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Shepherd's Rod 1995



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A Call to Intercession

The first thing Bob was shown by the Spirit was a call to intercession for the church. That call to supplication came in the form of two witnesses— Anna and Simeon. Luke 2:25-37.

Anna whose name means “ favor” or “full of grace”, is a type of the intercessor with the revelatory gifting staying before the Lord day and night calling on the Lord for the promise of God. The scripture the Lord gave for this reference was Psalm 111:10 stating the prerequisite or foundation begins with the reverential fear and worship of the Lord.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments His praise endures forever. Ps 111:10

The name Simeon means “to hear” or “hearing with acceptance”. He represents the “Word–Priest” or the “anointed priest” with the scriptural promise yet to be fulfilled. Simeon had received a word from the Lord and believed that word to its fulfillment. The scriptures declare that he was a righteous and devout man...meaning that he cautiously and carefully observed the divine law looking for the fulfillment of God’s promise.

Simeon, who kept the lamp of prophesy burning when religion was at a low ebb in Israel, knew the voice speaking in the prophets of old, and obeyed the revelatory light he was able to comprehend for his generation.

By these two witnesses, we have Anna representing the “Spirit” and Simeon depicting the “anointed word”. These two will

bear witness of a new release of the Spirit for a “double blessing” in the same way Jerusalem means double peace. This is what some have referred to as the establishing of the “kingdom of God” or the “Rule of God.” In the earth— God’s power and authority beginning to be expressed through His Church. This year will denote the beginning of a new thing the Lord is going to do. It will be a year of the doubles – double trouble for those in the world and double peace for those who commit themselves to Christ.

The Coming Judgements

The next thing Bob was able to discern in the revelations, was a ship in which Jesus and His disciples were traveling while storms were raging all around. Oddly, not only were the Lord and His disciples in the boat, but somehow His Church was symbolically represented in the boat with storms howling about her as well. Even so, in the midst of these storms He is declaring to His people, “Peace-Peace” and calling us to stay in the boat. It is only in the boat with Him that we discover security from the storms. The Holy Spirit indicated this will be a year of extraordinary storms from many directions and He emphasized John 14:27 as our refuge.

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.—John 14:27

The Lord said the storms will come against us in two ways. They will come against our spirit, soul, and body, – which is what we are. Secondly, the storms will come against us financially, socially, emotionally, and sexually, – which is what we do.

We are warned in I John 2:15-17 not to love the world nor the things in the world. If we love the world and the things of the world, then the love of the Father is not in us. During this year we must begin to ask the Holy Spirit to purge from us the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and boastful pride of life; for these are not from the Father but are a part of the world. These things in the world will come under judgement and will be openly displayed as futility and vanity of vanities.

A great variety of storms will rage against each of these realms of our lives. However, the Lord is conveying, if we will submit ourselves to Him, then we will escape the effect of the storms.

Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:7-8

The soon coming judgements will produce lunar storms in the heavens... storms on the earth...and storms in the earth. The disturbances address a cross spectrum of our existence—financial turbulence, military confrontations, winter storms, wind, hail, sleet, ice, tornadoes, famines, flood, pestilence, and inter-city uprisings, just to name a few.

This country will see double trouble this year, and the years to follow, in order to test the people on earth. However, the Lord is also offering double peace for those who will come to Him and hearken to His voice. Double-peace will produce wholeness, completeness, harmony, health, prosperity, rest, safety, welfare, and tranquility. Ultimately, the choice is ours. We must chose this day whom we shall serve...the spirit of the world or the Spirit of the Lord.

The Lord's Consolation During Judgement

Following this description of the various judgements the earth will experience over the next several years, the Lord then gave the highest revelation that He brought during this Shepherd's Rod. The audible voice of the Lord came to Bob, speaking in Spanish saying, "Como estas ustedes.". Some of our Spanish speaking friends gave the interpretation to this phrase. It means "How are you, friends?"

This was the highest disclosure He gave this year and emphasizes the important message for this upcoming season. This spoken word along with "Peace-Peace" are the two areas of emphasis the Holy Spirit desires administered to His body.

The Lord is affectionately asking His people this question, "How are you doing, my friends?" Through this expression, Jesus is communicating His loving concern for His brethren...the purchase of His blood.

This shall be the year of accentuation on the intimate relationship afforded to those who know the Lord as "friend". These will be disciples who are partakers of His divine nature. It is through His Holy character that divine power is granted to us, providing everything we need pertaining to life and Godliness.

The scriptures point out we have received His precious and magnificent promises by which we become partakers of His divine nature having escaped the corruption of this world and its lusts –

Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and Godliness, through the true knowledge

of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. 2 Peter 1:3-4

A friend is someone who is a close companion or comrade. Those having a reciprocal relationship or mutual exchange one with another. Exodus 33:11 states the Lord spoke to Moses face to face as a friend speaks to a friend.

A friend is also one the Lord loves and can trust. I Cor. 4:1-2 calls us not only to be stewards of the mysteries and power of God but to also be trustworthy stewards. The Lord must be able to trust His friends with His power and this divine message that is going to be delivered to the people. Those who are mature and virtuous will perceive this to be a season of visitation and camaraderie with the Lord.

The friend of the bride-groom is one who assists in the planning and arranging of the soon coming marriage. Even with storms raging all around us we can say, "all is well with my soul... as long as Jesus is my friend." These will not care anything about the famine, the pestilence, and the storms as long as they have Jesus for their friend.

Restoration to the Church

The friends of Christ will begin to restore that which has been stolen from the church.

Return to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope; this very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you. For I will bend Judah as My bow, I will fill the bow with Ephraim. And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece; and I will make you like a warrior's sword. Zech 9:12-13

The Lord is even going to begin to restore that which has been stolen from individuals. Past relationships that the devil has destroyed will begin to be reconciled. Friendships destroyed by rumors, gossip, and propaganda will supernaturally be mended by the Lord during this season of the Spirit.

The restorer of the breach will recondition us with the Spirit of Truth and a new wall of protection will be constructed to surround the true church. The Lord is the restorer of the breach and the repairer of the broken walls...He is the restorer of former streets and dwellings and the One who un-stops old wells.

And those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; you will raise up the age-old foundations; and you will be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the streets in which to dwell. Isaiah 58:12

The Lord is indicating that it is His desire to restore and renew the breach between Heaven and earth through His church; Then carry the battle to the enemy gates and invade his cities, helping those who once failed to find their rightful place in the

body of Christ. We will begin to find those of our brethren who have fallen and begin to rejuvenate them into a new walk with Christ.

Today if You Hear His Voice

Psalm 95:7-10, Zechariah 1 and Hebrews 3 will be strongly emphasized during this season.

The Lord is preparing to speak and the Voice of God is about to be heralded. Those who hear His Voice of warning and preparation are warned not to harden their hearts as was done in the day of provocation.

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the wilderness; “When your fathers tested me, they tried me, though they had seen My work. “For forty years I loathed {that} generation, and said they are a people who err in their heart, and they do not know My ways.

“Therefore I swore in My anger, truly they shall not enter into My rest.” Ps 95: 6-11

Today if you hear His voice, harden not your heart. We are the sheep of His pasture and His sheep know His voice. We must circumcise ourselves to the Lord and remove the foreskin of our hearts – Jeremiah 4:4.

This nation saw the power and heard the voice of God in a mighty way during the late 40's and early 50's. He even sent prophetic voice across this country calling her to repentance and confirmed His word with mighty miracles signs and wonders.

The Lord spoke to this nation calling her to reject manmade teachings and traditions that denied the Lordship and

leadership of the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, the American church, as a corporate body, hardened her heart and would not receive His voice in the same way that Israel would not receive the guidance of God and insisted upon having a king. And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief. Heb 3:18-19

It has now been forty years since the Lord's prophetic voices announced His displeasure with that expression of revival in this country and pronounced as indictment against the American church. Now He is giving us Zechariah 1:4 and Psalms 95:8-9 as a double witness declaring, "today if you hear His voice do not harden your heart." As was done in the prior generation.

Our earnest prayer and admonition is to learn from the "fathers" of old, to whom the former prophets proclaimed, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Return now from your evil ways and from your evil deeds." " But they did not listen or give heed to Me," declares the LORD. Zech 1:4 We must overcome the spirit of this world and escape it's corruption.

Examining the Past

A simple examination of the events that have taken place during the past forty years clearly demonstrate the Lord's displeasure with this nation's corporate church. It shall be forgiven if we will embrace His voice and the Spirit of Truth that is soon to be manifested.

Those who harden their hearts are said to be people who err in their heart and do not know His ways – Psalm 95:10. They draw near to Him with their words and honor Him with their lip service but they remove their hearts far from Him and their reverence consists of tradition learned by the mechanical repetition of words without regard to their meaning – Isaiah 29:13.

The Lord is saying for the wicked to forsake his ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts and return to the Lord for He is compassionate and gracious and will abundantly pardon – Isaiah 55:7.

This is the covenant that the Lord will make with us during these days. He will put His law in our hearts and will write His word upon our minds and our sins and lawless deeds He will remember no longer – Hebrews 10:16. In other words, our embracing of man-made doctrines and traditions will be forgiven and the teaching for doctrine the precepts of men shall be pardoned if we will receive His voice and the Spirit of Truth. Abraham believed God and it was imputed unto him for righteousness and he was called the friend of God – James 2:23.

The Zadok Priesthood

This year will begin the unveiling of the loyal priesthood as displayed in Ezekiel 44. Zadok was a priest – judge showing once again the impartation of the double anointing. Zadok represented the inspired Word of God, which is the only standard by which the people can be judged. This company exemplifies the remnant that remains true to the Word of God even when the multitudes were embracing the doctrines of men.

The priest-judge anointing will produce the cleansing light or “living light” teaching the people the difference between the common and the profane.. the clean from the unclean.

These priests will be like those found in Malachi 2:6-7. True instruction will be in their mouth and unrighteousness will not be found on their lips. They will turn many back from iniquity, the embracing of man-made doctrines, and will preserve knowledge. Instruction will resound from their mouth for they will be the messengers of the Lord.

The leaders with the priest anointing to proclaim the inspired Word of God, will teach many youths’ how to “hallow” themselves before the Lord and will pioneer a strong spiritual cleansing according to Jeremiah 33:8— I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me and by which they have transgressed against Me.

Camel Skinned People

The Lord is conveying His desire to visit places He has visited previously and if He finds Himself welcome, He will remain. However, He said He is going to visit them in “camel skinned” people.

For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong. I Cor. 1:26-27.

These will be non-traditional, common people that must be identified according to the spirit and not according to the flesh – II Cor. 5:16— Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

These bond-servants will not express persuasive words of mens wisdom but in the demonstration of the Spirit and in power begin extracting the precious from the profane. This unique group will instruct the body according to the Spirit of Truth – Leviticus 10:10.

The Smiths of the Lord

The Holy Spirit announced, “See the smiths of the Lord at work— by My Spirit says the Lord”. These are the smiths or workmen found in Zechariah 1:20-21—

Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen. I said, “What are these coming to do?” And he said, “These are the horns which have scattered Judah so that no man lifts up his head; but these craftsmen have come to terrify them, to throw down the horns of the nations who have lifted up their horns against the land of Judah in order to scatter it.”

The faithful workmen symbolized by this passage will be forming new weapons and will be armed from the heavenly armory sent forth to beat down the horns or powers of the enemy. The “smiths” or workmen are soon emerging to terrorize the powers of the adversary and cause them to become panic stricken and begin casting out the powers of the nations that lifted up their strength against God’s people. We will begin to see this starting to take shape in this season of the Spirit.

This move of the Spirit will introduce a strong spirit of conviction that is coming to the body of Christ causing many to wash their garments or robes and prepare themselves for service. Their scripture will be Isaiah 62:3— You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Emerging of the Four War Horses

The Lord then gave Acts 21:9 and Zechariah 1:8 and showed the coming forth of the four red war horses using Philip and his four virgin daughters as spiritual types of these war horses.

Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses.– Acts 21:9

I saw at night, and behold, a man was riding on a red horse, and he was standing among the myrtle trees which were in the ravine, with red, sorrel, and white horses behind him.–
Zech 1:8

Philip's name actually means "the lovers of horses." We discover this notable disciple as a powerful evangelist whose ministry touched the nations as demonstrated through the Ethiopian eunuch. Jeremiah 12:5 asserts, if footmen have wearied the world – how much more shall horsemen? Meaning, the power that the world has seen emerging from the church is nothing compared to that which is coming.

The red horse denotes war in the heavenlies by way of intercession or inspired prayer which will produce power evangelism. Philip's four virgin daughter's represent the red war horses of intercession and inspired prayer.

These virgin prophetesses had not been touched by the hands of man, implying the war horses have not embraced the doctrines and precepts of men.

The female intercessors will provide inspired prayer that will produce divinely granted repentance resulting in power evangelism, especially among the youth. A token of this truth

can be seen in the recent meeting in California (1994) where Ricky Skaggs and others ministered to 144,000 young people resulting in 12,600 commitments to Christ. This call to intercession will produce more meetings like this in the coming years.

It is little wonder we see Philip in Acts 8 ministering in great power, evangelizing the territory. He had four daughters pulling down the gates of the enemy through intercession, producing repentance on the part of the people and power evangelism through Philip.

Opening Gates to the Cities

Bob was shown a vision of a company of warriors coming forth in the order of Samson, whose name means “little sun”.

Samson had a little of the son in Him and lived at a time when the people did what was right in their own sight – (Judges 17:6). The spiritual law or the inspired Word of God was ignored during that period of time, much like it is today throughout our country.

Now Samson went to Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her. When it was told to the Gazites, saying, “Samson has come here,” they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. And they kept silent all night, saying, “Let us wait until the morning light, then we will kill him.” Now Samson lay until midnight, and at midnight he arose and took hold of the doors of the city gate and the two posts and pulled them up along with the bars; then he put them on his shoulders and carried them up to the top of the mountain which is opposite Hebron. (Judg 16:1-3)

The group of ministers prophetically displayed as “Samson’s,” were shown arising in power, carrying away the “gates of the city.” City gates spoken of in the Bible were symbols of power and authority. The term “Gaza” means “strong” or “stronghold of the enemy”. In Genesis 22:17 God promised Abraham that his descendants would possess the gates of their enemies. From this symbolic pledge, we will see these leaders carrying away the “gates” of the enemy notwithstanding God’s purposes in various cities.

These specially commissioned and anointed leaders will uproot the “gates of the city” or the strongholds of the enemy and carry them to Hebron which is a place of communion or alliance and the place where God changed Abram’s name to Abraham. This is the location where Abraham received the promise of God for the chosen seed, Isaac.

Once the city gates have been destroyed, then the war horses can enter in to do battle against the strong enemy.

Ambition, Competition, and Division

The vision illustrated the company depicted as “Samson’s” pulling up the gates of Gaza allowing the Lord to “ride” in on the backs of red war horses to do battle against our main enemies—ambition, competition, and division.

This is a prophetic portrayal of the ministry of Spirit led intercession waging war in the heavenlies against strongholds of the enemy keeping the Church from her promise.

Ambition is a spirit of strife and selfishness condemned by the apostle Paul in II Cor. 12:20

— For I am afraid that perhaps when I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish; that perhaps {there will be} strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances;

This type behavior is alien to the Spirit of Christ and inappropriate for Christian believers. Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing...But the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace – James 3:16-18.

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

The apostle Paul identified the spirit of competition and jealousy among the Corinthian believers and called it fleshly immaturity and destructive to growth in Christ – (I Cor. 3:3). He

reminded them that no foundation is laid but that which is Christ Jesus and each man's work should build upon that groundwork by the Holy Spirit. Fleshly thoughts and motives result only in division.

Division is simply defined as dissension or schisms and is normally the result of strife and selfish ambition. The Lord calls for agreement without divisions among us so that we can be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgement – (I Cor. 1:10).

The Lord is identifying our main enemies as ambition and division and He is going to anoint His leaders to pull down these strongholds, allowing the war horses to enter into the cities producing Psalm 133.

The Bible declares that where brethren dwell together in unity, there the Lord will command the blessings and it will be as the anointing oil poured upon Aaron's head.

The Lord is saying that we must be slow to anger and maintain control of our spirit— Proverbs 16:32 and Proverbs 25:28. The Holy Spirit is also emphasizing that we must not join ourselves with anyone who does not have a bridled tongue. We will become accountable for the words that we speak and for those that we allow ourselves to receive from others.

GENERAL COMMENTS

This year we will see sizeable job loss among women. Many of these women that have been waiting to start a family will now do so on their unemployment compensation. This will be a year of great insecurity among women resulting in much mental stress especially among women who do not know Christ. Their nature is to seek security and comfort yet the coming job upheaval will produce an open door for Satan to enter in with fear. If we see fear penetrating in among believer's, we must quickly shut that door and not give opportunities to Satan.

Men on the other hand are gamblers by nature and will be willing to take a chance on Jesus, which is called faith. This will be the year of men and of faith. We are already beginning to see the effects of this through, "Promise Keeper's" and other men's meetings around the country that have drawn thousands of men to repentance and the restoration of their faith.

The Lord is indicating that our minds will be offended so that we can begin to listen to our spirit man. He is going to offend our minds to reveal our hearts this year. The Lord will use this method to awaken the spirits of men to become especially effective in evangelism through those that He anoints.

As an affirmation of this word, the Lord reminded Bob of 29 people who were saved on Labor Day in Panama City through unconventional methods that He anointed. These are the things that He is anointing so we must be careful not to judge them according to the flesh but by the Spirit – II Cor. 5:16.

Coming Terrorism

Terrorism will begin to change shapes during this year and will become even more frightening than in the past. If a person does not know Jesus Christ this will be a year of "grin and bear it". For those who do not know Christ, this will be a season characterized as "hell on earth." A person without Christ will be doing all they can just to survive.

The Lord said there is going to be a strong move of the Spirit among the Spanish people. This is a welcome and long awaited promise and particularly important since the Lord spoke it audibly in the Spanish dialect. This seemed to emphasize the Lord's interest and desire to move among the Spanish.

Psalms 75:10 says all the horns of the wicked He will cut off, but the righteous will be lifted up. This will be a time to embrace Christ and the Cross and begin to experience the full atonement that His precious blood purchased even in the midst of great storms that will cover this nation.

Last year the judgements began in three areas, political, geophysical, and financial. He is saying those judgements will continue through this year and will be amplified over the previous year.

When the kingdom of God came to this earth in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord quoted Isaiah 61:1-2 proclaiming the acceptable year of the Lord. We will now begin to see in this coming of the Kingdom, the remaining fulfillment of verse 2—the day of vengeance of our God and to comfort those that mourn. In fact, we have already begun to see the coming of

this kingdom in mid-July with the judgements that came to this nation and with the signs in the heavenlies that were highlighted.

The Lord also said to me to watch Santa Rosa. He did not say anything specific to watch for, only to watch.

** On January 16, 1956 in Chicago, Illinois, Bro. William Branham, at the direction of the Holy Spirit, announced, "America turns down her opportunity". At that time the Lord instructed this prophet to communicate to this nation that she had been a great nation but she had turned down the gospel message and rejected the truth and now faced certain judgement as was shown to Bro. Branham in a vision. He went on to prophesy that America would eventually elect a president that would be a, "stylish, playboy type of a man, a real ladies man and because of the woman's vote would be elected to office". Only a few short years later a president was elected into office meeting these exact credentials.

When Israel rejected her opportunity to enter into God's rest she was required to return to the wilderness to wander 40 years for the remainder of that generation. Yet while in the wilderness Israel continued to experience God's manifested power by the pillar of fire by night and the cloud by day, eating manna from heaven and drinking water from the smitten rock. It was during this period of time that Moses supernaturally received the revelation of God's word speaking with the Lord face to face as a friend. Yet they everyone died in the wilderness, with the exception of Joshua and Caleb, and the following generation had to return to Kadesh-Barnea under the leadership of Joshua in order to enter into God's rest.

Shepherd's Rod 1996



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Introduction

This year, as we pass under the Shepherd's Rod, He evaluates us to determine if He discovers love in us. If He does, then He approves of us and positions us to go to the next level. The primary thing He approves of is love, for that is the fulfillment of the law. (Romans 13:10) If you have His love residing in you, He will promote you and release you into His work in the coming season of the Spirit.

Lack of Justice

At the end of 1995, our judicial system permitted a great wrong to go unpunished in a highly publicized celebrity trial broadcast throughout the whole world. During this years season of Yom Kippur, our nation was hit by a devastating hurricane by the name of Opal. This was no coincidence. God sovereignly allows all of these things with purpose and a message because of unrighteousness. Hurricanes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters are denoting divine disturbances in the earth. All of us felt the consequences of these in some measure. However, you'll find the places with flagrant spirits of pleasure and gratification of flesh, received the greatest impact of these calamities, signifying the Lord's displeasure in these areas of sin.

Many people erroneously believe the Lord is pleased with things that are going on in this country. Unfortunately, that is a deception. The issues of abortion, homosexuality and rampant lawlessness grieve the Holy Spirit and defile the land according to Leviticus 18.

We must come before the Lord with a heart of repentance, like Daniel whom the scriptures describe as one of "high esteem" and greatly beloved. In his great prayer of repentance, the prophet cries out on his behalf and those of his people, not because of any merits of his own...but because of the Lord's lovingkindness and mercy. (Daniel 9)

During the previous year the Lord allowed us to prophesy there would be double storms hitting this nation. It has now become history with two hurricanes striking the Gulf Coast

along the Pensacola, FL area. Metrologist reported that it would be an incredible phenomena for two hurricanes to hit the same city in a century. Now we have two hurricanes striking the same location within a matter of days of one another. This is clearly a prophetic sign denoting the double portion that is being released in the church.

With the storms came considerable rainfall signifying the anointed teaching that will be produced through the emerging Zadok priesthood. These anointed priests or teachers will begin to authenticate that which is holy and separate that which is profane. This will allow us to be sanctified in truth and presentable to the Lord as a consecrated vessel.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:17)

The Zadok Priesthood

The ultimate purpose of the Zadok priesthood is to minister unto the Lord as described in Ezekiel 44.

But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel went astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer Me the fat and the blood," declares the Lord GOD. They shall enter My sanctuary; they shall come near to My table to minister to Me and keep My charge. (Ezek 44:15-16)

This is denoting an emphasis on the five fold ministry of teachers as they prepare the body of Christ to receive the strong Prophetic and Apostolic ministries yet to commence.

The government is coming forth to be properly placed in it's role as the foundation within the body with Jesus Christ as chief Cornerstone. These will be leaders in whom the Lord has found pleasure and can be trusted with the power and authority necessary for kingdom purposes to be accomplished in the earth. Presently, these emerging leaders are in a season of pruning and sifting— forging their character to carry this distinct anointing.

They will be the judges and counselors who will not judge by what their eyes see nor what their ears hear, but in righteousness make judgements of equity and justice. The refiners fire is thoroughly purifying these leaders so the anointing would not be lost nor the wineskins destroyed for lack of character. It will be a true impartation of the divine

nature and Holy character established in the spirit and soul of the Lord's leadership.

Measures of Judgement

In this year's revelations, the Lord signified the continuing judgments striking through the pattern of natural disasters we have already seen. Weather will be increasingly volatile with droughts in certain areas while floods in another. Even pestilence will increase in it's magnitude along with heightened earthquake activity. The admonition to the church is to keep our eyes focused on the Lord and not allow ourselves to be burdened or anxious about the things going on around us. It will continue to be the "best of times" and the "worst of times." The best of times for those who walk in purity and righteousness before the Lord and are being led by His Spirit.

Those who have not received the Lord's salvation and placed their trust in Him will experience increased pressures as the spirit of this world becomes increasingly unstable. There will even be an escalation of demonic spirits loosed against the mental, physical, financial, social, emotional and sexual well-being of people.

These arenas of life constituting that "which we are" and those things "which we do" will experience increased pressure driving people to the cross for their deliverance and salvation.

The Book of Acts

There seemed to be an emphasis on the book of Acts this year depicting the anointed acts of the Lord's church maturing, to prepare us for the things shortly to be released from heaven's resources.

You are My battle-ax and weapons of war: for with you I will break the nation in pieces; with you I will destroy kingdoms; With you I will break in pieces the horse and its rider; with you I will break in pieces the chariot and its rider; With you also I will break in pieces man and woman; with you I will break in pieces old and young; with you I will break in pieces the young man and the maiden; With you also I will break in pieces the shepherd and his flock; with you I will break in pieces the farmer and his yoke of oxen; and with you I will break in pieces governors and rulers. (Jeremiah 51:20-23)

We are to be the Lord's "battle-axe" and the weapons of His warfare. We are to be the instruments that He will use to accomplish His purposes in the earth. With our words the Lord will begin to prune the unfruitful trees and even lay the axe to the root of the religious tree exposing it for what it is .

The spirit of religion will begin to be recognized more fluently as the counterfeit of the true anointing that should rightfully be embraced by the Lord's people. Many of the counterfeit spirits operating in the church will become increasingly less effective and revealed as a thief. Truth from the book of Acts will be utilized to lay the axe to the root of the religious tree so the emerging, anointed tree of Life can become more clearly visible.

The church is going to be forced to embrace the ministry of healing and deliverance because of the great pressures that will be placed upon people. We must become the church depicted in the book of Acts and the needs of humanity will dictate it. The miracles, signs and wonders wrought by the hands of the Apostles depicted in the Book of Acts, will become essential for our well-being. These things will begin to surface in a more pronounced way this year and will increase in the coming years.

Those Whom He Approves

The Lord will place this spiritual “Axe” in the hands of those whom He has approved and prepared for this purpose. These will be “commissioned ones” according to I Cor. 11:18-19.

For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it. For there must also be factions among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you.

The schisms and divisions in the body of Christ will exist until the true anointing draws the people together around the revealed Word of God and His Holy Spirit.

The main issue developed for the Lord’s approval is His Love. He will approve those in whom He discovers His love. With love, we can be entrusted with the “axe” or spiritual weapons the Lord desires to release to begin the preparatory process for corporate commissioning. It will be the emergence of “Father’s” to whom great spiritual authority can be delegated. The purpose of this leadership is to equip the body for the work of the ministry.

The “fathers” will emerge with Apostolic authority in due time to bring clear revelation of truth that will end controversies and factions that presently exist. The judges and counselors will arise from this process and be appointed by the Holy Spirit to convey divine counsel from the seven-fold Spirit of God. The unprecedented events imminently facing the earth dictate divine counsel in our preparation.

Setting Apart for Ministry

During this year's Shepherd's Rod or Atonement season, many believers are being separated as Paul and Barnabas to be prepared for this work of the ministry.

While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. (Acts 13:2-3)

Those being separated for these purposes are primarily distinguished by their love for the Lord and His people.

The foundation ministries of the Apostles and prophets will begin to discern and expose the false prophetic spirits that exist in the church in the order of Bar jesus.

