** So we're told that it's during the time of "Jacob's trouble," the Tribulation. Not only that, but He goes on to say of His people that during this time, ***strangers shall no more make him their bondman (Jer.30:8).*** In other words, they are going to come out of bondage for the last time. God says they will never again be in bondage. When? The

end time. Then He says, ***but they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them (Jer.30:9)***. There is the end-time David that's being raised up because Jesus came to sit upon David's throne (Luke 1:32). ***(Jer.30:10) Therefore fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the Lord; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. That*** is being "saved," not being in bondage to your flesh anymore, not being in bondage to the Beast anymore, not serving the world anymore. That is what the Lord has promised for us. So you're either saved or you're dead. The Bible calls it being "dead in your sins," "dead in your trespasses." Rachel was weeping because her children had been taken away into bondage and were no longer free to serve God.

(Jer.30:21) And their prince shall be of themselves (We read that in Matthew 2; then it was Jesus coming and it's also the Man-child coming in the end time.), ***and their ruler shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is he that hath had boldness to approach unto me? saith the Lord. (22) And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.*** The Lord is going to draw these first-fruits unto Himself and that will be the beginning because their job is like Moses' job, which is to bring the people out of Egypt. Moses went through his own wilderness, as we have seen, and then his job was to go back and bring the people through the same wilderness to meet the Lord in the Mountain of God. ***(Jer.30:24) The fierce anger of the***

Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall understand it. So this is a latter-day revelation. God's judgment is going to be part of what brings God's people out of bondage and into their Promised Land, which is the place of safety.

The Remnant of Israel Returns

Jeremiah 31 tells us this story of Ephraim coming out of bondage and we saw that was because God raised up the Man-child to lead them out of bondage. We see here the same sequence of events. The prince will be raised up from the midst of the people. ***(Jer.31:1) At that time, saith the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel ...*** "All Israel," as we know from Romans 11, includes everybody who is abiding in the olive tree. Natural Israel, who rejected Jesus, was broken off of the olive tree and the Church was grafted into the olive tree through faith in Jesus Christ. Those true disciples who followed Jesus in the Gospels, who were natural Jews which came into the Kingdom, remained in their olive tree. But it says, "all the families of Israel," referring to all Jews, Gentiles and all those who through faith in Jesus Christ are members of the olive tree, which in Romans 11:26 is called "all Israel." ***(Jer.31:1) At that time, saith the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.*** This includes the remnant of natural Jews that is to come back in, which I am calling "Benjamin," who was the last fruit of Rachel. ***(Jer.31:2) Thus saith the Lord, The people that were left of the sword found favor in the wilderness ...*** There was a sword that came upon Egypt,

representing the world, to motivate God's people to be willing to leave the fleshpots of Egypt, to come out from among them and be separate and to worship God in the wilderness. Egypt had to suffer the plagues, while God's people in Goshen were separated from Egypt and delivered from those judgments. Then He moved them out of Egypt and into the wilderness, where God could once again deal with them and teach them faith. **(Jer.31:2) Thus saith the Lord, The people that were left of the sword found favor in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.** God's plan was to bring Israel into His rest. **(Jer.31:3) The Lord appeared of old unto me, [saying,] Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. (4) Again will I build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel ...** You might think that He's referring to the Bride here when He says the "virgin of Israel," like the virgin Mary, who brought forth the Man-child and also went into the wilderness to be instructed of the Man-child. In Revelation 12, the Man-child was birthed and then he was caught up to the throne of David, which is God's throne on Earth, where He rules over Israel, according to the Scripture. And from that place of authority He led the woman, who brought forth the Man-child, through the wilderness.

(Jer.31:4) Again will I build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: again shalt thou be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. When God's people are led out of bondage, it's going to be a time of rejoicing. **(Jer.31:5) Again shalt thou plant vineyards upon the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall**

plant, and shall enjoy [the fruit thereof]. There is going to be freedom for people who have escaped the bondage of the Beast in the days to come. That's what Moses came to do, that's what Jesus came to do and that's what the Man-child is coming to do: escape the bondage of the Beast and help the Church do the same. Not everyone is going to escape that bondage. ***(Luk.21:36) But watch ye at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the son of man. (6) For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the hills of Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God.*** In other words, the second son is coming out of bondage. ***(Luk.21:7) For thus saith the Lord, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout for the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.*** I would say that's a good thing to cry today because here we are again. The Beast is about to bring God's people into bondage and the overwhelming majority of God's people have been in bondage all along. The bondage that we're talking about is more severe persecution, death and destruction. ***(Luk.21:8) Behold, I will bring them from the north country ...*** The "north country" is the place of bondage. That's where Babylon brought them into captivity, that's where Assyria brought them into captivity and that's where the Medes and the Persians ruled over them. It represents the beast in the north. ***(Luk.21:8) Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth ...*** This is because now God's people are in bondage to the beast all over the world. Now we are not talking

about only little Israel, who is God's people, but worldwide spiritual Israel, who is circumcised in heart and not just in flesh. They're in bondage to the nations in which they live and God is calling them out of those nations to be a part of "all Israel," one holy nation.

(Luk.21:8) Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth, [and] with them the blind and the lame (Yes, God's people who are in bondage are quite often blind and lame, and God is calling them to be able to see and to be able to walk straight before the Lord.), ***the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together*** (In other words, those who have already borne fruit and those who will bear the fruit of Christ.): ***a great company shall they return hither***. They're going to come back to their "borders," inside the borders of their Promised Land. The borders could represent the outline of the way you live and, obviously, you want to stay within the boundaries of God's Word, so to speak. ***(Luk.21:9) They shall come with weeping; and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters ... Amen! Rivers of living water, which Jesus spoke about. (Joh.7:38) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. (39) But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive ... Out of your innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. Jesus Himself brought to His people rivers of living water. That's where their life came from – the Word that came out of His mouth. (Joh.6:63) It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have***

spoken unto you are spirit, and are life. (Jer.31:9) They shall come with weeping; and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born. (10) Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off ... (We are one of those “isles afar off” here in America.); ***and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as shepherd doth his flock.*** In other words, the Lord, Who sent His people into bondage in Egypt or in bondage to the nations, is going to draw them out now. This is a time of rejoicing. People are so fearful of the Tribulation, but they don’t understand that the Tribulation is the judgment that’s coming upon Egypt so that God’s Israelites can come out and go into the wilderness to serve God. This is a good time.

(Jer.31:11) For the Lord hath ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. Which is which? It’s the Beast entity “that was stronger than he.” We are not talking about a man when we say “the Beast.” We’re referring to the whole body of the Beast. You’re either a part of the Body of Christ or you’re a part of the body of anti-Christ. The anti-Christ is the Beast kingdom. ***(Jer.31:12) And they shall come and sing in the height of Zion ...*** God is drawing His people to come into His very Presence on His holy hill. God told Moses, ***Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be the token unto thee, that I have sent thee: when thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain (Exo.3:12). (Jer.31:12) And they shall come and***

sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow unto the goodness of the Lord, to the grain, and to the new wine, and to the oil, and to the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden (Praise the Lord! This is talking about the Tribulation and God is going to raise up His people to bear fruit and they're going to be blessed.); **and they shall not sorrow any more at all. (Jer.31:13) Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. (14) And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord.**

Sanctified Mountain

Then it goes into the text that we studied earlier, where Rachel was weeping for her children and God was comforting her by telling her not to worry, as they would return to their borders. They are coming back. Yes, they have been taken into bondage and are serving the flesh and are dead to the spiritual world, dead to the Kingdom of God, but He's going to change all of that. That's what God is saying. **(Jer.31:21) Set thee up waymarks, make thee guide-posts; set thy heart toward the highway,** (This refers to the highway of holiness that Isaiah 35:8 said leads to Zion.), **even the way by which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities. (Jer.31:22) How long wilt thou go hither and thither, O thou backsliding daughter?** In

other words, while they're out there wandering around in the world, this is where they are supposed to dwell. These promises are the ones they are supposed to live upon. ***for the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth: A woman shall encompass a man.*** God is bringing the virgin into the wilderness to be led by the Davidic Man-child. The woman encompassing a man is the Bride encompassing the Man-child. Zion was the Bride, according to Revelation. God told John, ***Come hither, I will show thee the bride (Rev.21:9).*** And He showed him the New Jerusalem coming down, being born from above (Revelation 21:10). The Man-child David ruled in the midst of Zion, but he also ruled in the midst of the rest of the Church outside of Zion. So there is the larger Church, then there is the Bride and there is the Man-child. This is the new thing that God is going to do: "A woman shall encompass a man." It's not a new thing as far as history is concerned; it's a new thing as far as we are concerned, in our lifetime, because this is an end-time prophecy.

(Jer.31:23) Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Yet again shall they use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity ... It's an old English way to say it because it sounds like just the opposite in our modern ears. If you would translate that today, you would say, "I will bring them again from the land of their captivity." It's a good thing to come out of captivity and into the Kingdom of God. There are only two places you can dwell in this world: you are either in Babylon or you are in Zion. We are coming out of Babylon, which is this world. All of the nations of the world were at Babel. They all came from Babel and they're all part of Babylon,

but Zion is separate. Zion is that holy place that we're all going to. God enjoins them to find this highway to Zion. ***(Jer.31:23) Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Yet again shall they use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity: The Lord bless thee, O habitation of righteousness, O mountain of holiness.*** Zion represents the place of holiness, the place of separation from the world. That's what "holiness" or "sanctification" means. It's the same word and it means giving up your sins in obedience to following the Lord. If you're obeying the Lord, you're walking in servitude to the Lord and you have matured in that obedience to the Lord. That is what Zion is.

(Jer.31:24) And Judah and all the cities thereof shall dwell therein together, the husbandmen, and they that go about with flocks. (25) For I have satiated the weary soul, and every sorrowful soul have I replenished. (26) Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me. (27) Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. (28) And it shall come to pass that, like as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down and to overthrow and to destroy and to afflict, so will I watch over them to build and to plant, saith the Lord. While in Babylon, they were living under the curse. Zion is where the curse is done away. So, spiritually speaking, you cannot physically go to Zion because obviously there is no physical Zion. We are not physical Israelites; we are spiritual Israelites and we can spiritually go to

Zion. It is the place of holiness, the place of God's presence and the place of His temple. When we come into the presence of God, that is that place of holiness. Those who were slain by the Beast, by Herod, by Pharaoh, by Nebuchadnezzar, by whatever Beast conquered them, they're going to return to their Promised Land. And living in the Promised Land represents resurrection life, the resurrection of God.

Led By a Child

This same story is found in Isaiah. ***(Isa.11:1) And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit.*** This is the Branch that in Jeremiah chapters 23 and 33 speak of an end-time David ministry that God is going to raise up. We've spoken of this already. This Branch represents the Man-child ministry in the end time, the one in whom Jesus lives, because Christ in you is the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). I knew a brother years ago who had a dream and he called me about it. His name was Tubby and he said, "David, I had this dream and I was talking to you, and in the dream I said, 'David, you remind me of someone I read about in the Bible.' You quoted those verses from Isaiah 11:1-5 and you said, 'Yeah, I know that person.' Then you quoted these verses." What he was saying is that these are going to be an end-time people who are going to come into this image, walking in the Spirit of God as the Branch. ***(Isa.11:2) And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (3) And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord; and he shall not judge after***

the sight of his eyes, neither decide after the hearing of his ears (In other words, this is a people who are walking in the Spirit and not walking in the flesh, nor ruled by the fleshly senses. They have their senses exercised to discern good from evil, as in Hebrews 5:14.); ***(Isa.11:4) but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. (5) And righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. (6) And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*** A little child, the Man-child, is going to lead them.

Why these beasts? Well, if you remember Noah's Ark and the people who were saved in the Ark, the beasts were also saved in the Ark and they represented the Gentiles. When Peter saw the sheet come down out of Heaven with all the unclean beasts on it, God told him, ***Rise, Peter; kill and eat (Act.11:7).*** And Peter said, ***Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath ever entered into my mouth (8).*** But the Lord answered, ***What God hath cleansed, make not thou common (9).*** This was when Cornelius had sent his servants to Peter to get him to come and preach to them the Gospel (Acts 10:1-8) and Peter got the revelation of, "Oh, God has cleansed the Gentiles (Acts 10:46,47)," who became the Church. These were people who were members of the body of the Beast – different beasts around the world, as a matter of fact. They had come out of this beast and out of that beast. They were

members of those bodies, but now they had come into the Kingdom and they were at peace with one another. There is nothing that can bring the world together in peace except God's Kingdom. So here you see that God is going to raise up the Man-child. He's going to draw His people out of all nations, out of all beast kingdoms. By the way, they were all called beast kingdoms by Daniel, just as they are in Revelation 7. God was going to draw His people out of bondage and out of all these beast kingdoms to come and dwell in their land, which He called the land of rest, the land of milk and honey, the land of blessings, provision and everything. Is a little child really going to lead all these beasts to be at peace and go back to the Promised Land? Yes, that's what He's talking about.

(Isa.11:7) And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. In the end of 2007, I saw a vision of this happening. In the vision, the Lord was giving me a piece of property and there were all these beasts that were fleeing onto this property from the judgments that were happening outside the boundaries of this property. I saw it. They were all in total peace with one another, all these creatures that normally bite and devour one another, like the nations do. They were at peace and God's Kingdom was there; His peace was there. The Lord was giving me a house and giving me money to prepare and provide for these beasts that were coming to this refuge. ***(Isa.11:8) And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.*** In complete safety! ***(9) They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain ...*** So where are these beasts? They are at God's holy

mountain and a little child, the Man-child, shall lead them. When all the beastly people of the world get saved, when they come out from under the bondage of the Beast and come into God's holy mountain, then what it refers to will be fulfilled. These are Rachel's children about whom she did not have to worry anymore. They are going to be restored. **(Isa.11:9) They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. (10) And it shall come to pass in that day, that the root of Jesse, that standeth for an ensign of the peoples, unto him shall the nations seek** (Of course, this is the Lord.); **and his resting-place shall be glorious.** Amen! That's where they're going – to this holy mountain, His resting place.

(Isa.11:11) And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people (Praise the Lord!), **that shall remain, from Assyria ...** That's one of the "beasts" that conquered God's people and brought them into bondage. God is saying, "Come back out of bondage! Come back out of the north! Come back to your Promised Land!" God is telling us to come and dwell in Zion in the Presence of God on His holy mountain. You cannot dwell on His holy mountain without being holy because the highway that goes there is also called the "Highway of Holiness." **(Isa.11:11) And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, that shall remain, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam** (These were all the nations that were roundabout Israel.),

and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. (12) And he will set up an ensign for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The Lord will gather them out of all the beast kingdoms to come back and dwell in their Promised Land. God is going to do this in the Spirit in the days to come. There is going to be a people who will dwell in safety and be blessed of the Lord. All their provision is going to be sure because they are a holy people. They are not under the curse. Those who walk in rebellion to God are under the curse because the curse was pronounced on the people who walked in their stubborn ways. ***(Isa.11:13) The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and they that vex Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. (14) And they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines on the west; together shall they despoil the children of the east: they shall put forth their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.***

Judgments are going to fall all over this earth where God's people are being persecuted. When they were in bondage in Egypt, the judgments that we see in the Book of Revelation fell upon Egypt, in order to deliver God's people out of Egypt and into their Promised Land. ***(Isa.11:15) And the Lord will utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his scorching wind will he wave his hand over the River, and will smite it into seven streams, and cause men to march over dryshod. (16) And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, that shall remain, from As-***

syria; like as there was for Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

Praise God!

CHAPTER FIVE

The David Ministry of Our Day

We've been exploring what it means that everything that happened in the Gospels and in the Book of Acts is going to happen again, except it will be on a worldwide scale and the cast of characters will be multiplied. So we've been looking at the characters to see what they will do in their corporate bodies in our day. We need prayer.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask You to be with us this day, to open our understanding, to lead us, to guide us, to give words of wisdom and knowledge that will reveal Your Will to us. Thank You so much, Father. You are our guide, our wisdom and we thank You so much for leading us in this Bible study. Amen.

Dying To Live

I'd like to back up and remind you where we left off. We saw that Herod, as a type of the Beast, was attempting to destroy the Man-child and actually did murder many "man-children" in Bethlehem (which means "the house of food"). We also saw that, as a type and shadow, the Lord told us, ***A voice was heard in Ramah, Weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; And she would not be comforted because they are not (Mat.2:18)***. We discovered when looking at the text in Jeremiah 31:15-20 that the words "they are not" did not mean physical death. It meant spiritual death because Rachel's children had been taken into Babylonish captivity. They were in bondage to the Beast and they were not serv-

ing God, but serving the Beast. The Beast was their head, their ruler, and it ruled over them. **(Rom.8:13) For if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the body, ye shall live. (14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.** So spiritual death is definitely what is being pointed out here in this text. There was no physical death involved in the original text of Jeremiah. It's very interesting that, in all of our lives, the Beast has to die. If it does not die, we are not free to follow the Lord.

Growing Up in a Hurry

The very next two verses give more clues to us. **(Mat.2:19) But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, (20) Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead that sought the young child's life.** Notice again the word "they," meaning more than one person. That may point to the fact that Herod represents in our day a corporate body, but we know from this that Jesus was ready to come out of His wilderness and start His ministry when Herod, the Beast who ruled, was dead. I believe that's a type and shadow for us in our day.

It goes on to say, **And he arose and took the young child** (Note that He is still being called a "young child," the same as He was called when the wise men came.) **and his mother, and came into the land of Israel (Mat.2:21).** Of course, He had to come out of His wilderness to do that. He came from Egypt, a type of the world, through the Sinai Peninsula and the wilderness there, and

into the land of Israel. And Jesus was coming out of His wilderness from Chapter 4:1 on down, where He came from His personal wilderness to His ministry. This may be the exact same type. We noticed that Moses, David and Jesus all had a perfect parallel there. **(Mat.2:22) *But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither; and being warned [of God] in a dream, he withdrew into the parts of Galilee, (23) and came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets, that he should be called a Nazarene.*** This is rather interesting. We've seen many revelations about a baby, who was being born in a type of the Man-child, and yet the baby was born very mature and alert, and grew up very quickly. We've seen quite a few of those and I think we see in this text that this is true. We noticed that it refers to a "young child" in verse 21 and it's still talking about that young child for the next two verses.

But immediately following this, it says, ***And in those days cometh John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea (Mat.3:1).*** That's intriguing; what happened to all those years in between? John the Baptist was only six months older than Jesus, so in Matthew 3:1 Jesus had to be almost 30 years old. In fact, you could not start your public ministry to the congregation until you were 30. That was the law. The text jumps from Jesus as a young child all the way to "in those days" with John the Baptist starting his ministry at age 30 and it makes you think, "Well, that Man-child must have grown-up very quickly." Do you suppose this was a type and shadow of what is going to happen in our day? That the Man-child

will be birthed and then immediately be caught up to the throne? In Revelation 12:5, the baby was born and then he was caught up to the throne of God; and then he was leading the woman through the wilderness, which appears pretty fast. Obviously, God is shortening the time span that it takes because we don't have a lot of time for Jesus in the Man-child to grow up.

The Greatest Prophet of Old

At any rate, John the Baptist's ministry was very short, starting when he was 30 years old. Six months later, Jesus was anointed to preach the Isaiah 61 anointing message and He was 30 years old, so Matthew 3 is actually between when John the Baptist began his ministry and when Jesus began His. ***(Mat.3:1) And in those days cometh John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, saying, (2) Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*** That was proven by the great signs and wonders that God did in the midst of them, to show them that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand. In other words, the Kingdom where God rules and where He reigns over the curse, over the devil and over the flesh, was at hand. It's obvious where the Kingdom of God rules because He does signs and wonders.

John the Baptist had a relatively simple ministry, which was the preaching of repentance. It did not seem that he ever went into much deep doctrine. He did preach "turning from your sins," yet he had a very anointed ministry and he was, according to Jesus, the greatest of the Old Testament teachers "born of women" (Matthew 11:7). Jesus said also, ***he that is but little in the kingdom of heaven***

is greater than he (Mat.11:11), meaning John the Baptist was the greatest of the old order ministers before the former rain came. Jesus came, of course, with the former rain and that brought the Kingdom. So John was the greatest born of women up until that time.

