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"THE REBIRTH OF JUDAH" AND "THE CHURCH GLORIOUS"

A PROPHETIC TEACHING

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FORWARD

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There is much being said about world events and the Second Coming of Christ for His Church. However, all too little is being said, or written, about that which must *first* be fulfilled, in order to legally produce the two sides of the prophetic fulfillment that will be the prelude to our Lord's appearing.

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy. For I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." $\scriptstyle\rm II$ Corinthians $\scriptstyle\rm 11:2-3$

Please read this text prayerfully. We will lay out scripture after scripture for you; and our hope is that they will begin to come alive as you continue reading. Many of these scripture verses you may have heard throughout your Christian walk. It is our prayer that your hearts and eyes will be opened and enlarged to see what great plan God has for you, and His chosen seed of Abraham. It is our hope that the "end of the age" secrets revealed here will stir you in mind and spirit to <u>stand in the holy place</u>, for the time is near—even at the door.

INTRODUCTION

Do I know what I am talking about?

By Henry Gruver

Please, don't think I am boasting. I held this understanding of the <u>"Rebirth of Judah and The Church Glorious"</u> for seventeen years. I searched the scriptures. I traveled to thirty-six foreign countries, searching out these scriptures. I traveled all over the Middle East searching out these things and watching each event unfold. I traveled to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland—walked into the General Assembly. I've been all over the earth, searching these things out—watching how it is going to unfold.

And then one day—about nine years ago—the Lord spoke to me, "Before you leave today on your flight to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, tell your wife that a man, who owns a television station, is going to call. He is going to invite you to be a guest speaker. He is not going to control what you are to speak on, or how long you speak. Tell your wife to tell him, 'Yes!'"

Throughout the years I have really limited how much time I was on television. I tried to control it. I've been invited on TBN several times; and I only accept the local stations' interview slots. I've turned Paul Crouch down. Why? Because the Lord tells me, "No! It will divert you from that which I have called you to do." I don't ask questions when He tells me that. He is all-wise. It's nothing against the TV networks. If God has my reins, He is guiding me where He wants me; and I want to be where He wants me. I don't want to blow things out of time.

So, I told my wife this, and I took a little "puddle jumper" up to Oshkosh. I got in about 10 o'clock that night. The next morning around 10 o'clock, while I was still in the place where I was lodging, I received a phone message from the local pastor, telling me that my wife called and wanted me to call home immediately.

I called and she said, "Honey, your phone call just came in."

I said, "Which one?" (I get a lot of calls.)

"The TV Station", she replied.

I was surprised—it was the very next morning, and he called me! Guess what the call letters are for that TV station? "WTJR—Work Til Jesus Returns". "Oh!" I said, "Lord, You are so organized!" That was the station the Lord picked for me to first give this message publicly. He wanted it recorded with TV quality tapes and equipment, and broadcasted right out of the heart of

this nation—in Quincy, Illinois. It's a powerful Christian station; and it broadcasts into five other states around Illinois.

I was delighted. I had held this teaching and understanding in me for seventeen years; and now I could share it with the Body of Christ. Until then, I had told no one—not even my wife—no one else knew what was in me. I saw events beginning to unfold, and things beginning to break loose.

I kept saying, "Lord, it's got to be now! We have to warn the Church! When the Yom Kippur War happened, "Lord, we have to warn the Church!" (You know, we try to tell Him His business.) He would just say, "Not yet. Just relax; just relax; it's okay."

This Biblical prophecy that I call "The Rebirth of Judah, and The Church Glorious", is what He shared with me; and what Judith and I want to share with you.

THE REBIRTH OF JUDAH AND THE CHURCH GLORIOUS

Part One
By Henry Gruver
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THE COVENANT

Some of the following was transcribed and edited from Henry Gruver's speech at "Lord Hill Church"; Owego, NY on August 25, 2005

All scriptures are King James Version (unless otherwise noted), with modern punctuation, paragraphing, and capitalization of pronouns referring to the Godhead. All emphases (bold, italic, underlines and most exclamation points) have been added. [Judith]

God made a covenant with Abram/Abraham in Genesis 17:1-8; & 26:3-5, as follows:

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, "I am the Almighty God. Walk before Me, and be thou perfect. And I will make My covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly."

And Abram fell on his face; and God talked with Him, saying, "As for Me, Behold, **My covenant is with thee**, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham—for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

And I will establish My covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou are a stranger—all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession—and I will be their God."

Genesis 26:1-3

"And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech, king of the Philistines unto Gerar. And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, 'Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father."

We have begun with the understanding of God's covenant with Abraham's seed, and can now proceed to the next area that is rapidly coming into view in our day. There are two arenas God is dealing with here. It is **first** played out in the **natural arena** through our father, Abraham and the tribe of Judah; and **secondly** in the **spiritual arena** through The Church. Why then, do we as Christians say that we have Abraham as our father, and not Moses, or some other Old Testament person? Paul gives us that answer in **Galatians**

3:29—"And if ye be Christ's, then are you Abraham's <u>seed</u>, and <u>heirs</u> according to the promise.

By this we now see *our* position in Christ, but what about Ishmael and Isaac, the first two sons of Abraham in the natural? We will first look at Sarai's handmaiden, Hagar who has fled from her mistress. She is pregnant by Abram, with Sarai's consent.

Genesis 16:10-12

And the angel of the LORD said unto her, "Hagar, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude."