When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a magician, a Jewish false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus, who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. But Elymas the magician (for so his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. (Acts 13:6-8)

This false anointing weakens the body of Christ producing division and disunity and distracts many from embracing the Spirit of Truth that is being released.

The Sons of Zion will engage the sons of Greece who have received their revelations through sorcery and divination. The scriptures describe this as a "wizard" or sorcery spirit that the

Holy Spirit will begin to identify and deal with through His anointed leadership.

For I will bend Judah as My bow, I will fill the bow with Ephraim. And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece; and I will make you like a warrior's sword. Then the LORD will appear over them, and His arrow will go forth like lightning; and the Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, and will march in the storm winds of the south. (Zech 9:13-14)

This enemy of the cross gave himself the name Elymas as a self-proclaimed man of wisdom. Self-imposed titles and spiritual distinctions that are not assigned by the Holy Spirit, have served as a distraction in the church creating weakness and disillusionment.

This is actually a form of false anointing mingling natural knowledge with spiritual perception masquerading as divinely inspired insight to give credibility to their prophetic ministry. In reality, this bring a reproach on the true prophetic ministry greatly needed in the church. The prophet Joel foretells the end-time generation being distinguished with the spirit of revelation. Nonetheless, the enemy is desiring to release this false prophetic wizard spirit as a detriment to the true.

In many cases those anointed with this false spirit are more articulate and intellectual in their presentation of their gospel and will deceive many if not confronted by the true anointing. (Acts 13:9-10) The confrontation between Paul and Elymas resulted in the conversion of the proconsul and the establishment of truth. Bringing into His light this fashion of spiritual darkness will result in a form of blindness that renders this spirit powerless. Light will always overcome darkness. This

spiritual confrontation will begin this year and the years to follow and become more pronounced in the coming seasons.

Secular Humanism and Our Lack of Justice

The Lord also revealed His desire to deal with secular humanism and expose its detrimental fruit. Many have placed their faith in the counsel of secular humanism instead of the revealed word of God. This form of philosophy targets financial and social issues distracting from the true spiritual issues needing to be addressed.

The American justice system will begin to be undermined through various liberal thoughts that will weaken our trust in this system and its ability to render proper justice. Ultimately, it will create distrust in our social structure and seeds of lawlessness conveying the thinking that iniquity is permissible without social consequences. The apparent lack of justice in our Country will promote increased violence and perversion, resulting in a defilement of the land and the plagues the scriptures foretell are the result of these demonic strongholds. It is only through the Holy Spirit that true justice and equity can be rendered.

The fruit of secular humanism in the American school system will become increasingly pronounced since we have in effect removed God from our schools. This evil way of thinking has created an access point to the youth of this country for rebellion and violence. The enemy has utilized this to his great advantage. Satan is trying to destroy the future of our youth with every scheme at his disposal. It is now going to become paramount for the church to pray for our youth and this young generation to embrace the things of the Spirit and reject the spirit of this world.

A clear line of demarcation will be drawn with countless of our young people seeking the counsel of the Holy Spirit while others the counsel of spiritualist, fortune-tellers and false prophets. This will earmark the great battle for our young people that must be won through prayer and the demonstration of the Spirit. Acts 13 clearly distinguishes these two spirits. Paul being filled with the Holy Spirit presented the truth while “bar-jesus” filled with a false spirit brought deception, division and unbelief.

True prophetic ministry can be distinguished and judged by it's fruit. Likewise false prophetic ministry can also be distinguished by it's fruit. This distinction must be made for us to proceed to the next level in the Spirit.

The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever

Modern medicine will continue to encounter more difficulty as the antibiotics presently utilized will become increasingly less effective. These will continue to erode the confidence placed in the abilities of man and require people to return to a faith in God. Much of what is coming upon the world will require faith in the God of healing because modern medicine will not be the all inclusive remedy.

The healing ministry will begin to become more pronounced and will escalate with increasing measure in the coming years. The question is being asked, Whose report will you believe? Will you believe the medical reports or the reports that say you can be healed.

Absolute faith in the unlimited power of the Holy Spirit must be established in our hearts and minds to encounter the issues of this generation. We will also see a lack of confidence being initiated in our financial system. Notwithstanding, He is the same yesterday, today and forever and with Him there is nothing impossible. He can furnish all our needs according to His riches in glory.

Peace Through Understanding

The Holy Spirit is going to release divine understanding to His church producing a level of peace. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. (John 14:27)

By understanding the issues and consequences of the spiritual conditions around us, we gain a divine peace through this recognition. We must likewise resist the tendency toward fear as these difficulties and confrontations begin to escalate around us. We must be strong and of good courage, embracing the revelation of His word and the understanding given to us through the Holy Spirit.

He has overcome the world, therefore we can rest in the assurance of His victory. We become “overcomers” when we find our rest in Him and His rest in us. We can embrace the boldness of His Lion-like qualities through prayer and intimacy with Him. In so doing, nothing will intimidate us, because of that relationship.

There will be a marked increase in understanding and revelation of the— Fatherhood of God.

You heard that I said to you, “I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. (John 14:28)

It was the Lord’s purpose to reveal the Father to His people. The Holy Spirit is going to release substantial understanding to the emerging leadership that will paint a more clear portrait of our heavenly Father. We will begin to see the heart of the

Father and do nothing but what we see Him doing and speak only that which we hear coming from His heart.

Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; (John 14:29-30)

The Holy Spirit has foretold many of the things that are coming so that when they do emerge we will not be overcome by them nor find ourselves in fear or anxiety. The enemy had no place in the Lord into which he could sink his hooks of rebellion and corruption. We will likewise begin to see the perfection of our souls to the place that the enemy would find no access in us into which he can sink his seeds of rebellion, if we allow this refining work of the Spirit.

It will be the role of leadership to teach the church to hear from the Lord for themselves. A grace is going to be released for believers to hear His voice as He knocks upon their door desiring to dine with them. All who seek shall find and to those who ask...it shall be given. If you seek a hearing ear you will receive it if you seek it with all of your heart.

The breath of God which produces understanding is going to blow upon us freeing us from those things previously inhibiting our spiritual growth.

Purged, Purified and Refined

A great emphasis will be placed upon the refining work of the Holy Spirit as the church is purified for His indwelling Presence.

Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand. (Dan 12:10)

And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time (the time when things are brought to crisis) is near. Let the one who does wrong, still do wrong; and the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and the one who is holy, still keep himself holy. (Rev 22:10-11)

There is an emphasis on the word "crisis" pointed to in this scripture. As we go from one difficult issue to another, it will produce an increasing measure of faith in us necessary for our high calling. A great opportunity of grace is being released to the church, if we will embrace it, for the purpose of purification. This will begin the process of separating the precious from the worthless.

As stated previously, the primary attribute that He is looking for is— divine love. There will be great reward for those who have allowed His love to be established in them. When we become thus equipped, our hearts will reach out to the needs of those around us as we impart healing, salvation and deliverance to this lost world.

Furnished With Understanding

Presently, our spiritual house has been somewhat empty. However, the Holy Spirit is releasing understanding to us to “furnish” us with the treasures of wisdom and knowledge and living understanding, hidden in Christ.

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; And by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. (Prov 24:3-4)

The “word of knowledge” is an invitation but the “word of wisdom” is the application of it. With understanding we can begin to accomplish God’s purposes and furnish His spiritual house with the treasures of heaven. Our previous lack of “comprehension” has greatly inhibited our ability to be the bright shining light in this dark world. This is beginning to change. The Lord is bringing forth a people of great spiritual understanding that will become beacons of light in the midst of deep darkness.

Substantial illumination by the Spirit of Truth will produce this great light. For you light my lamp; the LORD my God illumines my darkness. (Ps 18:28) In 1987, a sign was given in the heaven’s to distinguish this great spiritual truth. The super nova that was discovered is a spiritual sign to us. Shortly after it’s discovery, the scientist observed a brilliant quasar of blue light. The quasar is symbolic of “heaviness” denoting the heavy presence of God’s glory. Heavy glorious light is coming to the church distinguished by these spiritual signs.

The heavenly Father is going to unleash great spiritual authority with divine revelation as the hearts of men come into

agreement with the purposes of God. This merger or union between heaven and earth will produce the great miracles, signs and wonders prophesied for this generation. When we agree with God, we are in actuality agreeing to love. Through this compassion and divine attribute we will unleash the great resources of heaven for the vast need of humanity. The miracles, signs and wonders are not the end in themselves but the by product of the expression of divine love through His people. Healing is always birthed through compassion.

The scriptures point out, “the heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.” (Ps 19:1) There will begin to be increasing expressions of God’s glory in the church. This will be particularly true in intercessory meetings as divine purposes will be birthed through prayer and travail. These manifestations of intercessory prayer will be visited with measures of divine glory that will increase as we are established in agreement with Him. Many of the storms and heavenly signs will depict the reality of His glory beginning to visit the earth.

Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. (Ps 96:3-5)

Clouds of enlightenment will begin to shine on the church as His countenance is conveyed to us.

The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace. (Num 6:24-26)

An emphasis is being placed upon this prominent divine blessing. We should all be encouraged to continually pray this over our congregation, family, and friends. During this season, we will begin to see an increased measure of the Lord's enlightenment as His countenance shines upon us, bringing illumination and insight. This will produce the understanding He is desiring to release in the earth.

Psalms 96

New songs will be expressed from the heart of the church through praise and worship birthed through the understanding He is going to give us.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. (Ps 96:1-2)

An increased emphasis on power evangelism worldwide will increase as the glory is unleashed through intercessory prayer. Power evangelism is the appearance of heavenly power drawing the people to the cross by the demonstration of the Spirit. As meetings are held and manifestations of His glory emerge, sinners will come to the alter for salvation and deliverance. We will begin to see the infancy of this now, but it will increase in the coming years.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; bring an offering and come into His courts. Worship the LORD in holy attire; tremble before Him, all the earth. (Ps 96:5-9)

Psychologists have determined that depression results when darkness covers a region without sunlight for an extended period of time. Likewise, this occurs in the spirit. When spiritual darkness covers the earth for an extended period of time without the “son’s light,” then great spiritual depression results.

As individuals begin to draw near to God, He will draw near to them making them a light that will attract many.

The “offering” the Lord is desiring is ourselves. The only thing we can legitimately offer Him that is not already His, is our hearts...yielding our will to the will of the Father. When this becomes reality, we will begin to worship Him in the beauty of holiness, allowing Him to accomplish through us kingdom purposes.

Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns; indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity. (Ps 96:10)

Presently, there is a substantial void concerning justice in the world. Nonetheless, righteousness and justice are the very foundation of His throne. These will begin to emerge as the church becomes the standard of righteousness foretold in scripture. Even so, the world will hate this form of justice and equity because it will expose the deeds of this world.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all it contains; (Ps 96:11)

Although there will be many natural and spiritual storms depicted by the roaring seas, the faithful church will survive these storms. The Father’s love for us will see to it. Here, seas can also represent the nations of people in turmoil and an uproar concerning the things taking place in the earth. This will result in amplified emotions on the part of those who have not anchored themselves in Christ.

The spirit of anger will run rampant through the unsanctified soul as the conditions in the earth become too much for many to handle. Many will turn to drugs, alcohol and prescription

medication as a counterfeit remedy to settle their turbulent emotions. This year and the coming years will see this continue to escalate. This will cause some who have straddled the spiritual fence to take one side or the other. The times will no longer allow for lukewarm Christianity. We must either be blistering hot or we will find ourselves overcome by these things.

Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy Before the LORD, for He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness. (Ps 96:12-13)

We are to be the trees of righteousness and the planting of the Lord. This will produce great joy in our praise as we plant ourselves in Him and enjoy the fruit of His blessings. Everyone is called to a place of praise and worship in one form or another. The scriptures promise the Lord will come to govern and judge the earth in righteousness and justice and the people with faithfulness and truth. That is the attribute of those who ride the white horse of Revelation 19:11 with the Lord. All who ride this horse and accompany the Lord in this great battle will be described as faithful and true.

Very often, a white horse symbolizes a sovereign move of the Spirit of Truth and power. It is a sanctified movement of the Holy Spirit in the earth. The Lord is desiring to ride in "saddle" of our minds producing a faithful and true spirit within us. In us and through us, the Lord will ride on victoriously for the cause of truth, humility, and righteousness. (Psalm 45:4)

When we let the Spirit produce faithfulness and truth in us, it will direct our paths and give understanding of the Father's perfect will, which we will begin to do in absolute obedience.

The Lord High and Lifted Up

In the following portion of the vision, Bob saw the Lord high and lifted up on the cross. He could actually view the Lord's battered face and the insufferable brutality inflicted upon Him. His brow was so badly battered that one could actually see His scull. His face was horribly marred beyond recognition. His chin was gashed open with blood freely flowing from it and His eyes were coated in blood from the crown of thorns.

The crown of thorns seemed to depict something quite significant; It reminds us that He has freed us from the law and releases us into grace. It was written in the Old Testament that we would eat our bread by the sweat of our brow. Thanks be to God we now have abundant grace that allows us to live according to His statutes by the impartation of His strength. The thorns were excruciatingly painful for the Lord; yet He gladly paid this price on our behalf.

It was evident the grief and pain was almost unbearable for His natural body. In the vision, Bob actually saw the Lord lifting His head in this condition and crying out, "Father, forgive them". This seemed to indicate a release of great grace for forgiveness during the coming season. As we come to the Lord in a true heart of repentance, abundant grace will be provided to forgive us our past sins and position us on a path of righteousness.

It will also be a time for believers to forgive the many ways we have mistreated and offended one another. Many have given lip service and expressed forgiveness, yet continued to embody unresolved anger in their spirits, resulting in a veil over their

soul distorting their view of the Lord. If we will embrace it, we will find great grace for the forgiveness of others and obtain forgiveness for ourselves.

This portion of the visions also depicted notable deliverance for those who will come to the cross and accept the great sacrifice the Lord made in their behalf. His beaten and battered body was clearly depicted to illustrate the freedom we can have in Him through faith. Deliverance ministries will now begin to find a greater grace to set people free from the addictions and afflictions of the enemy. However, forgiveness will continue to be a central theme essential for the release of this freedom and liberty.

If we truly express forgiveness it should be the reflection of our inner conviction laying a foundation for the divine love essential for end-time ministry. The Lord is calling for the “worst of saints” to become the “best of saints” through the embracing of the cross. Some who were the greatest enemies of the cross will now become its greatest ambassadors.

There is a great need for corporate repentance for our sins and those of our spiritual father’s. Forgiveness will lay the foundation for this divinely granted repentance. No matter how terribly we have been wronged, it can not compare with the injustice placed upon the Lord and His sufferings on the cross. If we can fathom and comprehend that reality, it will make our ability to forgive much easier. None of us have experienced the injustice the Lord did. Therefore we should freely forgive those who have abused us and spitefully used us, and even bless them by the Spirit.

So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness

and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. (Col 3:12-13)

When we ask the Father to forgive those who have wronged us, from a heart of sincerity, it releases them from that judgement and opens the corridor for spiritual blessings. As we do this, we will then begin to take on the divine nature and holy character of Christ that He reflected for us on the cross. Words are inadequate to suitably describe the horrible sufferings and brutality inflicted upon the Lord at Golgotha. In seasons of prayer and worship many will begin to receive visions and images of the Lord's terrible suffering. As this occurs, many of the nervous and emotional problems presently in the church will begin to dissipate through forgiveness and releasing unresolved anger.

Pray, then, in this way: "Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

As we embrace the principles of forgiveness, we will also begin to manifest His kingdom in the earth. His kingdom will come and His will done on the earth as it is in heaven through the impartation of His divine attributes. When we forgive others their trespasses against us we will likewise receive the forgiveness of our own.

Many of the anointed teachers will discover great insights in the Lord's prayer and impart it to the body in the coming

season. This will become reality through the expression of its truth actually manifested in the people. It will not merely be the recital of words, but the expression of sincere hearts.

No Condemnation

The Holy spirit is indicating the enemies intent to use condemnation on a heightened scale to assault not only those in the world, but also many in the church who do not hide themselves in Christ.

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. (Rom 8:1-2)

Conversely, those who are experiencing the spirit of condemnation can find great liberty and freedom this year through the grace of the Lord. Many will begin to lose their minds. Those without Christ will find mental distress difficult to contain. Nonetheless, those who have fully yielded themselves to the Lord will lose their mind only to gain His. Extreme condemnation will put the kind of pressure on people that would cause them to lose their mind unless they embrace the cross. Mens hearts will fail them for fear of the things soon coming to the earth.

Those who emphatically embrace the cross and wholly yield themselves to the Lord, will begin to experience the reality of “The freewoman’s son”. Symbolically, we are typified as the children of Sarah and heirs of the promise and joint heirs with Christ. Isaac means laughter, depicting the great joy and gladness coming to the body of Christ despite the circumstances in the world. As we partake of the revelation of the freewoman’s son, we will be freed from condemnation and rejection. As we do so, we will begin to take on the divine nature of Christ and become trustworthy stewards of the

mysteries and power of God. This freedom and grace being released to us however is not a license to sin. Rather, it is the ability to be free from the condemnation of sin and live before the Lord with a pure heart and with right motives.

For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and {as an offering} for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Rom 8:3-4)

It is through the law of the spirit of Life that you become Christ-like and quickened by His indwelling presence. In this place of power, the germs, viruses and diseases of this world will find no breeding ground nor ability to thrive. It is through the law of the spirit of Life that we have divine health and the power to lay hands on the sick and see them recover. The Lord is going to lay the axe to the chains of bondage that have kept the body of Christ bound, unproductive, immature, weak and faithless.

Warning About Selfish Ambition

Leaders who have allowed selfish ambition to enter into the heart of their ministry will find it increasingly difficult to prosper in the coming season. To no longer be able to function in this deception is actually a blessing, so these areas can be identified and proper repentance expressed. The Bible describes this type of ministry as a “hireling”. The Lord is going to begin to deal with the hireling type ministries in the church because of the great detriment it is to the body of Christ. Ultimately, the Lord desires the full restoration of these ministry gifts to a place of purity and fruitfulness.

The Spirit seems to be saying, those who do not grow in love will grow cold. Without the Holy Spirit we will discover great barrenness. Hopefully, this will produce repentance and submission to the Spirit so these ministry gifts can serve productively in kingdom purposes.

If repentance does not take place, there will be a demotion for these ministries who have allowed selfish ambition, competition, division, jealousy and envy to creep in. Although, the ministry may have started in sincerity, seeds of destruction are often sown through the enemies crafty devices. An opportunity for repentance will be granted and those seeds extracted; However, if it is not embraced these ministries will find it becoming very cold spiritually. Leadership who will honestly evaluate themselves and determine if this is in fact true, will be well advised to consider taking a leave of absence for 6 months to a year. During this time, repentance and prayer can restore their ministry as a abundant blessing to the church.

He who separates himself seeks his own desire, He quarrels against all sound wisdom. (Prov 18:1)

It will likewise become increasingly difficult for “lone rangers” to continue to minister without the covering and protection of a team. In this place of security, we can pray for one another and discern the strategies of the enemy more easily as he cleverly plots to deceive God’s people...especially leadership.

Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. (Isa 55:7)

If the wicked do not forsake their ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts, they will end up in a “spiritual blizzard” even in the heart of summer days. This will be a cold and unfeeling anointing that will clearly identify their spiritual condition. This will not be a time to run ahead of the Lord, but rather wait upon Him for the appropriate timing of His release. The Lord Himself provided this ultimate example by doing nothing but what He saw the Father doing and saying only those things He heard through the Holy Spirit. He did all things in union and in agreement with the Father.

Coming of Frogs

During this portion of the visions, Bob saw the onslaught of evil spirits depicted in the form of frogs. In the natural, frogs carry diseases and even poisons of the highest caliber. Some frogs actually have a poison greater than that of a cobra.

One of the plagues in Egypt was the invasion of frogs which is a counterpart to the 'fish,' which represents grace. If the grace of God has been rejected, then its counterpart in the evil arena will be embraced, represented by the frog. When the grace has departed for a nation or geographic area, the "frogs" are released very often in the form of sexual perversion, violence and lawlessness. Frogs are also a symbol of divination which will become increasingly apparent. The church will also begin to combat this evil opposition through intercessory prayer and the increased authority given to her.

The church is an expression of the Lord's grace to the earth; for it is through the church that His light will shine. If the Lord can find just a few righteous in an area He will continue the grace and will begin to show mercy. Even for this nation, grace can be obtained if the people will repent and embrace His truth. We have a biblical pattern in the person of Daniel, who repented and admonished the people to embrace the truth released to them through the Lord's servants, the prophets. (Daniel 9)

In many areas, the grace for this nation has expired and evil spirits represented by frogs are being released. This is a limited expression of judgement aimed at drawing the people's attention to a place of repentance so the mass judgement this

nation deserves can be curtailed if not alleviated. The Lord is showing incredible mercy and restraint as it relates to this nation. If we will recognize the pending judgement and initiate divinely granted repentance on our behalf and that of our nation, then there can be a release of glory and revival throughout this land once again.

Likewise, the church must also begin to utilize the authority delegated to her to take the demonic influences out of storms and other disasters that amplify its effect. As the Lord was on the Sea of Galilee, He rebuked the demonic inspiration behind the storm and brought a level of peace. Although the Lord is releasing expressions of judgement, the enemy also enters these arenas with demonically inspired storms and calamities which we can alleviate through prayer and the appropriation of our divine authority.

Glory on Intercession

This year will begin to see increased expressions of the Lord's glory on intercessory prayer meetings and even individuals who enter this arena of warfare. An increased element of faith will be delegated to these ministers and ministries called to the forefront of intercession. The impartation of divine expectancy will allow them to even move spiritual mountains and storms through appropriated faith and prayer.

One of the primary objectives of the enemy is to motivate the Lord's anointed to get ahead of Him and attempt to birth spiritual objectives prematurely. In reality this will result in aborted objectives and spiritual miscarriage. The church must learn the art of waiting on the Lord to receive His counsel in bringing to life the spiritual purposes conceived in the heart of believers through prayer and intercession.

There will actually be some immature Christians with a gift of revelation who prophesy from a spirit of divination thinking that it is the Holy Spirit. Matthew 24 points out there is a spirit so close to the real that it would deceive the very elect, if possible. Many well intentioned Christians will actually prophesy things from the demonic realm thinking it is a word from the Holy Spirit. We must begin to develop the discernment to distinguish the two. By appropriating His divine wisdom, we will learn to be led by the Holy Spirit and allow Him to be Lord of the church and of His body. He is the Shepherd and we are the sheep of His pasture.

False Light

This year and the coming season will see an increase in “false light” masquerading as truth in the church. Even the New Age movements will move into arenas of greater deception and expansion of followers. Dark light is actually revelation received in the soul of man rather than the spirit. It is in the soul of man that demonic influences are able to express themselves as angels of light while the Holy Spirit works through the spirit. We see a prototype of this ministry in Elymas. One is earthy in nature the other spiritual.

Very often the soulish influences incorporate showmanship and a desire to be in the forefront, as opposed to the humility characterized in the Lord’s anointed leadership. One will draw people to themselves and the other will lead them to the Lord. False leadership anointed with this type spirit will actually move into the arena of “professionalism”. This is a form of ministry distinguished by developing to an art— Expression and Presentation. Sincere Christians, on the other hand, can be anointed with a spirit of excellence desiring to do all things well; Yet, being led by the Spirit and sensitive to the desires of the Holy Spirit in each individual service.

A ministry anointed with this spirit of “professionalism” will have a man orchestrated order of worship with a certain number of songs and a certain prayer written and rehearsed to perfection. This leadership will leave no room to flow with the Holy Spirit, but will follow only his soulish agenda.

Conversely, God’s light is pure and holy. The Holy Spirit in our spirit communicates with our soul through the “Logos”

revelation of His word. The Lord will never contradict His word. In many respects, our spirit is like a pool of water into which satan will attempt to impart “frogs’ which we must continually expel through— “It is written”. The enemy will continue to aspire to impart his thoughts of lust, jealousy and selfish ambition, trying to find an outlet for his evil agenda.

We must bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ and keep the spring of water within our soul pure. Out of our innermost being shall flow rivers of Living water for others to drink from. The Holy Spirit in our spirit is where the “Rhema” of God originates giving expression to the “Logos”. Naturally, all “Rhema” must be filtered through the “Logos.”

Cleansing the Soul

The Lord is looking for men and women who live in agreement with Him and stand before Him as His spokesmen. In this place, we become the expression of His voice. That is why the intercessory ministry is going to receive indications of God's glory, as we pray in agreement with Him, birthing His purposes in the earth. When we pray by inspiration we will then determine the direction and counsel of the Holy Spirit. Intercession by inspiration will not miss in direction. This is what will produce God's glory.

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (II Cor. 7:1)

The demonically inspired "dark light" will send deluding influences into the soul of man with delusions of grandeur. That is why we must continually cleanse ourselves from all that would contaminate and defile both body and spirit. Delusions of grandeur and deceptions result in the manipulation of the church body through "selfish ambition" and "self justification." This will utilize the "control" and "religious" spirits to accomplish a counterfeit agenda.

The Lord's servants will always be meek and teachable. The Holy Spirit is calling us back to the place of a humble heart and a contrite spirit, trembling at the Word of the Lord. From this place of consecration, we will easily determine the demonic influences the enemy tries to initiate in us and can quickly dispel them— keeping us hallowed before the Lord. This year will begin to see an emphasis on the aspect of— purification

and cleansing of the soul. As we do, we will begin to grow in the things of God and partake of His divine nature and Holy character. Now is the time to cease from playing games and become the powerful church prophesied in scripture. The issues of this generation are serious and dictate that we likewise respond to the times and seasons in which we are living. As we follow the admonitions of the Lord, we will begin to understand His ways and partake of His thoughts. If we desire to become clean in our souls and spirits, the grace will be present to accomplish that lofty goal.

The Lord is promising to reveal His thoughts and His ways, which are much higher than ours. His is a "higher way" of holiness. It is to this place that we are being beckoned. This year will be a profitable year and the seasons to follow will result in many being commissioned into the purposes of God, bearing abundant fruit to His glory. Beginning this year and the immediate years to follow, many who are on the back side of desert will be brought into the forefront and initiated into their calling and purpose. The Lord's glory is about to be revealed to man.

Shepherd's Rod 1997



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Psalm 97– A Prophetic Outlook for 1997

It is important to understand that according to the scriptures there are two years that run within the Old Testament teachings. The first is the sacred year as given by the Law of Moses beginning at the time of Passover. The second is the civil year beginning on the Day of Atonement.

Consequently, in order for us to be consistent with God's time table and prophetic outline we must recognize that the year 1997 actually began on this past Day of Atonement or the sacred Holy Day of Yom Kippur.

Correspondingly, the Lord has indicated the Psalm that is given for this year is Psalm 97. It is important to recognize that this Psalm has 12 verses which is an indication of the coming government being released in the church today with true Apostolic authority. It is also important to recognize that there is a concurrently revealed government of Satan that is also coming as a counterfeit that must be identified by the believer. This identification can take place through careful study of God's word as it is revealed by the Spirit of Truth.