I believe that we have just such a corporate body of preachers coming right now, who will probably be considered the greatest from among the former rain, before the latter rain comes, because now the former rain is the old order and we're coming to the latter rain. Some of you are seeing this program down the road and all this is history, but at the point we are now, this revival is really starting with the John the Baptist ministry and is yet to happen. We're on the very brink of it and it is going to be a corporate body of people around the world who are coming to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. ***(Mat.3:3) For this is he that was spoken of through Isaiah the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make ye ready the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight.*** Obviously, without repentance you cannot do that. If you want the Lord to live in you, it will not happen without repentance. John the Baptist was preparing hearts to receive the Lord Jesus and to receive the Man-child in our day. History is repeating.

Repentance Revival

(Mat.3:4) Now John himself had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his food was locusts and wild honey. (5) Then went out unto him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about the Jordan.

Sounds like a great revival, doesn't it? I did learn that "all" was not all because the Lord said that the Pharisees and the Sadducees rejected for themselves the counsel of John, ***being not baptized of him (Luk.7:30)***. So "all" here means all of the elect, not all of the people. The Jews understood that very well because they believed in election. They believed that they were the elect people, the "chosen" (which is the same word, *eklektos*), people of God, and that God did not choose anyone outside of them.

Well, it's still the same today. ***(Mat.22:14) For many are called, but few chosen.*** God does call "many" unto Him, but not all are called and of those whom He calls, He still chooses only those who bear fruit. The first thing people need is repentance and I believe that we're going to see this preaching of repentance through some very anointed men of God, men who have the former rain anointing. And it's going to start a great revival, as in this passage where you see people coming out of their "churches" and going into the wilderness to meet John. ***(Mat.3:6) And they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.*** That's a good sign of repentance, when people confess their sins. In fact, every great revival starts out that way and a great anointing falls on people to be grieved over their sinfulness and to repent and confess their sins.

Reproving the Reprobate

(Mat.3:7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said unto them, Ye offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? John was very

hard on their preachers, wasn't he? That got him in a lot of trouble – and Jesus, as well. No doubt that the same exact thing is going to happen in our day because the leadership of the churches has been leading them astray for a long, long time. ***(Mat.3:8) Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance: (9) and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.*** Notice that it says we are to bring forth fruits. It hasn't been very long since I was confronted by a preacher who told me that he had repented of various abominable things that he was doing. He said that he had gone to God and asked God to forgive him and he was forgiven. I said, "Well, that's fine, but that's not repentance because repentance is changing and you're still in the middle of a crime spree." So you have to change your mind because that's what "repentance" means; it means "to turn and go the other way." That preacher didn't know what repentance was because he was not doing it. That's what John is saying here: "Bring forth fruit worthy of repentance." There has to be fruit of repentance.

There has to be fruit showing in your actions that you are changing your mind and John demanded that, even of these religious leaders. Obviously, some of them were putting on a show for the people. ***(Mat.3:10) And even now the axe lieth at the root of the trees ... Amen!*** That was true in John's ministry and it will be true in our ministries today, that the axe is at the root of the trees. By Matthew 13, Jesus was saying that those religious leaders were reprobated, saying, ***Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but unto them it is not given (Mat.13:11);*** and that

He had blinded their eyes (Matthew 13:13). ***(Mat.3:10) And even now the axe lieth at the root of the trees: every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.***

Holy Spirit Baptism

(Mat.3:11) I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit and [in] fire.

And Jesus did just that; He brought the baptism of the Holy Spirit and was the first one of the former rain to receive, according to type, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In fact, He received it in the verses immediately following these that we're studying. ***(Mat.3:12) Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his threshing-floor*** (The fan was used to blow away the chaff, which was useless, and to leave the heavier grain, which is the fruit that God was after.); ***and he will gather his wheat into the garner, but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.*** The chaff represents the old man, the carnal man, the fiery trials that we go through to burn up the old man and leave nothing but the spiritual man. Notice that John preached to "make His paths straight" and here Jesus is cleansing the people.

Cleansing the Body

There is a text that speaks of this in a different way. ***(Mal.3:1) Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord,***

whom ye seek, will suddenly come to his temple (That represented Jesus, but it also represents the Man-child because this is a repetition of history. The word “temple” here means His body. ***(Heb.10:5) A body didst thou prepare for me.***); ***and the messenger of the covenant, whom ye desire, behold, he cometh, saith the Lord of hosts. (Mal.3:2) But who can abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner’s fire*** (That is the fire to burn up the chaff.), ***and like fullers’ soap: (3) and he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi.*** Remember, we discovered that the sons of Levi were the only ones who did not bow to the golden calf, the image of the Beast. They were the true ministers of the sanctuary.

He also said that He had called us to be a kingdom of priests (Exodus 19:6), so really all of God’s true people are priests because we have an offering of fire to bring forth and we present our bodies as a living sacrifice on that altar of the fiery trial. That is the crucified life. That is what Jesus called taking up your cross and following Him, for you to be His disciple (Matthew 16:24). ***(Mal.3:3) And he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold and silver; and they shall offer unto the Lord offerings in righteousness. (4) Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years.*** For our day, He’s talking about New Testament spiritual Judah and Israel, and the New Jerusalem. ***(Mal.3:5) And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerer-***

ers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the sojourner [from his right,] and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

God is going to judge quickly those hanging around His people who are walking in their sinfulness. He will be very protective of His holy Church in these days, with Ananias and Sapphira-like judgments on people trying to sneak in, acting as though they are Christians while they are not. So far, it's been difficult to keep that from happening, but the Lord says that He will put an end to it. Praise God! He is going to have a holy Church.

The King Is Anointed

(Mat.3:13) Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. (14) But John would have hindered him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? (15) But Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer [it] now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffereth him. Obviously we need to be baptized, or put to death, by the washing of the water of the Word (Ephesians 5:26), a crucifixion of the old man, which is what it's all about. It behooves us to do this. Jesus went through this before He came to His anointing, which is very important. **(Mat.3:16) And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him; (17) and lo, a voice out of**

the heavens, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Jesus was baptized in the Spirit here; He was anointed in order to start His ministry. And we're also told this: ***(Luk.1:31) Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. (32) He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: (33) and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*** So Jesus came to be anointed to take David's throne. That's what this anointing was about; it was the king's anointing. All the kings received this anointing when they took their position. Right after Jesus was filled with the Spirit and before going into His wilderness, it says, ***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor (Luk.4:18).*** Jesus was then 30 years old when this happened. This anointing of the Spirit started His public ministry and goes right along with history.

Joseph was 30 years old, according to Genesis 41:46, when he stood before Pharaoh and received the kingdom, and David was 30 years old when he began his ministry, which is very interesting. All these types of the Man-child, we are told, were 30 years old. ***(2Sa.5:3) So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord: and they anointed David king over Israel. (4) David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.*** Forty is the number of tribulation. ***(5) In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Je-***

Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah. Jesus came to sit in David's throne. Jesus was anointed King of kings and He reigned over the true tribes of Israel. The apostate tribes did not recognize Him, but the true tribes did. Those who were born of God recognized Him immediately. He merely walked by His disciples and said, "Come, follow Me," and they dropped their nets, left their business, left everything and walked after Him. Now that's a strong calling! They just followed Him.

Overcoming the Old Man

Well, what was the first thing that David did after he was anointed? **(2Sa.5:6) And the king and his men went to Jerusalem ...** It wasn't called Jerusalem then. **(1Ch.11:4) And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (the same is Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there.** It wasn't called Jerusalem until they conquered it. **(2Sa.5:6) And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites** (which means "to trample down" or "trodden under foot"), **the inhabitants of the land, who spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither; thinking, David cannot come in hither.** Jerusalem had to be conquered before it could be called Jerusalem, before it could be Zion. It was in the hands of the pagans, in the hands of the old man, the Jebusite. We know from Revelation that Jerusalem is the Bride, but she did not start out as the Bride, did she? She started out as a pagan, as an unbeliever, and was converted and became the Bride. Jeru-

salem before David conquered it was Jebus.

David's job was to take Jerusalem, to show his men how to conquer and take Jerusalem. With the coming of the Man-child ministry, which is also a Davidic ministry, the first thing that's going to happen is that they're going to conquer Jebus. They're going to raise up Jerusalem again – not old Jerusalem; they're going to raise up New Jerusalem. Paul spoke about it in Hebrews 12, but then there was a great falling away and this place represented holiness, the place of safety, the Bride. It represented the only place the Beast could not conquer and it represented the Philadelphia church because that was the one that escaped the hour of trial from the Beast kingdom. Here we see that the Jebusites were telling David, "You'd better get rid of the blind and the lame or you can't come here." Or in other words, nobody who is blind and lame can take Zion. It represents the Bride, who is not blind and lame. She is spotless and blemishless because she has overcome some things, especially being lame, which represents being crippled or not being able to walk right with the Lord. And she has overcome being blind, which represents not being able to see, understand or discern the truths of God.

So they said, ***Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither; thinking, David cannot come in hither (2Sa.5:6)***. You know, some people do not think it's possible and, in fact, there are a lot of preachers who are saying right now that it's not possible for you to be an overcomer. They say that you just have to settle for being "a sinner saved by grace." The old man does not think that it's possible for you to conquer him and have this place actually become Zion, the holy city. ***(2Sa.5:7) Nevertheless David took the stronghold***

of Zion; the same is the city of David. (8) And David said on that day, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites, let him get up to the watercourse, and [smite] the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul ... The lame and the blind represent the apostates. Of course, the Jebusite represents the old man and David and his men represented the spiritual man who has to conquer Zion. We've been called to do that and David is telling them that the way to do it is to "get up to the watercourse and smite the lame and the blind." Put to death the old apostasy in your life. There were two rivers that fed Jerusalem and David's men used those rivers to get into Jerusalem.

The place of the watercourses was where the water drained out of Jerusalem, akin to the sewer system. Instead of scaling the walls, they could go up the sewer. They probably smelled pretty bad by the time they got in there to take their sword and go to work, but that's what he was saying. Though most of this was probably river water, they still had to go against the current that was coming out of Jebus, so they were "going against the flow," so to speak. And that's the way it is with us. Everything we do is contrary to the world: what they think is the right way, we think is the wrong way; what they think is up, we think is down. If we humble ourselves, God will exalt us. At any rate, David was actually teaching them that the way to conquer the city and the lame and the blind was through the water. ***(2Sa.5:8) ... Wherefore they say, There are the blind and the lame; he cannot come into the house.***

Building the Tower

(2Sa.5:9) And David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. He is talking about the ramparts of Jerusalem, so David built Jerusalem. He was the one who started building the “New Jerusalem” at that point. Jesus was doing the same thing. What Paul described with, ***ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem (Heb.12:22) ... and to the spirits of just men made perfect (23)***, was what Jesus was building. I’ve shared with you a revelation the Lord gave me many years ago, where He showed me the tower in the midst of what was depicted as the New Jerusalem and He was giving it to me, revealing to me that my ministry was to build this tower. I found that Micah 4:8 spoke of Jerusalem as “the tower of the flock” and it was the kind of tower that they actually built in those days in the midst of those cities to preserve them from invading beast armies. Jerusalem was just that; it was a place of safety where, if beasts invaded, whether from Babylon or Assyria, the people could flee into the broad walls and be protected.

David was building the tower of the flock here. **(2Sa.5:10) And David waxed greater and greater; for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.** I have found this language referring to only two people in the Scriptures, where it says, “waxed greater and greater.” It spoke of David and it spoke of Mordecai, whose name means “little man” or “man-child.” Mordecai was the same type as David; both of them were the Man-child. Mordecai’s job was to raise up the Bride, Esther, and save the

people of God from the Beast, Haman. Basically, that's the same thing that David did. He raised up the Bride, Jerusalem, and he defended the people from one of the Beasts, the Philistines. The first job David had was to conquer the Jebusites and take their city away.

In thinking about this, I'd like to share with you a revelation we received concerning the same thing. This is Pamela Orr's revelation, and she received it in January 2010. My notes are in parentheses.

In a dream, I was in a house that is safe and secure. I have no desire or plans to leave this house. (Pamela is a part of our broader UBM Fellowship safe-house, but also, I believe that this is referring to Zion and she had no plans to leave.) *To my amazement, though, there are people leaving. ... I'm given to know that there are many who do not return.* (This is necessary because the sons of perdition and the Jezebels and the rest of the tares who have come in amongst God's people cannot be a part of this Zion, as I will show you shortly. The only people who entered Zion were the ones who conquered the lame and the blind and it became Zion, the holy city, because they were the only people there. The Jebusites were driven out. The carnal Jebusites are leaving Jebus, so that it may become Zion. They're being conquered. Zion is the Bride. Praise the Lord! I remember her brother Mark Fritz, who is a part of our fellowship, asked the Lord when he first met us about the church he was currently attending. God answered that it was Pergamum, which was the third church of Revelation that was caught up in the Nicolaitan error. So Mark asked the Lord about UBM and the Lord said, "The sixth church." So he counted and found out that the sixth church was the Philadelphia church, which is the Bride, the one that escapes

the hour of trial under the dominion of the Beast, and the name means “the love of the brethren.”)

There are locks on this house, a whole row of them, probably seven or more, but I didn't count them. (This is a place that is very secure, like Zion, which was called “the stronghold of Zion.” We're all supposed to be climbing Mount Zion to enter into the presence of the King. The throne is on Mount Zion; the Temple is on Mount Zion; His presence is there.) *These locks are high up in the wall. We can't touch them or tamper with them; they are a fixture of the house.* (The key to enter is high up with God. It is not with man.) *Some, if not all, of these locks are specific to profiles. For example, there is the 'age 18-and-over' lock. I'm given to know that when a certain lock turns over, then no one fitting this profile will ever again be allowed to enter the house.* (I thought about that and felt that the Lord was saying that God gives more grace to the immature and innocent. He does not impute iniquity to them, but the further they go in their walk, the more they are held accountable. **(Luk.12:48) to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required**, so when people become accountable and they do not walk in their accountability, then they will be out of there. They will not have a position in that house.)

As I watch these locks turn, as if of their own accord, I realize that, when the final lock has been turned, no one else will be allowed to enter. (That's the way it is with spiritual Zion, folks. Many years ago I saw in a vision our ministry starting in Pensacola as a Zion, the Tower of the Flock, the Bride. I know that this is going on around the world with people who are desiring earnestly to be obedient to the Scriptures, live the crucified life before their Lord

and walk in the grace of God. (**Mic.4:8**) ***And thou, O tower of the flock, the hill of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, yea, the former dominion shall come ...*** When David took Jebus and it became the stronghold of Zion, the City of David, that was their stronghold. That was where the dominion started, right there. It said the former dominion was going to return to Zion, the Tower of the Flock, the Kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem. Note that the former dominion is not going to return to Jerusalem, but it's going to return to the daughter of Jerusalem or, in other words, to New Jerusalem. God is once again, in our day, going to raise up a David who will raise up Zion once more as the stronghold, the Bride.)

(In this New Jerusalem Zion, the wicked were not allowed, as Scripture says. (**Isa.52:1**) ***Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion*** (So it is coming to its former dominion.); ***put on thy beautiful garments*** (These garments are righteousness, purity and holiness.), ***O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.*** A New Jerusalem is started that is not allowing any of the wicked. You can only do that with a spiritual city. In any physical city, you're going to have all kinds of people there, some of them good, some of them bad. But in this spiritual city, there will not be anybody unclean. That's what these locks are all about; they're to find out who is walking in purity and to keep out the rest. As I said, with knowledge comes responsibility, so the further you go, the more that's expected of you. When David first became king as a type of the Man-child, he taught his overcomers how to take the stronghold of Jebus from the Jebusites, representing the old man. Then Jebus became Zion, the City of

David, a type of the Bride following the Man-child at the beginning of the Tribulation.)

(Father is cleaning house and will keep the evil ones out of His safe-house. Praise the Lord! As John said, ***He that hath the bride is the bridegroom (Joh.3:29)***. Soon many, by their own evil nature, will not want to associate with the righteous for fear of alienating their Beast associations. God is separating here and He is going to make His heavenly Zion a place where only the righteous will want to go. They will have had to conquer the lame and the blind to get there. They will have had to overcome. David's mighty men were sent by David to take Zion and they took it. Jesus did the same thing with the disciples He raised up, who were His mighty men. Praise God!)

Speaking of entering this safe-house, people are entering. (The righteous are entering, of course, because they are the only ones who can come into this safe-house, the New Jerusalem.) *Others are trying to enter but the "bad guys" don't seem to make it past the door.* (Praise the Lord! That is awesome. This is just like Ananias and Sapphira; they tried to enter, but God took them out.) *And each bad guy gets done-in by the next bad guy. The bad guys get progressively worse, too.* (2 Timothy 3 speaks about how bad the Church is going to get in our day. Verses 1 through 6 are pretty rough and then it says, ***But evil men and impostors*** (KJV: "seducers") ***shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived (2Ti.3:13)***. This is true in the Church today because that's what he was referring to. He wasn't talking about the world.) *The second-to-last bad guy is sort of a handicapped or perverted or dwarf-like individual with short little legs like tree trunks.* (Here is a perverted dwarf. I see one thing here, spiritually speak-

ing: those who do not measure up to the stature of the fruit of Christ are not going to be permitted in Zion.)

This is where it gets awful. The final bad guy (the Beast) begins to compress, squeeze or fold this dwarf-like individual until he murders him. (Spiritually speaking, those who have not yet experienced the crucified life will have help from the Beast to go to their cross and to manifest death-to-self. Those who do not measure up will need crucifixion in the world. How do we grow up into Christ? Jesus said, **He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it (Mat.10:39)**. You do not gain your life unless you lose your life, so growing up is a matter of the crucified life. If we do not accept it, we cannot grow up. If we do not accept it, we cannot put away the blindness and the lameness and cannot expect to go into Zion. Remember, we are told, **for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean (Isa.52:1)**.) *The evil nature of this final bad guy was beyond description. (That is the Beast.) I can only say that I could almost feel this individual's sick joy and satisfaction in pressing the life out of the other poor sucker. (She is talking about the apostate Christians, I believe. Many of the apostate Christians are going to be saved because of the crucifixion that the Lord puts them in. His fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his threshing-floor; and ... the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire (Mat.3:12), but He will have something in the midst of that which will be holy and precious.)*

(Not everyone will be sanctified. Some people just get worse in tribulation. One thing that helps people to be able to come to Zion in the midst of tribulation is to know what

God is doing. He is doing something for them. He is putting to death their old flesh, which cannot enter the Kingdom. By the Word of God, you learn how to cooperate with God and then you see that this is a victory, not a failure. If the Church receives a lot of this prosperity doctrine and they do not believe that they are ever going to go through anything, any trouble, any tribulation, then these things come upon them as a shock and they think that God has forsaken them. They are tempted to fall and many do. So there has to be knowledge for the people to understand that God is doing a good thing with them and that they need to go through this, that they're privileged to go through this, that they can have eternal life in the Kingdom. That's what the Man-child is coming to do; that's what Jesus came to do. Spiritually speaking, that's what David was doing. He was teaching men how to overcome the blind and the lame, teaching them how to take Jebus.) *Even though I was horrified and sickened at the depravity, I was still safe in the (UBM) house.* (Praise the Lord! Because God has a safe-house. He really does. I know that many people think that this is a heresy, but that's not true. God has His safe-house.)

Tabernacle of David

This same story is in 1 Chronicles. ***(1Ch.11:4) And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (the same is Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there. (5) And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come in hither. Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion; the same is the city of David. (6) And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and***

captain. And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and was made chief. (7) And David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the city of David. (1Ch.11:8) And he built the city round about, from Millo even round about; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. (9) And David waxed greater and greater; for the Lord of hosts was with him. Yes, and what was the next thing David did? He brought the Ark of the Covenant. **(1Ch.13:3) And let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we sought not unto it in the days of Saul.** The Israelites had been following after the flesh of Saul. That's why they got destroyed and that's why Saul died. But David said, "No, we have to follow the Ark of the Covenant." **(1Ch.15:1) And [David] made him houses in the city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.** The word for "tent" is the same word for "tabernacle." **(2) Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites ...** Absolutely! Who else can carry the presence of God but the priests of God who have offered their bodies as living sacrifices? They are the ones who are holy; they are the ones who are the temple of God.

*By the way, if you read further, it says, **And they brought in the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it (1Ch.16:1).** We know that God said He was going to raise up again this tabernacle. **(Act.15:14) Symeon hath rehearsed how first God visited the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. (15) And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, (16) After these things I will return, And I will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen;***

And I will build again the ruins thereof, And I will set it up: (17) That the residue of men may seek after the Lord, And all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called. So now we're talking about raising up a tabernacle of David, which represents the portable temple, for the wilderness, but also the portable temple of the Church. Once again, we see that there is a David coming for the Church and that's the Lord Jesus Himself, Who is the Son of David, Who was sitting upon His throne.