And the angel of the LORD said unto her, "Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name <u>Ishmael</u>; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

In Genesis 17:20-21, Ishmael's position is clarified further. God has come to tell Abram and Sarai about the child of promise and heir that they will conceive. He changed their names to Abraham and Sarah and explained His covenant with them:

Genesis 17:20-21

And as for <u>Ishmael</u>, I have heard thee. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. Twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. **But** My covenant will I establish with <u>Isaac</u>, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year."

THE COVENANT IS ESTABLISHED! AND THE GREATEST CONTROVERSY OF HISTORY BEGINS!

Three women bore Abraham's seed: Hagar, who bore Ishmael; Sarah, who bore Isaac; and Keturah, who bore six sons by Abraham: Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah. Three women. Eight sons. Each woman could declare her children to be the seed of Abraham; so we can see why the Middle East is so strong against Israel, by <u>Abraham, Isaac</u>, and Jacob/Israel—the chosen seed.

God has an awesome plan for His <u>chosen</u> ones; and we want to share with you a prophecy that is yet to be fulfilled; and must be fulfilled. It was spoken by Jacob to his twelve sons just before the end of his days on earth.

Genesis, Chapter 49:1-2
And Jacob called unto his sons, and said,
"Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you
that which shall befall you in the last days.
Gather yourselves together,
and hear, ye sons of Jacob;
and hearken unto Israel your father.

That's an interesting statement, isn't it? We don't find that kind of a statement very often. In the book of Acts, Chapter 2, verses 16-17, we find Peter quoting Joel 2:28: "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel, 'And it shall come to pass <u>in the last days</u>', saith God, 'I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh...'" And we find God saying it in Daniel 12:4(a): "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end."

We have these very rare expressions, from Genesis all the way through the Bible, regarding the "last days". What is Jacob going to tell his sons when he says, "that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days?" "Gather yourselves together, and hear, you sons of Jacob, and hearken unto Israel, your father." Then he goes down the line, and he starts speaking to each of the sons. In verse eight he begins to tell Judah what shall befall his lineage in the last days. Listen, how he talks to Judah in:

Genesis 49:8-12

(v.8-a) Judah, Thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise.

Praise is inherent in his name—Judah: it is the tribe that is "celebrated"; it is the tribe of worship and praise. This prophecy puts Judah in the primary position of praise, thanksgiving, and worship among his "brethren"—the remaining tribes.

(v.8-b) Thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies.

Whew! That's pretty serious isn't it? Your hand will be in the neck of your enemies! You will be victorious in battle! We learn in the later scriptures how it was Judah that God primarily called to "go out first" to battle. It became the tribe of the largest population—in its people and in its warriors—those who put their hand to the sword.

(v.8-c) Thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

"Thy father's children—that means his brother's, doesn't it? That means Judah was to be the tribe of pre-eminence and leadership. We will see how even Benjamin, Judah's "little brother", had to bow the knee to Judah.

(v.9-a) Judah is a lion's whelp.

This prophecy associates the lion (or the word can mean "lioness) with the tribe of Judah. As Jacob is prophesying, the tribe is just a whelp—a cub; but there is so much to inherit as that cub "goes/grows up" in knowledge, ability, power, strength, authority and position. After Saul, all the kings will come forth from Judah; and the most important One will be called, "The Lion of Judah"—Messiah, King of kings and Lord of lords!

(v.9-b) From the prey, my son, thou art gone up. With the prey, my son, you have gone up the tree. (Alternate reading by Judith)

In comparing other translations and the Hebrew meaning of "from", "gone up", and "son" in Strong's Concordance, we find some very interesting reading. The word, "son" here is Strong's #1121: "ben"—a son (as a builder of the family name). Now, in the prophecy, Judah is no longer a cub; he is growing up. The words, "gone up", can signify "growing up". It could also be part of a word picture of a lion (which, by the way, carries its young and its prey from the nape of the neck) carrying its prey up into a tree or a safe place where no one can take it from him. In that sense, the word, "from", could also be translated as "with", in other words, "with the prey". In other words, "With the prey, my son, you have gone up the tree (or, up the mountain) to a place of safety."

(v.9-c) <u>He stooped down; he couched as a lion</u>. <u>As an old lion who shall rouse him up?</u>

The figure of the lion is now come full circle, from the cub, to the teenager, to the fully maturing, and now, "the old lion". So, now in his old age, it appears that "Judah" is harmless. Judah is no longer in charge. There is no king visible. The government swings from one way to the next, in politics and rulership. We are not saying, "Thus saith the Lord;" but Ariel Sharon has been referred to as "The Old Lion", for quite a while. We will be bringing up his name and exploits as this prophecy develops. But right now (May 22, 2006), "The Old Lion" is in a coma...no one can rouse him up.

(vv.10,11,12) The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh, (or Messiah), come; and unto Him, shall the gathering (or, the obedience) of the people be. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; He washed His garments in wine, and His clothes in the blood of grapes. His eyes shall be red with wine and his teeth white with milk.

Oh, the wonder and the grace of it all! Messiah, King of Israel, the Prince of Peace, The Redeemer-Kinsman, and Jesus—the Christ comes from Judah! The people will gather, or, come unto obedience, to Him. Judah's final king will rule and reign in righteousness—not only unto Judah and Israel; but also unto The Church Glorious.

GRACE AND THE COVENANT OF GOD

This is by Judith, Henry's wife

Zechariah 4:6-7

...This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit", saith the LORD of hosts. "Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain; and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying:

'Grace! Grace!' unto it."

A while back I did a study on Psalm 103:4: "(the LORD) Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies."

I did this study, using Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, of those four words that are in bold print. It turns out that they are highly relevant to this Biblical prophetic word, of "Judah's Rebirth and the Church Glorious", by my husband, Henry.