1. THE LORD REIGNS; LET THE EARTH REJOICE; LET THE MANY ISLANDS BE GLAD.

The prophetic significance of this verse can be found in reference to the islands and coast lands. The islands and coast lands referenced relate to the United States, and announces the timing of the Lord as revealed by the Holy Spirit. As we watch the islands and coast lands of the United States we will

receive spiritual understanding of the timing and activities of the Lord during the coming year.

2. CLOUDS AND THICK DARKNESS SURROUND HIM; RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE ARE THE FOUNDATION OF HIS THRONE.

This is the year that true Godly righteousness and the justice of God shall be brought to light. Many more things shall be said about the righteousness and justice of God in the latter portions of this revelation. It is important to recognize that “now is the time” for God’s people to be reflections of His righteousness and justice.

3. FIRE GOES BEFORE HIM, AND BURNS UP HIS ADVERSARIES ROUND ABOUT.

God is a consuming fire devouring His enemies. This is the Spirit of Holiness or the Baptism of Fire exhibiting the Lord’s divine nature and His Holy character producing the fruit of the Spirit in the believer. (Psalm 50:3)

4. HIS LIGHTENING LIT UP THE WORLD; THE EARTH SAW AND TREMBLED.

This scripture is an indication of the power that is going to be released in the earth. The lightening are as arrows that penetrate the heart of the king’s enemies. (II Samuel 22:15)

5. THE MOUNTAINS MELTED LIKE WAX AT THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, AT THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD OF THE WHOLE EARTH.

The hills or mountains announced in this verse represent the human opposition that now withstands the working of the Holy Spirit in the church and in the world. This is a prophetic indication that the Lord's manifest presence shall come to destroy the human opposition that has withstood the working of His Spirit among His people. Human opposition in times past has attempted to withstand the Lordship of the Holy Spirit in the church as well as the true revelation of the government of God with Apostolic authority.

This year will begin to unfold the destruction of this opposition. It will be during this year that the Lord exhibits Himself as Jehovah Shammah – THE LORD IS PRESENT.

6. THE HEAVENS DECLARE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THE PEOPLES HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY.

This is again an indication of God's righteousness becoming apparent and exposing His Holiness and His Glory so that a lost world can see God living among His people and drawing all men to Himself.

7. LET ALL THOSE BE ASHAMED WHO SERVE GRAVEN IMAGES, WHO BOAST THEMSELVES OF IDOLS; WORSHIP HIM ALL YE GODS.

The source of idols can be found in the “ideals” or opinions of man that are contrived apart from the Holy Spirit. This is the year that the gods of man or the thoughts of man will be

exposed for what they are. True Godliness will then begin to emerge from dedicated men and women who worship God in sincerity and in truth. This is going to be the year that the thoughts of man will be distinguished from the thoughts and ways of God with the Higher-ways of God becoming paramount. The Lord will reveal Himself and His cross as the remedy of all human conditions.

8. ZION HEARD THIS AND WAS GLAD, AND THE DAUGHTERS OF JUDAH HAVE REJOICED BECAUSE OF THY JUDGEMENTS, OH LORD.

Zion is a reference to the preserved or consecrated ones that have allowed the Holy Spirit to consume all of the deeds of the flesh so that the nature of God can be unveiled in their spirit. This reference to Judah announces the praise that will come from this sanctified body of believers as they express God's Holy Character as revealed through the Holy Spirit and His word.

9. FOR THOU ART THE LORD MOST HIGH OVERALL THE EARTH; THOU ART EXALTED FAR ABOVE ALL GODS.

Let the wicked man forsake his ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts. (Is. 55:6-7) This reference is made to the believers as they are notified to forsake their ways and their thoughts in order to receive God's ways and His thoughts which are a much higher way than those devised by the mind of man. (Is.35) God's thoughts begin with the "higher way" called LOVE. All that God does is built upon the foundation of love. The condition for walking on this higher way of God is found

in divine love. There will be many inspired teachers emerging this year to reveal this truth to the church as they disclose God's highway of Holiness to the believers.

10. HATE EVIL YOU WHO LOVE THE LORD, WHO PRESERVES THE SOULS OF HIS GODLY ONES; HE DELIVERS THEM FROM THE HAND OF THE WICKED.

For those who are walking in God's ways, this year will produce life instead of death. (Psalm 68:20; Romans 8:13-17)

11. LIGHT IS SOWN LIKE SEED FOR THE RIGHTEOUS, AND GLADNESS FOR THE UPRIGHT IN HEART.

God's righteousness will begin to reflect the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, which is ultimately pleasing to the Lord. Even more important than revealing the power gifts of the Holy Spirit is the revelation of the fruit of the Spirit through a consecrated life of righteousness. This is only achieved by the Holy Spirit abiding in us. Believers becoming partakers of the divine nature revealing the Spirit of Holiness.

Once we become partakers of His divine nature, then the gifts of the Spirit will automatically come to support the fruit without the threat of the wineskin being destroyed because of a lack of Godly character. History has proven that many great leaders ended their days having their ministries nullified or destroyed because of a lack of Godly character. It is through the Spirit of Holiness that the power gifts can be displayed without corruption as given to us through our ultimate example, the Lord Himself.

12. BE GLAD IN THE LORD YE RIGHTEOUS ONES AND GIVE THANKS TO HIS HOLY NAME.

Rejoice in the maturing life of a growing Christian being molded into the image of a

Holy God. Only that which is done by the Spirit of Holiness working through us is that which is truly pleasing to the Father. As this is done, we then begin to receive fresh revelations of the Father never before brought to light as we are molded into the image of Christ.

Characteristics of God's Government

Vision— “I was taken to the temple steps by my best friend. I was then told that we were going into the temple in order to view the showing of things that were to come...characteristics of the coming government of God.” (From Bob)

1. THE FEAR OF THE LORD

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM, A GOOD UNDERSTANDING HAVE ALL THOSE WHO DO HIS COMMANDMENTS. (PSALM 111:10)

Those who are called to this place of responsibility in God's government must have the reality of this verse present in their lives. The reverential fear of the Lord must be present in them as a source of Godly wisdom. Wisdom produces understanding in those who are obedient to the statutes and commandments of God's word.

2. REVELATION OF THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY

AND HE HIMSELF GAVE SOME TO BE APOSTLES, SOME PROPHETS, SOME EVANGELIST, SOME PASTORS AND TEACHERS. (EPH. 4:11)

It is now time for the full five fold ministry of the church, as outlined by the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul, to be evident and operational. Once accomplished, the church can work in unison for the equipping of the saints and the preparation of God's people for the coming visitation.

Without the complete Biblical functioning of the five-fold ministry, the church would be incomplete and unable to fully unfold God's plan for the faith of this generation to return to that of our apostolic father's.

3. A CALL TO UNITY

TO WHICH THE TRIBES GO UP EVEN THE TRIBES OF THE LORD AN ORDINANCE OF ISRAEL TO GIVE THANKS TO THE NAME OF THE LORD. FOR THEIR THRONES WERE SET FOR JUDGEMENT THE THRONES OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID.

(PSALM 122:4-5)

Even as there were different tribes in the nation of Israel, so are their different organizational structures within the church...Each bearing a measure of truth yet all calling upon the name of the Lord for salvation. This is the year that the government of God starts to receive greater attention so that all the "tribes" or "called out ones," begin to unite for one purpose; to seek the Lord and His truth. This group will come before the throne of David to observe the judgements of God so they may learn righteousness.

When God's justice is shared, the ultimate fruit of that equity is true spiritual peace. Even as we are commanded to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, so we should also long for the judgements of God bringing peace within the household of faith. Those bearing Godly wisdom will be revealed as the true peacemakers of God.

4. A WORK OF CONSECRATION

THEN I WILL ALSO TURN MY HAND AGAINST YOU, AND WILL SMELT AWAY YOUR DROSS AS WITH LYE AND WILL REMOVE ALL YOUR ALLOY. THEN I WILL RESTORE YOUR JUDGES AS AT THE FIRST, AND YOUR COUNSELORS AS AT THE BEGINNING; AFTER THAT YOU WILL BE CALLED THE CITY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, A FAITHFUL CITY. (IS. 1:25-26)

In this passage, the prophet uses a description of cleansing used during Biblical days that will also spiritually indicate the symbolic working of the Holy Spirit within the believer. It is written that the Lord will smelt away all dross of corruption as with lye. This purging process was used for the purposes of purification. So also will the Holy Spirit consecrate the believer through the Spirit of Burning, thus cleansing the believer of all corruption and traditions of man in order to present a consecrated, holy tabernacle for the Holy Spirit.

It is also written that all alloy shall be removed which is an indication of ungodly mixtures that have been allowed within the church. This mixture has taken place when man has merged his traditions with the word of God as described in Mark 7:6-8— as it is written: “THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.’ Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.

It is now time for all double-mindedness to be removed from the church. The scriptures declare that those who are double minded are unstable in all their ways. It is created when we follow both the mind of man and the mind of Christ. This instability has been evident throughout church history and

must now be dealt with in order to purge doubt and unbelief so that only faith would remain.

Through this process the Lord is going to restore our judges as at the first and our counselors as at the beginning unveiling the purity of the mind of Christ. Even as the first century church received the benefit of Holy Spirit filled men serving as judges and counselors, so also will this last day church have the same benefit through the working of His manifest Spirit.

5. THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD

IN ORDER THAT THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD MIGHT NOW BE MADE KNOWN THROUGH THE CHURCH TO THE RULERS AND THE AUTHORITIES IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES. (EPH. 3:10)

This entire process as described in the previous paragraphs is for the purpose of imparting the manifold wisdom of God in the church. Part of the purpose is to reveal Christ in His church so that the principalities and powers in the heavenly places recognize this Godly authority as expressed through the Word and the Spirit among the churches.

Both the Holy angels and the demonic rulers will recognize His Godly authority being released in the church this year. A purging process will take place by the Spirit of burning so the Spirit of Holiness can be displayed in the hearts of the worshiper revealing the fruit of the Spirit through the divine nature of Christ.

God's leadership will be required to follow precisely the leading unction of the Holy Spirit without compromise. Beginning with this year the spotlight will be removed from

individual men as “lone rangers” and placed upon the body of believers so that no man take the glory save Christ Himself.

6. ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE- FAITH- TRUTH

On February 20, 1992, the Lord gave Bob a notable vision and in it he was shown a movie projector providing symbolic meaning with an important message. Uniquely, he noticed the cord for the “movie projector” was not plugged in. He asked the Lord to plug the projector in so that it would operate. However, the Lord stated that it wasn’t grounded properly and if it were plugged in it would actually burn itself up. The Lord indicated that it needed to be grounded in three scriptures:

(Ephesians 3:17) – Rooted and grounded in love.

(Colossians 1:23)- Rooted and grounded in faith.

(I Timothy 3:15) – Rooted and grounded in truth.

This symbolism is given to prophetically portray the importance of these three attributes in order for us to be trusted with the Lord’s secrets. There is much He desires to share with us but we must be grounded in Truth, Faith, and Love to properly understand and appropriate His heart.

The Lord indicated that the wiring necessary for His sovereign power was “220” wiring. The truth for this can be found in Galatians 2:20— I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST AND IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE BUT CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME AND THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR ME.

7. PREVIEWS OF THINGS TO COME

The Lord is announcing in this year's Day of Atonement revelation that He has now built sufficient character in some leadership during the past five years essential for maintaining and reflecting the power for end-time ministry. With this character the Lord is saying "I can now begin to show the church previews of things to come".

In addition to this wonderful promise, we are also given a warning through Galatians 2:21— I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly. This warning clearly stipulates that we should not frustrate nor nullify the grace of God anymore.

Very often the Lord sends His greatest gifts in the most humble and unbecoming vessels. Too frequently, we as the church fail to recognize the gift of God in these representatives.

Consequently, we essentially nullify the grace of God and grieve His Holy Spirit by not receiving the message of God because of the unbecoming appearance of the messenger.

John the Baptist is a classic example of this truth as he came in the most unusual form. The leadership in Israel must have been looking for a fantastic man to appear on the scene to fulfil the prophetic scriptures describing the messenger of the Messiah as prophesied in both Isaiah and Malachi. It would be far better to keep silent on an issue than to speak against something that we do not understand. Israel did not and they ultimately rejected the messenger and the message of Truth through this significant Prophet.

Additionally, we are also given a warning that could best be described by understanding a farming concept. In times past a chicken farmer was able to determine if life was in the egg by

holding the egg in front of a candle and looking at the silhouette produced. The light behind the candle allowed the farmer to see within the egg to determine if it carried life.

In the same way we should also hold prophetic utterances before the “candle of God”, the revealed Word, to determine if these utterances truly have the life of God within them. The prophetic ministry of the church has been criticized when people are believing and trusting in a prophetic revelation that did not find its origin in the Holy Spirit.

The candle of God used as a measuring tool for these prophetic utterances is the revealed word of God. The Lord will never express anything contrary to His Word.

8. RULE IN THE MIDST OF OUR ENEMIES

The Lord then gave one final scripture in relationship to this coming government; PSALM 110:2– THE LORD WILL STRETCH FORTH THY STRONG SCEPTER FROM ZION SAYING, “RULE IN THE MIDST OF THINE ENEMIES”.

Through this strong passage, the church is charged to rule in the midst of her foes and give extravagantly in the time of trouble. This is the season the church will begin to give extravagantly and sow spiritual and financial seeds for the coming harvest.

Psalm 125:3 declares that the scepter of the wicked will no longer rule over the righteous. This principle will begin to become reality during the course of this year and days to follow.

In Zechariah 11:7-8, we discover three shepherds who were destroyed in one month because of the Lord’s impatience with

their leadership. They were abolished by two staffs, one called “FAVOR” and the other, “UNION”.

This is the year that Psalm 133:3 begins to become reality within the church. There will eventually be true UNITY of the brethren producing the anointing or FAVOR of the Holy Spirit. Those willing to make this commitment of unity among themselves will begin to experience a spiritual jubilee. The primary focus is to produce unity within the brethren and the promised anointing. The unity built around the Word and the Spirit will be the source of strength necessary for the end-time church to become the overcoming army prophesied in scripture.

Revealing the Priest, King/Judge, Prophet

As already mentioned in this revelation, the Lord is indicating that He is now going to bring forth the INSPIRED PRIESTS, the TRUE PROPHETS AND JUDGES to rule within the household of faith.

Inspired Priests

The term inspired priests is one taken from both Old and New Testament scriptures generally referencing teachers who receive their understanding of the Word through divine revelation. The Apostle Paul stated that his revelation of the Word came, not by the teaching of man nor by reading a book, but rather by a divine revelation of Jesus Christ. The inspired teachers present truth that will begin to sanctify the believers according to John 17:17; “LORD SANCTIFY THEM IN TRUTH; THY WORD IS TRUTH”.

The inspired teachers will promote a message of sanctification within the church. This will present consecrated believers as a suitable dwelling place for the Spirit of God and becoming partakers of His divine nature and His Holy character. All of these purposes related to the inspired priest or teacher are identified with the true biblical definition of discipleship...Teaching believers to become the Lord's friend. True Biblical discipleship will also lead the church into the full revelation and realization of Galatians 5:22-26— But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

In times past many sincere leaders were used by the Holy Spirit with powerful gifts of healing, words of knowledge and wisdom. Unfortunately, seed of corruption hidden in their souls

emerged at the pinnacle their ministries resulting in personal failures. All of us stand only by the grace of God. These were wonderful men and women of faith, but we must learn from past mistakes. Our grace is to be shown our weaknesses and areas of corruption now that they may be submitted to the merciful cleansing of God before we enter the front-line of the battle.

It will now become essential for the end-time leadership to be partakers of His divine nature, bearing the fruit of the Spirit as a prerequisite for the release and impartation of the power gifts and the highest callings of God necessary for end-time ministry.

Another predominant function of the inspired teachers will be to communicate Biblically the requirements of the Lord for the end-time church. Through their revelation of the Word by the Holy Spirit, they will teach the church the necessary steps of preparation and consecration in order to be viable participants in the glorious ministry yet to come.

The Prophets

Another essential ingredient in this end-time ministry will be the role of the prophets. The primary purpose of the prophets will be to reveal the 12 primary redemptive natures of God. These attributes were expressed through Jehovah of the Old Testament and Jesus of the New Testament. All of the redemptive natures of Jehovah were found in the person of Jesus Christ who is our ultimate example.

Even as Revelations 22:2 expresses the 12 manner of fruit bearing in their proper seasons, so shall the Holy Spirit reveal to the church the 12 primary redemptive natures of Christ and their proper Biblical applications.

The King/Judge Anointing

Samuel is a perfect “type” of the apostolic leadership that will be emerging in this generation. He functioned in Israel as a priest, a prophet, and a judge. By understanding his role in the nation of Israel, we can also gleam considerable understanding of this leadership the Lord is preparing and will be revealing during the course of this season in the Spirit. Of course, this is a process that will take many years for full maturity to be realized. However, we can expect to begin to see the early stages of this leadership during the course of this year.

It is also important to discern that during the first century church all apostles were also prophets. This is a Biblical truth that can be proven throughout all the generations of the church. Therefore, the individuals functioning with the “king/judge” anointing will also bear the spirit of wisdom and revelation, bringing understanding concerning the seven Spirits of God and their importance to the overcoming church now being prepared.

The manifold wisdom God will be expressed through these anointed vessels as they lay the foundation of the end-time church. EPHESIANS 2:20 declares— having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone.

Of course, there is no other foundation laid other than Christ Jesus. Therefore, the apostles and prophets will be an expression of the Holy Spirit working through individuals accomplishing God’s Word laying the foundation for His Temple to be reestablished in the earth.

As the church matures and moves toward perfection we will then begin to see the priesthood in the order of Melchizedek emerging. He was the king of Salem and priest of the Most High God. Of course we know from scripture that was none other than God revealing Himself to Abraham veiled in human flesh.

The Purpose of the Coming Government

PURPOSE – To reveal the nine Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

SELF-CONTROL

PURPOSE – To reveal the seven Spirits of God (Isaiah 11:2)

SPIRIT OF THE LORD

SPIRIT OF WISDOM

SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING

SPIRIT OF COUNSEL

SPIRIT OF MIGHT

SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE

SPIRIT OF REVERENTIAL FEAR OF THE LORD

PURPOSE – To reveal the twelve names illustrating the divine character of God and His redemptive attributes

LORD OUR SHEPHERD

LORD OUR PROVIDER

LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

LORD OUR PEACE

LORD OUR HEALER

LORD WHO SMITES

LORD MOST HIGH

LORD OUR SANCTIFIER

LORD OUR RECOMPENSE

LORD OUR BANNER

LORD OF HOSTS

LORD IS PRESENT

Satan's Evil Government

We must remember that Satan's evil government is presently at work against the church. The five evil kings as described in the 10th chapter of Joshua reveal the corruption that was at work within the nation of Israel. From this analogy we can gleam the understanding that even within the church, the spirit of anti-christ is working according to the natures described by these five evil kings and their kingdoms.

Our Lord Himself described this spirit as one so close to the real that it would deceive the very elect IF IT WERE POSSIBLE. Judas Iscariot was a perfect type of this spirit incarnate in a human being. Though religious and involved in all the same activities as the other apostles, his ultimate end was betrayal and spiritual death.

Satan's form of self-righteousness government actually nullifies the grace of God with religious activity born out of ungodly motives. It is the condition of the heart that is paramount for the believer to be recipients of the grace resulting in the imputed righteousness of Christ. Through His Spirit, we are clothed with His nature and character and positioned in the Heavenly places designated by Christ.

The Revelation of the Gas Cap

Vision— “I was shown a gas cap as it was being removed from an automobile while waiting to be filled with gasoline.” (From Bob)

This particular revelation was brief in nature yet profound in its implications regarding the economy of the United States. It is commonly recognized that the basis of our economy hinges on affordable oil and gas. However, the Holy Spirit is revealing there will be problems with the oil producing nations which will adversely effect our economy.

We should expect to see the beginning of economic shaking that will be seen during this next season.

The good news is, the Lord is saying that He will put a “tiger” in our tank. The tiger represents a significant release of the Holy Spirit in us, empowering us to excel during times of difficulty. It is during times of gross darkness that the lights of God should shine most brightly through us.

The tiger represents the second most powerful feline, second only to a lion. This is representative of the release that is coming to those who will humble themselves and allow the Holy Spirit to respond through them.

The Revelation of the Wooden Shoes

Vision— “The next revelation was that of wooden shoes which I knew I would receive understanding of at a later time.” (From Bob)

This revelation is also brief in nature but also very powerful in its consequences. The scriptures plainly tell us that it was a curse for a man to hang on a tree. The wooden shoes are representative of the cross. Many people do a great deal of talking about the cross but very little “walking” in the atoning power of the cross.

The Lord is stating that He is now going to have people walking in the redemptive power of the cross not merely talking about it. The power of the cross provides the antidote for every human condition.

This revelation also relates to the Netherlands as there will be a spiritual move in this country that will be paralleled by natural storms indicating spiritual truth. It will be during the storms of our life that we can expect to find the comfort of the Holy Spirit lifting us out of the difficulty of the storms and causing our feet to be placed upon solid ground.

A Year of Life and a Year of Death

Vision— “At 4:44 A.M. I heard the audible voice of the Lord state that this was going to be a year of life and a year of death. The revelation of the tree of life which is love or the revelation of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Our decisions will dictate which tree we become partakers of. The Lord then revealed that this was the year of the book of Romans, particularly Romans 8:13-17.” (From Bob)

At 4:44 A.M. Bob was awakened to hear the audible voice of the Lord state that this will be “a year of the tree of life, which is love, and a year of the tree of knowledge”. The Lord also communicated that the book of Romans was the primary book for the coming year with special emphasis being placed upon Romans 8:13-17.

As was the case in the garden of Eden, we are still given the option to eat from the tree of life or from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. This war rages on even within the 20th century church. Romans 8:13-14 states— FOR IF YOU ARE LIVING ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, YOU MUST DIE; BUT IF BY THE SPIRIT YOU ARE PUTTING TO DEATH THE DEEDS OF THE BODY, YOU WILL LIVE. FOR ALL WHO ARE BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT GOD THESE ARE THE SONS OF GOD.

These scriptures essentially tell us there is a way that seems right unto man but the end thereof is destruction. The Holy Spirit has a provided a way that we must follow if we are to be partakers of the tree of life. Any counterfeit or substitute to this provided way is actually from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. We must continually and habitually be involved in the

process of putting to death and making extinct the deadening evil prompted by our flesh.

Abba Father

FOR YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A SPIRIT OF SLAVERY LEADING TO FEAR AGAIN, BUT YOU HAVE RECEIVED A SPIRIT OF ADOPTION AS SONS BY WHICH WE CRY OUT "ABBA FATHER".

If we are willing to receive the revelation of truth that will be brought to the church by the Spirit of Truth, then we will be able to become partakers of the tree of life. This will ultimately mature us into a position of "sonship" with the father by which we cry "Abba Father".

This expression denotes intimacy with the father that can only be known through sonship. The scriptures teach that sonship is established when the Holy Spirit is fully residing in us as His dwelling place. This will bring that person into a place of adoption into the Lord's body. With this notable place in Christ comes fellowship and intimacy with the Father Himself.

Fellowship of His Sufferings

ROMANS 8:17 – AND IF CHILDREN, THEN HEIRS–HEIRS OF GOD AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST, IF INDEED WE SUFFER WITH HIM, THAT WE MAY ALSO BE GLORIFIED TOGETHER.

If it is truly our heart's cry to know Him and the power of His resurrection, then we must also be willing to be acquainted with the fellowship of His sufferings. This year we will realize that a price will be paid for His divine presence and intimacy. The sufferings here referenced are not to be confused with self-abasement. It is referring to the hardships that comes with standing as a pillar of truth and the refining necessary to become His dwelling place. Yet, we must also recognize, as did the Apostle Paul, that the sufferings of this present age are not worthy to be compared to the glory that is to be revealed to us. Though there may come times of hardship and persecution we must also comprehend that the Lord will be present to deliver us from them all. Though the enemy will strive to contend with us, he will not be able to prevail over us.

Vultures and Foxes

Vision— “Vultures and foxes will devour those who do not move with the Holy Spirit this year. Even as Israel was required to follow the movement of the cloud while in the wilderness, so also will we be required to follow the movement of the Holy Spirit that is being released this year. Those who remain stagnate will be devoured by “vultures” and “foxes” waiting to prey upon those that appear lifeless.” (From Bob)

The Cloud Is Moving

Those who reject the tree of life will ultimately partake of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. This tree will produce death even as in the garden of Eden. Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

There will be a moving of the Spirit this year. Those who do not properly respond to the Holy Spirit will be like a carcass in the desert...prey for predators.

In this illustration the “vultures” are representative of confusion. This is to reveal that notable confusion will be released within those who embrace and partake of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

False Teachings

JAMES 3:16-17 – FOR WHERE ENVY AND SELF-SEEKING EXIST, CONFUSION AND EVERY EVIL THING WILL BE THERE. BUT THE WISDOM THAT IS FROM ABOVE IS FIRST PURE, PEACEABLE, GENTLE, WILLING TO YIELD, FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD FRUITS, WITHOUT PARTIALITY AND WITHOUT HYPOCRISY.

False teachers will present doctrines that have measures of truth mingled with concepts derived from their own intellectual ideas. The end result of these teachings will be profound confusion and disillusionment.

Strong Delusion

AND FOR THIS REASON GOD WILL SEND DOWN UPON THEM A DELUDING INFLUENCE SO THAT THEY MIGHT BELIEVE WHAT IS FALSE. (II Thes. 2:11)

The “foxes” are a symbol for delusion. Strong delusion will be released on a level like never before. Consequently, it is imperative that we remain ultimately sensitive to the Spirit of Truth and move with the cloud of the Holy Spirit so that we would never become stagnant nor lifeless. “Vultures” and “foxes” will be drawn to devour something that appears lifeless or that is not moving, therefore we must continuously remain sensitive and flow with the Spirit of Truth.

Those who do not receive the love of the truth that will be brought to the church by the inspired teachers are going to be marked by strong delusion and confusion.

BUT WE SHOULD ALWAYS GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOU, BRETHREN BELOVED BY THE LORD, BECAUSE GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU FROM THE BEGINNING FOR SALVATION THROUGH SANCTIFICATION BY THE SPIRIT AND FAITH IN THE TRUTH.

Entering Glory

During the course of this year we will also see a number of faithful believers going home to the Lord in death. This will not be a judgement but a rest and a glorious homecoming.

The Bible tells us that “ABRAHAM BREATHED HIS LAST AND DIED IN A GOOD OLD AGE, AN OLD MAN AND FULL OF YEARS AND WAS GATHERED TO HIS PEOPLE. (GEN. 25:8)

Song of Solomon 6:2 is also a picture of the Lord visiting His garden to gather lilies. The lilies are the pure in heart passing from this life to glory.