Déjà Vu All Over Again

But the Bible also says, ***David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel (Jer.33:17).*** There is a body in whom the Lord Jesus comes. The Son of Man came in the son of David 2000 years ago and the Son of Man is coming in a spiritual Son of David today, a corporate Body called the Man-child ministry. Jesus is going to minister to His people, to raise up, once again, the Bride, the New Jerusalem. "He that hath the bride is the bridegroom," as John said when he pointed at Jesus. He will raise up the Bride, the New Jerusalem, which is protected from the Assyrian Beast. When the Beast tried to conquer Jerusalem, God killed 185,000 of them and they left it alone (2 Kings 19:35). Folks, I tell you, the same thing is going to happen again. God is going to protect His Bride.

For instance, in the Book of Esther, there was the Bride and there were also the people who were threatened by the Beast. Haman, the Beast, had been given authority to destroy the people of God (Esther 2:10-11), but Mordecai and Esther had been given authority to save the people of God

(Esther 8:8). There were two contrary commands given, but they have their purpose and that is to make us decide whom we are going to serve, the Lord or the Beast.

Rachel's children fell into captivity of the Beast and they were counted as dead, like the parable in Matthew 2:18, of the children of Bethlehem. It did physically happen, but it was also a parable of things to come. In our day, there are many people who are going to follow the Beast. They will take the mark of the Beast, which is a sign of his ownership, and these people will die. They will not bear the fruit of the Man-child, as Jesus did. Once again, folks, we see that God is just going to repeat history and Matthew 2 is going to be fulfilled, as well as Matthew 3. All the types of the Man-child are running in perfect parallel. Joseph was 30 years old, Jesus was 30 years old and David was 30 years old when they started their ministries and, basically, they had the same job to do. It was shown in a slightly different parable each time, but it was the same job to be done.

Now the Man-child ministry is spiritually going to be 30 and it's going to start by building the New Jerusalem. Praise be to God! First, however, the Jebusites have to lose their grip; they have to be conquered. And we need to know how to conquer this old man so that we can scale the heights of the City of God, the mountain of His holiness, and enter into His Presence. That is what the Word will do and that is what the new anointed leadership is going to do for us. They are to teach us how to cooperate with God's work in our life and be happy about it. Let's face it, if you don't know what God is doing, you're not happy about it. As soon as you get revelation, you can be enjoying going through tribulation because you know that the Lord is getting you ready for His Kingdom, the manifestation of eter-

nal life. Praise God!

Father, we thank You, in Jesus' name. Please open our eyes and make us joyful in cooperating with You in this process of sanctification, in becoming that holy, spotless and blemishless Bride that You always wanted. Thank You, Father, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CHAPTER SIX

The John the Baptist Ministry Today

We know that in the Gospels the Lord has shown us that the things that happened in those times are going to happen again around the world. In fact, He gave us these as types and shadows of prophecies which shall come to pass in our days. Praise the Lord! God has hidden so many wonderful things in His Word.

Father, we thank You for opening our eyes and bringing us into agreement with You. You say, “How can two walk together except they be agreed?” So, Lord, it is so awesome to see what You are doing so that we can cooperate with You and be used as vessels of Your glory in these coming days. We are just so happy to hear about the great revival You have planned for us that is almost upon us, Lord. We want to be partakers in that and used in it. We thank You so much, Lord, in Jesus’ name.

Preparing the Way

I’d like to go back and talk a little bit more about the John the Baptist ministry because there’s much still to cover. ***(Mat.3:1) And in those days cometh John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, saying, (2) Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (3) For this is he that was spoken of through Isaiah the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make ye ready the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight*** (or “make a straight path for Him”). John’s job was to prepare people

for the coming of Jesus and there is a corporate John the Baptist ministry in our day whose job it is to prepare for the coming of Jesus in the Man-child.

As you remember, Jesus said He was coming again on the morning of the third day (Hosea 6:2), which is where we are now. We're at the third millennial day from Jesus, when He came the first time ***as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth (Hos.6:3)***. He came as the former rain and now He is coming as the latter rain in a corporate body of people. We'll return to that text, but let's look at this first. ***(Luk.1:12) And Zacharias was troubled when he saw [him,] and fear fell upon him. (13) But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: because thy supplication is heard, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. (14) And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. (15) For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.*** There is also a fulfillment of that in our time. Remember that Paul spoke about being separated ***from my mother's womb (Gal.1:15)***, meaning he was being born out of the Jewish religion. In John's case, it could be taken that way as well, although Luke literally meant "from his (John the Baptist's) mother's womb." I believe this John the Baptist ministry in our day is going to be the spiritual fulfillment of that corporate body. I believe that they will be anointed from their spiritual "mother's womb" or, in other words, they are delivered out of their religion. The woman in Revelation 12 who birthed the Man-child and other later seeds represents the Church

who brings forth these seeds as they grow up and mature.

Luke goes on to describe what we know to be a great revival that is coming because this John the Baptist ministry is on the verge of coming forth, probably after the next great judgment. Luke continues, ***And many of the children of Israel shall he turn unto the Lord their God (Luk.1:16)***. Notice it states “many of the children of Israel,” so this refers to those who were considered to be God’s people. However, they were not who they thought they were. Jesus had a great problem with people like that, who believed they were right with God because of their religion. But He said that the Father had sent Him to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 15:24). In our day, we have the same situation. There are a lot of lost sheep in Christianity and the Man-child ministry of our day is going to be sent to them as the fulfillment of that in our day. ***(1Co.10:11) Now these things happened unto them by way of example; and they were written for our admonition*** (referring to Christians), ***upon whom the ends of the ages are come***. It says, “Many of the children of Israel shall He turn unto the Lord their God.” That’s a great revival!

(Luk.1:17) And he shall go before his face (that is, Jesus’ face, or in our day, it would be the Man-child’s face) ***in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children ...*** What He means by that, I believe the Lord showed me, and this is also in Malachi, to “turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,” is that we need the heart that our fathers had. We need to have the diligence and discipleship that our early Church fathers had. God is going to restore what has been lost to the Church for the last 2000 years. He said in Malachi that

if He did not do this, He would have to **smite the earth with a curse (Mal.4:6). (Luk.1:17) And he shall go before his face in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient [to walk] in the wisdom of the just ...** This will be the result of the John the Baptist ministry in our day. People will be seeking righteousness, purity, holiness and repentance. This was the main message that John had, to “make ready for the Lord” a people prepared for Him. His ministry will be to prepare hearts to recognize Jesus.

It’s interesting that most Christians could not recognize Jesus if He walked in the door. That’s the whole reason for this repentance. We don’t have eyes to see and ears to hear, unless we have repented, which is the ministry of John the Baptist, who came to turn the people back to the Lord. If you turn to the Lord, you can hear and you can see; you can recognize someone who is spiritual. But not if you’re dull of hearing and have closed eyes like Jesus talks about when He says, **Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given (Mat.13:11)**. He was referring to His own people here who had become blind and hard of hearing, and who did not recognize Jesus. They didn’t know the importance of His words and didn’t lay any importance on the sanctification that was in those words. Also, it says, **This is He that was spoken of through Isaiah the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make ye ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight (Mat.3:3)**. In other words, “make a straight path for your connection with the Lord and His coming into your life.”

Through the Wilderness

This is actually a part of Isaiah. **(Isa.40:1) Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. (2) Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem; and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.** It sounds like that's when John came because this is a prophecy of John, which we'll see when we look at the next verses. They had just come through a time of judgment and this probably softened them up to be ready to repent when John preached and baptized in the river. He said that they had received double for all their sins. As we read on down, we are going to see this again. **(Isa.40:3) The voice of one that crieth, Prepare ye in the wilderness the way of the Lord ... The way to the Lord is in the wilderness.** It is not in the city; it is not in apostasy; it is not in Babylon. The way to the Lord is in the wilderness, as Moses told Pharaoh (Exodus 10) because you cannot serve God in Egypt. We have to go into the wilderness to serve God and that's exactly what is going to happen here. We're going into a wilderness where people will once again learn to walk by faith. **(Hab.2:4) ... But the righteous shall live by his faith. (Heb.10:38) But my righteous one shall live by faith ... (Isa.40:3) The voice of one that crieth, Prepare ye in the wilderness the way of the Lord; make level in the desert a highway for our God.** In other words, make a way for His entrance into your life. You have to get all the stones out of the way; you have to remove anything that is between you and God. That's what the John the Baptist ministry is going to be all about.

(Isa.40:4) Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low (God is saying about this coming time, folks, that when a person is humbled, then they'll be exalted and when a person is exalted, then they'll be humbled.); ***and the uneven shall be made level, and the rough places a plain: (Isa.40:5) and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*** It was prophesied of John to speak this and in the letter what Isaiah was referring to was the coming of Jesus. But Jesus said He was coming again on the morning of the third day, at the latter rain, and He's going to come in His Man-child company first. His purpose is to fill His whole body with His glory. You know that ***we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory (2Co.3:18).*** "Beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord" is the real Gospel and the people have forgotten that it's the Good News. The people have forgotten that the Lord has done this; it is not us. We have faith in Him.

(Isa.40:6) The voice of one saying, Cry. And one said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. (7) The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the breath (or the "spirit"; it's the same word) ***of the Lord bloweth upon it; surely the people is grass. (8) The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever. (9) O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up on a high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it***

up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold, your God! This is prophesied of John the Baptist. “Behold, your God!” The Lord is coming, folks! This is an exciting thing about the days to come. We’re going to see the Lord again. No, not in His first physical body, but it’s going to be Him manifested in His people. This is the great joy that God’s people are going to have and this is why no one will make them afraid in the wilderness because God’s people are those who do truly desire Him and invite Him into their hearts to truly live, not as religion says, but for the truth.

The next verse speaks of His coming. ***(Isa.40:10) Behold, the Lord God will come as a mighty one, and his arm will rule for him ... (Isa.53:1) ... To whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?*** That was Jesus and it is still Jesus today. Jesus in you is still the arm of the Lord that strengthens His hands to do His work and He calls us His hands in Isaiah 53:10. ***(Isa.40:10) Behold, the Lord God will come as a mighty one, and his arm will rule for him: Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.*** Notice that His recompense is before Him. That sounds like what we just read, that Jerusalem has paid double for her sins. It sounds as if judgment is coming before the Lord comes and I believe that the Lord is showing us exactly that through many revelations, dreams and visions. We’ll return to that topic shortly, but it says, ***Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the earth*** (that is where we are), ***Say ye to the daughter of Zion*** (The daughter is born-again Zion, the New Jerusalem.), ***Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him (Isa.62:11).*** We can

see that in two ways: First, we know that Jesus is coming in the Man-child as the white horse rider (Revelation 6:2) to bring judgment, like Moses came to bring judgment. But, and this is very interesting, it could also mean that there will be judgment before He comes, as we just read in Isaiah 40:2. **(Isa.40:11) He will feed his flock like a shepherd** (Ezekiel 34 refers to that – that He will shepherd His own sheep, His own flock.), **he will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, [and] will gently lead those that have their young.** That sounds great, doesn't it? Praise the Lord! Glory to God! John the Baptist isn't such a bad guy. He's going to bring the beginning of a massive world revival.

Judgment Brings Repentance

(Mat.3:4) Now John himself had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his food was locusts and wild honey. (5) Then went out unto him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about the Jordan. That sounds like a revival exactly as Luke 1 prophesied of John, that there would be a great move of repentance in God's people. What would cause God's people to repent like this? I believe, according to Isaiah 26, that one of the main things that moves God's people toward repentance is judgment. A very shaking judgment is coming, not only to America, but also to the world, and I believe that this may be the beginning of a John the Baptist ministry, which will be listened to. Something has to happen for God's people to listen and it is spoken about in Isaiah. **(Isa.26:8) Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited**

for thee. So I think God is going to catch people's attention with judgment and then He's going to bring the John the Baptist ministry which will have a message of repentance.

(Mat.3:5) Then went out unto him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about the Jordan; (6) and they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Notice that "Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about the Jordan went out unto him, and they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins." **(Mat.3:7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said unto them, Ye offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (8) Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance: (9) and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.** We see here that there were two kinds of people who came to the John the Baptist revival. There were those who were worthy and those who were not worthy. So, according to Jesus, even those who were actually sons of their father, the devil (John 8:44), were coming out there to that revival.

Pregnant With Twins

Well, it happens that we received a revelation that really fits this John the Baptist revival, the repentant burning up of the wood, hay and stubble, and the two kinds of people there. Kendall Remmick received this on February 7, 2010. My comments are in parentheses.

I was walking down an old, familiar street with a friend whom I never did see in the dream. I knew the person standing next to me was a friend, but did not know his identity. (It could have been the Lord. Who knows?) The street is the one I used to walk home on every day from school when I was in the first and second grade. (I think he's going to give us a revelation here of the path of immaturity, as you'll realize shortly.) My friend and I walked by one house that had some low evergreen bushes in them about two feet high and there was a woman sitting on a chair in the midst of the bushes. She was pregnant and had her hands on either side of her stomach in anticipation of giving birth. In appearance, she was actually a silhouette of a woman, yet still three-dimensional. Inside the silhouette was black darkness, like deep space with no stars. Staring at her was like looking at a portal into darkness. (This is talking about the apostate, immature Church in whom is the absence of God's light. It is space, a vacuum, the absence of many things, but especially God's light. The Church is in bad shape, folks. It is not the glorious Church that it's soon to become. God has a plan and He is going to tell you about that here.)

*When we walked past her, either my friend or I said, "She's about to give birth to twins." (The interpretation that came to me as I read this is that the twins represent the end-time Jacobs and Esau born to the immature Church. Remember Jacob and Esau wrestled in the womb, **And the children struggled together within her (Gen.25:22)**, and they were opposites, weren't they? Jacob is the father of the 12 patriarchs, like Jesus was the "father" of the 12 patriarch apostles. In our day, the end-time Man-child will be used to raise up the patriarch apos-*

ties to the end-time Church. So there are parallels there and history always repeats, so we should expect this. Esau represents those who have sold their birthright, as Paul said in Hebrews 12:16. These two types will be separated at birth and Esau will persecute Jacob, who is a type of the Man-child. Jacob was the father of the 12 patriarchs and the Man-child will also raise up the patriarchs in our day. These two different types are being born to this Church, very similar to what we saw in Matthew 3. There are those who sold their birthright because they were sons of Abraham and there is the true seed of promise.)

Circumcision of the End-Time Church

*At this point, we looked away and continued to walk forward a few steps. I then stopped and noticed that I had a very small lawnmower in my right hand. The woman who was in the small hedge was behind us now and the yard had grown very big. The grass needed to be mowed, but it wasn't green. It was golden yellow-brown, like wheat. And I realized that we were there to mow the lawn. (Now we're back to what we just read: **(Isa.40:6) The voice of one saying, Cry. And one said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass ...** So the yard of the woman, who represents the Church, has a large, grassy lawn, which represents lots of flesh. **(Isa.40:6) The voice of one saying, Cry. And one said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field. (7) The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the breath (or the "spirit"; it's the same word) **of the Lord bloweth upon it; surely the people is grass. (8) The grass withereth, the*****

flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever. This is truly going to be a revival because of the Spirit of God breathing upon the flesh, withering it up. This is a part of the John the Baptist revelation of Isaiah 40. This is what we need in preparation for the coming of the Lord into our lives in a greater way than we have ever known, in the latter rain movement.)

I looked down at the little lawnmower in my hand. The top of it looked like a regular lawnmower, but the bottom side, where the blades were, looked like a house fan with a safety screen on it. (My interpretation is that a corporate John the Baptist ministry will breathe out the winds of the Spirit. That will cut down the flesh of the Church in repentance to prepare for the coming of the Man-child ministry.) I began to laugh and said, "I can't mow this lawn with this little thing. This lawn is huge!" (Meaning that there is an abundance of flesh in the worldwide Church. This is a worldwide John the Baptist ministry coming to a worldwide Church and their job is cutting the grass. I recently had a lady tell me that she saw me mowing her lawn and I said, "That means I'm cutting your flesh." This should be the work of every minister, to cut down the flesh to make room for the coming of the Lord.)

My friend said, "Well, sit down on the grass." (I believe that this is representing that these ministers are going to be tested. They haven't been anointed yet, so they'll have to be tested. I believe they're being tested right now, that John the Baptists and the future Man-children are out there right now. The thing is, they haven't been anointed. I don't know if you've ever noticed, but evangelists like John the Baptist can say less and see more people come to an altar or any other form of receiving the Lord. Their message

is very simple, but people just seem to flock to them. It's a gift, an anointing that God gives. These people could be preaching away right now, but it's ***Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts (Zec.4:6)***. Great revivals come by the Spirit of God. He is going to grant repentance, the Bible says. He can grant it to anybody. He doesn't even need your help to do it. A great revival is going to be just that; it's going to be a lot of people coming to repentance and wondering what happened. There's nothing from the outside you can observe that would tell you why this is happening, but you know that it's a move of God.)

Message to the World

When they set the mower down in the grass, it cut surprisingly well. *But we realized that the lawnmower was way too small, so we agreed that we needed to go home and get a bigger lawnmower.* (When the anointing comes on the worldwide John the Baptist ministries from Heaven, which is our real home because this world is not our home and we're going back home, the people will be prepared for the coming of the Man-child ministries. ***(Mat.11:10) This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send My messenger before thy face, Who shall prepare thy way before thee.*** Malachi 3:1 calls him "messenger." We once had a brother come and share, and the Lord had been telling me for weeks beforehand that this brother was a John the Baptist, and so when I told Brother Brad to put a banner up on the site to let everyone know he was coming, Brad said that the Lord had spoken to him that this was a John the Baptist. I said, "I know that; the Lord has spoken

the same thing to me.” And then, the first thing that the brother said when he opened his mouth was that he was a messenger. I said, “Aha! You just confirmed something for me.” Of course, he didn’t know that he was a John the Baptist. A lot of people don’t know who they are, but it doesn’t matter that you don’t know who you are. It matters that you follow the Will of God until you find yourself in the Will of God. Praise the Lord! He can do this!)

Dying to the Flesh

When I was writing this, a verse came to me. (Amo.7:2) And it came to pass that, when they made an end of eating the grass ... (In Daniel 4, the Beast Nebuchadnezzar, who was the head of the Babylonian Empire, had been given over to the mind of a beast and had devoured much flesh. But when he was delivered over to the mind of the beast, he devoured the flesh of the field for seven years, representing the nations that he was conquering. The nations of the Beast were conquered. Why is God raising up the Beast? He’s raising up the Beast to cut the grass. He’s not raising up just the John the Baptists who preach repentance, but He’s also raising up the Beasts that put you on the cross in the first place. People don’t want to see the Beast. They don’t have any idea what the meaning and the purpose of the Beast is. They don’t understand that God raises up the Beast to put His people on the cross; in other words, “to cut the grass,” so that they will humble themselves before God.)

(There’s only one escape from the Beast, folks, and people are going to realize that it’s going to be the Highway of Holiness. The Beast can’t go on the Highway of Holiness.

If you're walking holy before the Lord, Isaiah 35 says the Highway of Holiness goes to Zion, the City of God, the holy city, the mountain of God's presence, where also the Beast cannot tread. There is a place of safety from the Beast. God is going to make people understand that and that's why people are going to flock to Zion. We know that the John the Baptist ministry is baptized for the death of the flesh before the Man-child brings the latter rain.)

The lawnmower is the ministry before the latter rain. (He had that right because I got that revelation as I was reading from the top down and I didn't know he had that there, but the ministry before the latter rain is the John the Baptist ministry. The dry grass is the saints who will die to the flesh. John the Baptist came in the anointing of Elijah, the Bible says. He will also come again in our time, to fulfill this revelation.)

According to Jesus, Elijah comes twice. ***(Mat.17:10) And his disciples asked Him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come? (11) And he answered and said, Elijah indeed cometh, and shall restore all things: (12) but I say unto you, that Elijah is come already*** (So He said that Elijah was future and that Elijah had come already.), ***and they knew him not, but did unto him whatsoever they would. Even so shall the Son of man also suffer of them. (Mat.17:13) Then understood the disciples that He spake unto them of John the Baptist.*** John the Baptist was Elijah (spiritually), who had come the first time, and now we have another John the Baptist Elijah that is coming. According to Jesus, he is coming twice.