The first word, **redeemeth**, is Hebrew Strong's #1350. It is a primary root word and means to redeem (according to the Oriental law of kinship), in

other words, to be the next of kin (and, as such, to buy back a relative's property, marry his widow and raise up seed in her husband's name, etc.). The main idea of this word is that of "buying back" something.

The second word is **destruction**, Strong's #7845. This Hebrew word means <u>a pit</u>, (especially as a trap). Figuratively, it means <u>destruction</u>. It comes from a primary root word meaning, <u>to sink</u>, literally and figuratively. This word is translated into English as: <u>bow down</u>, <u>incline</u>, and <u>humble</u>.

The third and fourth words are the phrase: **tender mercies**. This phrase is Strong's #7356 and it means $\underline{\text{compassion}}$ when it is in the plural form. By extension it means $\underline{\text{the womb}}$, (as *cherishing* the fetus); and it implies a maiden.

By now, some of you might be saying, "Girl, <u>where</u> are you going?" Please bear with me. In the meanings of these words there are golden nuggets that show us the heart of God, and the strength of God, in covenant.

Covenant is <u>everything</u> to God. He always says what He means, and means what He says. So, it helps to have a clear understanding of the words that He uses. Not only does God the Father covenant to redeem, or, buy back our lives; but this scripture is directly related to the House of Judah, and the maiden, or virgin, Bride, who is destined to be "The Glorious Church" without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing.

In the Law of Oriental Kinship, it was mandated amongst Abraham's seed that if a son married and died, leaving a childless widow, it was the responsibility of the next of kin to marry the widow and raise up children for the deceased husband. Those sons would carry on the family name and inheritance rights of their dead father. Many brothers (who would have been the nearest kin) did not want to become a "kinsman redeemer" because it would cut into their own children's inheritance and birth right. [Editor: This information is found in Deuteronomy 25:5-10, Genesis 38:9, and Ruth 4:1-8.]

However, the line of Judah found itself in need of "redemption". In Genesis, Chapter Thirty-eight, verses 1-7, we find the story of Judah and Tamar. Remember, the tribe of Judah is just starting. Father Jacob was still alive and had not given the family prophecy. In this chapter Judah takes a Canaanite wife named Shuah. She bore him three sons: Er, Onan, and Shelah. When it was time, Judah found a wife for his first born, Er. Her name was Tamar; but Er "was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD killed him".

So Judah, according to the Law of Kinship, said to his second son, Onan, "Go into thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother." (verse 8)

However, Onan "knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother." (v.9) The next verse tells us exactly what God thought of that! "And the thing which he did displeased the LORD; wherefore He slew him also!" (v.10--exclamation point mine).

Remember, the word, 'tender mercies', means <u>compassion</u>; and by extension it means the <u>womb</u>, <u>as cherishing</u> the fetus. That gives real light on the importance of babies coming forth in the line of Judah. God, the Father, cherishes the fetus in the womb! That is a real "selah" thought—Stop and think about it! God the Father cherishes the fetus in the womb!

In our Father's eyes, the seed is much more than just "a possibility"; and, the fetus is much more than just "tissue". At this point it is vital that Judah produce an heir; for it was from Judah that the line of royalty (or, the lawgiver) would come. And it was through the lineage of Judah that "Shiloh", (or, Messiah) would come. It was the most important covenant tribe; and it was in danger of extinction before it even got started. There was only Shuah left of Judah's sons; and he was too young to marry Tamar and sire a child in his brother's name.

Judah tells Tamar to wait for Shuah to grow up so that he can fulfill the Law of Kinship. But...time came and went; Shuah was grown, and Tamar was not being given to him for a wife. Judah seemed to have forgotten Tamar. He seemed to have forgotten his promise; and he seemed to have completely forgotten the importance of his duty to provide lineage through Tamar and a nearest kinsman.

However... Tamar <u>did</u> understand the covenant; and she <u>didn't</u> forget Judah, his promise or, his duty.

She also **understood** <u>and</u> **believed** the promise that Shiloh, or Messiah, would come through a woman in the Tribe of Judah. She wanted her chance, and she was not about to take, "No!" for an answer. **God absolutely loves that kind of response to His covenants!**

She ended up dressing like a harlot and waiting on the roadside, for Judah to come by. He didn't recognize her as his daughter-in-law and took her to himself as a harlot. She made him give her a pledge of his signet, bracelets, and staff. Then she returned to her place in Judah's house. When her pregnancy became known, they would have stoned her; but she showed Judah the pledge.

His response was admirable, considering he had been so nonchalant about fulfilling the Law of Kinship. This is his reply about what she had done, (v.26) And Judah acknowledged them (the pledge items), and said, "She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son." And he knew her again no more.

God, the Father, honored her actions; and she had twins—Pharez and Zarah. He also saw to it that she was put, by name, in the genealogy of Jesus Christ, as it is given in Matthew, Chapter One. She is specifically listed in verse three. Only five women in forty-two generations are listed in this genealogy. They are: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth the Moabitess, "She who had been the wife of Uriah", or, Bathsheba, and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Rahab was the "harlot of Jericho", who took in the spies from Israel. She also embraced their God. She had heard the report of this people traveling through the wilderness and how their God had moved mightily for them. She provided a way of escape for the spies and in turn asked for safety for her and her family when the children of Israel came to militarily take Jericho. She married Salmon, from the tribe of Judah, and they produced Boaz, who would become Ruth's kinsman-redeemer. Rahab's faith earned her a prime spot in the genealogy of Jesus. She is listed in Matthew 1:5.