The Tree of Righteousness

"The tree of righteousness present in our lives shall bear fruit this year." (From Bob)

The righteousness of God is revealed to us through the written Word. When the first written law was given to man in the form of the ten commandments, we recognized the first five commandments dealt with the right relationship with God. The second five commandments related to a right relationship with our fellow man. These same spiritual concepts are associated with the righteousness that is to be revealed in Christians during this hour.

All proper associations first begin with a proper understanding and relationship with God Himself. When our standing with God is reconciled and even intimate, we can then move into our proper biblical relationships with man.

When righteousness has been revealed in the hearts of believers through the Word and a right standing with God, we develop into a subsequent aspect of righteousness which is holiness. The Spirit of Holiness, as we have already mentioned in this revelation, will be revealed in a significant manner this year bringing with Him resurrection power as revealed in Romans 1:4. There will be a growing emphasis on Holiness and its importance in being joined with His in perfect union.

The Power of the Cross

The manifested power of God lies in the cross as stipulated in I Cor. 1:18— FOR THE WORD OF THE CROSS IS TO THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING FOOLISHNESS, BUT TO US WHO ARE BEING SAVED IT IS THE POWER OF GOD.

As we seek the Lord's face more so than His hand, we then become partakers of His Holy character through the Spirit of Holiness. We will begin to truly KNOW HIM and the power of His resurrection though it may include the fellowship of His sufferings. This power is that which is essential for end-time ministry making us sources of blessings rather than merely recipients. It is our great blessing and privilege to be allowed the liberty of participating in the Lord's plans for this last generation.

Those who have been hungering and thirsting after righteousness shall see its fulfillment during this year. Isaiah 61:2-7 also has application in this regard.

A Good Time for Christian Women

“This will be a good year for Christian women. Many will overcome their hardships and obstacles this year. However, that will not be so for the women of the world as increased adversity and emotional stress will befall those who remain outside of Christ.”— Bob Jones

The Lord is promising that during this year many Christian women will see a release from the pains of the past and a liberty from anger, frustration and abuse even as Israel received liberty during the year of jubilee. This will be a true year of jubilee for Christian women.

The Lord is compelling us to a place of repentance so that we can obtain mercy. Not only should we repent for our own actions but also pray that a heart of mercy be released within us so that we can forgive those who have wrongfully abused us. By showing mercy, we can likewise obtain mercy for ourselves. When this is accomplished all roots of bitterness will be removed along with the corresponding condemnation and delusion that accompanies it.

Once Christian women are free, then they will be able to set others free. The very place they have received healing will be the place of release for authority in healing others.

One of the greatest needs in the body of Christ is for the healing of our wounded sisters. This will be the year for the release of repentance and mercy on behalf of our Christian sisters so that healing can take place in their hearts with a corresponding release of authority for the healing of others.

The Giving of the Mite

“Though I didn’t have the price of admission my friend told me to turn around as I saw a coin fall from heaven. It was revealed that the coin was a mite.” (From Bob)

In this portion of the vision, the Lord revealed a single “mite” falling from heaven. Upon observing it Bob was allowed to ask the question, “why only one mite”? He was told the other “mite” had already been given by the church and it would make a way for grace and a spirit of extravagant giving that will begin this year.

We discover in Luke 21:2 and Mark 12:42 the story of the “widow’s mite”. The primary truth we are to gleam from these scripture is the condition of the heart. We know the God of creation is not in need of out talents, abilities, or resources. He could merely speak and all needed things would come into existence. Rather, He is concerned with the condition of our heart in the release of what resources we do have available toward the work of the Kingdom.

The Lord is promising that He will redeem the “mite” that was given during the first century church and at various times throughout church history. The time for the harvest of those “mites” is now to be combined with the giving of our all during this present church age. In our hearts we must be willing to give all that we have, with-holding nothing. As we do the Lord will step in to combine our giving with the resources of heaven to complete the work of the kingdom. Extravagant giving will produce extravagant harvest.

We must also seek the Lord for His wisdom to identify the fertile soil into which we should sow our seeds in order to reap a bountiful harvest. We should also be prepared to recognize that the harvest may come in a variety of forms. It may come in the form of a healing or in the salvation of a family member or in whatever perfect way the Lord deems appropriate.

The Giving of the Token

I then saw another coin fall from heaven yet this one landed in the mouth of a fish. The Lord then revealed that this coin was a token.— (Bob Jones) (Matthew 17:27)

In the vision the Lord uncovered a token of the past that had been buried since the mid-fifties that was now going to be displayed. This token is like a ticket needed for admission, yet the entrance is into His divine Presence. This year the Lord is saying He is not promising a visitation with us, rather an invitation for us to join Him.

WHO MAY ASCEND INTO THE HILL OF THE LORD? AND WHO MAY STAND IN HIS HOLY PLACE? HE WHO HAS CLEAN HANDS AND A PURE HEART WHO HAS NOT LIFTED UP HIS SOUL TO FALSEHOOD AND HAS NOT SWORN DECEITFULLY. (PSALM 24:3-4)

The invitation being extended from the Lord is to gain admission into the temple of His presence. History records that the 40's and 50's experienced a sovereign move of God touching the entire world. Yet this move of His Spirit was only a token of what He plans to do during this generation. The coming government or five-fold ministry will have "a golden word" to speak to the church necessary to sanctify the church in preparation for this divine invitation into His presence.

When Aaron was preparing to enter the Holiest of Holies on the Day of Atonement, he was required to bear a plate of pure gold with an inscription upon it saying, "Holiness unto the Lord". This turban was to be placed upon his forehead directly over his eyes or symbolically speaking of his mind.

This requirement prophetically foretold the necessity of the church to renew her mind according to the Word and the Spirit in order to be presentable unto the Lord. The Lord has one provided way that is revealed by the Holy Spirit through His word. He expects this process of sanctification through the Word and the Spirit to be adhered to by the believing church in order to participate in this glorious invitation into His presence.

Releasing Fields of Anointing

I was then told about the show that was to come. I was told that to understand authority is to understand faith which dispels presumption. This authority is revealed as mantles or fields of anointing. The Lord specifically commissioned individuals for a particular work and released areas or fields of anointing essential for the accomplishment of that commission. These fields of anointing or commissioning's are revealed as mantles. (From Bob Jones)

As already communicated throughout this prophetic revelation, the Lord has promised that He is going to establish a Biblical government with Apostolic authority with the release of priests and prophets necessary for the preparation of His end-time church. The Holy Spirit is also stressing that it is important to understand authority and "fields of anointing" if we are to fully comprehend the release of His Spirit during this day.

When a person is commissioned into the Lord's service, a "field of anointing" is also released in his behalf necessary for the accomplishment of that commission. The anointing is a level of spiritual authority essential to the fulfillment of an individual's call. The scriptures point out that Paul was commissioned and given an anointing and authority to minister among the gentiles. The same was true with Peter who was commissioned and anointed to minister in a very specific way among the Jews.

One of the most important ingredients in understanding anointing's and authority is to recognize that we must stay

within the “field of anointing” that has been released to us in the fulfillment of our commission. If we stray beyond the designated sphere of spiritual authority, then we are in dangerous territory prone to satanic attack, and possibly even the resistance of the Holy Spirit since we are moving beyond our authority.

The purpose of this revelation is not to give an extensive understanding of the fields of anointing’s and commissions. Rather to prompt those who read this revelation to diligently study the scriptural description of anointing’s and commissions. Thus we can be prepared to stay within our specific commission and authority when the Holy Spirit begins to move upon us.

One of the greatest benefits of understanding authority and anointing’s is to realize the high level of faith that comes with this understanding and the dismissal of presumption. When we recognize that the Lord has commissioned and anointed us to accomplish a specific task then a higher level of faith comes with that understanding. We no longer move in presumption but rather in Holy Spirit faith knowing the Lord is able to accomplish that for which He has commissioned us to do.

One of the greatest tragedies in the church today is that many and possibly even most of the church leaders are ministering in an area they are not specifically called nor commissioned to function in. Graciously the Holy Spirit is promising to release understanding in these areas so that we can find our proper place within the body and move in our proper field of anointing.

Spiritual Signs from Iceland

In 1984 the Lord told Bob to prophesy that on September 3, a sign would come from the Bermuda Triangle, also known as the devil's triangle. The Lord indicated that we should watch this area for the activities of Satan could be discerned on that date. He also indicated that we were to watch Iceland immediately following this sign in the Bermuda Triangle.

We now know that on September 3, a hurricane was formed in the Bermuda Triangle called Diana. This hurricane kissed the Carolinas creating a great deal of destruction to that area. Immediately following the hurricane a volcanic eruption occurred in Iceland creating a crater five miles wide and six miles long. Five is the numeric representative of grace and six is indicative of the number of man.

The activities in the devil's triangle are a parable for the plans of Satan while the things occurring in Iceland are representative of the plans of the Lord.

Bob was also given the same revelation for this year and told to watch the Bermuda Triangle and also watch Iceland. On September 3, 1996, hurricane Fran formed in the devil's triangle and once again kissed the coast of the Carolina's causing considerable damage. Shortly after this hurricane during the early part of October, on the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, another volcanic eruption occurred in Iceland sending ash and debris two miles into the atmosphere.

The ashes represent the call to repentance that is presently before the church. We were shown from the news reports that a tremendous amount of water began to flow from the melted

ice creating a river of volcanic ash and water throughout Iceland. This is characteristic of the living water that is about to flow from the innermost being of consecrated and yielded vessels filled with the Holy Spirit.

These are simply both prophetic depictions given to us to reflect the Lord's activity as seen in the parable in Iceland and the devil's plans is demonstrated from the hurricanes that formed over the Bermuda Triangle bringing winds of adversity.

The Primary Redemptive Names of God

Jehovah Jireh – The Lord Will Provide— GENESIS 22:14

The definition of this term is “The Lord will see” or “The Lord will provide”. For man this conjunctive meaning seems impossible. However, for the all knowing God of creation the dual meanings of this term are easily exemplified.

His pre-vision means His pro-vision which is what is meant by His combined name that Abraham gave to the place where He found the ram provided as a substitute for Isaac. This miracle was not of a normal significance but rather was a creative miracle by God for the sacrifice in the same sense that the Lord created a body through the miraculous conception for the substitute sacrifice for man.

As Elohim, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac, but as Jehovah He made complete provision of a substitute for the son Abraham willingly offered. The place of this miracle is the first recorded instance in scripture of the naming of a place after a divine interposition or manifestation.

Jehovah Rophi – The Lord Our Physician— EXODUS 15:26

From Israel we learn that in times of sickness God heals, for He is our Jehovah Rophi, “I am Jehovah thy healer”.

To express God’s grace in restoring spirit life, He declared that He healed all of our diseases, spiritual as well as physical. (Psalms 103:3)

He also is the one who heals the broken in heart (Psalms 147:3) and for those who are backsliding, He is also their

healer as well (Jeremiah 3:22). The scriptures also clearly indicate the removal of bodily infirmity (Genesis 20:17; II Kings 20...).

Jehovah Nissi – The Lord Our Banner— EXODUS 17:15-16

Moses took care that God should have the glory for the victory over Amalek. Instead of setting up a trophy in the honor of Joshua, though it had been a standard policy to put marks of honor upon men, rather he built an altar to the honor of God. What is most carefully recorded is the inscription upon the altar, Jehovah-Nissi – The Lord my banner. The presence and power of Jehovah were the banner under which they enlisted, by which they were animated and kept together.

Jehovah Nissi in literal Hebrew means “A hand upon the throne of Jehovah”. Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation. Amalek’s hand had dared to assault Jehovah’s throne to overturn it and so He gave Israel the authority and power of that throne to overwhelm Amalek. The uplifted hands of Moses symbolized this banner. Here we have an illustration of the hand of faith outstretched in prayer.

Jehovah M’Kaddesh – The Lord Who Sanctifies— EXODUS 31:13

The term holiness is from the Hebrew word “Kodesh” and is allied to “sanctify” and is translated as dedicate, consecrate, hallow and holy in various translations. “I am Jehovah M’Kaddesh – The Lord who sanctifies you”. This term’s main influence relates to moral and spiritual purity.

In the New Testament many scriptures relate to the process of sanctification, the sum of which are provided to the church through the atoning work of Christ.

SANCTIFIED BY TRUTH (JOHN 15:3;17:17)

SANCTIFIED BY THE BLOOD (HEBREWS 13:12)

SANCTIFIED BY FAITH (ACTS 26:18)

SANCTIFIED BY PRAYER (I TIMOTHY 4:5)

Jehovah Shalom – The Lord Our Peace— JUDGES 6:42

The word “Peace” and its cognates appear over 400 times in scripture. It is one of the most precious and fundamentally essential ingredients for a believer to be at peace with God and know the peace of God. It relates to a harmonious relationship obtained through reconciliation of a debt paid in full.

Peace or “Shalom” is often translated – welfare, good health, prosperity, favor, rest whole, finished, restitution or repay and perfect.

Jehovah Tsebahoth – The Lord of Host— I SAMUEL 1:3

This term in Hebrew is taken from sabaoth, meaning host or hosts with special reference to warfare or service and often appears as the Lord of Hosts. This Hebrew term has also rendered armies and also appointed for service. This reference for Jehovah appears fourteen times in the book of Haggai and twenty-four times in the book of Malachi.

In Zechariah, the Lord of Hosts, occurs fifty-three times and is of great interest seeing it is connected with God’s action in judgement and blessing upon Israel. The expression “Thus saith

the Lord of Hosts" implied divine revelation and divine authority. A phrase like "Holiness unto the Lord of Hosts", Zechariah 14:21.

When the conquest of Canaan was about to begin the Lord was revealed as the unknown warrior with naked sword standing before Joshua. When Joshua asked the question, "are you for us or against us"; the reply came, "I am Prince of the Host of Jehovah", therefore Joshua humbly surrendered his sword to Jehovah Tsebahoth.

The whole of His creation is under His control and obeys His sovereign command, willingly or otherwise. HE is:

Lord of all angelic hosts (I Kings 22:19)

The Lord of all steller (Genesis 1:16)

The Lord of all the feathered hosts (I Kings 17:2-7)

The Lord of all the animal hosts (Is. 11:6)

The Lord of all the human hosts (Is. 40:15)

The Lord of the satanic hosts (Matthew 28:18)

Jehovah Rohi – The Lord My Shepherd— Psalm 23:1

Although Israel learned to magnify the Lord for life, healing, victory, holiness, peace, and protection, they were still pilgrims and were in dire need of divine provision in their wilderness journey with all its weariness, physical needs, duties, dangers and difficulties. Thus there came the revelation of God as their Jehovah Rohi, the One whose Shepherd love, care and resources they could depend upon in all the untrodden and unknown pathways of the future.

Thus the Lord is the feeder to provide, keeper to protect, companion to cheer, friend to help, pastor to comfort, herdsman near to us, as His frequent revelations as such proves.

Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord Our Righteousness— JEREMIAH 33:16

In the Old Testament there is evident revelation of Israel as being a nation seeking after righteousness, yet in its passionate desire for righteousness, the people discovered their own unrighteousness. Therefore, we become people that are seekers after hearts of purity and after communion with God in holiness. The Greeks sought after wisdom and the Romans sought after power and world dominion. But there is ever a remnant of God's chosen people who seek after God and His righteousness.

To the glory of the gospel is that Jehovah Tsidkenu became flesh and was made unto us righteousness (I Cor. 1:30). A righteous God pronounced death as the penalty of sin, yet that same God became flesh, the righteous branch, to taste death for every sinner and provide the righteousness that is transferred or imputed to the believer and is thereby accepted before God. Acceptable righteousness therefore is not attained but obtained.

Jehovah Heleyon – The Lord Most High

Jehovah Heleyon is frequently used in the Psalms as a declaration of God's highest position or kingship. This title reveals God as the high and lofty one that inhabits eternity (Is.

57:15). Prophetically speaking of Jehovah's reign over the earth at the time of Israel's restoration or the restoration of God's chosen people.

It is also reassuring for us to know that during these difficult days that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men also (Daniel 4:25). This redemptive name places God at the highest place of every realm of life so that He can fulfil His will in and through us. When applied to God, this redemptive name reveals that though He is the highest, there are others below Him endowed by Him with like natures and therefore in some way related to Him by His Spirit.

Jehovah-Makkeh – The Lord Who Smites— EZEKIEL 7:9

The Lord has given Israel to us as an example of His dealings with man. He set Israel in the midst of heathen nations as His witness but instead of revealing and glorifying Him she changed His judgements into wickedness greater than all the nations she was suppose to influence for Him. Therefore He said, "You shall know that I am Jehovah-Makkeh", the Lord who smites thee. (Ezekiel 7:9)

Daniel in the 9th chapter reveals that Israel found themselves in captivity because they refused to heed the voice of the Lord their God which was set before them by His servants, the prophets. Consequently, as a result of their disobedience the Lord smote Israel and disciplined her because of her unbelief and rejection of His true revealed word. The church has also experienced a similar disciplinary period over the past forty years because of her rejection of the true revealed word as brought to the church by His servant the, the prophets.

Jehovah Gmolah – The God of Recompense— JEREMIAH 51:6

The scriptures declare that retribution or recompense does not belong to us but rather it belongs to God. In Jeremiah 51, the Lord declares that He will severely punish Babylon because of their harsh dealing with Israel thereby revealing Himself as the God of retribution. The same was true of Egypt when they placed the nation of Israel under a heavy burden and struck the apple of His eye. When a person is shamefully treated or misjudged, even wrongfully condemned or blamed when innocent, it becomes very difficult not to take up our own defense and leave our reputation to God. Yet this is the precise way that He has instructed for us to respond. Retribution and recompense belong only to him. Vengeance is His and He promised to repay. (Deut. 32:35; II Thes. 1:8)

Jehovah Shammah – The Lord Is There— EZEKIEL 48:35

The name of the city revealed through Ezekiel is Jehovah Shammah, the Lord is There, so called because of the manifest presence and power of Jehovah residing therein. We also know from scripture that God does not dwell in temples made by hands but rather we are the temple of God.

This is the last of Jehovah's redemptive titles in the order of their Old Testament occurrence. It discloses the consummation of His progressive self revelation.

The people of Israel were brought out of the bondage of Egypt by His manifest presence (Deut. 4:37). However, the people willfully and continually sinned and the conscious manifest Presence of God was rescinded. Yet when the people repented

of their gross idolatry, because of His love and pity, the angel of His presence redeemed them once again (Isaiah 63:9).

The apostle Paul describes the church as a habitation of God, a house of God, and the building growing unto a holy temple in the Lord. The question remains, Does the Glory of Jehovah fill Jehovah's house and are we members of that house displaying His Glory?

Psalm 23 - Eight Redemptive Names of Jehovah

Jehovah Rohi (Psalm 23:1) – Jehovah is my shepherd.

Jehovah Jireh (Psalm 23:1) – I shall not want.

Jehovah Shalom – The Lord is my peace. (Psalm 23:2) He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

Jehovah Rophi – The Lord my healer. (Psalm 23:3) He restores my soul.

Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord is righteousness (Psalm 23:3) He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for His name sake.

Jehovah Nissi – The Lord is my banner (Psalm 23:5) Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Jehovah M'Kaddesh – The Lord my sanctifier. (Psalm 23:5) Thou anointest my head with oil.

Jehovah Shammah – The Lord is there (Psalm 23:4) Thou art with me.

Fulfillment of the Redemptive Names in Jesus

1. JEHOVAH-JIREH — The Lord will provide.

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD – (JOHN 1:29)

MY GOD SHALL PROVIDE...ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY BY CHRIST JESUS (PHIL. 4:19)

2. JEHOVAH-ROPHI— The Lord our Healer.

HE HEALED ALL MANNER OF SICKNESS AND DISEASE. (MATT. 11:45)

3. JEHOVAH-NISSI— The Lord our Banner.

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. (Matt. 21:9)

4. JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH— The Lord Who Sanctifies

SANCTIFIED IN TRUTH – HE IS TRUTH INCARNATE. (JOHN 17:17)

SANCTIFIED IN CHRIST JESUS. (I Cor. 1:2)

5. JEHOVAH-SHALOM— The Lord our Peace

HE IS OUR PEACE. (Eph. 2:14)

PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU. (JOHN 14:27)

6. JEHOVAH-TSEBAOTH— The Lord of Hosts

SON OF MAN...AND ALL THE HOLY ANGELS (Matt. 25:31)

ANGELS OF GOD ASCENDING AND DESCENDING UPON THE SON OF MAN. (JOHN 1:51)

7. JEHOVAH-ROHI— The Lord My Shepherd

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD (JOHN 10:14)

THE LAMB IN THE CENTER OF THE THRONE SHALL BE THEIR SHEPHERD. (REV. 7:17)

8. JEHOVAH-TSIDKEENU— The Lord our Righteousness

CHRIST JESUS...MADE UNTO US RIGHTEOUSNESS (I COR. 1:30)

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD...FAITH IN JESUS (Rom. 3:22)

9. JEHOVAH-HELEYON— Lord Most High

THE MOST HIGH DOES NOT DWELL IN HOUSES MADE BY HUMAN HAND (Acts 7:48)

THESE MEN ARE SERVANTS (OF CHRIST) OF THE MOST HIGH GOD (ACTS 16:17)

10. JEHOVAH-MAKKEH — Lord Who Smites

WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS (HEBREWS 12:6)

11. JEHOVAH-GMOLAH— Lord Who Recompenses

VENGEANCE IS MINE...SAITH THE LORD (Rom. 12:17-21)

12. JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH— Lord Who is Present
THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US (JOHN
1:14)
THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US.
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The Coming Rain

Bob was awakened at 2:22 A.M. to hear the Spirit say, "I am going to rain on the brain of My people". It is important to the Lord that during the course of this year that we begin to possess the mind of Christ and the mind of Christ possess us. Part of the emphasis for this year will be the intellectual side of man and the importance of bringing every thought into captivity to the Obedience of Christ.

As it is stated in Ezekiel 36, the Lord is going to sprinkle clean water upon us that we may be made clean. He is going to cleanse us of all filthiness and idolatry so that our minds would become "good soil" for the seed of the Word of God that is forthcoming. Revelations 22:2 states AND ON EITHER SIDE OF THE RIVER WAS THE TREE OF LIFE, BEARING 12 KINDS OF FRUIT, YIELDING ITS FRUIT EVERY MONTH; AND THE LEAVES OF THE TREE WERE FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS.

The purpose for this rain is to nurture the seed of the word of God so that we would bear heavenly fruit revealing the redemptive attributes of the Lord. Once we recognize the power of the Lord's redemptive qualities we then can allow our minds to reign in the midst of turmoil.

Isaiah 55:10-11 FOR AS THE RAIN AND THE SNOW COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND DO NOT RETURN THERE WITHOUT WATERING THE EARTH, AND MAKING IT BEAR AND SPROUT, AND FURNISHING SEED TO THE SOWER AND BREAD TO THE EATER; SO SHALL MY WORD BE WHICH GOES FORTH FROM MY MOUTH; IT SHALL NOT RETURN TO ME EMPTY, WITHOUT ACCOMPLISHING WHAT I DESIRE, AND

WITHOUT SUCCEEDING IN THE MATTER FOR WHICH I SENT IT.

Through this, the Lord is also extending the invitation for intimate relationship on a much higher level. It is as though the Lord is extending an invitation to dine with Him and He with us in order to acquaint ourselves through this intimate fellowship on a much more personal level.

The number “2” is also symbolic for witness, testimony and friendship. It is representative of incarnation. God coming in the form of flesh to reveal Himself to mankind.

The Color for This Year Is Orange

During the course of this vision the Lord was surrounded in a background of the color orange. In scripture we realize that the jacinth was the first stone in the third row of the breastplate of Aaron. Scholars tell us that it was of an orange nature and was representative of the tribe of Gad. This symbolism verifies the invitation that the Lord is extending to us for intimate relationship as the scriptures tell us that Gad is representative of companionship.

Gad is also a reference to those with a high spirit and valor that characterized the descendants of Gad. In the blessing of Moses, (Deut. 33:20)

AND OF GAD HE SAID , "BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO ENLARGES GAD; WHO LIES DOWN AS A LION AND TEARS THE ARM ALSO THE CROWN OF THE HEAD.

I CHRONICLES 12:8-AND FROM THE GADITES THAT CAME OVER TO DAVID IN THE STRONGHOLD IN THE WILDERNESS, MIGHTY MEN OF VALOR, MEN TRAINED FOR WAR, WHO COULD HANDLE SHIELD AND SPEAR, AND WHOSE FACES WERE LIKE THE FACES OF LIONS, AND THEY WERE AS SWIFT AS THE GAZELLES ON THE MOUNTAINS.

These references are to the dread champions that will begin to emerge during the course of this Season of the Spirit. These will be fearless warriors who have been with the Lord and are steadfast in their convictions. From this intimate companionship shall emerge a mighty army of fearless warriors that will begin to lead the church into deliverance and salvation.

The disciple John felt uninhibited to lay his head upon the very breast of God because of intimate fellowship and companionship that he had with the Lord. This is an example of the relationships that some will establish with the Lord during the course of this year.

At the last supper, even Peter recognized that John's relationship was so close to the Lord that he asked John to ask questions of the Lord. Those that attain this intimate companionship with the Lord will be able to inquire of the Lord and He will respond to their inquiry. (John 13:23-26)

Orange was the color of the setting sun as it settles on the Western horizon. As it is written, "It shall be light in the evening time". (Zech. 14:7) That which has been hidden shall be found again in Christ.

The Coming Restoration

At 3:41 A.M., Bob saw the Lord working on a large vehicle from the 1950's. This vehicle was also colored orange and was disabled and unable to function since the mid-fifties. Though men had attempted to repair this vehicle they were unable to do so. Yet the Lord indicated that He was able to jump start this truck and put it on the road again.

While the Lord was working on this vehicle Bob was allowed to walk up to Him and place my right hand upon His left shoulder in the vision. He turned to Bob affectionately as an elder brother would while teaching his younger brother how to do things. This again extended the Lord's invitation to us to an intimate companionship with Him even as an elder brother has with the younger brother that he cherishes.

The truck that the Lord was working on was the "anointed Word of God". Words, when anointed, become spiritual "vehicles" that translate us from one realm to another. The natural word becoming spiritual through the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

In John 6:63 the Lord stated that the words that He spoke to them were both SPIRIT and LIFE. Through the anointing, words have a spiritual life of their own that point toward the cross and transport one from the natural realm into the spirit realm.

Jesus Himself was actually representative of the "anointed Word". He was the Word of God incarnate in flesh and He was the Messiah which is the Anointed One. Therefore we can see that this vehicle the Lord was working on was the Word, and His anointing is the fuel that runs the vehicle. Without the

anointing the vehicle cannot operate. The letter killeth but the Spirit giveth Life. (II Corinthians 3:6)

For the ministered word to become spiritual food, it must proceed from the presence of the Lord through an anointed ministry in an atmosphere of the anointing. As His anointed word is quickened within us and we receive from it an impartation of Spirit and life, we are then growing into “the fullness of His stature”.