Back to the Basics

Our text in Matthew 3 is an interesting revelation of a great revival and wave of repentance. We have had revivals, but a revival always starts with repentance, not just questionable signs and wonders. And for wise people, they are not even questionable. John the Baptist preached against such Babylonish hypocrisy as the Saul leadership, which we saw and understood must die before the David leadership could come.

I was talking with a brother one time about the John the Baptist ministry or evangelists in general, about how different they were, in that they generally stuck with the basics. The brother told me that the Lord had been telling him to get back to the basics and I recognized that was what the Lord had taught me about evangelists or John the Baptist-type ministries. They're speaking to a people who do not have eyes to see or ears to hear, but through the preaching of repentance God is going to give them eyes and ears. They need to get the basics first in order to come into the Kingdom. The John the Baptists and evangelists both are speaking to people who are not yet fully manifested coming into the Kingdom, and also to apostate ministries, to bring them to repentance. You cannot bring a deep word; in fact, a deep word will just hinder their work.

John the Baptist had a real simple message of repentance, which is more than just crying at an altar. It is changing your mind, turning, going the other way. The Bible says, ***For godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation, [a repentance] which bringeth no regret: but the sorrow of the world worketh death (2Co.7:10).*** That means you might repent, but you'll regret it and go

right back where you came from. The sorrow of the world is that way, but real repentance changes a person. It does not matter if you cry or not. Repentance is not necessarily crying; it's changing your mind enough to where you reject your old way of thinking, which is the main problem.

Unexpected Messiah

Another text in Matthew 11 speaks about John the Baptist's simple ministry and perhaps he didn't yet understand a few things. It seems very plain here. **(Mat.11:1) *And it came to pass when Jesus had finished commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and preach in their cities. (2) Now when John heard in the prison the works of the Christ, he sent by his disciples (3) and said unto him, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another?*** Now why did he say that? It may be that Jesus was not living up to expectations, not that Jesus wasn't already doing a great work. Maybe in John's eyes He wasn't living up to expectations of what they thought the Messiah was going to bring. I'm referring to the religious crowd of his day; they didn't expect Him to come this way or act this way. It's very likely that John had some of that in him because he asked the question through his disciples, "Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another?" **(Mat.11:4) *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and tell John the things which ye hear and see: (5) the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good tidings preached to them. (6) And blessed is he, whosoever shall find no occa-***

sion of stumbling in me. Well, that was a mild reproof for John, to tell John, “You shouldn’t stumble; don’t stumble in Me.” Jesus was the “stone of stumbling” (Romans 9:33) and people did stumble over Jesus. But He warned John not to stumble over Him because there was a big difference between their ministries. John preached repentance and Jesus was an enigmatic teacher of the deep things of God. He had deep revelations of these things. We never had any sign that John ever went beyond the basic preaching of faith and repentance, which is what is needed to prepare the way for the coming of the teaching. People are not even interested in that unless they have changed their mind and turned to God. We hear many times of people who, after repenting and turning to God, ask Him to lead them to truth and God did that for them. He led them to truth because they had repented and truly became a disciple, but they needed some “food.”

The important thing is that when John is through with you, you’re ready for Jesus. That is what’s coming in our day. When an evangelist is through with you, you’re ready for a teacher. So God is laying the foundation and He always does a very good job of that. **(Mat.11:7) And as these went their way, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to behold? a reed shaken with the wind? (8) But what went ye out to see? a man clothed in soft [raiment]? Behold, they that wear soft [raiment] are in king’s houses.** John was not a fancy person at all, was he? He certainly did not eat fancy food. **(Mat.11:9) But wherefore went ye out? to see a prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.** This is a great prophet. **(10) This is he,**

of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, Who shall prepare thy way before thee. As we'll see a little further down in the text, John was the greatest of the Old Testament prophets, according to Jesus, not because he spoke a lot of great things, but because of the anointing and the preparation and the job that he had to do. Once again, God is choosing a people through whom He is going to do a great work. Many of God's people are going to turn to God through this ministry, a worldwide ministry.

Former and Latter Rain

(Mat.11:11) Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist: yet he that is but little in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. In Jesus' day, John came at the end of the Old Covenant and was an Old Covenant prophet who was, at that time, preparing for a New Covenant; it was the old order preparing for the new order. The old and new orders are slightly different in our day, but still have to follow according to the pattern. The old order in our day is the former rain ministry and I know not many people have even come into that. This is really sad because, if you just read the Bible and pay attention to it, not getting distracted by religion, you cannot help but realize that you're supposed to be filled with God's Holy Spirit.

I believe the John the Baptist ministries that are coming in our day are going to fulfill being in the end of an old order, to prepare the way for the coming of a new order, which is the Man-child ministry. The John the Baptist in

our day is going to come as the greatest prophet of the former rain and be a great ministry, bringing in multitudes of people. He will have the gifts of the former rain and be a former rain prophet, but the Man-child ministry is coming with the latter rain. That's the anointing that will fall upon the Man-child. The anointing that fell upon Jesus was the former rain, but the latter rain will fall upon the Man-child. We know that Jesus said He was coming again after two days, on the morning of the third day, as the latter rain (Hosea 6:2-3).

So you see, Jesus is coming again, but this time He's coming as the new order for our day. He came as the new order for His day last time and He's coming as the new order this time, as well, but He's coming after a John the Baptist ministry, which will be the greatest of the old order former rain. We know that the prophecy says that the rain will come, ***the former rain and the latter rain, in the first [month] (Joe.2:23)***. We see that there's a revival coming and it's going to be a revival of the former rain and the latter rain. The latter rain is going to supersede the former rain and John the Baptist said just that. ***(Joh.3:30) He must increase, but I must decrease.*** In other words, "Don't get your eyes on me too long, boys, because there is coming One whose shoe latches I am not worthy to undo" (John 1:27). So John's disciples started getting the revelation of Who Jesus was and they started following Him. John freely admitted that he was not the Messiah, but that the One Who was coming was greater.

Spiritual Battle

(Mat.11:12) And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and men of violence take it by force. How much more is this going to be true in the coming revival? Why do we have to take the Kingdom by force? Because there is a whole army standing against you, one over which you have been given authority. ***(Luk.10:19) Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall in any wise hurt you.*** He gives us authority, but we have to fight a spiritual warfare to take the Kingdom of Heaven. It has been given, but you still have to take it with your “sword” (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12). When God sent the children of Israel to take the Promised Land, they had to take it with their sword. God said, “You go in there with your sword and I will be with you.” Basically, that’s where we are today. We have to take the Kingdom with our sword. Why? Because there’s a second heaven before the third Heaven.

We dwell in the first heaven, but the second heaven is filled with the principalities, powers and world-rulers of darkness (Ephesians 6:12) that do everything they can to keep us from reaching the third Heaven. We don’t take the Kingdom from God; we’re taking it from these ***spiritual [hosts] of wickedness in the heavenly [places] (Eph.6:12)***. By the way, Paul was a type of the Man-child who entered the third Heaven. He said that he fought the good fight and finished the race (2 Timothy 4:7). We are fighting a fight to take the Kingdom of God, but we must take it here. People think that you don’t enter the Kingdom

on Earth, but you do. **(Luk.17:20) And being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: (21) neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you.** So He says, **the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and men of violence take it by force (Mat.11:12).** Remember the authority that the Lord gave you. You have a right to everything that the Lord says is yours in this Book, but that doesn't mean you're going to get it, if you don't take up your sword and fight. For everything that God has given you, you may have to fight. Don't expect God to just lay it in your hand. You may have to speak faith, act faith and repent to receive it.

The Elijah To Come

(Luk.17:13) For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. (14) And if ye are willing to receive [it,] this is Elijah, that is to come. (15) He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. Praise the Lord! And so it is, we are about to enter into more of the Kingdom than we have ever experienced, or anybody has experienced, except the Lord. We're going to enter into it right here. And for some people to receive the former rain, repent of their sins and become true disciples, it's going to be because of John's ministry. Then shall the Man-child ministry come, which is the latter rain. During the first 3½ years of Jesus' ministry, He was the only One Who had the former rain. When He was baptized by John in the river, He came up and the Spirit of God came upon Him; that was the former rain. At the end of His 3½-year ministry, He

breathed on His disciples and said, **Receive ye the Holy Spirit (Joh.20:22)**. Their former rain came out of Jesus and in our day it's a perfect parallel because the John the Baptist ministry in our day is going to have the former rain, while the Man-child ministry in whom Jesus lives is going to have the latter rain for the first 3½ years. At the end of that time, they're going to pass on their mantle to their disciples. Why didn't the disciples need it during the first 3½ years? It's because they were being trained under Jesus' authority. He said that He would send them "another Comforter" (Greek: *Paraclete*; John 14:16). Jesus was also a *Paraclete*, meaning "One who stands beside and helps." But the Holy Spirit was also a *Paraclete* and Jesus went away in order to send the Holy Spirit, Who would manifest Him in those disciples.

So for the first 3½ years, Jesus' disciples were given authority by Him to go and do the things that they would do. They needed the other *Paraclete* when Jesus left, in order to continue with the anointing and the power. Jesus was the only One Who had the former rain for the first 3½ years, but He imparted that mantle to them, as Elijah had done to Elisha (2 Kings 2:13), who turned and faced 42 youths who were mauled by two bears (2 Kings 2:23-24). The bears were, of course, the Beast, and the 42 youths represented the 42 months of the last 3½ years. We're seeing the parallel there of passing on this anointing, this mantle. Elijah passed his mantle to Elisha, who went out and performed more miracles than Elijah ever did. So did the disciples of Jesus; they went out and did greater works than Jesus (John 14:12) because they were multiplied. This was Jesus in all of them, going out and performing the same works that Jesus was doing, so it was multiplied into many

greater works.

Multiplication of Jesus

This is going to be repeated again and the reason this revival is going to spread all over the world is because of a geometric progression, or the “stadium effect” spoken of before. The stadium effect is a circle inside a circle inside a circle, and each circle that receives the words spoken in the center passes it on to a larger circle. Everyone who receives the Word passes it on to more than one person, creating a progressively larger circle. The geometric progression is going to turn the world upside-down in these coming days, just as it did for these disciples. The Man-child ministry is going to teach under the latter rain for the first 3½ years and will impart that to the disciples, who are going to go on in the second 3½ years to raise up the five-fold ministry (Ephesians 4:11), and so on and so forth.

We saw in Acts 16 that Jesus was actually still with them in Spirit, just as Moses went halfway through the wilderness and had to put a veil on his face, because there was a glorified man underneath. Then Moses went with the Israelites the rest of the way through the wilderness, which represents the last 3½ years of the Tribulation. We know that the wilderness is, according to Revelation 12 and 17, the first and second 3½ years of the Tribulation. So every Man-child type in Scripture adds more and more detail to the final revelation. Praise God! He’s going to do an awesome miracle, an awesome revival, that will start with John the Baptist and be carried on through Jesus and the Two Witnesses because they’re the ones who were trained by Jesus. He sent them out two-by-two, in every place that He

was about to go. Where is He going? The whole world, ***For as the lightning cometh forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west; so shall be the coming of the Son of man (Mat.24:27)***. That anointing will be passed from these ministries throughout the Church in this way and Jesus is going to raise up a body in His image. He will raise up the body of Christ.

We have been calling ourselves the body of Christ for a long time, but Jesus lives in the body of Christ and He ministers from the body of Christ, so we're going to really see the body of Christ in the earth. Jesus will be famous from here on out, folks. For the last 2000 years His name has been small among the nations, but not so from here onward. The Lord is going to manifest His glory in this earth and people are going to fear the name of the Lord. They are either going to love Him or fear Him, but He is coming again, though not in the way the Pharisees and the Sadducees think. He didn't come the last time the way they thought He would, either. Once again, God has hidden ***these things from the wise and understanding, and didst reveal them unto babes (Mat.^o11:25)***. Praise God! The Lord has a great plan to once again hide these things from the Pharisees and the Sadducees of our day. They will not understand it; they will not believe it; they cannot see Him and they do not know Him. But, as Jesus said, those who are coming as a child to the Kingdom of God will do awesome wonders in the power of God, like He did through those ignorant fishermen. They were like babes to the great theologians who looked down on them, but these were the true believers, the true people of God. And in our day, it's going to be God coming in simplicity through John the Baptist. You couldn't imagine John the

Baptist in a suit and tie in the wilderness, could you? He was a simple man here for a very important purpose and I will guarantee you that's exactly what is going to happen.

Praise God! Thank You, Lord, for doing a mighty work.
Amen!

CHAPTER SEVEN

Jesus' Latter Rain Ministry

The things God has spoken in Matthew are prophetic of something to come in the future. The prophet Isaiah also said the same thing: **(Isa.7:14) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign** (The Hebrew word there is *uwth*, meaning “a sign of something to come.”): **behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.** Jesus' birth to the virgin Mary was for a sign and we've discovered that Jesus' ministry was a sign of the coming Man-child ministry. When we look in the Gospels, we can also see there a prophetic word about the coming days. Our study has reached the part where Jesus was anointed of the Holy Spirit, so we'll continue there. **(Mat.3:16) And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him; (17) and lo, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.** This, too, is a prophecy of the things to come. As you know, Jesus spoke to us in John 16 and said that He was going to come again as a baby born to a woman, “a woman when she is in travail” (John 16:21). When we look all the way through the Bible, we come to Revelation 12:2 and there's the woman in travail with the Man-child.

After the sign that Jesus gave us here in Matthew, we know the Man-child is a corporate body coming forth in our day. It's interesting that everything that happened in

the former rain is going to happen in the latter rain and this Spirit of God falling upon Jesus at this particular time was the outpouring of the former rain of the Holy Spirit that Joel prophesied would restore all things to the people of God (Joel 2:23). The former rain was given to Jesus first, who taught His disciples for 3½ years and then breathed on them, saying, ***Receive ye the Holy Spirit (Joh.20:22)***. Ten days later, a mighty, rushing wind came into their presence and baptized all of them in the Holy Spirit and they received the former rain. But Jesus had it first and was the One Who breathed it on the disciples. Paul said that Jesus ***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 (Col.1:18)***. And He is going to have the preeminence this time, as well. Many people leave Him out of their Man-child theology, but the point is that it is the Lord Who is coming to do this. The Lord came with the former rain and He is the One coming with the latter rain, although He's coming in a different body. It is still Him coming to do it. He came in the body of the Son of David, the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15).

I know people want to make that the “seed of God,” but ***That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (Joh.3:6)***. Jesus was declared to be ***of the seed of David according to the flesh (Rom.1:3)***, but ***declared [to be] the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness (4)***. God was the Father of the spiritual man Jesus, the Son of God, Who came from Heaven, and it was Mary's seed that was the son of David. Jesus said, ***a body didst thou prepare for me (Heb.10:5)***, and that body was

from man. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Once again, the Lord is going to take on a human body in these days and the body gets no credit; it is the Lord Who gets the credit. But the Lord is coming to start the latter rain and though you've heard this before, I'll share it with you again briefly. ***(Hos.6:2) After two days will he revive us: on the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live before him. (3) And let us know, let us follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is sure as the morning; and he will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth.*** "He will come unto us ... as the latter rain that watereth the earth." This is referring to the *epiphany* of Jesus, not the *parousia* of Jesus. The *parousia* is the physical coming of Jesus, but this latter rain is the epiphany of Jesus coming in His body. The first-fruits who are going to receive this blessing are called the Man-child ministry and it's on the morning of the "third day," exactly what we see here in the text. It is Jesus who is coming to anoint His people and to, once again, sit upon the throne of David, as Luke 1:32 tells us; Jesus sat upon the throne of David.

The Bible also tells us, by the way, that the Man-child is going to be ***caught up unto God, and unto his throne (Rev.12:5)***. A lot of people do not realize that the throne the Man-child is caught up to is not some throne up in Heaven, way out yonder. It's the Kingdom of Heaven here. The "throne" that Jesus was caught up to is that He was given the throne of David to rule over Israel and He even came in the triumphal procession into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9; John 12:13), where it was quoted, ***Behold, thy King cometh ... (Mat.21:5; Joh.12:15)***. Of course, He wasn't

treated like a King, was He? He was a King Who was born of the seed of David and was to sit on David's throne and rule Israel. The Bible tells us, ***Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king (Jer.23:5)***, and that ***David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel (Jer.33:17)***. So, once again, the Man-child is caught up to the throne, but I want to tell you Who rules on that throne: it is not the Man-child; it is Jesus! Jesus is coming as the latter rain to rule.

The Spirit of Christ in David

Here's another verse that pertains to this: ***(2Ch.9:8) Blessed be the Lord thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on his throne, to be king for the Lord thy God.*** He's talking about the throne of David. We are still talking about flesh, aren't we? Who is that Spirit in David? Paul spoke about the Spirit of Christ which was in the prophets and that Spirit of Christ was pointing toward the suffering of Christ in our day. So who was in David who manifested that righteousness and goodness? It was Christ. He has always been on the throne; nobody else is going to sit on the throne. Oh, yes, there will be fleshly bodies that rule, just like there are in the Church today. There's the five-fold ministry that God raised up and those are now our leaders in the Church. They rule, yet they really only have a gift that comes from the Lord and it's the Lord manifested in them to Whom we are submitting. Paul said, ***Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ (1Co.11:1)***. In other words, "Follow me as I follow the Lord."

Shower of End-Time Glory

The latter rain is in complete parallel to the former rain and the Lord is coming to rule in a body, to raise up the whole Church into His Image, the glory of God. **(2Co.3:18)** *But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.* That's the Gospel! I believe that the Man-child is the first-fruits in our day to reach sun glory. There is "star glory," there is "moon glory" and there is "sun glory," the three glories that Paul spoke about in 1 Corinthians 15:40-41. He said that we grow through each of them in stages to come to maturity in Christ, Who is sun glory.

Notice that one of the key words spoken in the verses that we looked at from Hosea 6:3 is "rain." **(Hos.6:3)** *He will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth.* This "rain" keys in on quite a few verses, especially in the Old Testament. Those verses give us little clues as to what's going to happen in the latter rain, not only for the Church, but also in the Tribulation, because the latter rain happens in the Tribulation, which is "on the morning of the third day," the third thousand years from when Jesus came. Now let's look at Micah 5. The chapter starts out speaking about Jesus. **(Mic.5:2)** *But thou, Beth-lehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel (that was Jesus); whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting. (3) Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she who travaileth*

hath brought forth (That's the woman bringing forth the Man-child in Revelation 12. He has given them up, but they are going to come back.): ***then the residue of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.*** However, the children of Israel in the New Testament are not those who are circumcised in flesh, but circumcised in heart. That's what Paul tells us in Romans 2:28-29. His brethren are going to come back to the children of Israel, the ones who are grafted into the olive tree. As the Bible tells us, they're going to be grafted again back into their own olive tree that they were broken off from because of unbelief (Romans 11:23). This is what He's referring to right here, but the wonderful thing, the thing that excites me, is this: ***(Mic.5:4) And he shall stand, and shall feed [his flock] in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God: and they shall abide; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.*** This is the Lord coming as the latter rain, at the time that the woman brings forth the Man-child, and it says He is going to feed His flock. That excites me! The Lord is coming, folks! I love to think about His coming. He's coming to feed us and minister to us. The Lord is angry with the shepherds and what they have done unto His flock, as He tells you all through the Old Testament.

Salvation and Judgment

Some key verses that refer to the latter rain begin a little further down. ***(Mic.5:7) And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as dew from the Lord, as showers upon the grass*** (There it is again, "showers upon the grass."), ***that tarry not for***

man, nor wait for the sons of men. Wow! They are not dependent on this world, are they? People who love the latter rain are just carried by it. Without the Spirit of God, it is such a struggle to live and do His work and to minister as He called us to minister. It's a struggle without the Word of God. He makes it easy. We're supposed to give Him our burdens (Matthew 11:28-30). It's ***Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts (Zec.4:6)***. It will get done by God's Spirit. We have now wasted almost 2000 years and made very little progress, as far as Christianity being born in the earth, as Isaiah 26 tells us. In just a very short time, the anointing of God is going to do its work. The Lord Jesus is coming with that anointing to sit once more on the throne of David and rule over His born-again people.