Ruth, the Moabitess married into the faith when her mother-in-law, Naomi, and her husband and two sons went into the land of Moab during a long famine in the land of promise. When all the men died, and the famine was over, Ruth, her sister, Orpah, and Naomi decided to go back to the land of promise. Ruth's sister also wanted to go with them; but it didn't take much persuasion from Naomi to convince her to stay in Moab, where her chances of getting a husband were better.

When the children of Israel were going through the wilderness, the Ammonites and Moabites refused to let them buy food or water and take a shortcut through their land. They also hired Balaam to curse the children of Israel. God didn't think much good of that and made the decree in:

Deuteronomy 23:3-6

that, "An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD, even to their tenth generation, shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD forever; because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt. And because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee. Nevertheless the LORD THY God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD THY God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD THY God loved thee. Thou shalt not seek their peace nor prosperity all thy days forever."

II Peter 2:4-9

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah, the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly; and delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds).

The Lord knoweth how to deliver **the godly** out of temptations (or trials), and to reserve **the unjust** unto the Day of Judgment to be punished.

Ruth's forefather was Lot, through his daughters who thought they were the last people on earth after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot believed in the covenant promises of Abraham, his uncle. He refused to be left behind when Abram left the land of Uz and went, by the direction of the Lord, to a land unknown to inherit the land and the covenant promises of God. Abram had been instructed to leave his family; but Lot wouldn't take, "No!" for an answer. Repeatedly the story inserts, "And Lot followed." "And Lot followed." "And Lot followed." He was like a little puppy that would not be left behind. The Father saw Ruth had the same faith as her forefather, Lot, and his daughters—even when Naomi urged her to stay in the land of Moab where she could still get a husband and have children.

Nevertheless, Ruth chose to follow her mother-in-law; and, in Ruth 1:16-17 we hear one of the most moving pleas ever written:

Ruth 1:16-17

And Ruth said, "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there

will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me."

Ruth understood the covenant of Naomi's God with the tribe of Judah. She believed it. She wanted her chance. According to the letter of the law, she didn't stand a chance in a million of entering into covenant with the children of Israel—much less with the tribe of Judah. But God always honored the faith of those who would walk in "The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus."

God, the Father, saw her faith and rewarded her handsomely. She and Boaz brought forth Obed, probably the great-grandfather of King David. Ruth is listed in Jesus' genealogy in Matthew 1:5.

Time and space do not permit a full teaching from the Book of Ruth; but in Chapter Four we see the <u>Law of Kinship</u> acted out. The actual nearest of kin didn't want to marry Ruth and raise up the name of the dead, because, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar (or, ruin) mine own inheritance;" and he hands down the right of nearest kinship to Boaz.

In order to show the importance, in God's eyes, of this genealogy, we need to do a word study of the Hebrew word, "ayth". I discovered the existence of this word by using "Zodhiates Complete Word Study Old Testament." This word is not translated into English. It is used to point out more definitely the object of the verb or preposition; but if it were translated into English, it would be as follows: namely, even, specifically, called by name. It may be a little awkward to read, but if you read it out loud and understand that these names are specific and literally called forth by name by God, you will begin to see the importance God places on our lives and our divine destinies.

Ruth 4:9-12

And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, "Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought *specifically, called by name, even* **all** that was Elimelech's and **all** that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi. Moreover *specifically, callea by name, even* **Ruth the Moabitess**, wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place. Ye are witnesses this day."

And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, 'We are witnesses. The LORD make *specifically, called by name, even* the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build *specifically, called by name, even* the House of Israel (the lineage of Israel); and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem. And let thy house be like the house

of Pharez, whom Tamar bore unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman."

Everyone in the community acknowledged not only the fulfillment of the Law of Kinship, but also the importance of this act for the continuation of the tribe and the fulfillment of Jacob's prophecy.

GOD NEVER MISSES A HEARTBEAT (LITERALLY) TO FULFILL HIS COVENANTS.

<u>Mary</u>, engaged to Joseph, received the word of the Father through an angelic visitation. In **Luke 1:45**, she is told:

"Blessed is she that believed; for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord."

The Father used the faith and courage of these five women to continue the lineage of Judah to his destination as the progenitor of Jesus, the Messiah. The enemy thought he was leading the tribe into destruction and shame; but the Father turned it into extreme blessing and partnership with Gentiles, bringing them also into the promises of Messiah—all the way through to the virgin Bride and the Glorious Church—"whosoever will"!

JUDAH'S CALL IS THREATENED! JUDAH'S CALL IS SOVEREIGN!

[Back to Henry]

We must place our full emphasis of truth upon God's word, or the value of our understanding will be lost; and we will miss out on what the Lord has placed into his design for a Bride—spotless, pure, and glorious. To better understand the patience and endurance our God has had with mankind, we must take a close look at why God chose Judah to be the royal bloodline all the way down the line to Jesus.

Let's start by giving some of the first signs of a sovereign calling on one man out of the twelve sons of Jacob/Israel. In **Judges**, **Chapter One**, we have a prime example of the call on Judah's life and progeny.

In verses one and two Judah is the first to go up and take the promised land. Verses 8-20 describe how Judah takes the land. But in verses 21-36 we see the other sons of Jacob/Israel content to co-exist with the inhabitants of the land.

In Chapter Two, God's angel brings a rebuke and reminder of their disobedience.

In **Exodus, Chapter Thirty-two**, we are told how Moses came down the mountain with the Ten Commandments and saw the people had a golden calf and were worshipping it.

Several areas here must be observed. Israel only served God when Moses was in sight. They said to Aaron, "Up, make us gods!" They broke off the gold earrings, stopped listening to the truth—even evidenced by the very gold from which they spoiled the Egyptians. They made out of the gold a calf which they worshipped.