There were purposes of the Spirit that were initiated in the 1950's that were supported by the Holy Spirit and vindicated as a true move of the Spirit. However, this vehicle broke down because of unbelief and fanaticism. The Lord is now wanting to repair this vehicle and reinstitute the heavenly purposes that were begun in the 50's and now “pick up” where they left off.

Watch Korea

We should also watch Korea as spiritual signs will come out of this nation. The Korean conflict occurred during the 50's & this nation will again be symbolic of spiritual conditions. The pride of man has come before God as a spiritual stench in His nostrils.

The Lord is going to allow the church leadership to come near to Him to see how He repairs and jump starts something that He is in. Once the leadership sees how it is properly done by the Spirit, then they will be able to utilize those same principles in the establishment of Godly leadership. The Lord exhibited an exuberant attitude in revealing this truth to us. Great joy and excitement exuded from the Lord as He revealed His desire to re-establish the move of His Holy Spirit that was begun and ended in the 1950's. It was not His intent for this vehicle to break down as it did. Yet, we must learn from the mistakes of our forefathers so that we can overcome the obstacles that caused the break down of this vehicle in the prior generation.

This vehicle represents the principles that He moved by during the 1950's. The healing power of God that was exhibited during that season as well as the humble quality of His servants as they initially began that era of church history. It was also a season of great revelation of the Word with the restoration of Biblical truth to the church providing a sanctifying light to the church making her a suitable habitation for the Holy Spirit.

The Extinguishing of Lights

Presently in the church there are many “lights” of the Spirit at work in a variety of different fashions in a diversity of circles within the church. All of these have been good and have served the purposes of the Lord. However, He is now saying that He is going to extinguish these little lights in order for a concentrated light to come forth that will shine much more brilliantly. One light with a consolidated source will shine much more brightly than that same amount of light divided into many numerous smaller lights. This will unveil the desire of the Lord for His emphasis to be placed upon the issues of paramount importance to Him.

The Lord is going to turn off the lights to the things that are not vital in order to fuel and power that which is vital. The good must make way for the best. Many “good” works that are presently in place will be discontinued to make way for the “best” purposes that the Spirit has for us in this generation. The anointing placed upon the good works will be lifted and an emphasis of the anointing placed upon the highest purposes that the Spirit has for the church.

The Lord is going to release great understanding to those willing to sit with Him in intimate relationship and learn from Him. The Lord is calling us aside even as he did His disciples to reveal to us His heart and His mind on how He would do things if He were living in the earth during this generation in human form. In essence, there will be a removal of the leaven in order to produce a more purified leadership accomplishing far more with less effort.

Having many divided works has not allowed the church to see the overall corporate vision that the Lord has for the endtime ministry. The Lord is promising that He will no longer leave His friends in the dark as to what He is doing. He will give them a “blow by blow” account of what He is doing. He will reveal what His priorities are, and the sequence in which these events shall take place.

Firstborn Among Many Brethren

He is going to reveal Himself as the first born among many brethren. As the elder brother He is going to show His younger brethren the most efficient and effective manner to accomplish the Father's purposes.

It is important to recognize that these purposes are long-term, perhaps for the next 20 years. If we fail to recognize the long term plans of the Lord then we would have a tendency to faint because of some of the coming activities. If we do realize that a greater and higher purpose were being established then it would become disheartening to see the activities that we have considered as good being extinguished.

Many of the vehicles to be used by the Lord during this coming season of the Spirit will be those born in the 1940's and 50's. The emphasis of the Spirit will not be upon the relationship of a father, but the relationship of a husband. Many who are presently in leadership that have taken the things of God and abused them for their own purposes will no longer be allowed to do so.

Those who are presently in leadership that have been faithful and humble and made certain that they transferred all praise and glory to the Lord, will be allowed to progress and taken to a higher level. Those who did not will come under judgement. That which was given to them will be taken away and to those who were faithful even more shall be given.

This new generation of leadership will be clothed in a spirit of humility, anxious only for the Lord to receive all the glory due His great name. It will be more as the relationship of a

husband. The husband has a much more intimate relationship with the bride providing intimacy and shelter as He lovingly cares for His bride.

Restoring Husbands

The emphasis being placed upon the role of the husband through Promise Keepers and other ministries reveals the Father's heart for the church itself. Even as husbands are being restored to their families in the natural, so shall husbands be restored to the church that will accomplish that role spiritually, providing for, nurturing, and sheltering the bride.

Buelah will now be the name to prophetically describe the relationship between the Lord's leadership and the body of Christ. This is a distinctively different relationship from prior generation that lead the church into humanism and doctrinal error. It signifies that the dispersion that now exists in the church will begin to be re-established in a unity around Christ and His true revealed Word. Though the beloved bride is presently appears weak; she will now be displayed as the beloved woman, cleansed and restored to her Lord.

Spiritually, the husband is coming to the church to establish that intimate relationship. The present leadership should prepare the bride for that intimacy with the Lord as her husband.

JOHN 3:29 HE WHO HAS THE BRIDE IS THE BRIDE-GROOM; BUT THE FRIEND OF THE BRIDE-GROOM, WHO STANDS AND HEARS HIM, REJOICES GREATLY BECAUSE OF THE BRIDE-GROOM'S VOICE. AND SO THIS JOY OF MINE HAS BEEN FULL.

Something Old and Something New

The Lord is bringing something old and something new as we enter this new season of the Spirit. The “something old”, is that which will be restored from the ministry of the fifties. That which is new will be spoken into being by the Spirit of prophecy according to Isaiah 48:6-7—

“YOU HAVE HEARD; LOOK AT ALL THIS. AND YOU, WILL YOU NOT DECLARE IT? I PROCLAIM TO YOU NEW THINGS FROM THIS TIME, EVEN HIDDEN THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE NOT KNOWN.

“THEY ARE CREATED NOW AND NOT LONG AGO; AND BEFORE TODAY YOU HAVE NOT HEARD THEM, LEST YOU SHOULD SAY, “BEHOLD, I KNEW THEM.’

The good things of the 50's that were pure and Godly will now be restored to us and joined with these new things that we will be experiencing at this new beginning. This “new thing” will be a new unity that before now has not been known in the church. This will also be a new ministry of corporate intercession as represented by the red horse. (Zechariah 1)

The old vehicle is the restoration of the old foundations. This will mark the beginning of the restoration of all things. This restoration of the old foundations will be the establishment and revelation of the apostles and prophets leading into the ministry of perfection. (Ephesians 2:20)

Isaiah 50

Bob was then given Isaiah 50 as the primary passage of scripture for the coming year. Fifty is the number of jubilee and the Lord is saying, "NOW" is the acceptable time; "NOW" is the day of salvation. (II Co. 6:2)

In the first portion of Isaiah 50 we see a generation that came under the Lord's discipline and chastisement because of idolatry and unbelief. This is very similar to the forty year wandering of the nation of Israel because of their unbelief. The same is true for us. The prior generation of the church saw great manifestations of the Spirit in the visitation of the 50's. However that visitation was cut short because of rebellion and unbelief.

Isaiah 50:4— THE LORD GOD HAS GIVEN ME THE TONGUE OF DISCIPLES, THAT I MAY KNOW HOW TO SUSTAIN THE WEARY ONE WITH A WORD. HE AWAKENS ME MORNING BY MORNING, HE AWAKENS MY EAR TO LISTEN AS A DISCIPLE. THE LORD GOD HAS OPENED MY EAR AND I WAS NOT DISOBEDIENT NOR DID I TURN BACK.

Disciples of Christ

Disciples of Christ will now begin to emerge according to this passage of scripture. A disciple is defined as one who has been instructed. He shall awaken their ear as one being instructed morning by morning. These disciples will have words of life and spirit for those who have mourned these last decades.

The Lord is revealing Himself as the Husband and he is going to anoint those individuals He has been grooming over the past several years in order to anoint them with the Spirit of Truth and the power of God with the weapons of righteousness on the right and on the left.

This leadership will be jealous for the bride of Christ with a Godly jealousy even as Paul prepared the believer's of his day in such a manner. II Cor. 11:2— FOR I AM JEALOUS FOR YOU WITH A GODLY JEALOUSY; FOR I BETROTHED YOU TO ONE HUSBAND, THAT TO CHRIST I MIGHT PRESENT YOU AS A PURE VIRGIN.

A virgin is one who has not been touched by the hands of any man other than her husband. God's Word is to be brought to the people unadulterated without the polluting of man's thoughts nor the precepts of men taught as the doctrines of God.

Isaiah 50:10— WHO IS AMONG YOU THAT FEARS THE LORD, THAT OBEYS THE VOICE OF HIS SERVANT, THAT WALKS IN DARKNESS AND HAS NO LIGHT? LET HIM TRUST IN THE NAME OF THE LORD AND RELY ON HIS GOD.

The fear of the Lord is going to return to the church. The true reverential fear and awe of the awesome God of creation is

going to be brought with reality to the hearts of those who are righteous. True Godly fear has not existed in the church for quiet some time. However, the fear of the Lord is one of the keys that unlocks the treasures of heaven essential for end-time ministry.

Isaiah 50:11— BEHOLD ALL YOU WHO KINDLE FIRE, WHO ENCIRCLE YOURSELVES WITH FIREBRANDS, WALK IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR FIRE AND AMONG THE BRANDS YOU SET ABLAZE. THIS YOU WILL HAVE FROM MY HAND; AND YOU WILL LIE DOWN IN TORMENT.

The fire of God is going to come to test the works of man. Those works that were the thoughts and intentions of man's heart will be consumed like wood, hay and stubble. The works that were done in obedience to God and to His Holy Spirit will become purified like gold, silver and precious stones.

Many little fires have been kindled by man that people have encircled and embraced. Those lights are going to be revealed for what they are. That which is true will remain and that which is false will be consumed.

The Lord, as husband, can only be joined to that which is pure and holy, for He is Holy. When the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement he was required to do so following meticulously prescribed methods. Any deviation from this prescribed way would result in death. So it is with those who desire to enter in to this intimate and Holy relationship with the Lord. He has ONE prescribed way, any deviation from that divine way will result in death.

The Glory and the Miracle

Get ready for the Glory of God and His miracles. He turned the water into wine because He didn't have any wine. You don't need the miracles when other things are providing a substitute.

Awake, Awake to the Hispanics and the Jewish blood that is mixed in their heritage. There is a strong lineage of Jewish blood mixed in the Hispanic race. Because of this Jewish blood the Hispanics will receive a divine visitation and will be shown great favor during the course of the coming year. This is a year that the Lord is going to visit the Spanish speaking people. This Jewish heritage has created an emptiness in Hispanics that can only be filled by the Lord.

As a sign of this truth the Lord sent a meteorite over El Paso, Texas as an indication of the divine favor that will be shown to Hispanic people. Much of the church has not been devoting great attention to the Hispanics, however, the Lord is going to delegate His attention to them as there will be a true awakening among this people. Many of the Lord's true servants will be accepted by the Hispanics.

Awake, Awake O Israel, put off Thy slumber, for your year of Jubilee has come. Great awakening in Israel to the things of the Spirit & Truth.

The Greatest Show on Earth

The Lord is now beginning the early stages of the greatest show on earth. These workings of the Spirit are preparing the church and initiating what will become the greatest show on earth, referred to as the end-time ministry. One of the instruments that will be used in this greatest show on earth will be the Promise Keepers.

The Promise Keepers and their leadership will be singled out for intense persecution. They must embrace this with great humility, for the persecution will be the vehicle which will open doors internationally for this ministry. The Promise keepers are now to go worldwide.

If the Promise Keepers will respond to the persecution with humility, then the Lord will respond to the Promise Keepers with the same answer that He gave to the inquiry of John the Baptist concerning the ministry of the Messiah. (Luke 7:22)

AND HE ANSWERED AND SAID TO THEM, "GO AND REPORT TO JOHN WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD: THE BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT, THE LAME WALK, THE LEPERS ARE CLEANSED, AND THE DEAF HEAR, THE DEAD ARE RAISED UP, THE POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.

The Lord is calling the Promise Keepers to emerge as the dread champions of God and of the family. The glory of the Lord is preparing to fall on the Promise Keepers.

The Promise Keepers are not the only group that the Lord is calling according to this commission. He is also calling individual men and women along with other segments of the body of Christ. The Women's Aglow will also be subject to this

same commissioning as well as End Time Handmaidens and other such ministries with an emphasis towards intercession. These ministries are not in competition with one another but are complimentary one to the other.

The ministries of Women's Aglow and End Time Handmaidens should continue their emphasis as in the past for this will compliment the workings of the Spirit through Promise Keepers. The ultimate result of these ministries will be the re-establishment of Godly life within the Christian family which will function as the nucleus of power for the end time ministry. The church has been like a widow woman but now she is going to have a husband. This truth is applicable both in the natural and in the spiritual.

Psalm 98

Again this year the Psalm that corresponds with the coming year is Psalm 98. However, this year the Lord is revealing a different twist on this Psalm than in previous years.

The emphasis of this psalm is on the number 9 and on the number 8. The number 9 is the numerical symbol for divine judgement while the number 8 is the numerical symbol for new beginnings. During the course of this year we will see both divine judgement and the beginning of a new thing occurring simultaneously.

Judgements and new beginnings for the church during the course of this year. During this portion of the vision the Lord referred to the church as the “Kirk”. In Scotland the “Kirk” is a reference to the church. In the Scots Confession “Kirk” was defined as the universal church consisting of the Elect in Christ. This document went on to say that the marks of the true “Kirk” on earth are the true preaching of the anointed Word and the right administrations of doctrine and of discipline.

VERSE 1 – OH SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG, FOR HE HAS DONE WONDERFUL THINGS, HIS RIGHT HAND AND HIS HOLY ARM HAVE GAINED THE VICTORY FOR HIM.

II Corinthians 6:7 was given as a reference for this verse. The Spirit of Truth and the power of God with the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left to be released this year without delay. We are instructed to hide ourselves in praise. We are further instructed to seek humility, seek righteousness and perhaps we will be hidden in the day of the

Lord's anger. (Zeph. 2:3) It is imperative that we find the hiding place of the Most High, and that hiding place will be His anointed Word.

His right hand is defined in Psalm 80:17. Also Psalm 45:3-5, where the servants of the Lord are instructed to gird themselves with the sword of the revealed Word of God so that we can ride on victoriously for the cause of truth, humility and righteousness allowing the Lord's divine presence at our right hand to teach us awesome things.

VERSE 2 – THE LORD HAS MADE KNOWN HIS SALVATION; HE HAS REVEALED HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE SIGHT OF THE NATIONS.

That which is going to be initiated during this new beginning will actually go international. The righteousness that the Lord is going to bring to the church will be restored to all the nations of the earth. We are going to enter into the early stages of this divine visitation yet the end result will be the Lord's salvation reaching to the ends of the earth.

There is a call being released in the church today for international corporate intercession so that the purposes of God can be birthed and the anointed Word released bringing the promised salvation. The church must enter in to a higher level of intercession so as to lift the coming judgements. Even as Moses and Aaron stood in the gap and interceded on behalf of Israel to withstand the judgements, so shall the church in this hour stand in the gap through intercessory prayer to lift the judgements that are coming upon the church and the world.

VERSE 3 – HE HAS REMEMBERED HIS LOVING KINDNESS AND HIS FAITHFULNESS TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL; ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD.

The Lord is going to remember His loving kindness and His faithfulness both to the church and to the nation of Israel. Great emphasis will be placed upon the establishing of God's purposes both in the church and in the natural nation of Israel. Especially Jewish Christians.

This is the year that the Lord's salvation will enter in to the diverse Jewish groups that inherently have a distrust one for the other. The Lord, through this new beginning, is going to birth a unity through this group that will eventually introduce a unified spirit that will spread to the nation of Israel. The primary purpose of this unity is for intercessory prayer and for fellowship. The Lord is continuing to reiterate the importance of companionship and fellowship not only with Him but also among the people that are called according to His name.

Even the inherent distrust that exist between the Jewish people and the church will begin to be dissolved as the spirit of unity and companionship is released in both the church and the nation of Israel. Through these vehicles the lord is going to introduce His salvation to the ends of the earth.

VERSE 4 – SHOUT JOYFULLY TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH; BREAK FORTH AND SING FOR JOY AND SING PRAISES.

We are to rejoice and shout joyfully and sing for joy and sing praise for the Lord is no longer going to tarry. That which we seek has already been promised to us and now the Lord is

saying that He is going to release His Spirit to fulfill the promises.

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice for we are going to see the Lord's justice coming to the earth. The Lord is going to render judgements on behalf of those who have been faithful and humble and possess His divine nature and His holy character. He is also going to bring judgements on those things that have been contrary to His Word and the fruit of the Spirit.

One of the most important admonitions for this year is to sing for joy despite the circumstances. Whether the circumstances are greatly in our favor or seemingly against us, we are commanded to shout joyfully despite those circumstances. Otherwise depression, dejection, and discouragement will enter in because of the trials that are coming upon this nation and the earth.

VERSE 5 – SING PRAISES TO THE LORD WITH THE LYRE; WITH THE LYRE AND THE SOUND OF MELODY.

New and higher levels of praise will be experienced in the church that will ultimately overcome the enemy and the schemes of the devil. In places there will be such anointed praise that demons will be unable to cope with this atmosphere of praise and will be forced to flee.

VERSE 6 – WITH TRUMPETS AND THE SOUND OF THE HORN
SHOUT JOYFULLY BEFORE THE KING, THE LORD.

This will be the year of sounding of the shofar declaring the year of the Lord. Salvation will be coming to those that sit in darkness for they shall see the light of the Lord. (Isaiah 49:8)

VERSE 7 – LET THE SEA ROAR AND ALL IT CONTAINS, THE WORLD AND THOSE WHO DWELL IN IT.

Let the multitudes of humanity and humanism roar. This year we will see humanism coming to its pinnacle creating gross darkness over the people.

Humanism will rise to a new height and many will run to its soothsayers and diviners yet they will discover that they will only find answers in Jesus. New Age philosophy and teachings will be presented to people on a greater plain and with greater exposure than ever before. Many will have the opportunity to experience the fallacy and the weakness of humanism to respond to the deep longing of their soul. Only the Lord Jesus can fill that void within the human spirit.

VERSE 8 – LET THE RIVERS CLAP THEIR HANDS; LET THE MOUNTAINS SING TOGETHER FOR JOY.

Let the “Kirk” run together in a new unity for the purpose of world evangelism. Let us get a corporate vision worldwide for international evangelism. That is the river.

Let the little hills and (Kirks) join together so that the mountains of the Lord can be revealed to the nations. The reality of Mount Zion is to be revealed to the nations. During this year we will

begin to see the sons of Zion battle against the sons of Greece with the Lord giving the victory. (Zech. 9:13)

As we come together in unity the mountain of the Lord will be displayed so that the glory of God and His commandments can be revealed to the nations. His commandment is LOVE. The Lord is coming to announce His law of LOVE.

By this shall all men know that you are His disciples if you have love one for the other. By this virtue of love the Lord will now be able to bring into reality the promises of John 17. This high priestly prayer will be answered and made reality before the end can come. Many should begin to experience the reality of John 17 during the course of this year and the years to follow.

John 17:6— I MANIFESTED THY NAME TO THE MEN WHOM THOU GAVEST ME OUT OF THE WORLD; THINE THEY WERE, AND THOU GAVEST THEM TO ME AND THEY HAVE KEPT THY WORD.

The remnant that the Lord has been referring to as the “Kirk” are those who remain true to the revealed Word of God and allowed the purging and cleansing of the Holy Spirit. To them the Lord is going to reveal the full manifestation of the redemptive attributes of His name. Even as the Lord manifested the redemptive names of God to His disciples so shall we see those redemptive names become reality at this time.

(John 17:17) SANCTIFY THEM IN TRUTH; THY WORD IS TRUTH.

VERSE 9 – BEFORE THE LORD; FOR HE IS COMING TO JUDGE THE EARTH; HE WILL JUDGE THE WORLD WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THE PEOPLES WITH EQUITY.

The justice of God that was initiated last year will continue through this year being even more amplified. Even as the ten plagues were brought to Egypt in order to reveal the justice of God so shall the ten plagues come at this time in order to reveal the Lord's justice.

The Ten Plagues

The intercessors are told in this year's Day of Atonement revelation, "File charges against mother nature". When Jesus and His disciples were crossing the sea of Galilee a storm empowered with demonic forces attempted to withstand them as they crossed. The Lord stood in the boat and rebuked the storm and removed the evil power enforcing the storm bringing a calm to the Sea of Galilee.

In the same way, the intercessors are going to have to stand in the authority of God's Word and rebuke the demonic forces that are empowering many of the devastating storms that are coming to the earth. Many of the natural disasters that are coming to the earth are being allowed by the Lord. However, the enemy enters in to these storms and greatly amplifies the devastating effect of the storms through empowering principalities.

When these storms begin to approach, the intercessors must stand to rebuke the storms and turn them away. Believers are given the authority to deal with these storms. The amount of damage done by the coming natural disasters will greatly depend upon the willingness of the church to intercede and combat these forces on behalf of mankind.

The term "mother nature" used by the world is a reference to fire, wind, rain, flood, hail and other such storms. When the judgements of God were allowed on the nation of Egypt culminating in the death angel passing over Egypt, the nation of Israel was given a covering to protect them from this judgement. They were told to place blood on the door post of

their house and in so doing this act of obedience would cause the death angel to pass over the nation of Israel and the Lord would not “allow the judgement to touch Israel”.

When the Lord sees the blood of His Son on the house of Faith then many of these judgements will pass over the church. However, we must act in obedience to God’s Word and intercede on behalf of the believing church as well as the world in order to remove the amplified effect of the storms and its devastating results.

The first way to turn back the effect of God’s judgements is through repentance. After repentance we then go to the courts of God to file charges against the evil that is being released in the earth bringing devastation. In essence, we are going to the Lord’s “courthouse” in order to file charges.

The “Kirk” will begin to emerge in a new power. Some of the Kirk that have been faithful since the fifties will be used in great intercession and power. These individuals coming from the 50’s will also join with new groups. They will be coming together out of necessity because of the justice of God that will be in the land.

The Kirk that had the birthing of prophets in them in the late 70’s and early 80’s and survived the purging of the late 80’s and early 90’s will now have a new refreshing and a new release of the breath of God.

Plague 1 – The Blood (Exodus 7:19-25)

WHEN MOSES AND AARON MET PHARAOH NEAR THE NILE AND MADE ANOTHER DEMAND FOR THE PEOPLES RELEASE PHARAOH REFUSED. UPON HIS REFUSAL AARON LIFTED UP THE STAFF OVER “THE WATERS OF EGYPT” AND “ALL THE WATER THAT WAS IN THE NILE WAS TURNED TO BLOOD”.

As a result of this miracle all the fish abiding in the Nile died because of the water being turned to blood. The fish perished because of polluted water.

The admonition to the church during this year is to be extremely careful of the water that we drink. Throughout the Bible the anointed Word is referred to as water. However, when that water has been polluted as described in Jeremiah 23 then it becomes unsuitable for drinking. Much of the water that is being distributed to the church through organized and institutional teachings that are contrary to the Word will be as polluted water resulting in the death of the fish, which is a reference to the church.

That segment of the church that rejects the revelation of the anointed word that will be coming forth and continues to drink polluted water will have its grace removed and will no longer be able to function and survive in the atmosphere that is coming.

Much of the common grace that people have been surviving by will be removed bringing great pressure to those who have not totally committed themselves to the Lord and to the revelation of His Word. There is much witchcraft, idolatry, and sorcery that presently exists within the institution referred to as “the church”. Those who have exercised a spirit of control over people will no longer be able to do so, but must be renewed

with a “RIGHT” spirit according to the Lord’s divine nature and His Holy Character.

The leaven of the Pharisees as described by the Lord is a reference to man-made teachings that pollutes the true revelation of God’s Word. This admonition is a call for the removal of the leaven from the Lord’s House.

The release of the ten plagues of Egypt were like dominoes with one plague leading into the next. So shall it be in the coming plagues. One plague will actually set the stage for the release of the next. The blood also has the implication of the beginning of economic shaking. We will not see the collapse of the economy during this year but we will see considerable shaking that will erode the foundations of trust within people. Those who have put their trust in anything other than the Lord will have those foundations shaken, thus setting the stage for a purging of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the boastful pride of life. (I John 2:15-16)

This will reveal the kind of water that people have been drinking. If the church has been placing its trust and faith in the economy or in any other thing outside of the Word of God, then that polluted water will cause those areas of the people to perish. They must then purge themselves of these evil lusts and replace them with faith in God’s anointed Word.

The bombardment of evil reports from the news media concerning events occurring in this country will continue to escalate. Such reports as that one recently released in Mississippi of the young teenager killing his mother and other teenagers will continue to shake the very foundations of trust that people have in this country and its society. If a person looks at those reports without having faith in God then they

will become neurotic and will look for something to calm them during these seasons of testing.

Plague 2 – The Frogs – EXODUS 8:1-15

THE SECOND PLAGUE ALSO PROCEEDED FROM THE NILE AND CONSISTED OF UNPARALLELED NUMBER OF FROGS. THESE FROGS NOT ONLY PENETRATED INTO THE HOUSES AND INNER ROOMS AND CREPT INTO THE DOMESTIC UTENSILS, THE BEDS, THE OVENS, AND KNEADING TROUGH, BUT THEY EVEN GOT UPON THE MEN THEMSELVES. LIKE THE BLOOD THIS MIRACLE WAS IMITATED BY THE EGYPTIAN MAGICIANS, WHO MADE THE FROGS COME UP ON THE LAND.

INTERESTINGLY, THE MAGICIANS WERE UNABLE TO REMOVE THE EVIL PLAGUE FROM THE LAND OF EGYPT RESULTING IN MOSES AND AARON HAVING TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE ASKING THE LORD TO TAKE THE EVIL OF THIS PLAGUE AWAY.

The frogs also represented divinity to the Egyptians. This form of false god was revealed to be nothing more than putrefied flesh and the source of a fowl odor that covered the entire land of Egypt. So shall it be in the coming year with false gods that people have erected for themselves that will be unable to save them nor provide a source of peace during the coming tribulations. Even within the church there are many who have made idols out of images and other such false gods that will be rendered powerless and exposed for what they truly are.

Even as Israel had to endure the first three plagues of Egypt so shall the church experience the first portion of the judgements

that are coming to the earth. Even though we will be experiencing tribulation and hardship we are to be encouraged through.

Habakkuk 3:16-18—

I HEARD AND MY INWARD PARTS TREMBLED, AT THE SOUND
MY LIPS QUIVERED. DECAY ENTERS MY BONES, AND IN MY
PLACE I TREMBLE.