(Mic.5:8) And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples (We are spread throughout the world among the beasts of the field, the Beast being the nations of lost mankind.), ***as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep; who, if he go through, treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and there is none to deliver. (9) Let thy hand be lifted up above thine adversaries, and let all thine enemies be cut off.*** He is referring to the Lord here, the Lord in His people. Actually, the Lord stands and feeds His flock, and the Lord raises up "seven shepherds, and eight principal men," or "princes among men," as stated in Micah 5:5. The seven shepherds are like the apostle John, who was also caught up to the throne as a type of the Man-child, but he gave a revelation of the end time to seven angels, who were then to bring it to the Church. The word "angel" is the same word

as for “messenger,” and it’s used in the New Testament as not only heavenly-type angels or messengers, but also earthly ministers. In fact, John is giving his revelation to seven ministers, who go forth to the seven churches. This is what Jesus did. He raised up disciples to go forth to the 12 tribes because He was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. John raised up seven ministers to go forth and bring the message of the end time to the seven churches. Here in this text, we see the same thing. We see the seven princes among men and the eighth is Jesus in the midst.

We also see here that they are going to be used to bring judgment in the earth, that they will be like a lion and not like lambs. Jesus came as a Lamb and He sent out His sheep to be lambs in the midst of wolves (Luke 10:3), but now He is saying they will be like lions. Not only are they going to bring the Gospel, but they are also going to bring judgment, like the Two Witnesses company brought judgment upon the earth. The Two Witnesses represent the disciples of Jesus because Jesus sent them forth two-by-two, corporately, to the places He was supposed to go, and the same thing is going to happen to the Man-child ministers: they are going to send forth witnesses, two-by-two, and they are going to speak judgments. It is like Revelation 11 on the earth and upon the wicked. No, it’s not going to be like a lamb this time. It’s going to be the Lamb and the Lion this time. There is judgment coming with the latter rain movement because the end is near. All nations are going to persecute the saints, but God is not going to leave them defenseless. He is raising up a Man-child ministry, who is raising up a Two Witness ministry, which is raising up a five-fold ministry. Remember the disciples that Jesus sent out ordained a five-fold ministry to lead and guide the Church. This is

what we're referring to that will happen again in our day. The Spirit that is upon Jesus, the mantle that is upon Him, He put upon His disciples and they put it upon the five-fold ministry, and so on. This is the same thing that's going to happen. The anointing that is upon Jesus coming as the latter rain is going to be put upon His disciples, etc. This anointing is the latter rain. It's the power of the Holy Spirit.

White Horse Rider

There's another way that God speaks about coming judgment. ***(Rev.6:1) And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals (the first seal), and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, Come. (2) And I saw, and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon had a bow; and there was given unto him a crown (this is the crown of David): and he came forth conquering, and to conquer.*** Notice that he had a bow, but no arrows, and this is the first judgment. I have shared before that this is not really referring to the Antichrist, nor literally Christ. It's referring to the Man-child ministry, which is coming with judgment. Moses was the Man-child ministry in his day and he loosed all of the "horses" of judgment in his day. All of them followed his ministry. All of the judgments that fell upon Egypt came right out of Moses' mouth and this is the same thing that's about to happen, according to type and shadow. The Man-child is the first judgment and because of his ministry, all those other horse judgments and the other seals are loosed upon the earth. This white horse rider is none other than the Lord in His Man-child.

Shooting Arrows At the World

We can see the same thing here: **(Zec.10:1) Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain** (We need to be praying for that now because it is very near.), **[even of] the Lord that maketh lightnings; and he will give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.** There are the showers on the grass again. Peter said, **All flesh is as grass (1Pe.1:24)**, and yet, the Lord said that He was going to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh (Acts 2:17). Of course, that's referring to the Church because that is "all flesh," men and women out of all nations. He is pouring out His rain upon the "grass of the field," which Jesus said was the world (Matthew 13:38). This gives you the timing that we are talking about in the latter rain; this is a prophecy of our time. If we go back one chapter, we read, **For I have bent Judah for me, I have filled the bow with Ephraim (Zec.9:13)**. What does Judah represent? Well, Jerusalem the Bride came from Judah, and David was from Jerusalem, and David ruled over the Bride in Jerusalem over the rest of Israel. He says, "I have filled the bow with Ephraim," and the name "Ephraim" means "the fullness of nations." That refers to what we just studied in Revelation; it's a different parable, but it means the same thing. A remnant of Jacob or Israel was going to be used by God and was going to receive the anointing of the Man-child through the seven shepherds, who went to the churches, etc.

So how is this going to spread all over the world in just seven short years? It will be like a geometric progression, starting out with a 144,000-member Man-child, first-fruits people with an anointing. And that anointing is nothing to

belittle; look at the miracles that Jesus did. And then consider the miracles that Jesus is going to do because ***The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former (Hag.2:9)***. The miracles of the Man-child through the Two Witnesses, through the five-fold ministry and through the Church will spread very quickly. God is doing a quick work here, ***for the Lord will execute [his] word upon the earth, finishing it and cutting it short (Rom.9:28)*** in righteousness. He will fill His bow with Ephraim. Notice also that the Man-child who rode upon the white horse had a bow, but he did not have any arrows. He had already sent forth His arrows. The Bible says that our children are our arrows. ***(Psa.127:4) As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, So are the children of youth.*** Jesus called His disciples “children” (John 21:5) and He sent them forth. He drew the bow and sent them forth as His arrows to bring His anointed, His works, His ministry all around the world. The exact same thing is going to happen again. ***(Zec.9:13) For I have bent Judah for me, I have filled the bow with Ephraim; and I will stir up thy sons, O Zion (the Bride), against thy sons, O Greece (the Beast at that particular time), and will make thee as the sword of a mighty man.*** Anytime one of the Beasts (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, Rome, etc.) is mentioned in the Bible, it's a type and a shadow of the end time. Well, He says He would stir up sons, so there's a war preparing to happen here.

Shepherds in the Rain

Let's see what He says about this white horse rider. ***(Zec.10:1) Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain, [even of] the Lord that maketh lightnings; and he will give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. (2) For the teraphim have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie; and they have told false dreams, they comfort in vain.*** He's referring to the ministry that is there when the Man-child comes. It's the same as the ministry that was there when Jesus came. They were into a lot of falsehood – a lot of false prophets, false shepherds – and they had dealt corruptly. The Lord was judging them, but He did not judge them like He is about to judge this time because it is the Lion who is coming this time. ***(Zec.10:2) For the teraphim have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie; and they have told false dreams, they comfort in vain: therefore they go their way like sheep, they are afflicted, because there is no shepherd.*** Remember, the Lord is mourning because of there not being a shepherd in Israel. They are like sheep scattered without a shepherd. Of course, they had shepherds, but God was not calling them “shepherds” and that's the problem. So the Lord sent His Own right arm, the Lord Jesus.

(Zec.10:3) Mine anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the he-goats; for the Lord of hosts hath visited his flock, the house of Judah, and will make them as his goodly horse in the battle. You know, all those horses in Revelation 6 represent the harnessing of the flesh to do work. They

were all judgments, but God was using different flesh to bring each kind of judgment. The kind of flesh that the Man-child is riding here is talking about Judah. David's authority was first received by the Bride because the capital city was Zion, which represents the Bride, and David was king in Zion. The house of Judah will be "his goodly horse in the battle." (**Zec.10:4**) **From him shall come forth the corner-stone** (which we know has happened), **from him the nail** (which we also know has happened), **from him the battle bow ...** (And we know that happened. He sent forth Judah and Ephraim as the arrows. Judah is once again going to be in leadership, including the Lord Himself, Who is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. They will raise up the whole Church and that's what Ephraim represents as the "fullness of nations."), **from him every ruler together. (Zec.10:5) And they shall be as mighty men, treading down [their enemies] in the mire of the streets in the battle ...** A lot of people do not know the authority God has given His people, especially in a time when grace is being taken from some. There is going to come a time during the Tribulation period when nobody else will repent. In fact, God will turn away from the Gentiles and He will turn to the remnant of the Jews that He is going to bring in, like He said He was going to do, back in Romans 11.

The Passover Revival

Once again, this white horse rider is going to bring judgment in the earth, like Moses did with the judgments he brought. (**Zec.10:5**) **And they shall be as mighty men, treading down [their enemies] in the mire of**

the streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because the Lord is with them ... That's another meaning of "Immanuel." Remember the sign that the woman would conceive and bring forth a son and they would call His name "Immanuel," meaning "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14)? Once again, "God is with us" because the Man-child is going to be born to the woman and God is going to be with us again. This is not saying that men will be God. It's saying that God is coming to do His works.

If that offends anyone out there, the Bible says through Paul, ***Or know ye not as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you? unless indeed ye be reprobate (2Co.13:5)***. To the extent that you are bearing the fruit of Jesus, 30-, 60- and 100-fold, as in the Parable of the Sower, to that extent Jesus lives in you. We're just talking about Him coming in maturity in some people first, in order to lead the rest into the same maturity. It's still Jesus and He is still the Son of God. He is still God. ***(Zec.10:5) And they shall be as mighty men, treading down [their enemies] in the mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because the Lord is with them; and the riders on horses shall be confounded***. Now what is this referring to? God is leading the horsemen, yes, but they don't have any effect upon God's people. If you remember, in the Exodus, the judgments that fell upon Egypt, God separated His people in Goshen from those judgments (Exodus 8:22). So the riders on horses will be confounded in one aspect and that is concerning God's people because they are under the Passover; they are not under the curse.

(Zec.10:6) And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and

I will bring them back (Back from where? Bring them back from Babylon, back from bondage. They were the first ones to come out of bondage and build the city of God.); ***for I have mercy upon them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the Lord their God, and I will hear them. (7) And [they of] Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine; yea, their children shall see it, and rejoice; their heart shall be glad in the Lord.*** This is talking about a great revival, folks. ***(8) I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them; and they shall increase as they have increased. (9) And I will sow them among the peoples; and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and shall return.*** They will return from their bondage to the beastly nations to the one holy nation, which Peter said we are; the one holy nation that Peter said we belong to. They're going to return to Zion. That is not referring to geography because Zion is all over the earth now. The Davids are going to be all over the earth now. It's only in Spirit that this is true. ***(Zec.10:10) I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and [place] shall not be found for them.*** This is talking about a great revival and I want to remind you of what time He's referring to. It says, ***Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain (Zec.10:1).*** When is the latter rain? It's on the morning of the third day (Hosea 6:2-3), which is where we are now, the third millennium after Christ. This is all a type and shadow, and God has hidden it for us to help us under-

stand that this latter rain is going to come with judgment.

Song of the Coming King

We have keyed in on this part about the showers, about the latter rain falling upon the grass and the fields, all through the verses that we're looking at, and here is a similar one: **(Psa.72:6) *He will come down like rain upon the mown grass*** (it's saying that the Lord is coming), ***As showers that water the earth.*** There is our key verse that helps us understand that this chapter is talking about the latter rain. Now let's go back to the beginning verse. **(Psa.72:1) *Give the king thy judgments, O God*** (What king is he referring to? He's referring to the King David of our day.), ***And thy righteousness unto the king's son.*** Praise the Lord! **(Psa.72:2) *He will judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with justice. (3) The mountains shall bring peace to the people, And the hills, in righteousness.*** The mountains and hills represent righteousness, living above the world, overcoming the world. The Man-child's ministry is to resettle Israel; it's to bring back the people who were taken away to bondage and to resettle the mountains of Israel, as it says so many times in the Scriptures. And, especially, it's to resettle the mountain, the capital city mountain, which is Mount Zion. This represents living above the world. **(Psa.72:4) *He will judge the poor of the people, He will save the children of the needy*** (Again, this is referring to the Lord, Who is coming as the latter rain. He is going to do this.), ***And will break in pieces the oppressor.*** This is very interesting; this is the judgment we studied by the Lion and by the white horse rider.

(Psa.72:5) They shall fear thee while the sun endureth, And so long as the moon, throughout all generations. That is the 60- and the 100-fold glory, isn't it? **(7) In his days shall the righteous flourish** (I tell you, God's people are going to grow up fast under the teaching of the Lord Himself. He's coming to bring the teaching and He's coming to give us His mantle. In other words, He is passing on the gift of the power of the Holy Spirit of the latter rain.), **And abundance of peace, till the moon be no more. (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 seven-fold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord bindeth up the hurt of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.** That's talking about His people maturing, about people who are "moon glory" growing up into "sun glory" and people who are "sun glory" manifesting seven-fold. It's the maturity of God's people growing up. And it's all going to be because of the latter rain, the teaching of the Lord bringing back the restoration of the teaching of the Word of God, and true shepherds leading God's people. Praise God!

(Psa.72:8) He shall have dominion also from sea to sea (That may be a type and shadow of something that Israel never did. They never did take the Promised Land.), **And from the River** (which was the Great Sea) **unto the ends of the earth.** Israel never did take that land. A lot of the land that their enemies are squatting on right now, including parts of Syria, Saudi Arabia and the Lebanon, really belongs to Israel but they never have taken it. Read the first chapter of Joshua and you will see. But He says here that the people are going to take their land and I

think this is a type and shadow of that. Who is “the land”? Hebrews 6 tells us that we are the land that drinks the rain that comes upon it, to bring forth fruit for the One who sows it (Hebrews 6:7). We are that land. In other words, the old man has ruled in this land, but now it appears that the Lord is going to rule. The old man is going to be driven out. ***(Psa.72:9) They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; And his enemies shall lick the dust.*** There are a lot of people called “Christians” who are not going to go into the wilderness. They are going to live with the Beast because that is actually who they are; they are members of the Beast. You can tell by their walking after the mind of the flesh and doing the works of the flesh (Romans 8) that they are members of the Beast. But those who go into the wilderness with the Lord and learn how to live by faith and trust in Him, and submit to the throne of David, are going to be blessed. ***(Psa.72:10) The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall render tribute: The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.*** They did offer gifts, you know. In Matthew 2:11 they offered gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Man-child Jesus. Once again, gifts are going to be coming to the ministry of the Man-child. No doubt they will be very useful. In fact, He speaks a little further down about receiving gold and we’ll get to that shortly.

(Psa.72:11) Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; All nations shall serve him. This is true. The Lord Jesus conquered something when He came as the sign. He conquered the Beast in His people. He conquered the Beast that ruled over His people – not the Beast that was ruling in the world, but the Beast that was ruling over His people – the flesh. People wanted to see how He was going to rule

as King, but He was a King Who caused His people to come out of bondage to the flesh. He conquered the Beast that ruled over them. And the Roman government? In a way, He conquered that, too. Jesus spoke a judgment in Matthew 24 that destroyed the Harlot first and then the Beast, in 70 A.D. And here He's saying, "Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him." You know, all nations are serving the Lord; everything serves the Lord. **(Pro.16:4) The Lord hath made everything for its own end; Yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.** Everything serves the Lord. Even the wicked serve the Lord. The wicked have the purpose of bringing God's stubborn, rebellious people to their cross.

(Psa.72:12) For he will deliver the needy when he crieth, And the poor, that hath no helper. (13) He will have pity on the poor and needy, and the souls of the needy he will save. Praise the Lord! How many times do the prophecies about the coming of Jesus have to do with the poor and the needy? He is always saving the poor and needy. The rich have no need for God; their money is their God. Very few of those people who are proud and in control in this world, very few of those people who have position in this world, will ever come to God (1 Corinthians 1:26). Most of them have to become needy before they will come to God. **(Psa.72:14) He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence; And precious will their blood be in his sight: (15) And they shall live; and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: And men shall pray for him continually; They shall bless him all the day long.** Amen. So, gold is something that we become; it's not just something that we use. **(Rev.3:18) I counsel thee to buy of me gold**

refined by fire. He was talking about the worth of the spiritual life, the life of Christ in us, about the value of the spiritual life in us.

(Psa.72:16) There shall be abundance of grain in the earth upon the top of the mountains (Praise the Lord! The world is going to suffer greatly. There is going to be famine and judgment, but the Lord says through the Apostle Paul, **my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory (Php.4:19).** There is a people that is going to escape the judgments of Egypt in the wilderness and be provided for, just as He said a little earlier. And upon the mountaintops, which are the high places of God, we see that:); **The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.** Drinking in the rain! He is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh! What city do you think He is talking about? I think He is talking about the capital city, Zion. **(Psa.72:17) His name shall endure for ever; His name shall be continued as long as the sun: And men shall be blessed in him** (This is the Lord coming “as the latter rain that watereth the earth.”); **All nations shall call him happy. (Psa.72:18) Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous things: (19) And blessed be his glorious name for ever; And let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.** This is so true! O praise You, Lord! Thank You.

The Last Exhortation

Let's read in Deuteronomy where it refers to the former and the latter rain. **(Deu.11:11) But the land, whither**

ye go over to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, [and] drinketh water of the rain of heaven.

This is the rain, or the outpouring of Heaven, spoken of in Hebrews. ***(Heb.6:4) For as touching those who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit*** (that was the former rain), ***(5) and tasted the good Word of God and the powers of the age to come*** (God's children are going to be tasting all of these things in the days of the latter rain.), ***(Heb.6:6) and [then] fell away, it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh*** (Why? Because as they walk after their flesh, they are crucifying their spiritual man, Who is "Christ in you," as Colossians 1:27 says. So they're crucifying "to themselves the Son of God afresh." The Son of God lives in you.), ***and put Him to an open shame. (Heb.6:7) For the land*** (He is calling these people "the land.") ***which hath drunk the rain*** (the rain of the Holy Spirit) ***that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them for whose sake it is also tilled*** (The Bible says, ***Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns (Jer.4:3)***, and, ***Sow to yourselves in righteous, reap according to kindness; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you (Hos.10:12)***, ***receiveth blessing from God: (Heb.6:8) but if it beareth thorns and thistles, it is rejected, and nigh unto a curse; whose end is to be burned.*** He's talking about those people who bear fruit and those people who do not.

Now we can return to Deuteronomy. ***(Deu.11:11) But***

the land, whither ye go over to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, [and] drinketh water of the rain of heaven, (12) a land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. (13) And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, (14) that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy grain, and thy new wine, and thine oil. In other words, the land is bearing fruit because of the former rain and the latter rain. The former rain came at a time when the lost sheep of the house of Israel were coming to the end of their covenant and now the latter rain is coming when the lost sheep of the house of Israel are coming to the end of our covenant, and now I'm talking about the Church. There is a great falling away in the Church, which the Lord is coming to restore. He came to restore the former falling away by the former rain and now He is coming to restore the latter falling away by the latter rain. Praise God! And we're going to have the same opportunity that the first house of Israel had. Many religious people are going to be offended with this ministry and judgment is going to fall on them swiftly, the Bible says. There is going to be less mercy poured out today because not only is the Man-child ministry going forth as lambs, they are going forth as lions. And the wolves among the sheep are going to be judged. Praise God!

But the land is going to bear its fruit. (***Deu.11:15***)

And I will give grass in thy fields for thy cattle, and thou shalt eat and be full. (16) Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; (17) and the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and he shut up the heavens, so that there shall be no rain, and the land shall not yield its fruit; and ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you. This is the warning and then He gives the solution. ***(Deu.11:18) Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul; and ye shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes*** (or on your forehead). This is talking about the mark of God that the first-fruits company is going to have. ***(Rev.14:1) And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty and four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads.*** And just a few verses before, He talked about the mark of the Beast. ***(Rev.13:16) And he causeth all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given them a mark on their right hand, or upon their forehead.*** So there's a mark of God and a mark of the Beast. The people who are receiving the latter rain are going to be empowered by the Lord Himself – His anointing, His mantle, is going to fall upon them. They're going to walk as Jesus walked, with the name, which means the nature, character and authority of the Lord in their forehead. But the rest are going to fall away.

As a matter of fact, a lot of people who are called “Chris-

tians” are going to take the mark of the Beast and be reprobated from the Kingdom, just exactly as happened in Jesus’ day. I don’t know if you have ever read John 6:66, but it says ***Upon this many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him (Joh.6:66)***, referring to Jesus, because His Word was too hard for them. He wanted them to eat His body and drink His blood (John 6:53-58) and they were being rebellious. We are to eat our Passover in these days, so that there is a Passover for us. We partake of this Word, just like it’s saying here, when we “lay up these my words.” Jesus was the Word made flesh. We eat His flesh and drink His blood, which is His nature. The nature of humanity is passed on to you from your parents through the blood, yet now we’ve been given the blood of the Lamb and now we belong to Him. We are His kindred, so because of the blood of Jesus, because of the latter rain and because of the new ministry He’s raising up to lead us, we’re going to grow very quickly. There is going to be much fruit and a great revival is going to happen in the Tribulation period. The land is going to yield its fruit to us. Praise be to God!