The people sacrificed, gave offerings, sat down to eat and drink and rose up to "play". (Hebrew: "to sport"; English: "amorous trifling" or sexual play"). This caused such anger with God that He said unto Moses,

Exodus 32:9-10

"I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiffnecked people. Now, therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them; and I will make of thee (Moses) a great nation."

It came to the place in verses 11-13 that Moses greatly interceded for the people, and in verse 14, "the LORD repented of the evil which He thought to do unto His people."

In verses 29-30 Moses calls the people together, and chastises them concerning their idolatry, fornication and general rebellion against their God. Then he tells them that he will go before the LORD and hope to make atonement for them. His plea is precious:

Exodus 32:31-32

"Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written."

God heard Moses cry—but justice must come forth, and God said,

Exodus 32:33

"Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book." But...He also added grace:

Exodus 32:34-35

"Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee. Behold, <u>Mine Angel shall go before thee.</u> Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them." (and the Lord plagued the people because of the calf.)

Here we see the limitation of being led by an angel. Angels can only deliver the message God gives them; but they have no power or authority to forgive the sin. Praise God for His love and patience in dealing with our sins. In **Exodus**, **Chapter Thirty-three**, we see Moses being given instructions to go forward with the angelic escort to drive out the heathen nations before them.

DESPARATE LEADERSHIP

Moses comes to a place of desperation in leadership. In verses 12 and 13 of Exodus 33, Moses says to the LORD,

See, Thou sayest unto me, "Bring up this people"; and Thou hast not let me know whom Thou wilt send with me.

Yet Thou hast said, "I know thee by name", and, "Thou has also found grace in My sight." Now, therefore, I pray Thee, if I <u>have</u> found grace in Thy sight, show me now Thy way that I may know Thee, that I may find grace in Thy sight...and...consider that this nation is <u>Thy</u> people.

Exodus 33:14-16

And God told Moses, "My <u>Presence</u> shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." [Moses seems to feel like he is on a roll now.] He replies, "if Thy Presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and <u>Thy</u> people, have found grace in Thy sight? Is it not in that <u>Thou</u> goest with us? So shall we be separated, I, and <u>Thy</u> people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

THE KEY TO REAL VICTORY FOR LEADERS AND THOSE WHO ARE BEING LED

And in verse 18, Moses said:

"I BESEECH THEE, SHOW ME THY GLORY!"

(v.19) And the LORD said, "I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee..."

This is the crossover point in Moses life, as well as the very place we could have witnessed the end of God's covenant with Judah, and a whole new covenant brought forth through Levi, the third son of Jacob. Remember when God said in:

Exodus 32:10

"Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them...and I will make of <u>thee</u> (Moses) a great nation.)

Moses interceded for the seed of Abraham and pleads for mercy, lest the Egyptians would say, "What kind of a god would lead his people out of Egypt with such awesome signs and wonders as we have witnessed, to only take them into the wilderness and kill all of them, except their leader?—this Moses."

GOD HONORS HIS WORD ABOVE HIS NAME

This example shows how very much God honors His word above His name, and what takes place in the presence of the most severe circumstances of sin and rebellion by His humans. It vividly shows how "Mercy triumphs over Judgement"; (James 2:13-b) and that Romans 2:4 is the virtue of Almighty God, to bring us to repentance: "or...despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

God wants a pure bloodline. Grace has brought forth King David (in the tenth generation after Judah!), the champion of Judah and Israel. And grace brought the children of Israel through the wilderness, without wiping them out and starting all over again with Moses.

Oh, how rich is the love of God that He, the Almighty God, would show His goodness to us, who were dead in trespasses and sins, sending Jesus, of the Tribe of Judah, to be the Lamb of God, sacrificing Himself, that we might obtain mercy and forgiveness. (Hebrews 10:9-23)

The Apostle Paul, a Pharisee of the Pharisees, gives us that awesome Chapter Three in his Epistle to the Galatians, that answers the ageold conflict of "law" vs. "grace". **Please read the entire chapter**; but for time and space here we will print verses 16-18:

Galatians 3:16-18

"Now, to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, 'And to seeds', as of many; but as of one. 'And to thy seed', which is Christ. And this I say, that the that covenant was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise. **But God gave it to Abraham by promise.**"

So we have the promise of God being preserved so that our redemption comes by the grace and truth of our merciful God.

John 1:16-17

And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. for the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

LEADERSHIP IS NOT EASY, NOR IS IT ALWAYS PLEASANT!

Can you see how seriously God took what he saw in the heart of Moses? He saw in Moses such a magnitude of love for grace, truth, and glory

to triumph over The Law, freshly revealed to him in the presence of God, Himself on Mount Sinai. Are you beginning to see the importance of God's long patience and endurance in dealing with the children of Abraham to come to grace and truth? Let's go back to Judah, and see what God preserved in the deep recesses of this people waiting and longing for their Messiah to come and deliver them.

After the land is taken and the children of Israel are experiencing many battles and victories, Judah is faced with a heartbreaking decision. It is one thing to destroy pagan nations and take their land; but now Benjamin—his little brother—sins a great sin. It is a sin so great as to merit the annihilation of all the tribe, except for six hundred Benjamites who fled into the wilderness unto the Rock Rimmon. Who must be the first to destroy?

Judges 20:18

"And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God, and said, 'Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin?

And the LORD said, 'Judah shall go up first.'"

PARALLELS: JUDAH UNDER THE LAW THE CHURCH UNDER GRACE

"Judah...thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee...who shall rouse him up? Throughout this writing I will be comparing the natural Judah with the overcoming Church spiritual; because, as you continue to read and observe these truths you will begin to see how these two parallel each other—the one, the natural, under The Law; and the other, the Church, spiritual, under Grace.