BECAUSE I MUST WAIT QUIETLY FOR THE DAY OF DISTRESS,
FOR THE PEOPLE TO ARISE WHO WILL INVADE US. THOUGH
THE FIG TREE SHOULD NOT BLOSSOM AND THERE BE NO
FRUIT ON THE VINES, THOUGH THE YIELD OF THE OLIVE
SHOULD FAIL, AND THE FIELDS PRODUCE NO FOOD,
THOUGH THE FLOCK SHOULD BE CUT OFF FROM THE FOLD,
AND THERE BE NO CATTLE IN THE STALLS, YET I WILL EXALT
IN THE LORD, I WILL REJOICE IN THE GOD OF MY
SALVATION.

Though it is not an encouragement to hear that the church will endure certain trials during the coming season, yet it is imperative to know the mind of the Lord so that we can properly respond according to His Word. Even in the hardship and trials..."YET I WILL EXALT IN THE LORD, I WILL REJOICE IN THE GOD OF MY SALVATION." If we will obediently respond in this manner then the season of trials will come quickly to an end and the Lord will give us peace and joy in the midst of storms.

Plague 3 – Gnats – Exodus 8:16-19

AND THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, “SAY TO AARON, STRETCH OUT YOUR STAFF AND STRIKE THE DUST OF THE EARTH, THAT IT MAY BECOME GNATS THROUGH ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT”. AND THEY DID SO; AND AARON STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND WITH HIS STAFF, AND STRUCK THE DUST OF THE EARTH AND THERE WERE GNATS ON MAN AND BEAST. ALL THE DUST OF THE EARTH BECAME GNATS THROUGH ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT.

This year will see a great shaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Men attempting to intellectually understand many things taking place this year will result in frustration and disillusionment. Their failed attempts will result in the admission, like the magicians of Egypt, that this “is the finger of God”. This is an indication of much insanity that will be seen during the course of this year and the time that follows.

The “Kirk” will turn their eyes toward God and cry for help and the Lord will put a division between the Kirk and the world when they do. This will mark a release in the demonic realm on a higher level that we have not been accustomed to before now. This release will take place in the “thought” realm against the mind and imaginations of man. The church should be admonished to “gird up the loins of her mind” and rest our hope fully on the divine favor that is to be brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1Peter 1:13)

The gnats and mosquitoes represent aggravation, irritation, frustration, defeat and discouragement in a profound way. When a Christian experiences these emotions and allows them to consume their thinking, then they become unable to hear from God, allowing the enemy to successfully sidetrack them

from the purposes established for them by the Spirit. We are instructed to rejoice even in the midst of these circumstances so that our minds can remain clear and focused upon the Lord in order to receive further instructions and clear discernment.

One thing that is certain, we cannot base our relationship with God upon our own works. It is not because of any merits of our own but because of His loving kindness and compassion that we stand. Those who base their understanding of their relationship with the Father on the works that they accomplish for Him will be sorely disappointed as they recognize the futility of their works. Doing things for the Lord in obedience is appropriate. However, the fullness of our relationship with the Lord is based completely upon His finished work at the cross and His divine favor.

The hoard of demons will do everything they can to rob us of our peace and get us into strife and will try our longsuffering to tempt us in impatience. They will try our faithfulness to see if they can keep us from doing the things that the Lord has called us to do. Instead of gentleness, they will attempt to force us to make rash decisions and instead of self-control, they will attempt to make us angry.

This is not a year that we will have our own way. The church and the world will not have its way this year. The Lord's ways are so much higher than our ways and His thoughts are so much greater than our thoughts that we must now lay aside our ways and our thoughts and take upon ourselves His ways. (Isaiah 55:7-9) Satan wants to replace good thoughts with seeing everything that is evil. He is wanting to rob us of the fruit of the Spirit.

The enemy is wanting to make us cruel to those around us rather than sources of blessings and sources of light that will provide illumination during this season of darkness.

Plague 4 – Insects – Exodus 8:20-32

FOR IF YOU WILL NOT LET MY PEOPLE GO, BEHOLD, I WILL SEND SWARMS OF INSECTS ON YOU AND ON YOUR SERVANTS AND ON YOUR PEOPLE AND INTO YOUR HOUSES; AND THE HOUSES OF THE EGYPTIANS SHALL BE FULL OF SWARMS OF INSECTS, AND ALSO THE GROUND ON WHICH THEY DWELL. BUT ON THAT DAY I WILL SET APART THE LAND OF GOSHEN, WHERE MY PEOPLE ARE LIVING, SO THAT NO SWARMS OF INSECTS WILL BE THERE IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT I, THE LORD, AM IN THE MIDST OF THE LAND. AND I WILL PUT A DIVISION BETWEEN MY PEOPLE AND YOUR PEOPLE.

The Lord is now going to bring a division between the church and the world. Many have observed that there is little distinction between those who are in the church and those that are in the world. These hardships that are coming will mark a true line of demarcation between that which belongs to God and that which does not.

Even as the land of Goshen was set apart so shall the faithful believers in Christ be set apart during the midst of these hardships and tribulations. All authority has been given to Christ and He has delegated that authority to the church. It will now be time for the church to assume her rightful position of authority and intercede in a new spirit of unity.

Thus far, the enemy has been able to conquer through division as the church has been separated into many segments and streams of belief. However, history has proven that unity is always the end result of an attack by a common enemy. The church will now enter in to a new level of unity as a result of these things that are coming. The Lord will then loose His angels and His power to bring true separation between the church and the darkness of the world. This will result in tremendous torment and darkness for those apart from Christ.

The demonic opposition to the mind will become so great that those without Christ will literally become numb in their thinking and overwhelmed by hopelessness. In the natural realm we will see many blood infections and infectious diseases spreading on a new level. The El Nino' that is coming will release biological germs and infections throughout the foods that we eat and the weather patterns will result in increased spread of new diseases and infections that we have not known before. Man shall not be "at ease" but will be "dis-eased".

(Leviticus 26:20)

Plagues of man, pestilence, famine, war and the wild human spirit unrestrained will result in the bank account of man being "sucked" dry. Even as the Ghad flies sucked the blood out of man so shall the substance of man be sucked dry.

It is recorded that the ghad flies were more numerous and annoying than gnats and when enraged fasten themselves to the human body, especially to the edges of the eyelids and become a dreadful plague. This represents the addictions that are the result of the "lust of the eyes and lust of the flesh". These addictions are the results of man's search for pleasure

outside of Christ. The eye is the gateway to the soul and we must be especially careful of what we allow ourselves to watch.

WHO AMONG US CAN LIVE WITH CONTINUAL BURNING?...HE WHO STOPS HIS EARS FROM HEARING ABOUT BLOODSHED, AND SHUTS HIS EYES FROM LOOKING UPON EVIL. (ISAIAH 33:14-15)

We must flee to our prayer closet; for only there shall we find the rest of God. There our strength and substance can be replenished through the blood of Christ and His Holy Spirit.

Plague 5 – Pestilence – (Exodus 9:1-7)

“FOR IF YOU REFUSE TO LET THEM GO, AND CONTINUE TO HOLD THEM, BEHOLD, THE HAND OF THE LORD WILL COME WITH A VERY SEVERE PESTILENCE ON YOUR LIVESTOCK WHICH ARE IN THE FIELD, ON THE HORSES, ON THE DONKEYS, AND ON THE CAMELS, ON THE HERDS, AND ON THE FLOCKS. BUT THE LORD WILL MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE LIVESTOCK OF ISRAEL AND THE LIVESTOCK EGYPT, SO THAT NOTHING WILL DIE OF ALL THAT BELONGS TO THE SONS OF ISRAEL.

The substance of the world will effect the stock market. Even as this judgement destroyed the livestock of Egypt so shall all that man places the “stock” of his life in be destroyed. This is primarily in reference to the stock market and the economic tremors that are coming. The earthquake itself will not come during this year but there will be many tremors.

Men’s hearts will fail them because of the things that will shortly be coming upon the world. However, the church shall prosper and grow strong during this season. A clear line of

distinction shall be seen between the church and the world. Whatever things the world puts their stock into, other than Christ, shall fail this year and the years that follow.

Plague 6 – The Boils – (Exodus 9:8-12)

AND THE LORD SAID TO MOSES AND AARON FOR YOURSELVES HANDFULS OF SOOT FROM A KILN AND LET MOSES THROW IT TOWARD THE SKY IN THE SIGHT OF PHARAOH. AND IT WILL BECOME FINE DUST OVER ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT AND WILL BECOME BOILS BREAKING OUT WITH SORES ON MAN ON AND BEAST THROUGH ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT.

As the judgements continue in a domino effect, the body is weakened from the diseases and viruses that are being released in the earth. Through this weakness in our bloodstream, sores will emerge both in the natural realm and in the spiritual.

Boils are extremely sensitive sores that create great pain when touched. So shall many of the elements of life that people have put their trust in be exposed as futility which creates a very tender sore spot in the hearts and minds of people. However, those who respond in obedience to Christ during this time will be granted a spirit of repentance according to II Timothy 2:25-26. There is power in the blood of Christ obtained through heartfelt repentance and reconciliation.

There will be a genuine release of the spirit of repentance among the believers during this year and the time to follow. Many will “OVERCOME” this year by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. This year, we must choose

whom we shall serve. The opportunity is given to return to Christ; yet if that opportunity is not taken advantage of, then there will be an increased hardening of the heart. Many will be set free by the spirit of repentance. The scriptures tell us that if we have love for the things of the world then the love of the Father is not in us. A great percentage of the church still holds to a love for the world. That separation will be taking place beginning this year.

Plague 7 – Hail – (Exodus 9:17-35)

BEHOLD, ABOUT THIS TIME TOMORROW, I WILL SEND A VERY HEAVY HAIL, SUCH AS NOT BEEN SEEN IN EGYPT FROM THE DAY IT WAS FOUNDED UNTIL NOW. NOW THEREFORE SEND, BRING YOUR LIVESTOCK AND WHATEVER YOU HAVE IN THE FIELD TO SAFETY. EVERY MAN AND BEAST THAT IS FOUND IN THE FIELD AND IS NOT BROUGHT HOME, WHEN THE HAIL COMES DOWN ON THEM WILL DIE.

The voice of the Lord will be calling forth the wind , the hail, the fire and the famine but the Lord is not in either of these. He is in the still small voice. He is going to speak in the still small voice as heard by the prophet Elijah.

AND I WILL MAKE JUSTICE THE MEASURING LINE, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS THE LEVEL; THEN HAIL SHALL SWEEP AWAY THE REFUGE OF LIES, AND THE WATER SHALL OVERFLOW THE SECRET PLACE. (Isaiah 28:17)

During the course of this year the Lord is going to profoundly take issue with the doctrinal error presently in the church. Where doctrinal error once had a stronghold, the Spirit of Truth will now reign. The Lord is going to release like hail the

Spirit of Truth that will bombard, shatter and destroy all strongholds of error that have been taught and embraced by the church.

This will be a release of the “Rhema”, the God anointed and the God breathed word by the spirit of revelation.” The Apostle Paul once prayed that believers would have a spirit of wisdom and REVELATION OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST. It is this strong spirit of revelation that will be released bringing true light to the scriptures.

A vivid distinction will be made between the things that the Lord is supporting and those that He is not. That distinction will be made by the Spirit of Truth who will guide us into all truth and reveal to us things to come. The spirit of error that has prevailed in the church is high on the Lord’s target list and of a great priority to Him during this year and the years to follow.

The Lord is going to sprinkle clean water upon us that we may be cleansed of all filthiness and idolatry. Any form of false god embraced by people will be revealed for what it is. The Spirit of Truth will then cleanse those who embrace His judgements and embrace His Word with obedience in order to receive a new heart and a new spirit so that the Lord can impart His Spirit in us causing us to live according to His statutes and His ordinances.

(Ezekiel 36:25-27)

Even in judgement the Lord showed mercy to Egypt as He admonished the Egyptians to flee the fields to safety in order to alleviate certain death. Those who were obedient to this admonition survived and those that were not, perished.

Plague 8 – Locust – (Exodus 10:1-20)

FOR IF YOU REFUSE TO LET MY PEOPLE GO, BEHOLD, TOMORROW I WILL BRING LOCUSTS INTO YOUR TERRITORY. AND THEY SHALL COVER THE SURFACE OF THE LAND SO THAT NO ONE SHALL BE ABLE TO SEE THE LAND. THEY SHALL ALSO EAT THE REST OF WHAT HAS ESCAPED, WHAT IS LEFT TO YOU FROM THE HAIL, AND THEY SHALL EAT EVERY TREE WHICH SPROUTS FOR YOU OUT OF THE FIELD.

The East wind is always a judgement wind. A spirit of poverty will be released to eat up the substance of the world. If you are a Christian, and the world is your source, then get ready for poverty. However, if God is your source then get ready for the storm shelter of God which is the secret place of the Most High. That is not only a place of protection and fellowship but it is a place of promise. For it is written in the scriptures, "I ONCE WAS YOUNG BUT NOW I AM OLD AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS FORSAKEN NOR HIS SEED BEGGING BREAD". (Psalm 37:25)

FOR THOU HAST ABANDONED THY PEOPLE, THE HOUSE OF JACOB, BECAUSE THEY ARE FILLED WITH INFLUENCES FROM THE EAST, AND THEY ARE SOOTHSAYERS LIKE THE PHILISTINES, AND THEY STRIKE BARGAINS WITH THE CHILDREN OF FOREIGNERS. (Isaiah 2:6)

Spiritual famine is the result of mixing the true revealed Word of God with influences from the East or psychological teachings from far-eastern religions. Much of the philosophy and psychology that is counseled in the church is actually the result of many eastern influences. This will produce spiritual famine and death and must be alleviated for true spiritual growth. There will even be sorcery and divination

masquerading as true prophetic ministry. Spiritual discernment is essential in the days to come.

This year will provide a great reward for those that are righteous and respond in humility to the Word of the Lord and the purging that is forthcoming. Great fellowship and provision are promised for those that respond in such a manner; yet hardship and tribulation for those who do not.

Everything the Lord has been speaking through these plagues and the promises that are given to those who obediently respond, are not limited to this country or our a small geographic region. They are intended for the entire world and have international implications. As it is written in the Psalm the whole earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Plague 9 – Darkness – (Exodus 10:21-29)

THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, “STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND TOWARD THE SKY, THAT THERE MAY BE DARKNESS OVER THE LAND OF EGYPT, EVEN A DARKNESS WHICH MAY BE FELT”. SO MOSES STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND TOWARD THE SKY AND THERE WAS THICK DARKNESS IN ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT FOR THREE DAYS.

The darkness that was brought upon Egypt was so great that they could not see one another, and no man arose from his place. The Israelites alone “had light in their dwellings” (verse 23). This does not refer to their houses but means that their part of the land was not visited by this plague.

If your god is not the Lord then get ready for great darkness. Depression, fear, and defeat will be your gods. However if the Lord is your God then be ready to dwell in “the orange light of

the Lord". This, I believe is a reference to the companionship and intimacy that is available to those that respond in faithfulness and obedience.

The Lord is going to send people with a ministry like unto Joseph. Joseph was not only a prophet but he was also a deliverer who provided a source of plenty in time of famine. He is going to impart divine wisdom to certain people allowing them to be sources of plenty even during the seasons of darkness and famine.

Great darkness and famine will exist in the world while the land of the church will experience light and sources of plenty.

Even in the great darkness that will exist in the world, the Glory of God will be seen in the church. The purging, cleansing and purification through these judgements and hardships will be the preparation for the visitation of the Glory of the Lord. The Glory of the Lord will begin to be seen in the church this year.

“FOR BEHOLD, DARKNESS WILL COVER THE EARTH, AND DEEP DARKNESS THE PEOPLES; BUT THE LORD WILL RISE UPON YOU, AND HIS GLORY WILL APPEAR UPON YOU. AND NATIONS WILL COME TO YOUR LIGHT, AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR RISING. LIFT UP YOUR EYES ROUND ABOUT, AND SEE; THAT ALL GATHER TOGETHER, THEY COME TO YOU. YOUR SONS WILL COME FROM AFAR, AND YOUR DAUGHTERS WILL BE CARRIED IN THE ARMS. THEN YOU WILL SEE AND BE RADIANT, AND YOUR HEART WILL THRILL AND REJOICE BECAUSE THE ABUNDANCE OF THE SEA WILL BE TURNED TO YOU, THE WEALTH OF THE NATIONS WILL COME TO YOU.”

(Isaiah 62:1-5)

Many of the things that will be initiated by the Holy Spirit during the course of this year will actually continue for the next seven years. We are entering into a new seven year season of the Spirit that will see the unfolding of all these things. We must have the discernment of Elijah who was not moved by the earthquake nor the great wind but responded with humility and discernment to the still small voice that produced the Glory of God.

Plague 10 Death of the Firstborn – (Exodus 11:1-12:30)

THUS SAITH THE LORD, “ABOUT MIDNIGHT I AM GOING OUT INTO THE MIDST OF EGYPT, AND ALL THE FIRSTBORN IN THE LAND OF EGYPT SHALL DIE, FROM THE FIRSTBORN OF PHARAOH WHO SITS ON THE THRONE, EVEN TO THE FIRSTBORN OF SLAVE GIRL WHO IS BEHIND THE MILLSTONE; ALL THE FIRSTBORN OF THE CATTLE AS WELL...BUT AGAINST ANY OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL A DOG SHALL NOT EVEN BARK, WHETHER AGAINST MAN OR BEAST, THAT YOU MAY UNDERSTAND HOW THE LORD MAKES A DISTINCTION BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

The human faith that has been placed in government and in science and our legal system will fail. The firstborn is considered to be the strength of a nation. Get ready for your strength to fail you if you do not have the blood of Jesus Christ on the doorpost of your heart. For through that blood the Holy Spirit will have access to come into His temple to instruct His people.

These things will be the sign of great deliverance for the church. To extract the humanism and Eastern philosophy that exist in the church. We must be filled with the obedience of a disciple. These are considered to be the friends of God.

The Age of Acrylics

Human beings are as vessels made of red clay. Many feel they are wasted and broken as did Elijah at Mt. Horeb. (I Kings 19:11-20) Winds were sewn and they reaped the whirlwind. There will come earthquakes, fire and great shakings as spiritual signs. But there will also be a gentle blowing, the breath of God, a consuming fire. (I Corinthians 10:4-12)

Like the wind blowing in the trees, so shall the breath of God blow like a consuming fire. It will be like water out of the rock where the water will judge the desires of our heart. Our pleasures, our pride and our knowledge will come under scrutiny in order to purify them. All of our actions must be Christ centered.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit for He will withdraw and a serpent will replace Him. Presumption and judgmental criticism along with gossiping and other such things will grieve the Holy Spirit, causing Him to depart.

This will be the time that the oven and the hammer of God shall break all vessels and reduce them to rubble so that they can be re-shaped, molded together and put back into the Lord's service. The Lord is looking for "crack-pots" that He can repair and make into a vessel of honor.

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The Coming Power

One of the most important words for this year is the promised release of genuine Holy Spirit POWER. Power that travels with the speed of thought. Power to confront. Power to read people's hearts. Power to run through a troop of the enemy and power to jump over their walls. Power to bless and power to curse. This power to curse is a righteous power from the Holy Spirit enabling the church to curse sickness and disease and all the power of the evil one.

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (Luke 10:19)

{You know of} Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and {how} He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him. (Acts 10:38)

The Lord is going to release the power and authority to curse all that is in opposition to His purposes in the church and on the earth. There is coming power to "open" and power to "close."

"Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, when he opens no one will shut, when he shuts no one will open. "And I will drive him {like} a peg in a firm place, and he will become a throne of glory to his father's house. (Isaiah 22:22-23)

There is approaching from heaven a constant flow of power...Righteous power derived through TRUTH.

Sowing from His Loyal Servants

At this juncture of the vision the Lord presented old bond servants who had faithfully served Him. This group consisted of both men and women who had been bond servants to the Lord, faithfully serving Him predominately through intercessory prayer. These loyal servants will be given the opportunity of planting seeds for the coming harvest, before they are called home to their reward. These men and women will plant seeds that will be divinely protected and will not be devoured nor destroyed.

I Thirst

After that, a great thirst came upon Bob and he was given ice to quench this thirst. When our Lord hung on the cross, brutally beaten and torn, He cried out "I thirst". Through this vision I was somehow allowed to experience, at least to some measure, the thirst that the Lord experienced while on the cross. Immediately prior to the release of His Spirit to the care of the Father and the death of His flesh, the Lord cried out in thirst. This signifies the death of the old man for many...The old fleshly nature crying out one last time.

In the vision instead of being given water, Bob was given ice. The ice also symbolized considerable ice storms and flooding that will imminently be coming to our nation.

The Coming Shaking

With the coming power to the body there will also arrive a corresponding power to shake the oil cartels of the world. Not only will this effect the oil producing nations but also the great manufacturers of massive equipment supporting this industry. This will create a tremendous shaking of the American economy producing a ripple effect throughout many industries.

This power will also create a sizeable shaking in the mega-ministries that have not been totally faithful in the provision entrusted to them. The coming power will produce many good and profitable things, likewise, it will also shake all that can be shaken. The ministries that have taken the Lord's provision and consumed it on themselves rather than dispensing it on those for whom it was intended ,will see considerable shaking through the release of this divine power.

And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying," Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven." And this {expression} "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. (Hebrews 12:26-27)

Death to Our Old Ways

We will not get what we want, instead we will receive what we need. We will be granted provision that is spiritually beneficial for us, though not necessarily appealing to our desires. The Lord will prepare a table for us in the presence of our enemies.

Thou dost prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; Thou hast anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. (Psalms 23:5)

The Lord is going to prepare a table for us and it will consist of that which is good, beneficial and healthy to our spirit, soul, and body. When Daniel and his three friends were led into captivity, they refused the delicacies of Babylon. Instead, they insisted upon the vegetables that were sanctified for them according to the Word of God. Daniel refused the intoxication of Babylon and chose the “simplicity & purity of devotion”.

The church must refuse the delicacies offered by “Babylon” and consume only that which has been sanctified by the Spirit and the Word. It is mandatory that we begin to train our spiritual ears to hear, not necessarily what we want to hear, rather, what we need to hear in order to survive that which is soon coming to the earth.

It is essential to develop an appetite like the Lord’s when He was on the earth...to do the will of the Father. Our spiritual diet should consist of divinely granted provision essential to our spiritual health and well-being. Our Savior’s plans for us are for welfare and not calamity, to give us a future and a hope.

An Illumined Countenance

In so doing, our countenance will become illuminated and visibly apparent because of God's favor and good pleasure. Our earnest prayer should be for the grace to yield our will to the will of the Father and receive from Him that which we need to become spiritually fit. Our own human wisdom is not sufficient to even know how we should pray concerning the unprecedented events soon approaching. Only the release of the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation can equip us suitably.

The Lord placed a plate of vegetables in front of Bob on which Daniel and his friends were willing to survive. These were not things that were appealing to the appetite but were essential for good health. So shall it be with us spiritually. Proper spiritual nutrition will develop maturity, equipping us for the coming warfare. Strong meat will be given to the coming apostles and prophets but it will be released to the body only as the body achieves maturity and able to consume it without harm. The end result will be the emergence of healthy Christians and a more glorious church.

Despite all of the travail in the world and the world systems, the church will develop in maturity and divine favor. We must, however, enter in according to the Lord's prescribed manner.

The Journey to Captivity

The U.S. will now begin to see its journey into captivity commence. Those who have not prepared themselves according to God's formula will begin to see the various departments of their lives entering into captivity. Spiritual, mental, physical, social, emotional, and sexual realms will all come into captivity.

America itself will begin to see the beginning stages of emotional, financial, and spiritual bondage.

Even the social, emotional and sexual realms which have seemingly run rampant and unchecked will now enter into a form of captivity and bondage that will clearly demonstrate God's justice.

The judgements prophesied for this country will now become apparent in the coming season. Some of these judgements are set and will not be changed.

Fortunately, there remains a small opportunity for divinely granted repentance that can change their severity. Many have spurned mercy and grace for the last time and will experience the Lord's chastening hand. Still others have an opportunity to appeal to the mercy and grace of God and repent for disobedience and unbelief and obtain mercy even in the midst of judgement. This applies not only to the world but also to those in the church who have harbored sin in their lives that the Lord has been attempting to deal with for years.

Motives

Not only is the Lord interested in our actions but also in our motives. We must be willing to allow the Holy Spirit to deal with the issues of our heart that have been contrary to His divine nature. There must come a death to the old unregenerated nature and self-gratification to become a sanctified vessel suitable for the Holy Spirit if we hope to survive the intense times ahead.

Even in the midst of the coming judgements, decisions can still be made that will temper the magnitude. If America will repent and willingly send the gospel into the far corners of the earth, then the judgement can be appeased. However, if America continues in hardness of heart, then she will go into captivity and will be sent, but as "slaves". Instead of being independent and providing a source for the world, she will become dependent and rely upon others for her sustenance.

Betrayal of Our Allies

This year America will begin to experience the betrayal of her allies. "I called to my lovers, {but} they deceived me; My priests and my elders perished in the city, while they sought food to restore their strength themselves. (Lam 1:19) Nations perceived as our friends will be more concerned for their own welfare and will neglect their commitments to America.

We are not going to have our way. America and even the church must learn the reality of submission to God in every department of life. He desires our willing submission spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

The church is so closely interwoven with the world that even the judgements intended for the world will have a subsidiary effect on the church because of this unholy alliance. The church must be separated from the world as Israel was separated from Egypt in the land of Goshen. To the extent that we remain interwoven with the world and its systems so also will the judgements effect the church. The Lord is saying "Come out of her my people, so that you do not partake of her sin". Separation is required so that we do not partake of the world's judgement.

The Lord is desiring to prepare a table for us in the presence of our enemies, yet we must be separated completely unto Him in order to join Him at His table. We are to be the light that the world should desire. We cannot be that light if we are also a partaker of the world's ways.

(Mark 4:18-19) (II Corinthians 6:17-18)

Though in the world, the consecrated believer is not part of the world. The church must be willing to consume that which the Lord sets before us in willing obedience to Him. That is a key message for the coming season – BE YE SEPARATE.

The Book of Lamentations

The book given for this year is Lamentations. America will begin to see the early stages of the demise of her strength as she will begin to enter “Captivity”. Even the church shares in this responsibility as God’s people are to be the “light” of a nation. Because of the dis-unity and lack of power in the church as a whole, we have failed to provide the moral leadership necessary for this nation to reach the world with the gospel of power and salvation. As a result, the dirge of Lamentations is the appropriate book for the coming season. Even so, Lamentations also emphasizes the Lord’s faithfulness to His people who have been loyal and obedient to His Voice.

The cloud that will be a provision for the faithful will also produce judgment for this nation as the beginning of decline will be seen in the coming years. The Divine justice that is coming upon the “world” will also be felt in the church to the degree carnality resides in the church. In essence, the judgment is coming upon carnality. Graciously, the Lord continues to give us space to repent and intercede before the Throne of Grace.