The Lord loves the land of Israel, but He is talking about us, folks. He is talking about the New Testament spiritual Israel which is born from above. Glory be to God! It’s a great day! Lots of good things are about to come. Yes, hard things going to come, too, but they are coming in order to put the fear of the Lord in His people so that they will come to Him. ***(Ecc.1:9) That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.***

So we just give thanks unto You, Father. We ask You to

do a quick work in our lives. We ask You to draw us quickly to run after You. We ask You to prepare us for this Tribulation that is coming. We thank You so much, Lord, for sending the help that we need now. Lord, we rest in You; we enter into the rest; we trust in Your promises and put our faith totally in You, Lord. We know that You are going to carry us. We know that You are going to bless and empower us. In Jesus' name, amen.

CHAPTER EIGHT

The Spiritual Fast

History happened once in the letter and it is happening again in the Spirit. We've noticed that there is a repetition of history on a larger scale, in every type and shadow that we have looked at. The first revelation was according to the letter, but the way it is being fulfilled in our day is in the Spirit. In the last chapter, we saw that Christ had been anointed with the power of the former rain and we know that Jesus did not do a miracle or a sign or a wonder until after He had received this anointing of the former rain. It was power! I don't think a lot of people realize that when God gives you power, He tests you to see if you are going to use that power according to His Will or take it for your own use. In other words, you could abuse power and authority. Jesus was being tried here. The Bible says, He ***hath been in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin (Heb.4:15).***

Temptation In Trial

We'll continue our study in Matthew. ***(Mat.4:1) Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.*** So He just got through being anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit to do all the wondrous works and now He is being led by the Holy Spirit to be tempted of the devil. There is a purpose in temptation; there is a need for temptation, the Bible tells us. ***(Jas.1:2) Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold temptations; (3) knowing that the prov-***

ing of your faith worketh patience. (4) And let patience have [its] perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing. Temptation is a way to perfection, or as it's sometimes translated in the Scriptures, "maturity." **(Jas.1:12) Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which [the Lord] promised to them that love Him.** Even Abraham was tempted or tried. **(Heb.11:17) By faith Abraham, being tried ...** The word there is *peirazo*, the same word for "tempted." And the same word occurs again further down in the text, in verse 37 – "they were tempted." So Abraham was tempted.

Does God tempt anybody? No, He does not. Temptation comes quite naturally to us because of the old carnal nature. **(Jas.1:13) Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempteth no man: (14) but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed.** God tempts no man, but He does bring us through the trial in order to be tempted, so we can make a decision as to whether we're going to walk in the flesh or whether we're going to walk in the Spirit. The Bible says, **if we walk in the light, as He is in the light ... the blood of Jesus ... cleanseth us of all sin (1Jn.1:7).** Being tempted is a method by which you can have more of God because when you walk in the light or, in other words, when you walk after the Spirit, the Holy Spirit cleanses you of the very sin nature that you don't want anymore. Temptation is God's method for giving you more of God and less of you. **(Heb.11:17) By faith Abraham, being tried, offered up Isaac: yea, he that had gladly**

received the promise was offering up his only begotten [son;] (18) [even he] to whom it was said, In Isaac shall thy seed be called: (19) accounting that God [is] able to raise up, even from the dead; from whence he did also in a figure receive him back. Abraham was tried and God said, Now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me (Gen.22:12). Will God do these things with us? Will He try us? Yes, He will. First of all, when Jesus received power, He had to be tried before He started His ministry. I think everybody is tried. If God gives you a gift or power or authority, you are going to be tried to see if you're going to abuse what you've been given.

Denying Your 'Self'

I'd like us to note the very next thing He speaks about. ***(Mat.4:2) And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward hungered. (3) And the tempter came ...*** What does fasting have to do with a trial? Remember, I'm not taking anything away from the letter. Jesus was fasting in the letter; He was physically fasting, denying Himself food. So far, we've seen that there is a spiritual manifestation now in the New Testament for the people who walk in the steps of Jesus. We are not doing away with the letter. We're still talking about literal fasting. But there is also a spiritual fast and if you keep this spiritual fast, no matter how much the devil tempts you, you will win every time. Isaiah speaks about this spiritual fast. Let me point out some things to you. ***(Isa.58:3) Wherefore have we fasted, [say they,] and thou***

seest not? [wherefore] have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find [your own] pleasure, and exact all your labors. In other words, there is selfishness in there – selfish desire and ambition. The old man is not only living, he is thriving in the midst of their fast. You can refrain from eating food and still be a big sinner, but you cannot do a spiritual fast and walk in sin. I will point that out to you. **(Isa.58:4) Behold, ye fast for strife and contention, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye fast not this day so as to make your voice to be heard on high. (5) Is such the fast that I have chosen? the day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord?** He is being rather critical of a natural fast that has no spiritual component, no spiritual focus.

Then Isaiah speaks about another kind of fasting. **(Isa.58:6) Is not this the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke ...** What is “wickedness” and what is “the yoke”? It is the old man. Remember when the three Hebrews went into the fire and the only thing that burned up was their bonds (Daniel 3)? What do you think that means? It means the wood, hay and stubble, the old man, was burned up. That’s what binds us; that’s the “wickedness” and “the yoke” right there. Jesus came with the Isaiah 61 anointing to open the prison for those who were bound and to set the captives free. How does He do that? The old man has to die here. **(Isa.58:6) Is not this the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the**

bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? So there is a fast that breaks every yoke. God is about to tell you about His fast, not just their natural fast. They were failing to do anything but sin in the midst of their fast. ***(Isa.58:7) Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry ...*** It is not just refraining from eating it; it is giving it to somebody who needs it. It is denying yourself.

First of all, a physical fast is to deny your physical self food. A spiritual fast is to deny your self food because “self” is a spiritual entity. It is a sinful, carnal entity and if you do not feed self, self dies. How many of you know that you can refrain from feeding your body and still feed self? That’s what God is talking to them about here. He is saying, “Okay, you are fasting, but it is not doing you any good whatsoever. Let me tell you about My fast.” It is a fast that actually does away with the bondage to the old man. It’s not enough to not eat it; give it to somebody else. Deny your self; don’t feed self. Give. ***(Isa.58:7) Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?*** We all like our privacy and our peace, but it is also a sacrifice to bring people into your house. For years, we have had people in need in and out of our house. It is a big sacrifice. You have to give up a part of you; you have to bend toward their needs. You have to resist your flesh and that’s a big temptation, especially if people come to live with you for very long. But the Lord is saying, “Deny yourself; don’t feed the old man. Do something for the Kingdom here.”

Now let me say that there are a few verses in here that

speaking about the fast and all the rest of the verses in this text are promises to those who do fast. Here is one promise: **(Isa.58:8) Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy healing shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rearward. (9) Then shalt thou call, and the Lord will answer** (That is an awesome promise!); **thou shalt cry, and he will say, Here I am.** (And then here is a part of the fast:) **If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking wickedly.** Now that is a fast! It is denying feeding self. Self wants its way; self wants you to give it the reins and let it run. You have to pull back and say, “No. I deny self. I will not feed self today. I will not feed the flesh today.” Anytime you give the flesh its way, you are feeding it. When you are denying it, it is dying. Jesus said, **Whosoever doth not bear his own cross** (which is to die on), **and come after me, cannot be my disciple (Luk.14:27).** A fast is taking up your cross. It is not really something we should ever stop. In a literal fast, you have to stop and it may not gain you anything. But it’s good if you use it as a means to an end in the Kingdom. For instance, when you give your bread to someone else, it’s good.

The Continual Rest

As we read on, we see another part of this fast. **(Isa.58:10) And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry** (In other words, in what your soul desires, make sure you are meeting someone else’s need.), **and satisfy**

the afflicted soul: then shall thy light rise in darkness, and thine obscurity be as the noonday; (11) and the Lord will guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in dry places, and make strong 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 (Well, that's what we need today, folks; we need to go back and restore the foundation again that is fallen.); ***and thou shalt be called The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.*** Here's another part of the fast: ***(Isa.58:13) If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day ...*** Now we know that the Sabbath is not a day anymore, according to Hebrews 4. It is a *sabbatismos*, a continual ceasing from your works, which are the works of the old man, and entering the rest. In other words, it's denying the flesh; it's not feeding the old man. That is what the Sabbath is.

(Isa.58:13) If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, [and] the holy of the Lord honorable; and shalt honor it, not doing thine own ways (again, not feeding self), ***nor finding thine own pleasure*** (instead, attempting to please the Lord, meeting the brethren's needs and sacrificing yourself, etc.), ***nor speaking [thine own] words.*** That's an important one right there because the tongue ***[is] a restless evil (Jas.3:8)***, and ***the tongue can no man tame (8)***. Only the Lord can tame it, if you give Him faith. ***(Isa.58:14) Then shalt thou delight thyself in the***

Lord; and I will make thee to ride upon the high places of the earth; and I will feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. That is an awesome promise of God's spiritual fast! There definitely has to be a fulfillment in the Spirit and we can look at Jesus or the Man-child ministry as showing us how to do a spiritual fast. I believe that the Man-child ministry's corporate body is going to be tried in this question about power and authority, and I do not think that they are all going to overcome it. I have seen dreams and visions about this. But I believe that if we do this spiritual fast, we cannot fail. If you do what the spiritual fast calls for – if you do not feed your old man, if you deny yourself in the midst of trial – then you're not going to listen to Satan and you're going to be an overcomer. As you read the Book of Revelation, all of the promises to the churches are for overcomers. There is no promise to people who are not overcoming. What are they overcoming? They're overcoming self and temptation because they're overcoming self. Notice that God is not necessarily doing away with the natural fast. He is saying, "Look, if you don't eat food, give it to somebody who needs it."

I want to share a revelation with you about fasting. It says the exact same thing about the spiritual fast and it was given to Hermas, who wrote *The Shepherd of Hermas*, which you can read on our site. At the end of the first century, the Shepherd came to Hermas and gave him revelations in the way of visions to give to the Church, which was just about to go into great tribulation, as we are in our day. In fact, they were going to face the Beast and the Harlot of their day and many of them were going to lose their lives. The Lord gave them an exhortation through Hermas. That

exhortation was then sent throughout the early Church and he gave them a revelation on fasting. Notice its similarity to what we just studied. Let's begin in similitude 5, chapter 54. (My comments are in parentheses.)

On Fasting

While I was fasting and sitting on a certain mountain, thanking the Lord for all that He had done for me, I saw the Shepherd (the Shepherd here is the Lord) sitting beside me and saying these things to me: "Why have you come here so early?" "Because, sir," I said, "I am on guard duty." "What," said he, "is the guard?" "I am fasting, sir," I said. "But what," said he, "is this fast that you are keeping?" "Sir," I said, "I am fasting just as I have been accustomed to do." "You do not know how to fast to God," he said, "and this useless fast that you are keeping for Him is not a fast." (He called this fast "useless." I'm sure Hermas was refraining from eating food, but the Lord called it a "useless fast.") "Why, sir," I said, "do you say this?" "I am telling you," he said, "that this is not a fast you are keeping, but I will teach you what an acceptable and a complete fast to the Lord is." "Yes, sir," said I. "You will make me happy if I may know the fast acceptable to God." "Listen," said he. "God does not wish such a futile fast as this, for by fasting in this way, you do nothing for righteousness, (It can be, as we just saw in Isaiah 58, that they were fasting diligently, but getting nowhere and doing nothing but feeding the flesh because they were leaving selfish ambition alive.) but fast to God in this way: Do nothing evil in your life. (He is talking about a spiritual fast here. In other words, do not feed the flesh.) But serve the Lord with a clean heart, keep-

ing His commandments, following His orders. (Again, do not feed the flesh. The commandments of God crucify the flesh; they do not permit it to live. That's why there is so much emphasis on ear-tickling doctrines out there, because they all permit the old man to live. If you obey God, the old man dies. It's like you're starving him. You're not giving him what he wants, so he dies.) And let no evil desire arise in your heart. (Do not listen to him; do not feed him; do not let him live.) Believe in God, because if you do these things and fear Him and abstain from every evil deed (in other words, not feeding the flesh) you will live to God. And if you do these things, you will complete a fast that is great and acceptable to the Lord."

Wow! That is a spiritual fast! He didn't touch on the physical fast, but in one of the next chapters, he does talk a little bit about the physical fast and how it can tie in to the spiritual fast. You can see here the spiritual fast, which was the most important. You can fast for the rest of your life for selfish ambition and you will not do anything for the Kingdom. Your sacrifice is worthless before God. But, if you do a spiritual fast, you are going to grow in God. I am not denying that you can mix this with a physical fast, but if you do a spiritual fast, you will conquer the devil every time. The only thing in you that he can use to conquer you is your flesh, so if you do not feed your flesh, your flesh is not going to be able to conquer you. Let me go to chapter 56.

True Fasting

I said to him, "Sir, I do not understand these parables, nor could I comprehend them unless you interpret them to me." "I will interpret everything to you," he said, "and

whatsoever I tell you I will explain. Keep the commandments of the Lord and you will be pleasing to Him and be enrolled in the number of those who keep His commandments. If you do something good beyond the commandment of God, you will gain greater glory for yourself. (This is an important issue here. You can go beyond what God commands and God will give you good credit for that.) And you will be more honored before God than you would have been. If then, while keeping the commandments of God, you add also to those services, you will rejoice, and you will keep them according to my commandment.” I said to him, “Sir, whatever you command me I will follow, for I know that you are with me.” “I will be with you,” he said, “because you have such zeal for doing good, and I will be with all,” said he, “who have the same zeal. This fast,” he said, “is very good, if you keep the commandments of the Lord. So observe this fast which you are going to keep in this way: First of all, guard against every evil word and every evil desire. (Do not feed self and do not give self permission or the right to give in to evil thoughts or evil words. Otherwise, you are wasting your fast.) And cleanse your heart of all the vanities of this world. (In other words, there are a lot of things in the world that have no point in the Kingdom. The Bible says to **lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race (Heb.12:1)**. And the sin? There are weights that are not sin, but they hold us back. They themselves are not sin, but they keep us from doing things that are important in the Kingdom.)

(Many people do not take the Great Commission seriously. They figure they hired their preacher to do that, so they just live their lives the way they want to all week

long and then at the end of the week, they go to church and call that “service.” No, actually we’re called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and we’re called to keep and to do the Great Commission and do the works of Jesus. **(Joh.14:12) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father.** We are called to do His works and if the Church had been doing that all along, just think how much of the world would have been taken into the Church by now. The Lord says to avoid the vanities of this world, which are not necessarily sin, but have this uselessness. There are so many things that Christians do that are useless. If you are really devoted to God, your hobbies ought to be His hobbies. Your loves ought to be His loves. You ought to be doing the things that are pleasing unto your Father. Even as a child, Jesus said, **(Luk.2:49) Knew ye not that I must be in my Father’s house?** In other words, “be about my Father’s work”? That’s right; that’s what we are here for.) *If you observe these things, this fast will be complete. And here is what you will do: When you have finished the above-mentioned, on that day when you are fasting, (Now he is talking about a physical fast.) you will taste nothing except bread and water, and you will be aware of the cost of your food you would have eaten on that day which you are going to keep. Having set it aside, you will give it to a widow, or an orphan, or someone else in need. And in this way, you will be humble-minded, so that from your humility, the one who receives may fill his soul and pray to the Lord for you.* (So here’s a way that a physical fast can actually be a spiritual fast in denying yourself and then furthering the Kingdom, by not only re-

fraining from eating, but giving it or the monetary equivalent to someone who needs it, or through sacrifice, in other words.) *If then you complete the fast in this way, as I command you, your sacrifice will be acceptable to God. And this fast will be recorded, and the service done in this way is good and joyous and acceptable to the Lord. This is the way you shall observe these things with your children and all your house. If you observe them, you will be blessed, and as many as hear them and keep them will be blessed, and whatever they ask of the Lord they will receive.*”

That is very interesting because Isaiah 58:7 basically says that, too, “to deal thy bread to the hungry,” give that which you would have eaten to the hungry. Then Isaiah goes on to talk about the same principle, but in many other ways that are dealing with self, such as using something that you would consider yours to meet the need of someone else. In this way a physical fast can be a spiritual fast. I dare say that a lot of people who fast are sometimes too miserable to even pray and take advantage of their fast. Have you ever caught yourself doing that? I used to fast regularly and I still do, but I would catch myself and say, “Wait a minute! I’m not taking advantage of this sacrifice here. I need to be fasting and praying.” So I would remember and go back to praying and making my fast count for something. I was always giving and a person who fasts should use it to further the Kingdom and bless God’s people. Now if you do that and the devil tempts you and you keep on fasting and denying self in order to let your Spirit man live, there is no way the devil can beat you.

Two Temptations

If you look at the Book of Matthew, you see that Jesus received this great power from God and He was going to be tried by the devil to see if He was going to use that power wisely. **(Mat.4:2) And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward hungered. (3) And the tempter came and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, command that these stones become bread. (4) But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.** What kind of temptation is this? First of all, with “If thou art the Son of God,” the devil was tempting Jesus to believe that He was not Who He was supposed to be and that is the Son of God. He was tempting Jesus to use His power to feed His flesh. Look at it in the Spirit, not just in the letter. In what way can you use your power to feed your flesh? Well, for example, you could be in the prosperity doctrine. You can use your power and authority to live high above the average means of the people around you, to consume upon your flesh the things that would be detrimental to your spiritual health. **(1Ti.6:9) But they that are minded to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition.** Many people fall away, according to Paul in 1st Timothy, because of their lusting after the things of the world. They use God’s power and even their bodily efforts, which is again using God’s power because **ye were bought with a price (1Co.6:20)**, to live after the lusts of their flesh.

Now let’s look at the next temptation. **(Mat.4:5) Then**

the devil taketh him into the holy city; and he set him on the pinnacle of the temple, (6) and saith unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and, On their hands they shall bear thee up, lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone. (7) Jesus said unto him, Again it is written, Thou shalt not make trial of the Lord thy God. What is the devil tempting Him with here? He's tempting Jesus with proving to others Who He is. Why do we have to prove to others who we are? Isn't that really something that should just be left up to God? There are people who abuse the power and authority that the Lord has given them to make themselves great in the sight of other people. That is a temptation, especially if you have power. I see it today in people exercising power in such a way as to put on a show. You've seen it; you've see the wave of the hand and half the audience falls down. What's the purpose in that? Who is getting the glory for that? When did Jesus ever do such a thing? Even when He healed someone and they were entering the town, He said, ***Go to thy house unto thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee (Mar.5:19)***, not "Remember me when you tell the story." How many times did He disappear like the Lone Ranger after He did a good deed? That was because He was not looking for the credit for it. You do not have to prove who you are to anybody. As a matter of fact, it's better if you are pretty quiet about it. If you did not deny yourself or fast spiritually, if you did not deny the flesh its right to prove who it was, then to glory in the things done would just cause your flesh to grow.

Whose Glory?

Here is another temptation. **(Mat.4:8) Again, the devil taketh him unto an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; (9) and he said unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. (10) Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (11) Then the devil leaveth him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.** What kind of a temptation is that? Well, the glory of the authority over the world. When we receive power from God, there is a temptation to use it to gain the glory of this authority. There are in these days many people who run around calling themselves apostles, or prophets, or giving themselves great titles, none of which the early disciples did or used. But they do that in order to profit self and glory in the authority that they have. They count the numbers of people in their churches, so they can glory about how big their church is. They talk about how many churches are under their authority or how many men are under their authority. They use power and authority to glory and to build self. Jesus was being tempted to see if He would abuse authority and power. Of course, God knew the outcome, but you still have to go through the temptation. It has to be proven. That was the whole gist of this temptation, from beginning to end.