I grew up in the Church, from the earliest days of my infancy. Throughout my childhood I attended every Vacation Bible School in my neighborhood. My brothers and sister and I were taught to love and respect God's word; and learn all about the Bible in those days, as Mother would read to us each morning before our daily activities began.

We were taught the difference between Pentecostals, Baptists, Nazarenes and Methodists as we attended the summer Vacation Bible School of each type of church. As I approached my later teenage years, I could see a distinct difference between these denominations. But I could also see that we

each shared the belief in the shed blood of Jesus for our salvation; and we sang and shared a love for many of the same songs.

What was the difference? Why were fellowships splitting off in two or three directions because of differences of interpretation and operation. These questions caused me to begin a search for understanding of what the Lord's design was for His Church.

As I observed these divisions taking place, the greatest distress was seeing precious baby Christians losing heart and turning back to the world and away from the Church. My cry was, "Why can't they work out their differences in goodness and mercy? Why split fellowship over issues that can not save one's soul? Why can't we all see that as we look around to find the "perfect church", we are tossed about like a ship in a storm?"

Dear saints, may I ask you a question? When you are in the process of building a structure for a church, to whom do you go? Do you go to yourself? Your neighbor? A plumber? A fisherman? A dam builder? No! you go to a contractor or builder that builds churches. You take the plans to him.

WHO IS THE BUILDER OF THE CHURCH? WHO HAS THE KEYS?

Matthew 16:18-b: "...I (Jesus) will build My Church..."

Matthew 16:19-a: "And I (Jesus) will give unto thee the keys of the

Kingdom of Heaven..."

IF THERE IS A KINGDOM, THERE HAS TO BE A KING.

Where is the King? Where is the Kingdom; and how did He teach us to pray? In the Sixth Chapter of Matthew, we hear Him teach us: "Our Father in Heaven; Holy is Your Name! Your Kingdom come! Your will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven"...For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!"

We have the blueprint for building this Kingdom—the Word of God. The architect is Almighty God, the Father. We know the Builder—or King; His name is Jesus. Now, we must look to Him to send out the many different types of workers to get the job completed and operating in His plan to be a "glorious church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing." (Ephesians 5:27)

On October 22, 1988, when I went to Heaven, and walked on the street of gold, I returned to earth with one main message about the heavenly kingdom that I had visited:

"EVERY LIVING THING IN HEAVEN SERVES IN LOVE; AND LOVES TO SERVE."

That is the key to the Kingdom of Heaven coming to earth: We must make a covenant with each other that we will work together in love, to perform whatever task God has called us to do.

Think of it this way: if Israel will not work together for their nation, but each one demanding to have their own way, nothing will be accomplished to develop their nation. But God's Master Plan calls for Judah to take the kingdom lead, the political lead, and to be the first to go into battle as a deliverer.

From Genesis, Chapter Forty-nine to Zechariah, Chapter Twelve, we see this plan of God for Israel's true champion to come and deliver them.

AND TO THE SPIRITUAL— THE CHURCH, WE SEE:

Ephesians 1:18-23

"...(I pray that) the eyes of your understanding being enlightened—that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance (is) in the saints. And (to know) what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe—according to the working of His mighty power—which He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places—far above all principality and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. And (He) hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the Head over all things to the Church, which is His Body—the fullness of Him that filleth all in all."

THE DAYS OF HEAVEN UPON THE EARTH

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

Therefore shall ye lay up these My words
in your heart, and in your soul,
and bind them for a sign upon your hand,
that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.
And ye shall teach them your children,
speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house,
and when thou walkest by the way,
when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house,
and upon thy gates. That your days may be multiplied,
and the days of your children, in the land
which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them,
as the days of heaven upon the earth!"

O-o-o-h! Halleluia! Jesus clearly showed us how to pray: "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth <u>as it is in Heaven</u>." Let me ask you this: Do you believe Jesus would teach you to pray a prayer that will never be answered? NO! A thousand times, NO!

BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU!

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

"For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God. The LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself—above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people—for ye were the fewest of all people. But because the LORD loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh, King of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD thy God, He is God—the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy, with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations."

Those verses say it all—to the natural Israel, and to the spiritual glorious Church.

So, let us now look at the natural procedures in God's blueprint, before we can begin to understand where the Church is in God's timetable for completion to come into the Glorious Church. (Remember I Corinthians 15:46—first the natural, then the spiritual.) To do this, let me give you some

very clear indicators to get you on target; because every builder must have a target date for completion.

Zechariah 2:12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah, His portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

Judah must come to leadership in Israel so that the nation might come into order in the natural. But before this can happen, a cleansing is needed. In Zechariah 3:1-9 we have a prophecy, yet to be fulfilled, that is of utmost importance to Israel and the Church. It is a direct connection with Revelation, Chapters 1-3. In Zechariah there is a battle with Satan for Israel; and in Revelation there is a battle with Satan for the Church.

Zechariah 3:1-7,9

And he (the angel in verse 2:1) showed me Joshua, the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at His right hand to resist Him. And the LORD said unto Satan, "The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan—even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee. Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?"

Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered, and spoke unto those that stood before him saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him."

And unto him he said, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment."

And I said, "Let them set a fair miter upon his head." So they set a fair miter upon his head; and clothed him with garments.

And the angel of the LORD stood by. And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, "Thus saith the LORD of hosts, 'If thou wilt walk in My ways, and if thou wilt keep My charge, then thou shalt also judge My house, and shalt also keep My courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by. (v.9) For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua—upon one stone shall be seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave the graving thereof", saith the LORD of hosts, "and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day."