A voice then spoke saying “ come out of her my people that you be not partakers of her sin”. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues; for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. (Revelations 18: 4-5)

The people of God must especially deal with unresolved anger and bitterness over the failures of the past. If we are harboring

anger or bitterness for any reason, we must take that to the cross and ask for the grace to be released from it so our discernment will be clear and unimpeded. If we desire the Lord's Mercy we must also be willing to extend Mercy and forgiveness. We will live this year by the fruit of our own lips.

The Lord intends to resolve the wickedness and carnality that exists in His church. The power that is being released in the coming year is designed to reveal and address the deeds of the flesh so that they can be replaced with the fruit of the Spirit.

Lamentations Revealed

Lamentations outlines the beginning of captivity for a once powerful and glorious nation. The defenses of the nation were compromised allowing access by the enemy, eventually overthrowing the leadership. The prophets of God are regrettably vindicated as a glorious era comes to an end.

This notable Book records the sufferings and the anxieties of Israel, the destruction of the sanctuary, the cruelty and taunts of the enemies of Israel, especially the Edomites; the disgrace that befell the king and his nobles, priests and prophets, and that, too, not without their own guilt, the devastation and ruin of the country— all this is described, and appeal is made to the mercy of God.

1. How lonely sits the city That was full of people! She has become like a widow Who was once great among the nations! She who was a princess among the provinces Has become a forced laborer!

Our nation has provided a source of plenty for the entire world, however, she will now become dependent upon others to support her.

2. Your prophets have seen for you false and foolish visions; and they have not exposed your iniquity so as to restore you from captivity, but they have seen for you false and misleading oracles. (2:14)

Instead of our captivity being turned away through repentance and reproof of our sins, incorrect security resulted from false visions of favor and well-being.

3. See, O LORD, and look! With whom hast Thou dealt thus? Should women eat their offspring, the little ones who were born healthy? Should priest and prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord? (2:20)

The willful sponsorship of abortion has come before the Lord as a stench in His nostrils. The Lord is compassionate and gracious and full of mercy, yet He will not leave the guilty and unrepentant unpunished.

4. I have become a laughingstock to all my people, their {mocking} song all the day. (3:14)

The Church has been the object of ridicule and derision but that is soon to change with the release of God's Glory illuminating her to shine in gross darkness.

5. The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail.

They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him." The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him. It is good that he waits silently for the salvation of the LORD. (3:22-26)

These are promises for those that seek him. Moment by moment he gives us His Mercy and Grace. He will be moved to

compassion on behalf of his faithful. Every person will come into a form of captivity this year, either to the Lord or to Satan.

6. Let us examine and probe our ways, and let us return to the LORD. We lift up our heart and hands toward God in heaven; (3:40-41)

This is a time for self-examination for all people, including the Church. Everything revealed that is contrary to His Nature requires repentance and an impartation of virtue to overcome. We must enter in to the rewards of the “Overcomers”.

7. Because of the sins of her prophets {and} the iniquities of her priests, who have shed in her midst the blood of the righteous, they wandered, blind, in the streets; they were defiled with blood so that no one could touch their garments. (4:13-14)

This happened because of the sin of false prophets and the iniquity of the priests who shed the blood of the just and righteous. This chapter is speaking about the sin of a nation embracing falsehood and an un-righteous lifestyle. The people gave attention to their sin of self gratification and refused the righteous standards established by the Word of God.

Many of the prophets have prophesied from within their own soul and neglected the true word of the Lord that the people needed to hear. The people responded to the false prophecy because it tickled itching ears and was what they wanted to hear not what they needed to hear. This is a great atrocity in the eyes of the Lord today, as in Jeremiah’s day.

The Branding Iron

The Lord then displayed a “Branding Iron” coming from heaven. This symbolic instrument is for the purpose of placing the seal of God upon those who have allowed the purging and consecrating work of the Holy Spirit and lamented over the sins of the church and this nation. This Divine Mark is for the purpose of bearing a clear distinction between those who are wholly His and those who are not.

“You shall also make a plate of pure gold and shall engrave on it, like the engravings of a seal, ‘Holy to the LORD.’ (Exodus 28:36)

And the LORD said to him, “Go through the midst of the city, {even} through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst.” (Ezekiel 9:4)

Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard {it,} and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name.

“And they will be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “on the day that I prepare {My} own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.”

So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. (Malachi 3:16-18)

The Lord has a BOOK of REMEMBRANCE and in it the names are being inscribed of those who have listened obediently to the Voice of the Spirit in the FEAR OF THE LORD and esteemed His name as Holy. Their names are being recorded in this book to clearly distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, clearly displaying those who serve the Lord and those who do not serve Him.

There are many whose reverence for the Lord consists merely in the meaningless repetition of words without regard to their meaning. Then the Lord said, "Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from me, and their reverence for me consists of tradition learned {by rote,} Therefore behold, I will once again deal marvelously with this people, wondrously marvelous; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be concealed." (Isaiah 29:13-14)

The Lord sees the sincerity of a heart and will distinguish between these by placing His seal of "HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD" upon those who have served Him in righteousness and obedience.

An angelic host will be sent through the earth marking on foreheads the seal of God for those who have groaned and sighed over the abominations being committed in the earth. Especially the abomination of abortion. The blood of the innocent continues to cry out against this nation and will be vindicated.

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

For the “good” it will be very good this year, for the “bad” it will be very bad and for the “ugly” it will be very ugly. These amplifications will begin to show the clear distinction between those who belong to the Lord and those who do not. For the “GOOD” there will be a release of great power even exceeding the power given to the generation during the 40’s & 50’s. That is our consolation as we begin this season of hardship.

The Good

“Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ‘Like these good figs, so I will regard as good the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place {into} the land of the Chaldeans.

‘For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them up and not overthrow them, and I will plant them and not pluck {them} up.

‘And I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart. (Jeremiah 24:5-7)

A new holy canopy is being released in the church as the apostolic anointing and authority will begin to be revealed with maturity. These will be the good shepherds upon whom the favor of the Lord will be apparent. It will be the mature restoration of the judges and counselors as at the beginning. The last few years have provided a season of preparation and purging for the ones being prepared for this anointing and commissioning.

The coming judges will be apostolic and the counselors will be the prophets. The foundation of the church consists of the apostles and prophets revealing the chief cornerstone, the Lord Jesus. The prophets will emerge first revealing the mind of Christ through Godly counsel during these final days of preparation and release for the apostolic authority. These will appear, anointed with Holy Spirit power displaying the Lord’s victory over demons, disease and death.

The new canopy will be according to (Isaiah 4:4-6). When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and

purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning, then the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy. And there will be a shelter to {give} shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.

The apostolic anointing will function as cloud by day and the prophet will serve as flaming fire by night. Each of these will provide a canopy of glory over the believers who have been washed and purged by the “spirit of judgement” and the “spirit of burning”. This canopy of glory will provide shade from the heat of judgement and a refuge and protection from the raging storms of persecution and accusation. The Lord will be the light of that canopy and His Glory will provide divine insulation.

From the “good seed” Bob saw children who were the best of all generations. They are the children of promise from Romans 9:8 & Galatians 4:28. Children as young as 6 years old were anointed with awesome power and revelation in this vision. Their revelation came directly from the Lord and their prayers went before Him with unwavering faith. Many of these children will be filled with the Holy Spirit even while in their mother’s womb. Their prayers even carried more power and authority than their parents.

The Bad

‘But like the bad figs which cannot be eaten due to rottenness—indeed, thus says the LORD—so I will abandon Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials, and the remnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and the ones who dwell in the land of Egypt.

‘And I will make them a terror {and an} evil for all the kingdoms of the earth, as a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse in all places where I shall scatter them. (Jeremiah 24:8-9)

The bad will be the “dragon seed” that will also come to its maturity during this season. The Lord showed a large egg that has now come to a place of maturity and is going to be hatched. This is an egg of the dragon revealing the spirit of anti-Christ on a level that this generation has not seen before. This is actually the seed of Satan.

Judas Iscariot is a perfect type of this seed incarnate in a man. He actually walked with the apostles, lived among them and even prayed for the sick and cast out demons with an anointing from the Holy Spirit, yet his heart was filled with betrayal. (Matthew 10:1-8)

We will now begin to see betrayal on a level like we have never known before, even from those we perceived were among the Christians.

In the vision, the Lord showed the “Dragon’s egg” to symbolically portray the birthing of a new release of power for the spirit of anti-Christ corresponding with the birthing of God’s apostolic ministry. The spirit of anti-Christ will be anti-

anointed. It will work in direct opposition to the Holy Spirit attempting to undermine the purposes of the Father.

This is a religious spirit that operates so close to the genuine Spirit that it would deceive the very elect, if possible. However, the elect possess a discernment that identifies the control and restriction of the spirit of anti-Christ opposed to the liberty that exists in Christ. At the heart of the spirit of anti-Christ resides betrayal.

When the Holy Spirit came to earth on the day of Pentecost in the first century church, the spirit of anti-Christ was released as well. These two spirits have run concurrently throughout history and are beginning to come to a maturity that will prepare this generation for the great end-time battle.

The “dragon seed” or spirit of anti-Christ will possess awesome soul power appealing to the mind, will, and emotions of man rather than to his spirit. The Lord is providing a covering and canopy while the dragon seed is being uncovered with everything that he possesses openly displayed. Witchcraft, sorcery and the control spirit motivated through worldly wisdom will emerge with great maturity and power.

In the midst of this portion of the revelation the Holy Spirit said, “Watch Indonesia”. Apparently, there will be events occurring in Indonesia that will provide insight and discernment dealing with the emergence of the “dragon seed”. Somehow, the coming activities will have spiritual implication that will give us clarity.

The Ugly

‘And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence upon them until they are destroyed from the land which I gave to them and their forefathers.’ (Jeremiah 24:10)

The ugly consist of what we sometimes call “the world”. Biblically, it is prophetically symbolized as Egypt...Those who are outside of the church and do not confess a faith in Christ.

Exceedingly ugly things will begin to occur in the world and on the face of the earth. There will be one emergency after another coming upon the earth. Major catastrophic disasters will escalate in the earth very shortly. These will occur as devastating volcanoes and earthquakes. War, famine, and pestilence will accelerate to new levels with ravaging results.

‘And your strength shall be spent uselessly, for your land shall not yield its produce and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.

‘If then, you act with hostility against Me and are unwilling to obey Me, I will increase the plague on you seven times according to your sins.

‘And I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and reduce your number so that your roads lie deserted. (Leviticus 26:20-22)

Part of the Lord’s judgement is also the release of the “wild beast” running rampant in our streets. This oftentimes represents the human spirit unrestrained resulting in crime, riots, civil commotion, and disturbances of this nature. It will

have application to the street violence that is already a national dilemma.

The spirit of “panic” will attack the minds of men with such power that their hearts will fail them for fear. Panic will even attempt to come upon the “Good” in order to try their faith. Those who are cloaked in a canopy of glory will defeat the spirit of panic in their lives. Others who do not will see the power of panic on a new level heretofore unseen.

The spirit of panic will also come upon the “Bad and the Ugly” mandating that they change or perish. The power of death will now be given to the spirit of panic with greatly increased authority. Natural medical remedies that have been prescribed for panic will no longer have the effect and consolation as before. This is a spirit and must be dealt with spiritually.

An especially disheartening portion of the revelations dealt with the bad seed. The Lord revealed that apart from His provision of grace, even the very young among the bad seed will begin to experience sin with incredible depravity.

Incredibly, young 9, 10, and 11 year old children will begin to experience homosexuality, thievery, lying, and perversion on a scale not yet seen before.

These will seemingly have no conscience of guilt or shame even killing and torturing others without remorse. Many will engage in these abominations simply for the pleasure of it. Numerous of these crimes will also go unreported to the legal authorities because of the unwillingness of the general public to get involved in the protection and welfare of their own communities.

Psalm 99

1. The LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble; He is enthroned {above} the cherubim, let the earth shake! (Psalm 99:1)

The good will tremble at the word of God and the bad will shake for fear. The ugly will quake and twist and belch as the earth shakes and spues its fury.

The Lord reigns as the victorious King and great overcomer sitting on His Father's Throne having ultimate authority. The Lord will rule over his kingdom and the government of God coming to the Earth.

2. The LORD is great in Zion, and He is exalted above all the peoples. (Psalm 99:2)

Zion denotes a "Parched Place" and the place of worship denoting God's rulership and Kingship. From within the Church one out of a thousand will emerge in maturity as the Lord's temple, gifted with discernment and with understanding. These will be given insight with understanding manifesting divine wisdom from the sevenfold Spirit of God, as did Daniel . (Daniel 9:22)

"If there is an angel {as} mediator for him, One out of a thousand, to remind a man what is right for him, Then let him be gracious to him, and say, 'Deliver him from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom' (Job 33:23-24)

The discernment from these consecrated ones will be according to the Spirit; not natural human discernment that has its root in suspicion. These will not judge by what their eyes

see nor by what their ears hear, but according to what the Spirit reveals.

The Lord stated "What was stolen from us must be restored to us". The true anointed revelation of visions and dreams with proper interpretation and application giving insight to the body of Christ must be totally restored.

The Lord is going to reveal Himself as a consuming fire purging from us the sinful nature and the impurities of corruption leaving only the gold, silver and precious stones of the divine nature. Those who will allow this spirit of burning to accomplish this task in their lives will receive the empowering of the true prophetic mantle according to Daniel 1:17. The Lord is highly exalted above all of our trouble and worries. He has made the earth His footstool as He sits enthroned above the cherubim.

3. Let them praise Thy great and awesome name; Holy is He. (Psalms 99:3)

The Lord is holy and those who worship Him must do so arrayed in holiness. For this purpose the Lord is releasing to us divinely granted repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth sanctifying us as the habitation of His Spirit.

4. And the strength of the King loves justice; Thou hast established equity; Thou hast executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. (Psalms 99:4)

As the cornerstone stands most perpendicular and exactly proportioned, so the Lord, while holding out grace to believers

in the Foundation stone, will judge the scoffers (Isa. 28:15) according to the exact justice of the law.

“And I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the level; then hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the secret place. (Isaiah 28:17)

As promised, the Lord is going to deal with the doctrinal error that has been taught as truth in the church. The Lord by His Spirit is going to declare His “Perfect Word”. Righteousness and Justice, the very foundation of His Throne, will be the result.

5. Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His footstool; Holy is He. (PSALM 99:5)

The Lord is going to release high praise according to (Psalm 149:6 & Revelations 1:16)

The high praises are coming to bring the presence of the Lord with a two edged sword in His hand. With it, blessing and judgement will simultaneously result through His divine justice.

6. Moses and Aaron were among His priests, and Samuel was among those who called on His name; they called upon the LORD, and He answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept His testimonies, and the statute that He gave them. (PSALM 99:6-7)

In previous years we have mentioned the preparation and emergence of the inspired priesthood to provide the Rhema word of God for this season. That order is now coming to a place of maturity and will begin to encounter the Lord in the

pillar of cloud receiving the true revelation of the Word and its application for this generation.

The inspired priests will provide a sanctifying Light that will prepare the body in righteousness. Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances. There is coming the revelation of God's Truth and His Word to such a degree that the whole world will take notice as the Lord's priests present the Spoken Word in due season.

The apostolic leadership emerging will provide a pillar of cloud over the body illuminating the hidden manna for this day. The prophets will be as a flame of fire at night displaying awesome power and miracles. The entirety of this ministry must find its origin in Romans 13:10. "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law". This emerging ministry of the apostles and prophets must display divine love born in the heart of the Father. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son.

(PRIEST- PROPHET- JUDGE) Moses is best known in his role as Prophet, Aaron as Priest and Samuel as Judge. These three represent the Priest/Prophet/Judge anointing's that will be entrusted to this emerging leadership. To each of these three, God proved Himself in Mercy and in Judgement.

The coming apostolic ministers will be as pillar of cloud by day and the anointed prophet will be as a pillar of fire by night. Each will provide a canopy of protection through the Holy Spirit even as Israel was protected during the judgements of Egypt. The shelter of Goshen will become apparent in the coming season. The coming days will actually see the beginning of the captivity for Egypt and the plainly defined provision for God's people.

The Lord will allow nothing to come upon the earth unless He first reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets (Amos 3:7). Moses, Aaron and Samuel each represent types of the coming government. The manner in which the Lord used these men will also portray the coming leadership and God's dealings with them. He is going to give divinely granted understanding.

The scriptures declare that the breadth of God gives understanding. He is going to breathe upon us to give understanding of these times and the things that we must do to survive and even prosper during this season of judgement.

The obedient church that has hearkened to the voice of the Lord over the past few years will first go into the Lord's provided place. This will be an arena of refuge, protection, and provision. It will also be a place of intimate fellowship and communion with Him as Friend.

7. O LORD our God, Thou didst answer them; Thou wast a forgiving God to them, and {yet} an avenger of their {evil} deeds. (PSALM 99:8)

We must allow the word of the Lord to cleanse us (John 15:2). We will eat the fruit of our mouths whether good, bad or ugly... that which we speak will dictate our course. If we continue to curse the earth it will persist to bring forth terrible fruit. Out of the abundance of our hearts the mouth will speak. Therefore, our hearts should be filled with the "Rhema" Word of God.

The earth is going to see both the kindness and severity of God. For those who are willing to come to Him through

divinely granted repentance according to the prescribed order of the Spirit, then abundant mercy will be provided. However, for those with hardness of heart that refuse the spirit of burning and close their ears to the voice of the Spirit, these will understand that the Lord is an avenger of evil deeds.

8. Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy hill; for holy is the LORD our God. (PSALM 99:9)

Three nines representing the nine fruit of the Spirit, the nine gifts of the Spirit and the nine months of birth for the apostolic order. With the birthing of the apostolic commission will also come the high praises emerging from the “breath of God” giving understanding. As we see the terrible times occurring around us we will also clearly observe the Lord’s canopy of grace protecting us. The natural result will be a heart filled with praise and worship for all that He has wrought in our behalf.

The scriptures declare that Mary believed the Word that was spoken to her and the Holy Spirit overshadowed her in an illuminated cloud imparting the Word within her. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. This same sequence will occur among the apostolic order that will be soon emerging. We have known for the past three years that the apostolic order would be soon emerging. Those were preparation years cultivating faith, maturity and obedience.

The Lord has given a song for this year. It is JUST AS I AM. All that we have to do is come to the Him just as we are, humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God seeking the mercy of the Lamb emerging with the virtue of the Lion. We must put no confidence in the flesh and rely solely upon His Spirit to

mold and change us into HIS image. To do so, we come just as we are having nothing to offer except a willing heart.

Each morning we should begin our day coming to the Lamb singing "Just As I Am"...asking for the release of His life changing virtue. As we surrender our weakness we will be surrounded in His strength. By yielding to Him in our deficiency, it will break the chains of pride and self sufficiency allowing the release of "Life-Giving Spirit". Hebrews 11 portrays the Lord's champions who "From weakness were made strong and became mighty in war."

Just as I am without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just am I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Introduction

The general theme for this year's Shepherd's Rod continues to be highlighted with issues related to the preparation necessary to confront the times ahead. Quite frankly, there were many themes we anticipated were going to be addressed in the revelations released on this sacred day that were not. Instead, in His infinite wisdom, the Lord has disclosed greater insights into His heart and the great truths that He desires for His Church to embrace to equip and prepare her..

Since the economy, military confrontations, and weather patterns were not addressed in this year's revelations, we can infer the Lord is giving an additional year of preparation before the great events prophesied in these areas take place. We can also conclude the general patterns established in the previous years involving the economy and weather patterns will continue throughout this year. Though there will be tremors in the economy, the great shaking was not revealed for the coming year.

We will continue to see "pockets" of severe weather in various geographic regions continuing the same pattern from previous years. A hard winter will be experienced in certain areas as the "Polar Bear" weather systems continue. Without question, prayer and intercession turned away or greatly diminished many of the catastrophic events originally intended by the enemy for the previous year. Nonetheless, we mourn with those that were affected by the storms, droughts, fires and earthquakes. We are admonished to continue, even escalate the repentance, prayer and intercession in the days ahead with

the hope we can obtain additional time crucial to our preparation.

Things will be happening at a rapid pace this year. In many respects the coming year will have notable parallels that existed in 1955-56. Various of the natural and spiritual events of '55/'56 will coincide with the coming year. As the apostle once wrote, "I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus." Let us press on in like manner.

Bob was awakened at 1:55 A.M. and instructed that– spiritual dreams will begin to escalate announcing “tomorrow” and communicating our incorrect perceptions of important scriptures.

Dreams and open visions will be more abundant this year to prepare us for the “tomorrow’s labor” and begin to awaken within us inaccurate impressions of the scriptures. Doctrine is not founded on dreams and visions, only on the inerrant Word of God. However, the spiritual revelations imparted through the dreams and visions will identify areas of inaccuracy prompting a thorough evaluation of the Scriptures to discover the Truth.

“In a dream, a vision of the night, when sound sleep falls on men, while they slumber in their beds, Then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction, That He may turn man aside from his conduct, and keep man from pride; He keeps back his soul from the pit, and his life from passing over into Sheol (Job 33:15-18)

To the world and the unsaved, the dreams will reveal Christ as Savior. Even the unredeemed will begin to have dreams and open visions displaying their need for the Savior. Those with spiritual understanding

will be able to respond to these “unsaved ones” by interpreting their revelations, opening the door for evangelism. Spiritual hunger and awareness will be imparted to many that are lost , beginning a quest for the One able to satisfy their longing.

As Phillip was sent to the Ethiopian Eunuch as a witness of the Truth, so shall many be equipped to respond to the individuals with whom the Lord will grant this yearning. An emphasis will be placed on personal evangelism this year even though “large nets” will be cast in certain areas. “Fishermen” will be called, set apart and specially anointed for this purpose. They will not “fish” with a net but with a single rod in one-on-one evangelism.

So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. (Acts 8:27-31)

Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding will also be entrusted to reveal how to escape the things that are on the way. These revelations will provide insight, comprehension, and living understanding of the difficult times ahead. This divine instruction will aid in the preparation for those willing to heed His counsel.

The Sevenfold Spirit of God

And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; (Isa 11:2-3)

Isaiah 11:2 prophetically foretold the ministry of the promised Messiah. For the Church to do the work that He did, fulfilling John 14:12, this same manifestation of the Spirit must also rest upon her. It is no small responsibility for someone to be anointed with the Sevenfold Spirit of God. Much prayer and preparatory refining must usher the release of this powerful spiritual reality. Careful adherence to the leading of the Spirit must also follow in the administration of these mantles of the Spirit's attributes. For those who have been so prepared, the Seven Spirits of God will become a reality this year and the years to follow. The Church has seen very few willing to pay the price and endure the persecution to carry the Seven Spirits of God. Even so, this generation will produce "dread champions" anointed with the Sevenfold Spirit of God. An invitation is being extended to whosoever will.

The Seven Spirits of God work together in pairs. The spirit of wisdom and the spirit of understanding work in harmony with one another. The spirit of counsel and might work in unison as do the spirits of knowledge and reverential fear of God, all in harmony with the manifestation of the Spirit of the Lord. The "gifts" are manifestations of the Spirit operated by the will of

the Spirit when the need arises. The Seven Spirits of God are “mantles” placed upon the believer to operate in full measure. We do not possess the gifts, rather, the gifts are manifested according to need. All nine gifts of the Spirit can operate within a believer filled with the Holy Spirit. However, the Seven Spirits of God are measurably greater manifestations of the Spirit taking the mature and purified believer deep into the mysteries and power of God.

The emphasis for this year will be on the spirits of wisdom and understanding, although all seven will be in operation in given measures. For the release of the mantle of wisdom and understanding we must pray and ask for it to be released to us. Equipping and instruction will result, helping us to appropriately understand the Biblical offices and administration. We must earnestly desire these mantles and pray for the maturity and character to be worthy of them.

Ephesians 1:17 corresponds with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. The term for revelation and for understanding are synonymous with one another. The word of wisdom, word of knowledge and discerning of spirits work hand in hand with the spirit of wisdom and understanding.

The spirit of wisdom is the supernatural ability of God that comes upon our spirits to see Jesus as He is and receive a spiritual understanding and knowledge of the word of God that enables us to know what to do, when to do it and how to do it in every situation; thus, maximizing our usage of God given talents in order to affect His plans and purposes. It will also reveal the manifold and unsearchable wisdom and secrets of God and the things in heaven. It means a deeper intimacy

into the affairs of God; the cherished relationship with God that will enable us to know Him in all of His intimacy.

The Lord Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father and the Bride is to be seated with Him in heavenly places. Therefore, that places the Bride at the right hand of the Father with Him. In this place, the Lord can communicate in a moment of time insight that would take many hours and even months to unfold otherwise. If we will learn the art of waiting on God, we will discover the mysteries of the kingdom through these mantles.

The spirit of revelation is a comprehension of the things of God. Understanding is perceiving with the mind providing insight with perception. Wisdom and Understanding means the insight into the true nature of things with the ability to discern mode of action with a view to their results. The first is theoretical while the second is practical; the ability to not only know the things of God but also the application of them practically. Revelation is the comprehension imparted into our spirits from the Holy Spirit and transmitted into our minds. It is the voice of God speaking to our spirits and informing our minds of that which God is going to do; the unfolding of hidden secrets to us by the Holy spirit; the revealing of mysteries and insight into the future.

Daniel 1:17 and 5:11-12 conveys that Daniel was anointed with this same spirit and how it functioned in his life. As with Daniel, it will enable us to understand the meaning and the acts of God in the unveiling of Himself. Humility is a vital attribute in the operation of the spirit of wisdom and revelation. We must humble ourselves as a child in order to fruitfully bear these sacred spirits, even disclosing the secrets of

Christ's Divinity and the deep things of God. Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, (Rom 16:25)

The spirit of wisdom and revelation will enable us to understand the deep mysteries and purposes of God that are kept hidden. Paul continually revealed mysteries of the kingdom with this anointing and mantle of the Holy Spirit. He flowed in this anointing. When the spirit of wisdom is resting upon you, even while meditating upon the scriptures, suddenly deep truths are instantaneously imparted. It will even cross reference to other passages showing the application between various truths of scripture. When the spirit of wisdom is resting upon you, God will share things that will take place in nations, regions, cities etc.. He will even expose to you secrets and insights of an upcoming year.

This spirit provides knowledge of the Godhead and allows us to know God more affectionately, leading to intimate appreciation of God Himself; the inner beauty of the Lord is His grace and Glory. Likewise, we must adorn the inner man with meekness and humility. The inner beauty of God is His grace; the beauty of holiness. The spirit of wisdom and revelation will give us the comprehension of these aspects of God.