I believe that the Man-child ministry will go through the exact same testing and those people who are making somebody of themselves, taking advantage of other people

because of their authority, plundering the flock because of their position, will not be qualified to be in the Man-child ministry. When you look at Jesus, when you look at His disciples, you see humble people. You see people who did not plunder the flock for the sake of themselves, to live high on the hog. You don't see fancy-dressed people who take positions of authority or who glorify self. Jesus and His disciples denied self in order to meet the needs of others; love caused them to pass up many of the things in the world that people take for granted. They didn't have time for the world or for vanity because their ambition and their hobby was God's people, meeting their needs and serving them. The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve. If Jesus did that, how much more should we? Glory to God! We are going to be tried. Everybody who is called to this latter rain ministry of restoring the Church will be tried and it's a fairly small number who will remain in the Man-child. We will be tested and tried to see if we will abuse that power. If we do, we will not be qualified. But Jesus overcame and, therefore, God sent Him to the Church. You say, "Well, why wouldn't He be qualified? He was the Son of God." But when He came, He had to be made in all things like unto His brethren and He came as a Spirit-filled Man in order to do the works of the Spirit and to be used of God. He could have come in all the omnipotence of God, but He didn't. Jesus became tired; He got weak; He had to eat. He came as a Spirit-filled Man and laid aside His omnipotence and, in some cases omniscience, because He said that God knew things that He did not know and could not reveal in order to come and be as a man.

Of course, we know that He was God in flesh, but did you know that your spiritual man, "Christ in you," is also

God in flesh? Christ is God wherever He is and He is God in you, in your heart. Before we can be trusted to be used of the Lord, we are going to be tried to see if we're going to be abusive of His power or authority. It doesn't matter if you are in the Man-child ministry or not. You are going to be tried and if you fail, that does not mean you will not keep on being a minister or a preacher or having your title or your church; you just will not be doing it in God. There were lots of ministers around when Jesus came, but they were a bunch of apostates. In fact, He said, ***All that came before me are thieves and robbers (Joh.10:8)***. They had stolen the position that they had over the flock and they were plundering the flock. But Jesus had the kind of authority from God that they did not have. They had natural authority that was given to them, given to their title, given to their position. But Jesus' authority came only from God and it came in the form of meeting the needs of God's people, of serving God's people and feeding them spiritually, of delivering them from demons and healing their bodies. I do not care what kind of ministry you have. You are going to be tried to see if the position of authority over God's people you have is abused or the power that God gives you to use your supernatural gifts is abused. If it's abused for the purpose of aggrandizing yourself, then you are not qualified to do this for God. You might continue on in religion and they may still give you a position and a salary, but you are not doing it in God.

A Ministry Launched

We see that Jesus has overcome and it was obvious that anybody who took this position in the world to glory was

worshipping Satan, not God. **(Mat.4:10) Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God ...** The word “worship” is *proskuneo* and it means “to kiss toward.” It is an act of love toward God. If you love God, you’re not going to aggrandize self and you’re going to keep His commandments. You’re going to be humble. You’re going to know that you can do nothing without Him and that it is all by grace, and you’re going to know that you don’t deserve this position any more than anybody else does. It was given to you by grace. You cannot take it for granted.

(Mat.4:11) Then the devil leaveth him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto him. (12) Now when he heard that John was delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee. Here is Jesus coming right out of His temptation and going to Galilee. In Luke, it tells you some things that are not told in Matthew, so I would like to look at that. **(Luk.4:14) And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and a fame went out concerning him through all the region round about.** Fame is something you need to be careful of. A lot of people fail when it comes to fame and they will lose their humility and begin to abuse their position and power. **(Luk.4:15) And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.** This did not last long, but as soon as He was anointed and was tried and had overcome, God sent Him to the people of God. Where were they? They were in the synagogues, which were very apostate, as Jesus made clear to them. I am sure He was extremely graceful for a short while, but there were teachings He had to get out to them because He had an extremely short ministry. So He had to get around to some of these hard things. Well,

in the beginning He was “glorified of all” and I can tell you He had to have been very weak to the weak (1 Corinthians 9:22) in order to get away with some of those teachings, being Who He was and having the power that He had, with the authority that He had. In order for Him to be accepted among these apostate synagogues, He had to be weak to the weak. I tell you, the first sermon when He was not as graceful, they wanted to kill Him.

Truth — An Unpopular Message

(Luk.4:16) And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. (17) And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And he opened the book, and found the place where it was written, (18) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor: He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovering of sight to the blind, To set at liberty them that are bruised, (19) To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. (20) And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him. They were saying, “What’s your point here, Jesus? What are you getting at?” ***(21) And he began to say unto them, To-day hath this scripture been fulfilled in your ears.*** Uh-oh. They believed that this text was written about the Messiah and now Jesus is taking credit for being the Messiah, in a subtle way.

I think they’re finally getting the point here; they’re

looking at Him and wondering. **(Luk.4:22) And all bare him witness, and wondered at the words of grace which proceeded out of his mouth: and they said, Is not this Joseph's son?** "Wait a minute now; we know this guy. We watched him grow up. He's nothing special. He's human like we are." They were probably thinking all these things. **(Luk.4:23) And he said unto them, Doubtless ye will say unto me this parable, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done at Capernaum, do also here in thine own country. (24) And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is acceptable in his own country. (25) But of a truth I say unto you, There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great famine over all the land; (26) and unto none of them was Elijah sent, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.** He had to even go to a Gentile, didn't he? **(27) And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.** Wow! They're really getting mad now, aren't they? **(28) And they were all filled with wrath in the synagogue, as they heard these things; (29) and they rose up, and cast him forth out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong. (30) But he passing through the midst of them went his way.** There is no doubt this was supernatural. When you're on the edge of a hill and there's a crowd behind you that wants to kill you, how are you going to pass through

the midst of them, unless it's supernatural? That's what I think happened here.

A Ministry Revived

At any rate, the honeymoon was over, as they say. Jesus was basically telling them who He was and what He was sent to do. And they thought instead that He was glorifying Himself, but in this case He was telling the absolute truth because He was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 15:24). He was pointing out to them, "There are a lot of Gentiles out there more righteous than you are." Of course, that's still true today and the opposite is still true for the Church. There are a lot of Jews out there more righteous than some Gentile Church folks. That's why God is going to turn back to the Jews once again, at the end of the gathering of all the last Gentiles. But the honeymoon was over and now they wanted to kill Jesus because He told them the truth, and the ministry that's coming is going to be the same way. There is going to come a time when the Man-child ministry will be weak to the weak and they will go into the apostate churches because now it's the Christians who are the lost sheep of the house of Israel, circumcised in heart and not in flesh (Romans 2:28-29). He called those believers ***the Israel of God (Gal.6:16)*** because they were sons of Abraham through faith.

So this time the Man-child is going to go to the apostate church that is not willing to know the truth, not willing to know that Jesus is once again in their midst. You know, when Jesus sent out His disciples, He said, ***He that receiveth you receiveth me (Mat.10:40)***. Those disciples had Jesus in them because He had spoken His Word

into their hearts and recreated His life in them. They were called “Christians.” They were anointed to go and serve, and to teach, and to heal the sick and cast out demons. Jesus was in them. It will be the same with the last-days’ disciples of the Lord, who are going to go forth with the authority and the power of Jesus to do these things. But their teaching and even very lives are going to be rebuked by the apostate church, especially by the apostate leaders. They’re going to want to kill them, but they’re not going to be able to do that with the Man-child ministry. It’s not going to be possible. They will pass right through their midst and the apostates will not be able to kill them because their time is not yet (John 7:6). We will come a little later to the crucifixion and how that applies to the Man-child ministry, but for now, it suffices to know that these people are going to be hated by the Church, just exactly the way Jesus was hated by the Jews.

End-Time Wolves

There was a first-fruits company, if you will, that came out from among them and followed Jesus. John the Baptist pointed them out and said, ***He that hath the bride is the bridegroom (Joh.3:29)***. They followed Jesus, but they were in the minority. The rest of the Jews really loved their religion and respected their religious leaders, for whom Jesus had absolutely no respect because they were in total apostasy. And in these days, it’s again going to be just as we’ve studied. Before the David ministry can come, the Saul ministry has to lose its life on Mount Gilboa to the Philistines (1 Samuel 31:1-6), meaning the old man has to put them to death. They were ***twice dead, plucked***

up by the roots (Jud.12). There will once again be a great falling away in our day of the Saul ministry, to make room for the Davidic Man-child ministry. They are falling away as they are plundering the sheep and stumbling in everything we saw that the devil tempted Jesus in. They're falling right into temptation and they're loving and serving the devil; they're worshipping the devil and they don't even know it. They're living high on the hog, taking advantage of their position, glorying in the authority that has been given to them from the world. Remember, the devil said, "I'll give you all this, if you just worship me." He had this dominion and it was under his authority to give it. It is under his authority, actually, to "prosper" people, if they will serve the devil to obtain it. If you are prospering in the world while your brother is not and you are not paying any attention to him, misusing your position to aggrandize yourself, then you are worshipping the devil. It does not matter if you call him Jesus; you are still worshipping the devil.

So the Man-child ministry is coming to leadership. Remember what Jesus said as the Man-child of His day: **(Joh.10:8) All that came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.** Wow! There was a group who recognized Jesus when He came. They recognized integrity, sacrifice and humility. The rest of them were all fawning over the apostate leadership, totally submitting to them and respecting them because they had no eyes to see nor ears to hear. This is where we are heading again, folks. History is going to repeat on a larger scale this time. We know that the Man-child ministry is what it is because Jesus lives in their hearts. He is the One Who is doing the works! Even Jesus gave credit to the Father for doing the works in Him and these people

will give credit to the Lord for doing the works through them. Everything they have is by grace. The apostle Paul said, ***But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not found vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me (1Co.15:10). Amen.***

CHAPTER NINE

The Light That Shines in Darkness

Father, in Jesus' Name, we thank You so much, Lord, that we can fellowship around Your Word. We know and trust in Your Word that is going to reveal to us those things that we need to know for the days to come and things that will enable us to cooperate with You in this process of sanctification and holiness, and also in the ministry of the Lord. We thank You that the Lord Jesus is coming in His people in order to fulfill in His Church that which You stated You would do from the beginning. We thank You, Lord, that You have taught us that what has been shall be, so that we can see how history repeats and see how wonderfully You have told us in the Word exactly what You are going to do. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Well, we left off in Matthew 4, where we saw wonderful things that God is going to repeat in our day. The Lord had told me that everything that happened in the Gospels and in the Book of Acts was going to be repeated in our day, except that the cast of characters would be multiplied many times over, as more people are born into the earth. The same thing happened in history, but now it just happens with more people.

Dawn of the Light

Let's pick up right after Jesus was anointed and had been tempted of the devil. Note the Bible speaks about a "great light" that He was going to bring into the world, especially the world of God's people. **(Mat.4:12) Now when he**

heard that John was delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee; (13) and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali: (14) that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, (15) The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, Toward the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, (16) The people that sat in darkness Saw a great light, and to them that sat in the region and shadow of death, To them did light spring up. What could this light be, other than the Lord Jesus Himself? Not only that, but what the Lord Jesus was sharing with people is the command to repent and believe. Light is necessary in both of these areas, if we want to walk in the Kingdom of God. We are walking out of one kingdom and into another. We are walking out of the kingdom of the world, much like walking out of Egypt, and we are walking into the Kingdom of God, which means under His Lordship and guidance. I believe the next verse begins a revelation of that. **(Mat.4:17) From that time began Jesus to preach, and to say, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

That just happens to be a perfect quote from John the Baptist, who said, **Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Mat.3:2)**. Of course, John went on in verse 7 to say to the Pharisees, who were coming to be baptized because it was a politically correct thing to do, **(Mat.3:7) Ye offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (8) Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance** (What does someone who has repented look like? What kind of fruit should they have?): **(Mat.3:9) and think not to say**

within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father ... Don't a lot of Christians say the same thing? "Hey, I'm a Christian; I had my experience with the Lord years ago and accepted Jesus as my personal Savior." Yes, but do you have fruit worthy of repentance? I believe that the light is going to come to the Church, which has not even understood what repentance means. The first thing Jesus did was to take up where John left off. You notice that when we left off in verse 12, He realized that John was delivered up and that's when Jesus came into this particular area of the country where they said they saw great light. Like John, He said, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repentance is necessary for the next revelation, which is the Gospel of the Kingdom. For those who repented, Jesus shared the Gospel of the Kingdom, the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

The Unrepentant

My friend Xavier once went to share with an apostate preacher, who was living in fornication. He had the "greasy grace" that says, "It's okay; the Lord will forgive me. That's what the Gospel is all about, right? Forgiveness." But no, that's not it. That's just a part of the Gospel. There is forgiveness and then there is sanctification. Forgiveness is just a way to have a relationship with God until sanctification has done its work. There was another man in this church who recognized that the preacher was a sinner, but he told Xavier, "It would be wrong for you to judge him." Of course, Xavier was sharing verses with the man and the truth is that, yes, there is judgment. There is judgment in the Church. John the Baptist was judging when he said, "Ye

offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance.” He wanted to see their repentance. He did not want to see somebody say they were sorry and then continue on in their debauchery. The word “repentance” is *metanoia*, which means “to change your mind; to go the other way.” We have the authority to do this. We have the authority to change our mind and go the other way because of what Jesus did at the cross. He took away our sins; He delivered us out of the power of darkness; He made us free from sin. ***(Heb.10:14) For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.***

When Xavier and I spoke about this, here’s one of the verses I shared with him: ***(1Co.6:9) Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?*** What Kingdom of God is he referring to? The Kingdom of God is where God rules over you. It’s not some place you go to after you leave this earth. It’s some place you enter into when you repent. Notice what he’s saying. ***(1Co.6:9) Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived*** (there is much deception out there concerning this): ***neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, (10) nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*** Where are you to inherit the Kingdom of God? Here and now. As a matter of fact, some people are waiting to go to Heaven to inherit the Kingdom of God. They will never see Heaven if they wait. You have to enter the Kingdom of God here and now and you enter it through repentance and faith. Faith gives you the blood

covering and repentance gives you the opportunity of entering the Kingdom. Without repentance, you cannot enter the Kingdom.

John the Baptist came in order to preach repentance to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord in their life. The Lord does not come into your life without repentance. If you received the first-fruits of Christ, which is a born-again spirit, and do not go on to get a born-again soul through your obedience to the truth (1 Peter 1:22,23), you are going to be an unprofitable servant. A “servant” refers to someone who has come to Him in one form or another. You will be an unprofitable servant who is good for nothing but to be cast out and trampled under the feet of men and cast into outer darkness. ***(Mat.5:13) Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men. (Mat.25:30) And cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.*** Now notice what he says in the next verse. ***(1Co.6:11) And such were some of you: but ye were washed*** (He is saying, “Some of you people were in these same sins, but you were washed.”), ***but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.*** The Lord demands repentance for you to enter into His Kingdom, which is where He is King over you. That’s how you enter His Kingdom.

Judgment in the Church

If you look elsewhere in 1st Corinthians, Paul said somewhat of the same thing. **(1Co.5:3) For I verily, being absent in body but present in spirit, have already as though I were present judged him that hath so wrought this thing.** Paul judged him. Was he wrong in that he judged? No. Paul had the Spirit of God and what he wrote here was from the Spirit of God. He judged him because this man was in willful disobedience, had not repented of his sin and had not believed the Gospel. If you believe the Good News that Jesus took away your sin, then your faith has power to walk away from anything. Everyone who believes can repent and walk away. Belief is not merely mental assent, like it is in most of the Church. **(1Co.5:5) To deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh** (I would say that's judgment! He is turning him over to the curse.), **that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.** People will repent when they are turned over to the devil. This is very common. If you want to know why you are living under that curse, you should question whether or not you are in willful disobedience or whether you have repented of everything and are walking by faith because the devil does a great job of bringing people to repentance. Many people come to the Lord because of the what the Lord permits the devil to do.

(1Co.5:6) Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? (He means that, in the Body of Christ, there are people who are fornicators, liars and thieves.) **(1Co.5:7) Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump** ("Purge out the old leaven"; in other words, get rid of them.), **even**

as ye are unleavened. For our passover also hath been sacrificed, [even] Christ: (1Co.5:8) wherefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (9) I wrote unto you in my epistle to have no company with fornicators; (10) not at all [meaning] with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous and extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world: (11) but as it is, I wrote unto you not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no, not to eat. Well, this parishioner who was not in the fornication, but was saying that you could not judge the pastor who was in it, was saying, “Hey, Jesus ate with publicans and sinners.” But Paul tells you here quite clearly, “If any man that is named a brother be” in one of these sins, no, not to eat with him. It is not only abstaining from eating with him physically, but spiritually, as well, because he’s talking about keeping the Feast of Unleavened Bread. We eat when we study the Word of God. Jesus said, ***Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees (Mat.16:6).*** In other words, “Don’t eat their leaven; don’t partake of their doctrine.” Paul goes on to say, ***(1Co.5:12) For what have I to do with judging them that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within?*** So there was judgment; there was judgment from John the Baptist and judgment from Jesus, concerning people who are in willful disobedience and do not want to repent and believe the Good News that they don’t have to walk in their

sins anymore.

Clearly there is judgment from the Bible and that pastor and parishioner were trying to condemn Xavier for judging willful disobedience and lack of repentance, when he was merely showing them what the Father had said in His Word. Look at what the Lord says over in Ezekiel. **(Eze.3:18) When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life ...** How is it judgment when you say, “Hey, that’s fornication and you can’t enter the Kingdom like that”? They say, “Oh, but I’m saved.” No, you’re not saved, as long as you walk in willful disobedience. You are not in the Kingdom. “Be not deceived,” Paul said, but speak “to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life.” **(Eze.3:18) When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand.** So God is saying, “If you don’t tell them they’re sinning, if you don’t tell them, ‘Look, you can’t enter the Kingdom of Heaven (which has to be entered here, by the way), while you are in willful, outward immorality,’ then I will require his blood at your hand.” It’s the very opposite of what those people say. They do not want to repent, so they try to condemn the person who brings the message.

Notice, the Lord said, “When I say to the wicked.” We just read what God said to the wicked. You can tell anybody what God said to the wicked, whether you are judging or not. That’s a moot point. The question is, are they going to enter the Kingdom by repentance? Or are they going to

try to shift the blame over on you? The truth is, He says to have no company with them, to cast out the old leaven. If a person will not confess his sins, but try to justify them or think that they are acceptable in the sight of the Lord because of the blood of Jesus, there is no hope for him. By the way, Jesus' blood does not cover willful disobedience. ***(Heb.10:26) For if we wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more a sacrifice for sins, (27) but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries.*** It says, ***If we walk in the light*** (Walking in the light is not walking in sin. Everyone would agree with that.) ***as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another*** (He tells you, "Don't have any fellowship with people walking in willful disobedience." Period.), ***and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin (1Jn.1:7).*** That's a wonderful promise! If you will repent and believe and walk in the light, He will cleanse you of that sin. ***(1Jn.1:8) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

If a person doesn't want to confess his sin and wants to justify himself and hold onto his sin, and wants to blame you for condemning him or bringing Scriptures showing where the Father has condemned him, then this person is not going to have any part of the Kingdom of God. The Lord says it very plainly and we have to tell him the exact truth here concerning this. The light of the Gospel has to come. The true light of what repentance actually means is

going to be brought on the scene here pretty quickly, folks. The overwhelming majority of Christianity doesn't understand what repentance is. They don't have any hope that repentance could actually deliver them from their sin and that they will not have to worry about that sin or walk in that sin anymore because of what Jesus did at the cross. He took their sin and nailed it on that cross. You do not have it anymore. Repentance and faith are necessary.

Raising the Patriarchs

Back to where we were in Matthew, we found that Jesus took up where John left off. The next thing He does is to go out and gather His disciples. ***(Mat.4:18) And walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brethren, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. (19) And he saith unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men. (20) And they straightway left the nets, and followed him. (21) And going on from thence he saw two other brethren, James the [son] of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. (22) And they straightway left the boat and their father, and followed him.*** Jesus has just begun His ministry here. The people whom He was going to were seeing a great light and He was gathering together His "elders" of the Church. He was raising up His forefathers of the Church, like Jacob raised up the 12 patriarchs, who were the elders of the Church. As you know, from here on out, He carried them with Him, demonstrating to them the truth of

the Gospel by His works of healing, delivering, setting free, etc., so that they could live in the Kingdom of God.