Here we see Joshua, the high priest, and Satan resisting him; the LORD rebuking Satan; and Joshua being cleansed and given a fair miter. What is this miter? Strong's Exhaustive Concordance assigns the word #4701 and #6801. It means a *tiara*, in other words, an official turban (of a

king or high priest). It is translated as <u>diadem</u> or <u>miter</u> (<u>mitre</u>). So, we have cleansing and the giving of a royal crown, for leadership and authority—as a priest or king.

I Peter 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises (Judah) of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Can you see the connection? As Judah, in the natural, arises to fight; and the Christian warriors arise to fight in the spirit, they are portrayed as a combination of priest and king. Why?

BECAUSE THE KINGDOM COMES BY PRAYER AND EXERCISING OUR AUTHORITY!

Every day at Jerusalem's wailing wall, the people cry out, "How long until our Messiah comes?" The warriors of the Church cry out for their Deliverer to be manifested. In both Jerusalem and in the Church, Satan stands at the right hand to resist. Yet, we also have the angel of the LORD protesting unto Joshua and saying (v.7), If you will walk in My ways, and keep My charge, you will judge My house and keep My courts; and I will give you places to walk.

Genesis 17:1-b—Walk before Me, and be thou perfect.

In **Deuteronomy 29:5**, we see the children of Israel walking in the wilderness for forty years...and their shoes never wore out!

OUR WALK IN THE SPIRIT IS DIVINELY GUARDED!

THE REBIRTH OF JUDAH AND THE CHURCH GLORIOUS

Part Two
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Remember the words in **Genesis 49:10—**"..the scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come."

"Until Shiloh comes". Now, that is certainly talking about the last days, isn't it? The next time that we have specific scriptures about Shiloh coming, literally coming, and touching His feet on the Mount of Olives, is in Zechariah 14:4, where it says that He comes and His feet touch down upon the Mount of Olives, and the mountain heaves toward the east and toward the west.

If that is the next great event to happen concerning the return of Jesus, the Christ; then where are we in Biblical prophecy regarding this event? How close are we in fulfillment of Biblical prophecy to the fulfillment of Chapter Fourteen? Do you ask yourself that? We have to go back all the way to Chapter Eleven of Zechariah. There are **three more chapters** after that eleventh one to get to His arrival.

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THESE THREE CHAPTERS?

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DAY AND THIS TIME?

Luke 21:25-28 [Jesus is speaking about His return]

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring. Men's hearts failing them, for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth—for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

'And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

'And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads—FOR YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH."

Luke 21:29-33 [Jesus relates the parable of the Fig Tree]

"Behold the fig tree, and all the trees. When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So, likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

'Verily I say unto you, 'This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away; but My words shall not pass away."

Jesus said, "This generation will not pass". When Israel becomes a nation—that generation will not pass until all (How much is all?) <u>all</u> things spoken by the Law and by the Prophets be fulfilled. When did that generation begin? In May of 1948, Israel became a nation. May of 1948—2600 years after they lost their nation. Two thousand, six hundred years later that prophecy is coming forth. It was prophesied in the Old Testament, and then about six hundred years later our Lord prophesied of it as He walked on the earth.

DO YOU THINK THERE IS SIGNIFICANCE IN THAT?

I think there is a very great significance in that. But most every Bible prophecy teacher drops the ball right at that point, and they don't seem to understand any of the details. They jump, and immediately shift, way ahead to Chapter Fourteen, verse two, and tell how the armies of all the nations of the earth are going to be gathered round about Israel to snuff it out. And they don't give the key.

WHAT JUSTIFIES A PLACE
BEING CALLED
'THE HOUSE OF THE LORD'?

Let's start with Zechariah, Chapter Eleven I believe we have prophetically fulfilled **Zechariah 11:12-b,** where Zechariah says to the reader, "If you think good of me, give me my price; and if not forbear. So, they weighed for my price 30 pieces of silver."

What do you think of immediately when you hear that scripture? Is there anybody that doesn't think of Judas betraying the Lord for thirty pieces of silver? Right? We all think that, instantly. That's what I always thought. And it's true.

Now, Zechariah 11:13

And the LORD said unto me, "Cast it unto the potter'—a goodly price that I was prized (valued) at of them." And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

Wait a minute, "Cast it unto the potter"—that doesn't match the New Testament. Did the Lord say to Judas, "Take it and throw it to the Potter?" No, he went and threw it at the feet of the High Priest. And the High Priest said, "We can't take this money and put it in the treasury—it's blood money." So what did they buy with it? Yes, they bought the Potter's Field.

Commonly, we hear it said that this is an excellent prophecy regarding the Messiah. There it is—right there. It's as accurate as can be. But look at the next words—"that I was prized (valued) at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD." Wait a minute! That's backwards. The priests took the thirty pieces of silver and bought the potter's field with it.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD"?

You might say, "Well, Judas threw it down in the house of the Lord." Yes, but did Jesus ever call Herod's Temple, The House of the Lord? No, and in actuality He rebuked them with a scourge of whips and He boldly declared, "My Father's House shall be called a 'House of Prayer'; but you have made it a 'Den of Thieves.'" And He turned over the moneychangers' tables and drove them out, didn't He? And He opened up the bird cages and the animal cages; and there were animals running all over in there. Technically, He desecrated Herod's Temple, right then. Do you realize that? Did He have respect for Herod's Temple? Absolutely not!

When they came to show Him the temple, He turned to His disciples and He said, "Destroy this temple; and in three days I will raise it up again."