The Eye of God

Bob also saw the “Eye” of God illustrating to him the seven eyes of God. Bob was told the church will begin to see His Spirit direct them by the “eyes of God” through those anointed with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. “For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.” These will not judge by what their natural eyes see nor by what their natural ears hear. Rather, with righteousness He will judge the poor and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth by releasing the insight His eye provides and the understanding conveyed from His Heart.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. (Ps 32:8)

“For who has despised the day of small things? But these seven will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel— these are the eyes of the LORD which range to and fro throughout the earth.” (Zec 4:10)

Divine counsel and instruction will proceed from the very heart of God as He continues to prepare us for the notable events imminently ahead. More importantly, this Truth, when embraced, will allow us to walk more closely with Him, even as Enoch walked until finally we “are no more” and all that can be found is the Spirit of Christ living in us.

For this reason, ever since I heard about your trust in the Lord Jesus and you’re love for all Gods people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you. In my prayers I keep asking the God of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, the glorious Father, to give you a

spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you will have full knowledge of Him. I pray that he will give light to the eyes of your heart's, so that you will understand the hope to which He has called you, what rich glories there are in the inheritance He has promised His people, and how surpassingly great is His power working in us who trust Him. It works with the same mighty strength he used when he worked in the Messiah to raise him from the dead and seat Him at His right hand in heaven. (Eph 1:17-20)

Revelations 5:6 describes the Lord having seven horns depicting His COMPLETE power and seven eyes illustrating His COMPLETE knowledge. He is the fountain of all wisdom and the source of all knowledge.

The Five Natural Senses

These spiritual revelations will also be discerned through the five natural senses. The sense of taste, smell, sight, sound and touch will become increasingly sensitive to the realm of the Spirit providing additional illumination of the times and seasons ahead and the things that we ought to do in preparation for them. The sweet fragrance or incense of Christ will be discerned by many sensitive to this spiritual reality signifying the manifest presence of the Lord. The five natural senses will become sensitive to spiritual reality.

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. (2 Cor 2:14)

A significant portion of scripture is dedicated to revelations through dreams and visions. In this present generation spiritual revelations have also occurred in abundance; still, our understanding has been significantly limited. The Lord is now promising a ten fold increase in our level of insight and understanding concerning the revelations that will be coming from the very throne of God. The interpretations will begin to discern the Truth. Dreams and revelations will go before the "Sent Ones" preparing the "way of their coming". Spiritual preparation will be made by the Holy Spirit through supernatural revelations that will prepare the hearts of those He desires to receive His messengers and their message. The revelations will be a "Divine set-up" expressing the Lord's endorsement and anointing upon these ministers.

Peter was instructed concerning the Lord's strategy through a spiritual trance disclosing the Lord's "Divine set-up" involving the household of Cornelius. This insight gave Peter the absolute assurance of what he was to do and the faith to see it accomplished. Additionally, Peters limited perception of the scripture was clarified. Likewise, Cornelius and his household were prepared through a vision for the visit of Peter and the eternal message that he would bring.

Now {there was} a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the {Jewish} people and prayed to God continually. About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God who had {just} come in and said to him, "Cornelius!" And fixing his gaze on him and being much alarmed, he said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God. "Now dispatch {some} men to Joppa and send for a man {named} Simon, who is also called Peter; he is staying with a tanner {named} Simon, whose house is by the sea."

When the angel who was speaking to him had left, he summoned two of his servants and a devout soldier of those who were his personal attendants, and after he had explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa. On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. But he became hungry and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance; and he saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, and there were in it all

{kinds of} four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!" But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean." Again a voice {came} to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no {longer} consider unholy." This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky. Now while Peter was greatly perplexed in mind as to what the vision which he had seen might be, behold, the men who had been sent by Cornelius, having asked directions for Simon's house, appeared at the gate; and calling out, they were asking whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was staying there. While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. "But get up, go downstairs and accompany them without misgivings, for I have sent them Myself." (Acts 10:1-20)

The unbelieving and rebellious that have continually rejected the Lord will also experience dreams, but of a dark and sometimes horrifying nature. One dream after another will bombard those that repeatedly reject Christ and separate themselves from Him, thus driving them to the edge of insanity. It is going to be a dangerous time to be apart from God and isolated from His canopy of protection.

Insanity is defined as: a deranged state of the mind; a mental disorder; unsoundness of mind or lack of understanding; extreme folly or unreasonableness; something utterly foolish or unreasonable. To those that are perishing the gospel seems foolish and absurd because of this condition of the heart resulting from the continual rejection of the Truth.

This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one fate for all men. Furthermore, the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil, and insanity is in their hearts throughout their lives. Afterwards they {go} to the dead. (Eccl 9:3)

Except for the grace of God, all men would be lost in their insanity. Thankfully, the redeemed are delivered from this condition and find rest for their soul; the unredeemed will find none from the spirit of the world. There will be no rest for the wicked but abundant rest for the “beloved”. This will begin to exhibit the distinction between the truly saved and the world. The world will wear their insanity on their faces finding fear in every circumstance, while the peace of God will be explicitly visible upon the Church.

True repentance is approaching; remorse derived through divinely granted repentance of the secret and unknown sins of our soul as revealed to us through dreams and revelations; “with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,” (2 Tim 2:25)

The divine insights will not merely unveil the sins of our soul but also joined with the conviction necessary for true repentance. Divinely granted repentance can be defined as a spiritual view of error and regret for having embraced it, creating a willing admission of the truth. When the rich young ruler came to the Lord asking what he must do to be saved, he perceived that he was living in righteousness. However, the Lord probed deep within this young mans soul and pointed to the sin of greatest detriment to him. He embraced the sin of greed.

Thankfully, the Lord is promising to not only point out the issues of our soul but also release the conviction to respond with repentance for those willing to experience this refining work necessary for intimacy with Him.

Even as Pharaoh was given an intense dream that troubled his soul, so shall many in the world be given dreams of true revelation requiring the spiritual discernment of the church to provide the insight and understanding.

Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, but no one can interpret it; and I have heard it said about you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.” Joseph then answered Pharaoh, saying, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.” (Gen 41:15-16)

The secrets of the Lord are delegated to those who fear Him and can share them in Godliness and the wisdom necessary to accomplish Divine purposes. Like Joseph and Daniel, secret insight and understanding will be released allowing the proper interpretation and application of the revelations given to the “Pharaohs” of this generation. Joseph and Daniel were deliverers for their day and a light in the midst of great darkness. Likewise, many in this generation have been prepared for a similar purpose and will begin to see their destiny unfold this year through the leading and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His covenant. (Ps 25:14)

It has been written of Joseph that in him were “the elements of a noble character— piety, pure and high morality, simplicity, gentleness, fidelity, patience, perseverance, an iron will, and indomitable energy.” These are the attributes necessary to be

used by the Lord in this manner. The Lord is looking for character to anoint, and foremost among them, humility and faithfulness.

“There is a man in your kingdom in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father, illumination, insight and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father the king, appointed him chief of the magicians, conjurers, Chaldeans {and} diviners. “{This was} because an extraordinary spirit, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas and solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Let Daniel now be summoned and he will declare the interpretation.” (Dan. 5:11-12)

It is important to note that neither Joseph nor Daniel attempted to impart their “carnal” and presumptuous interpretation of the revelations. Rather, they each sought the Lord for His appropriation of the dream’s meaning. Man’s word will fail but the Lord’s word cannot fail. We must cease from attempting to apply formulas and human thinking in the understanding of spiritual realities. Spiritual revelations are spiritually discerned through prayer and applying the tools furnished through the Holy Spirit and the Word.

Highway I-55

This portion of the vision was also given to signify Isaiah 55 and the natural highway, Interstate 55 running through the heart of this country. There will be an awakening on I-55 characterized by the Lord's Divine favor. Geographically, I-55 extends from southern Louisiana to Chicago, Illinois. Along this highway divine favor will be released providing the insight and the understanding to build "The Highway to Heaven".

I-55 will have a "shaking" and a "visitation of favor". Even as this highway runs through the heart of our nation, so shall divine favor touch the heart of the people in concurrence with a great "shaking". An I-55 corridor will begin , providing the unveiling of the "Highway to Heaven" outlined through Isaiah 55.

1 "Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

2 "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance.

3 "Incline your ear and come to me. Listen, that you may live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, {according to} the faithful mercies shown to David.

4 "Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

5 "Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, and a nation which knows you not will run to you, because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you."

6 Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

9 "For {as} the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding {in the matter} for which I sent it.

12 "For you will go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, and all the trees of the field will clap {their} hands.

13 "Instead of the thorn bush the cypress will come up, and instead of the nettle the myrtle will come up, and it will be a memorial to the LORD, for an everlasting sign which will not be cut off." (Isaiah 55:1-13)

In 1991 the Lord also gave Isaiah 55 as an emphasis for that year's Shepherd's Rod revelation. It has now been an eight year cycle since then and the Holy Spirit seems to be re-emphasizing a new beginning on the construction of a Highway to Heaven. To build this Highway man must reject his own thoughts and ways to embrace the Lord's. The Church has attempted every method known to man to reach the world with "this gospel" referred to in the great commission. It is now time to yield our thoughts, ways, methods and formulas and do it the Lord's way.

One of the most important issues with the Lord this year is discernment. It is imperative we cultivate the spiritual understanding of God's "ways" enabling us to discern the His voice in the various issues of life. We must also be able to discern justice and righteousness in our relationships with our

fellow man, especially as peacemakers in resolving disputes and conflicts among others.

Our admonition is to seek the Lord from a heart of repentance and meekness while He may be found that we may obtain mercy. It is at this place that we will receive the impartation of wisdom to understand His thoughts and ways. His ways are Heavenly, not earthly, and the "Highway to Heaven" is His Higher Way of Holiness.

The Church has been guilty of spending money for that which is not "bread" and wages for that which does not satisfy. We must now incline our ear to the Lord and listen carefully that we may enter into the covenant yielding the faithful mercies shown to David. We can afford to waste our spiritual "currency" no longer.

A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it {will} be for him who walks {that} way, and fools will not wander {on it.} No lion will be there, nor will any vicious beast go up on it; these will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk {there} And the ransomed of the LORD will return and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (Isa 35:8-10)

The term "Highway" is derived from the language used by the prophet signifying the return of the Jews from captivity. The idea is there would be easy and uninterrupted access to their own land. According to scholars, "Highway" refers more particularly to a RAISED way and would be expressed by our word "causeway" or "turnpike." It was such a way as was usually made for the march of armies by removing

obstructions, filling valleys, and removing hills and other obstructions. It is used to portray the way of access to the blessings of the Messiah's reign allowing the unimpeded flow of the Spirit to the Church. No impure person is to travel this route, mandating access to it through Holiness. This is the High calling of God to which the idolater is not allowed nor shall anyone be admitted, save the pure worshiper of God. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)

The Foundation Stones

In this vision, Bob saw an ancient foundation that had been covered with sand and debris. He began to remove the rubble as an archeologist would an ancient landmark concealed over time. As the foundation became apparent, all manner of precious stones could be seen built into this foundation. Emeralds, rubies, diamonds and other precious stones could be distinguished, brilliantly displayed in this ancient structure. Even the beautiful glistening stones provided by David for the construction of the temple remained in place as built by Solomon. The tabernacle of God is built upon all manner of precious stones. The Lord's foundation stones are about to be rediscovered.

The Lord's Divine nature and Holy Character is the only foundation upon which lasting ministry can be built. Each of these stones represent aspects of the Lord's nature and character upon which His Tabernacle must be assembled. Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of {the} divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. (2 Pet 1:3-4)

Every provision for Life and Godliness is ours, provided we are willing to pay the price through the Spirits refining work to share in His divine nature and escape the corruption that is in this world according to it's lusts. This provision is not merely

necessary to allow powerful ministry, more importantly, it is necessary to walk closely with the Lord to see Him with an unveiled face being transformed into His very image. Without the foundation of Holiness, we will not be able to enter the intimate chambers reserved for the bride.

This is the foundation spoken of in Matthew 7:21-27. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.' "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and {yet} it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock. "And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell,

It is the revelation of Jesus Christ and His divine nature and radiant character that is the rock upon which His everlasting Church must be grounded. Any other foundation is sinking sand. Many powerful ministries and anointed leaders have fallen in times past because they did not build upon this foundation. Being anointed with powerful gifts and knowing the Lord intimately are two separate and distinct issues. There is the possibility of great deception if this differentiation is not

clearly recognized. Many can have powerful ministry gifts attracting large audiences and yet never even know the Lord intimately nor His thoughts and ways. In fact, Matthew 7:21-23 tells us that many can have tremendous success in ministry and not even know the Lord.

Conversely, there can be others who rarely if ever publicly minister, who nevertheless walk so intimately with the Lord they even know his “heartbeat” and most intimate secrets. We need and must function in both to become the Bride of Christ and the victorious army prophesied in scripture. To walk closely with Him and go deep into the things of God should be our greatest desire, even more so than the gifts of the Spirit, as wonderful as they may be. As splendid as His anointing for ministry is, it is no substitute for intimacy with Him nor can we allow ministry to interfere with our relentless pursuit to KNOW HIM as fully as He may be known.

“Now with all my ability I have provided for the house of my God the gold for the {things of} gold, and the silver for the {things of} silver, and the bronze for the {things of} bronze, the iron for the {things of} iron, and wood for the {things of} wood, onyx stones and inlaid {stones,} stones of antimony, and stones of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones, and alabaster in abundance. (1 Chr 29:2)

As David supplied Solomon with the precious glistening stones, so have our spiritual fathers provided valuable “jewels” they discovered through their insights to God that are to be used in the foundation for the end time generation. However, we do not live on the foundation but build upon it. The prior generations have provided us with priceless insights into the “ways” of God that will form a solid foundation in the scriptures

used by this generation to construct a Tabernacle suitable for His Glory.

In Bob's vision he noticed a variety of precious stones. However, the diamond was the one stone that seemed predominant and in abundance. A Diamond has withstood great pressure in its formation. Likewise, many have been going through great pressure and will emerge as a diamond, precious to the Lord and immensely valuable in kingdom purposes. The Light of God will shine upon these "diamonds" reflecting the seven Spirits of God even as the sun will strike a diamond displaying the seven colors of the spectrum.

The Two Pylons

At 6:39 the Lord revealed two pylons driven in the ground connected by a wire. Between these two pylons sat a throne. Uniquely, growing across the wire connecting the two pylons and above the throne grew sweet peas.

Everything in the coming year will be done in one, two's and four's. One is represented by the throne. Two is representative of the two witnesses and four is the symbolic number for the Holy Spirit. At the time of our Lord's crucifixion there was one witness on His left and another to His right. One accepted the invitation of Life and the other rejected it. One was a witness to His everlasting mercy and the other discovered eternal separation from God.

This image Bob saw could likewise be expressed as "1 0 1" with the "0" representing eternity. The symbol "101" is also a university expression for elementary level academics. Although many in the church are in the "school of Higher learning", we remain on an elementary level before moving on the weightier subjects that will bring one to the greatest growth and maturity. The elementary teachings must not only be embraced but embodied in our lives.

The pylons representative in these visions further signify a promise of the Spirit to impart the Divine nature and Holy character of Christ necessary to be in the world yet not a part of the world. The "pylons" will provide a tower of strength and help in time of need by lifting us above the cares and affections of this world. It is the first step in the separation of the bride from the world as we are admonished in II Corinthians 6:17,

"Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; and I will welcome you.

The sweet peas growing across the cable connected to the pylons are further indicative of the Lord's timing for the introductory release of His Spirit in regard to this segment of the vision. In the south, sweet peas are planted during mid to late January with an anticipated harvest in late April and early May. The timing associated with this sowing and reaping correlates to the release of the Spirit and a harvest of spiritual fruit in the coming year.

Our lives are going to be transformed and altered by divine attributes symbolically portrayed by the sweet peas. This could be expressed as "Sweet P's". "Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest, so is my beloved among the young men. In his shade I took great delight and sat down, and his fruit was sweet to my taste." The Lord's fruit is sweet to the spiritual appetite of the Bride. This year there will be a special priority on His Qualities beginning with the letter "P": Peace, Patience, Perseverence, Preparation, Provision, Power, Peacemakers, Passover, Pity, Praise, Pruning, Purification, and Psalms to name but a few.

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (II Corinthians 7:1) The nine fruit of the Spirit are like pylons lifting the Christian above the defilement of flesh and spirit conferred through the spirit of the world. In the vision, two pylons were used to support a wire that contained sweet peas growing from one pylon to the next. The "pylons" were representative of the fruit of the spirit

or the divine nature of Christ that separates the Christian from the unbelieving world. Each fruit of the Spirit provides a base of support that allows growth to take place in the Spirit and in the things of God.

A pylon is defined as a massive gateway; a tower that supports a long span of wire; a post or tower marking a prescribed course of flight for an airplane; a monumental mass flanking an entranceway or an approach to a bridge; any of various tower-like structures.

The Lord is providing, through the nine fruit of the Spirit “pylons” of support to provide a “bridge over troubled waters”. We must be separated from all defilement of flesh and spirit in order to engage in the highest purposes of heaven.

Rain is coming to the saved and unsaved alike as described in the books of Matthew and Hebrews: “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on {the} evil and {the} good, and sends rain on {the} righteous and {the} unrighteous. (Matt 5:44-45)

For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned. (Heb 6:7-8)

The sweet pea is figuratively portraying a “sweetness” that is coming to the earth. It will be as a rain that will fall on the just and the unjust alike. As conveyed on the day of His crucifixion with the two thieves, one will embrace the sweetness of the Holy Spirit and another will mock it. The sweetness is coming nonetheless.

For those willing to accept it, the Holy Spirit is going to be providing “pylons” of cleansing that will be a gateway to the heavenly. Rain is often associated in scripture with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and teaching of the Word necessary to function in Kingdom purposes. The gentle “rain” will also display the Lord’s sweetness and tenderness toward the unredeemed. It will be an outpouring of His grace to the lost providing opportunity for all to accept or reject the reality of the cross, even as He gave the two thieves the same opportunity on the day of His crucifixion.

The Lord is desiring a consistent and perpetual relationship with man. One thief represented those who will know Him in the sweetness of His grace and the other represents those who enter outer darkness and eternal separation from God. In either case death ensues. By embracing the fruit of the Spirit, eminent death to self and the deeds of the flesh occurs. For those embracing the spirit of the world, it will be death to the working of the Spirit in their lives, separation from God and lost opportunity for relationship with Him.

The “pylons” will furnish the source of strength necessary to enter the gateway to heaven and perpetual relationship with the Lord by the Holy Spirit. The Lord has set before us both life and death. We are admonished to choose life and accept the provision that will cleanse us of all defilement of flesh and spirit in order to gain passage to the highway toward heaven. The Lord’s stipulations and requirements for intimacy with Him are clearly defined in the scriptures. We must share in the holiness of His Spirit and display the fruit of the Spirit to enter this most sacred of all relationships.

What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; {so} you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; {so} you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend {it} on your pleasures. You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"? But He gives a greater grace. Therefore {it} says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (James 4:1-8)

Friendship with the world is hostility toward God. It is a mockery of the Cross to affectionately desire the deeds of the flesh while shunning the fruit of the Spirit.

Sweet and Sour

This is going to be a year of the “sweet and sour”. For many, this year will produce “brokenness or bitterness”; “peace or trouble” based upon the decisions that we make. Isaiah 55 is a description of God’s way that we are admonished to follow. Even for the righteous there will be difficult circumstances to be confronted. For the righteous it will be a bitter circumstance intended to make them better; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise. It will seemingly be a sour experience whose fruit will become sweet. Our responses will be dictated by the well we choose to draw from; we can draw from the well of the Spirit or from our carnal nature, thus establishing the fruit of our circumstances.

Fruit of the Spirit / The Carnal Nature

Love Lust

Joy Grief/Sorrow

Peace Strife

Longsuffering Impatience

Kindness Cruelty

Goodness Evil

Faithfulness Unfaithfulness/Deceitful

Gentleness Rash/Rage

Self-Control Anger

Releasing Spiritual Discernment

One of the most notable promises given this year is the release of spiritual discernment on a greatly heightened scale.

Universally, the church has been dreadfully lacking in spiritual discernment. Not only is spiritual sensitivity needed in rightly dividing the Word but also in discerning one another within the body and the revelations given to us by the Holy Spirit. The Lord is going to release the spiritual provision allowing us to rightly discern the Body. Words of knowledge will be released pinpointing our needs in the spirit, soul, and body of individual believers, and in the corporate church.

He who keeps a {royal} command experiences no trouble, for a wise heart knows the proper time and procedure. (Eccl 8:5)

But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. (Heb 5:14)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15)

Spiritual discernment and a good foundation in Truth must be functioning to protect us from the great deception's that will be prevailing in this generation. The Scripture foretells there will be those casting out demons, healing the sick and raising the dead that do not even know the Lord whose end is outer darkness. Sensitive discernment must be released to rightly discern the body. We are not admonished by Scripture to judge works, but fruit. John the Baptist came to his generation with one of the most important messages ever delivered to mankind, still very few possessed the spiritual discernment to

recognize the divine deposit in him nor the eternal message he delivered.

The Lord is promising to release the impartation of greater discernment for those willing to embrace and cultivate it through prayer and meditation of the Word. The initial impartation will be a welcomed increase, but for those willing to apply themselves in such a manner, growth and maturity will result in far greater sensitivity.

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; (Phil 1:9-10)

Get Past the Past

We must get past the past. One of the greatest obstacles inhibiting spiritual growth is constant re-enactment of past failures. Grace is now going to be released to cleanse our conscience of the guilt from the past so that we can live beyond our failures and imperfections through the provision of His perfection.

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. (Phil 3: 13-15)

Ministers will discover a special grace this year in the preaching of this message along with the anointing necessary to free the people from the tyranny of the past. Old wounds, curses and failures that have shackled many within the Church can be dealt with, providing freedom in the Spirit for those willing to receive this ministry. Expressing sincere forgiveness from the heart will be an essential aspect of moving beyond the past and forward to the High Calling of God.

“Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy on you?’ “And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. “So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if

each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.”
(Matt 18:33-35)

Direction of the North

In the vision, Bob was told that the major direction for this year will be North. He comes from the north as golden splendor; with God is awesome majesty. (Job 37:22)

Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion {in} the far north, the city of the great King.(Ps 48:2)

For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. (Ps 75:6)

In this portion of the vision, Bob saw himself pushing a wheelbarrow due North extracting from it issues of the past as he proceeded. This symbolically portrayed our journey to the throne of God. The load was made much lighter and more easily accessed when we unloaded the cumbersome issues of the past. Periodically, some will be allowed to share past experiences as a testimonial to reveal to the lost the victory that others have obtained in Christ. Only in these circumstances will it be healthy and beneficial to revisit the past. A special grace will be allotted in these circumstances allowing an effective testimony to touch the hearts of a dying world.

Our destination is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King. As we set our course for that destination remember, the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. If we desire to reach our goal in the shortest possible time, we must do so without deviating to the right nor to the left. The spirit of the world will continually set obstacles that will lead only to cul-de-sacs, detours and dead-ends. Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let

us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb 12:1-2)

The Color for This Year Is Black (Deep Darkness)

Uniquely, the color emphasized in this year's revelations was black. Like many of the issues addressed in this year's Shepherd's Rod, black has dual applications in Scripture. On the one hand, it can be an emblem of sin, evil and death. Conversely, black (thick darkness) can express the awesomeness of Divine visitation as described in Ps 18: He bowed the heavens also, and came down with thick darkness under His feet. And He rode upon a cherub and flew; and He sped upon the wings of the wind. He made darkness His hiding place, His canopy around Him, darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies. From the brightness before Him passed His thick clouds, hailstones and coals of fire. The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice, hailstones and coals of fire. And He sent out His arrows, and scattered them, and lightning flashes in abundance, and routed them. Then the channels of water appeared, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at Thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of Thy nostrils. (Ps 18:9-15)

The idea here expressed is that of awful majesty and power, as we are nowhere more forcibly stricken with the idea of majesty and power than in the fury of a great storm. This is a description of the majesty of God, derived probably from the manner in which He manifested Himself at Mount Sinai. Our Lord is a Loving and Compassionate God, but He is also Awesome and Powerful beyond description deserving our deepest reverence and piety. Understanding Him in this way will develop the Fear of the Lord that is so desperately needing to invade the hearts and minds of Christians. It will also be

displayed to the obstinate and unbelieving world as judgement and Divine retribution.

“O afflicted one, storm-tossed, {and} not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and your foundations I will lay in sapphires. (Isa 54:11) Antimony is a black mineral that was ground into powder during ancient days and used for a variety of purposes. When mixed with water, this powder could be used for such things as mascara and other cosmetic purposes. However, when mixed with resin the powder was used as a seal to set stones in jewelry or used as a mortar to set foundation stones within a building. The stones of rebuilt Jerusalem, were beautifully laid in their black mortar presumably derived from this mineral. Prophetically, it speaks of Christians, as living stones, being sealed into their rightful place in the tabernacle of God. Some will be sealed for service this year and anointed to fulfil their calling and purpose.

Two days following the Day of Atonement, the Lord gave Bob a subsequent vision that provides additional insight into this portion of the revelations. In the vision, Bob saw the Lord forming a football team.. The team was divided into an offense and a defense. The captain of the offense was a well-known white leader of the church while the captain of the defense was a well known black leader within the church. Although both are powerfully anointed leaders of their team, neither could win the game without the other. The offense clearly was unable to be victorious without the support of the defense and likewise the defense without the offense. Bob then saw two prophets alternating duties at quarterback. However, the quarterbacks rarely ran with the ball, choosing instead to hand it to others more capable of carrying the ball for additional

yardage. The quarterback would sometimes throw the ball down field to a receiver for even more yardage.

This vision emphasizes that our ultimate objectives will not be accomplished until we unite, crossing all barriers and functioning as one unit in order to defeat our enemies. The prophets will receive strategy and insight they will "hand off" to others able to take the revelations and expound upon them in great measure moving the team forward to the "goal" line. Oftentimes, they will even throw the revelation down field, foreseeing future strategies that will defeat the enemy. Presently, the church is in more of a "defensive" posture, relying heavily upon the defense to keep us in the game while the offense continues intense preparation until it's appointed time. That is not to say that we have not been able to "move the ball forward offensively" achieving some victories. Instead, we have been more reliant upon the defense of "faith" and "praise" of which our black brother was the leader.

This year, we will continue to see a special grace to unite the black and white ministries. Most assuredly, we must realize that we cannot accomplish our goal without one another working in unity and harmony.

Psalms 100

The principles outlined in this year's Shepherd's Rod predominately address being established in His righteousness and the price paid to walk closely with the Lord in affectionate companionship. This psalm is designed to describe the blessedness, or the happiness of the righteous man living in such a privileged place. This is done "literally and figuratively, positively and negatively, directly and by contrast", with respect both to his character and his condition while living on the earth and the eternal destiny in Heaven. Decisions made on this earth will influence not only our life here but also our place in Heaven. Therefore, we serve Him with gladness and come before Him with joyful singing, fellowship and service to God as the source of the highest joy that man could attain.

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