In the Kingdom of God, all the promises come to pass; the Kingdom of God is where God rules. We pray, ***Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth (6:10)***. When God's Kingdom comes on Earth, it is as it is in Heaven. Is there any sickness in Heaven? Are there any demon-possessed people in Heaven? Is there anybody lacking in Heaven? The provision of God's Kingdom is total and complete in this earth and we want to enter into it because that's where all of God's provision is. ***(Eph.1:3) Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ.*** He's blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ. As we enter into Christ, we have all these spiritual blessings that God has in His Heavenly Kingdom. He is gathering up His disciples, with whom He is going to walk, and send them forth into a much broader path than He could walk in. They, in turn, were going to raise up disciples who were going to do the same thing in a geometric progression that was going to bring a great revival. This is a type and shadow of the Man-child ministry that's coming, in whom Jesus is come to be manifested. Jesus raised up disciples in whom He was manifested here and the same thing is going to happen in our day. Disciples are going to be raised up as forefathers to the Church of our day, except there will be many more because the Man-child is not an individual, but a corporate body.

More Than Forgiveness

It goes on to say, ***And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom (Mat.4:23)***. So He preached repentance and then He preached the Gospel of the Kingdom. What is the Gospel of the Kingdom? Gospel means “Good News,” the Good News of the Kingdom. The Good News is that you can enter into God’s Kingdom on Earth through repentance and faith. Well, God’s Kingdom is where God rules in your life and this is the Good News, that you can walk in obedience to God; you can walk in the Kingdom of God, under the leadership and rulership of God. The reason we know that you can do this now is because of what Jesus did at the cross. He made reconciliation: He took your sinful life and nailed it on that cross and He gave up His Life. Do you believe it? Do you believe that He sanctified you on that cross? That He washed you on that cross? That He delivered you from sin on that cross? The Bible says in Romans 6:18 that He made you free from sin. He delivered you. See, here is the great light that is going to come. Most of the Church believes that the only opportunity you have is forgiveness from God and, of course, that is the beginning, but that is not the great revelation that God’s people are going to get. They already know that. The great revelation is that the Bible is actually true. Jesus actually did deliver you from your sin; He actually did heal your body; He actually did deliver you from the curse; He actually did deliver you out of the power of darkness. Hallelujah! He did this. This is going to come as a sudden shock to a lot of people, but the Gospel is actually true; it’s not just a nice saying but it’s actually true.

Delivery from Sin

I want to backup a little here. **(Mat.4:16) *The people that sat in darkness Saw a great light*** (He was talking about His people), **and to them that sat in the region and shadow of death, To them did light spring up**. He's referring to walking in the light, which was what Jesus was about to show them. He was about to show them that they can walk in the light and be delivered of their sin, washed of all unrighteousness (1 John 1:7-9). This is the Good News that most of the Church has never heard. Oh, they have heard the Gospel, but they didn't realize it was really true. They never had any faith, only mental assent. Folks, He is talking about the nature of sin, about delivering you out of the power of darkness. It does not have any power over you. That is an awesome revelation that's going to come to the Church through the raising up of this Man-child ministry and disciples who walk in the steps of Jesus Christ.

Light on Faith

Then Jesus went out to demonstrate this by "preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing all manner of disease." Most of the Church does not understand that you have a right to healing, that you are not under the curse because you are a new creation. They don't understand that old things have passed away and all things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). They don't understand that you have been delivered of sin (Romans 8:2) and God accounts you righteous through your faith in Him (Romans 4:3), your faith in what the Bible says. It needs to be real

faith. This is the light, the sudden revelation that a lot of the Church is going to get and that some of you have already received. ***(Mat.4:23) And Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people. (24) And the report of him went forth into all Syria: and they brought unto him all that were sick, holden with divers diseases and torments, possessed with demons, and epileptic, and palsied; and he healed them. (25) And there followed him great multitudes from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judaea and [from] beyond the Jordan.*** He was demonstrating the Gospel that these people were not guilty anymore, demonstrating that God was forgiving them by healing them and delivering them of every curse that came upon them. Those curses came because of their disobedience to God and also because of the sin they inherited when they were born. They were born into sin. Some people say, “Well, God made me this way.” What does that have to do with anything? You were born in sin, you came into this world with the nature of sin and so you say, “Because I was born this way, I’m supposed to keep it”? That will not float, folks. In the Kingdom of Heaven, you need to repent of this.

Gospel 101

Let’s read more of how Jesus demonstrated the Gospel. ***(Mat.8:16) And when even was come, they brought unto him many possessed with demons: and he cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all***

that were sick: (17) that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases. He carried His disciples with Him and demonstrated to them how to minister and administer this Gospel of the Kingdom. Everyone who repented and believed could have these gifts because they were no longer under the curse, as they were no longer under sin. That's the Great News of the Kingdom. God not only forgave them, He washed and cleansed them, He healed them, He delivered them and He took away every other form of the curse. It was just like the Passover. The Passover was the Death Angel, the Destroyer, passing over them because they actually had the blood upon the doorpost (Exodus 12:23). How do you get the blood upon your doorpost? The Bible is pretty plain about that. ***(1Jn.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 his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*** The blood of Jesus cleanses us of all sin. Walk in the light. You take those steps in the light because of repentance and God will wash you, cleanse you and deliver you.

What Has Been ...

We see here something that is going to be fulfilled in our day on a much larger scale. The Man-child ministry is going to go forth to deliver, heal, bless and demonstrate the Gospel. Not only that, there will be the saving of souls who are in bondage to sin, which many of you have experienced, but many more are going to experience that. Do you know how we know this is going to be repeated? Because

this was a repetition in itself; this had happened before. You ask, “When did it ever happen before?” Well, go back and look in the Old Testament because in Hebrews 3, the author compared Moses’ house and Christ’s house. There is a comparison because Moses was the Man-child in his day and he did the exact same thing that Jesus did, even bringing the same Gospel. Let me show you how we can see that. I know that it’s in the types and shadows, but when it’s pointed out to you, you can see it. For instance, when Jesus was anointed, the Bible tells us that He was given the throne of David, His father (Luke 1:32). Jesus was to rule over Israel and His anointing was compared with the anointing that David had to rule over Israel. That is what’s happening to Moses here. **(Exo.3:1) Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro** (whose name means “His excellence”), **his father-in-law ...** Why is Moses’ father-in-law called “His excellence”? Because his father-in-law was also the Father of the Bride. Is that not true now today? Exactly so. Moses was keeping the flock. Remember, David was keeping the flock before he was anointed to be king. Moses was doing the same thing.

(Exo.3:1) Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to the mountain of God, unto Horeb. (2) And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned ... Moses saw this sight and wanted to go investigate and when he did, he stepped onto holy ground, meaning he became holy. The Lord told him to take his shoes off, that he was standing on holy ground, and Moses did not want to be separated from

holiness (Exodus 3:5). He was holy before God and this is where he got his ordination to lead his people out of bondage in Egypt. As a matter of fact, the Lord said, ***And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land (Exo.3:8)***. “I am come down.” Is that not what the Lord said in Hosea 6:2-3? He said there that He would come as the latter rain on the morning of the third day and that’s exactly what’s going to happen. The Lord is coming down to deliver His people out of bondage in Egypt, which is a representation of the world.

(Exo.3:16) Go, and gather the elders of Israel ... That’s the first thing the Lord told Moses to do, the same thing Jesus did. He gathered the elders of Israel. Who was Israel? Israel was Jacob and Jacob raised up 12 patriarchs, which is exactly what Jesus raised up, 12 patriarchs. So there you have it. It’s a perfect parallel here. “Go and gather the elders of Israel.” Why? It’s because they were to walk with Moses, just like those elders walked with Jesus. The Gospel had to be demonstrated; the power of God was demonstrated to them. They were to walk in the same path. ***(Exo.3:16) Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, the Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, hath appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and [seen] that which is done to you in Egypt: (17) and I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt ...*** There it is. He’s going to deliver them from the curse of Egypt, the affliction of Egypt. He had said, “I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians.” Who are the Egyptians? The Egyptians are the old man, the old flesh, the bondage to the

flesh. What He's saying is, "Look, I'm going to deliver you from the god of this world (that is, the old man, the flesh), and I'm going to deliver you from the curse because you've been obeying them both." That is the Gospel of the Kingdom, which is what Jesus was preaching.

(Exo.3:17) And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. These were the "ites" that represented the old man, the same thing the Egyptian represented, which was the one who had brought them into bondage. You are not supposed to be in bondage to your flesh anymore. The Lord already delivered you at the cross; it has already been done. He has already accomplished it. That's the Good News of the Kingdom. Why is God bringing them into the Promised Land? He's doing it in order to put to death those people who were ruling in the land. The Israelite was to rule in the land, not these people. He brought the Israelites in there for the purpose of putting them to death. Most Christians today want to live with the old man, but when Israel did that and let the enemies stay in the land, they became thorns in their side for the rest of their life. So the Jews did not inherit all of the land the Lord gave them and they lived under a curse, under warfare, because they did not obey God. He said, "You take up your sword and go in there. I will be with you. You put them to death and take their house to live in and raise up your crop, your fruit in that land" (Deuteronomy 7). That's the Gospel.

(Exo.3:18) And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel,

unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, hath met with us (As if He had not been there all along! Actually, He came down in a much mightier way than He had ever done in the 400-odd years that they had been in bondage and that's how He is about to come today. He's about to come in a more powerful way than any of us have ever experienced, for the purpose of delivering His people out of Egypt and out from under the god of this world.): **and now let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.** They had to serve God in the wilderness. Moses was taking the elders of Israel with him at this time, just as Jesus was, and demonstrating unto them the Gospel.

... *Shall Be*

Here is the gathering of the elders again. (**Exo.4:29**) **And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel.** When Jesus gathered the elders, He was not gathering together the apostates. He started all over, which is what He is going to do this time, as well, folks. He is not going to the apostates, but He will start all over with some new, humble people who did not go to Bible school. He is going to raise them up. Paul is one of those who obviously went to Bible school, but he had to prove that he could do it and he did. But what is represented by Moses and Aaron here? We're looking at a parallel of what Jesus did and now we see Moses and Aaron, but it had said earlier, **And thou** (Moses) **shalt speak unto him** (Aaron), **and put the words in his mouth** (**Exo.4:15**). Moses was to put the words in Aar-

on's mouth? That's a little like what the Lord does to us, which is what He's about to say. **(Exo.4:15) ... And I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. (16) And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people; and it shall come to pass, that he shall be to thee a mouth, and thou shalt be to him as God.** Interesting. He is likening Moses to God, like Jesus was to God. Now let me say, if a Man-child comes in our day, Who is it Who is going to be with him, putting words in his mouth? Jesus, Who is God! Moses is being used of God and Aaron is being used as his prophet to speak his words, to do his work and to take the staff that he did to do the miracles. In this case, we're seeing Aaron as the Man-child and Moses as Jesus in the Man-child or behind the Man-child to do the works. **(Exo.4:29) And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel** (This is much like Jesus did; His Father God was in Him doing the works. Jesus was the spokesman, the mouthpiece; He gathered together His disciples and did the miracles and Aaron is doing the same thing here.): **(Exo.4:30) and Aaron spoke all the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people.** So it was Aaron speaking the words and doing the works, just like Jesus did.

“Aaron” means “bright” or “illuminated.” He represents the glory of God shining out of a person, like this says: **(2Co.3:18) But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.** There are three glories: star glory, moon glory and sun glory (1 Corinthians

15:40-41). It gets brighter and brighter and brighter. This is the shining forth of God in His people. He is coming in “Aaron,” His first-fruits. Jesus was called the first-fruits (1 Corinthians 15:20) and there is a first-fruits in our day. David also represented the first-fruits and Joseph, as well. It is not the only fruits, just the first-fruits. He is planning on doing this with His whole Body. **(Exo.4:31) And the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that he had seen their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.** This was a monumental time in their history because they were about to be delivered out of bondage to the old man, the Egyptian, Pharaoh, the god of this world and to the curse they were under because they were serving them.

“Get Back to Works”

(Exo.5:4) And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, loose the people from their works? ... Some people think you have to put up with your “works” the rest of your life, that there is nothing you can do about it because you’re always going to be a “sinner saved by grace.” That is an anti-Christ gospel. They were setting the people free from their works, from their service to the old man and to the devil, who is the god of this world that ruled over them, like Pharaoh did. They were being set free and the devil did not like it. “Get you unto your burdens.” In other words, “Get back under the heavy weight of your burden.” **(Exo.5:5) And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land are now many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.** This is

what the Lord brought us out of bondage for, to enter into His rest and to cease from our own works, the works of the flesh. We do not serve the flesh anymore. We serve the spiritual man now. This is the Gospel of the Kingdom and it sets people free. Even the devil had to admit that they was setting them free from their works.

Believe to Receive

(Exo.6:9) And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses ... You cannot set someone free unless they believe the Gospel of the Kingdom. Moses came there to set the Israelites free. God ordained him on Mount Horeb, representing the Kingdom of God, to go and bring them out of bondage and take them to that mountain, too, but they had to believe him first because the Gospel ***is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth (Rom.1:16).*** ***(Exo.6:9) ... But they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.*** God had to do a work in them before they could actually receive this light of the knowledge of the Kingdom. ***(Exo.6:10) And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, (11) Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt ...*** The word “Pharaoh” means “temple of the sun.” He was God to the Egyptians. They believed he was divinity, believed that he was the sun god. Pharaoh was not the Son of God and not even a close facsimile to the Son of God, but he was usurping God’s position over the people of God.

The devil does that today, folks. He usurps the position of the Son of God over the people of God and they do not know that the one they’re serving is the devil. They don’t

know that they're serving the old man that serves the devil, which is the Egyptian. We know that the Egyptian represents the old man because when the Israelites went through the Red Sea, Paul called it a "baptism." In the baptism, the old man died in the Red Sea and the Israelite came up on the other side; the new man, the spiritual man came up out of the water. The carnal man died and the spiritual man was made alive, so we know this parable is true. **(Exo.6:11) Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land.** Do you suppose this Man-child is going to have this same authority to tell the devil to set God's people free? Well, Jesus was doing it. He commanded the devil to loose them; He commanded the sickness to come out of them; He delivered their mind from the foginess of their fallen state. And, yes, this is what not only the Man-child but the witnesses and the elders who are raised up by the Man-child are going to do. They're going to have the authority to say, "Turn them loose, devil," and it's going to happen.

(Exo.6:12) And Moses spake before the Lord, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips? Does the devil have to listen to you when you tell him to turn people loose, if they do not believe? No. When you preach the Gospel and they believe it, only then do you have the authority to say, "Turn them loose, devil." This is exactly what Moses complained of. He was saying, "Hey, *they* don't believe me yet, so why would *Pharaoh* listen?" **(Exo.6:13) And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children**

of Israel out of the land of Egypt. That was their ordination, their command from God, Who said, “Bring them out. You have the authority to do this.” Jesus had the same authority, by the Isaiah 61 anointing, which Luke 4:18 also speaks about. ***(Isa.61:1) The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening [of the prison] to them that are bound.*** Who were they bound to? They were in bondage to their old man, in bondage to the devil, and they were living under the curse. Jesus took care of all three and that was all involved in the Gospel of the Kingdom. Now we know that Moses, too, was dealing with the Gospel of the Kingdom and trying to get those people to believe what he said. Praise the Lord!

Partaking of the Passover

(Exo.12:21) Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel (I’d like to point out to you that these elders were with him exactly as the disciples of Jesus, all the time, and he was demonstrating to them the Gospel. Actually, here is the Gospel in a nutshell.), ***and said unto them, Draw out, and take you lambs according to your families, and kill the passover.*** We’re told that they had to eat all of the lamb (Exodus 12:8-10) and that the blood was to be put on the doorposts (Exodus 12:7), so that the Death Angel, the Destroyer, would pass over them and smite the Egyptians (Exodus 12:13). Jesus said, ***Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, ye have not life in yourselves (Joh.6:53).*** Most of the

Church is refusing to eat the body and drink the blood of Jesus Christ. The Bible says, ***The life of the flesh is in the blood (Lev.17:11)***. They are refusing the life of Christ through unbelief. Moses is not able to exercise any authority over Pharaoh because of their unbelief. Jesus was the bread Who came down out of Heaven (John 6:51) that gives life to the world, and that was His Body, the Word of God.

We are also told this: ***(Exo.12:15) Seven days*** (that is the last seven “days”) ***shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses*** (This is the house that we live in. There shall be no leaven, no polluting the pure Word of God.): ***for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.*** This is a dire warning to God’s people, that during the Tribulation period, you cannot continue onward believing the doctrine of these apostate religions. ***(Mar.8:15) ... Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod,*** too, because there are many who are worshipping the government. They’re worshipping their country, their nation; they’re pledging allegiance to a wicked, worldly nation. This is not to say that you aren’t supposed to submit to them in every way, except when God tells you to do otherwise. Your allegiance is to the Lord and you will bow to no one else. We see here that Moses was leading them to partake of the body and blood of Christ, and this was causing a Passover so that they did not have to live under the curse. Praise be to God!

(Exo.12:29) And it came to pass at midnight, that the Lord smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat

on his throne unto the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the first-born of cattle. (30) And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. In every house there was one dead. So if we are the house, there has to be one dead and that's the old man. He is the first-born of Egypt, born of the flesh, born of the world. He is dead and we know that he is dead, and we are free because of what Jesus did at the cross because we were crucified with Christ. The Lamb was slain here, but the Bible says, we were crucified with Christ and it is no longer we who live, but it is Christ Who lives in us (Galatians 2:20). That is the new man and that is how faith in the Gospel works. We continue to believe what the Bible says, that, "Yes, this old man is dead. He was put to death, so I don't have to serve him anymore because he is dead and he was crucified with Christ. Now the new man lives and rules in me." That new man is ***Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col.1:27).*** We behold with unveiled face ***as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, and are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit (2Co.3:18).*** Like Aaron, who was the "brilliance," the shining forth of the Lord in him, so the people of God will be.

(Exo.12:31) And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said. Pharaoh finally gave up and the devil is going to turn God's people loose. The god of this world, the sun god, the one who

imitates the Lord and usurps His authority over God's people, is going to turn them loose, is going to obey the command of Moses. When does that happen? It happens when they, "the people," believe they're no longer in bondage to Satan because the Gospel, the Good News of the Kingdom, is the power of God to save the one who believes. It's the power to save them from the old man, from the devil and from the curse. You will be delivered of those three things when you believe and continue to walk in the faith of the Gospel that sets free.

Calling Disciples

(Exo.17:5) And the Lord said unto Moses, Pass on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thy hand, and go. (6) Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. Here Moses was still demonstrating the power of God's provision for God's people. Jesus multiplied the fishes and the loaves and here Moses was still demonstrating it with the authority and the power of God to the elders and the people. ***(Exo.18:12) And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt-offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.*** Praise the Lord! This is, once again, Jesus raising up His elders and the Man-child in our day, raising up the elders to be free from the bondage of Satan and free from the

bondage of the flesh. The harvest started getting bigger and bigger, and more and more people started coming into the Kingdom, just as it was also said about Jesus. **(Exo.24:1)** *And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the Lord, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off: (2) and Moses alone shall come near unto the Lord; but they shall not come near; neither shall the people go up with him.* As you know, Moses went up on the mountain and was caught up unto the throne of God. This is the first mention of the 70 elders. He had already mentioned them, but now He refers to them as the “seventy.”

We have already discussed Jesus raising up the elders, but He also raised up the 70. **(Luk.10:1)** *Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself was about to come. (2) And he said unto them, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest.* Obviously, the 12 were not enough. This was a great revival for many hungry people; there was a need. Even with Moses, his father-in-law Jethro had said, “You’re going to kill yourself trying to serve all the people by yourself” (Exodus 18:14-18). And then Jethro gave Moses the wisdom from God to raise up elders unto the people to judge them, meet their needs and so on (Exodus 18:19-26). Jesus said, **Go your ways; behold, I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves (Luk.10:3).** **(4) Carry no purse, no wallet, no shoes; and salute no man on the way. (5) And**

into whatsoever house ye shall enter, first say, Peace be to this house. (6) And if a son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon him: but if not, it shall turn to you again. (7) And in that same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. (8) And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: (9) and heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. The Kingdom of God is where people are healed, delivered, prospered, blessed, delivered from sin, etc.

(Luk.10:10) But into whatsoever city ye shall enter, and they receive you not, go out into the streets thereof and say, (11) Even the dust from your city, that cleaveth to our feet, we wipe off against you: nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh. That is judgment; He brought judgment. These people brought judgment upon the ones who refused the Gospel. They cleaned their shoes off as a judgment against them. Don't believe that God did not do something about that because He goes on, **(Luk.10:12) I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city. (13) Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which were done in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. (14) But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment, than for you.**

God bless you, saints! Just remember, the Good News

of the Gospel of the Kingdom is about to be preached with mighty power and a great revival is going to go forth from it. God bless you!



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