They mocked Him and laughed at Him, didn't they? And they said Herod was forty years in building this, and You're going to build it again in three days? Oh, man! You are crazy. Now you have really gone off the deep end! Many were very upset with Him—because they worshipped that Temple. But the Bible clearly states that He did not speak to them concerning Herod's Temple; but He spoke to them concerning His Temple—the Temple of the Holy Spirit, which He was! So, you see, again, He would not accept Herod's Temple as the 'House of the Lord'. If I "cast them to the potter in the House of the LORD"—where is the house of the LORD?

IN 1989 I WAS PRAYER WALKING THE STREETS OF JERUSALEM

I finished my walking, and God let me meet a man named, Ron Wyatt, who was a nurse anesthetist and part time archeologist. I had finished my assignment to walk and pray Jerusalem, and had a couple of extra days before I had to return to Great Britain. Ron invited me to travel with him; and the last day we were together he told me, "Henry, the Lord has told me I'm allowed to tell you something."

He proceeded to tell me that in 1982 he was excavating in the area called "Gordon's Calvary Escarpment". He was in the area along the wall outside of the Damascus Gate. He found three holes carved out of solid rock in The Potter's Field. As he determined the next steps of excavation, he unearthed some pillars and an offertory. On the offertory were Cherubims' wings; and on the pillars, in numerous languages, explanations that this was a first century memorial, built in honor of the King of the Jews, the God of the Christians, where He was crucified. He saw that the holes had plugs in them. He managed to pull them out and realized that they were like postholes. He noticed to the left of the center hole, that what had been solid rock, was cracked. When he pulled the plug out he could see that the crack went right through a concaved area immediately to the left of the center cross-hole, So, because of the crack there, he put a molecular frequency generator to scan it and see if there was any metal in it. He thought at first about gold. If you find gold coins you can accurately date the dig.

While he was looking for gold coins, the detector suddenly peaked out. He realized there was a tremendous presence of gold down there that foretold much more than coins; and he dropped the excavation work up above. The Israeli government sealed the area completely off and he got permission to begin a dig below. Sometime later he broke into a chamber where he found, among other related things, a golden table, a seven-tiered candlestick made of one beaten piece of gold, and a sarcophagus (a stone burial cask)

with a crack in the top of it. Right above the cask was what appeared to be a crack that proved to be the continuation of the crack to the left of the center cross-hole. As straight as a plumb line, he found the crack continued down until it was positioned directly above the crack in the sarcophagus. (He has on video the samples of what appeared to be blood, that he had scraped from above and scraped from the top of the sarcophagus by the crack.)

He submitted this discolored material to six different laboratories. The first one being in Jerusalem. It came back testing as human blood. However, it also came back as blood that had never been seen before. It had chromosome(s) which gave proof of an earthly mother, and that the blood was the blood of a son; but no chromosome giving proof of an earthly father.

I HAVE SEEN THOSE DOCUMENTS

Ron Wyatt, and I were with Demos Shakarian, founder of the Full Gospel Businessmen's' Fellowship, Int'l., in Phoenix, Arizona. I sat right next to a document specialist, who had been called by the organization, from Los Angeles, California, to prove the validity of all of Ron's laboratory test certificates—including the document concerning the blood. The documents all included the seals of the laboratories that did the testing. After careful examination the specialist verified that the documents were indeed authentic. Ron testified later in several meetings that he then had the blood material tested in five other laboratories. They all came back with the same conclusion; and the same question: "Where did you find this?"

Matthew 27:51 And, behold,...the earth did quake, and the rocks rent (cracked and broke).

Ron further explained that he found this blood directly under the center cross-hole in the archeological dig. He also had found it to be on top of the sarcophagus, which held the Ark of the Covenant. The crack in the top of the stone cask let the blood from the cross-hole flow and splash down into the naturally formed stone grotto and land on the top of the cracked cask. From there it flowed onto the Mercy Seat of the Ark. The blood also splattered over onto the Table of Shewbread, thus fulfilling the covenant of God. The significance of this is found in **Leviticus 16:14**. This scripture is speaking about Aaron, the High Priest, and his duties concerning the blood of sacrifice for the annual Day of Atonement. It reads: **And he (Aaron) shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the Mercy Seat eastward;**

and before the Mercy Seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

Exodus 25:8,22

And <u>let them make Me a sanctuary</u>; that I may dwell among them...And <u>there I will meet with thee</u>, and I will commune with thee <u>from above the Mercy Seat from between the two cherubims which are upon the Ark of the Testimony</u>, of <u>all</u> things <u>which I will give thee in commandment</u> unto the children of Israel.

Mr. Wyatt found that the blood of Jesus had gone down on the Mercy Seat. Jesus was the final Lamb to be crucified, or slain. That was the payment that was accepted by the Father. That is why the scriptures say, in Hebrews 6:4, "that after being enlightened and learning these things, and tasting of the heavenly gift...they have there, right in Jerusalem, in that laboratory, the results of the heavenly gift of His blood. They have <u>in that chamber</u> the evidence that His blood went down on the Mercy Seat.

In 1997, Israeli officials sent in six men to go into the chamber with flashlights and two-way radios, in order to be able to move the Ark of the Covenant and the Table of Shewbread and the rest of the furnishings in the chamber. All six of them were stricken dead! All six of them died instantly of a massive stroke. It was reported in brief news items in newspapers all across America. They simply reported that outside the old city walls of Jerusalem, six men died in a chamber containing artifacts of great antiquity. The Jerusalem officials were afraid to go into the chamber after they lost radio contact with the men. They called Ron, in America, asking him to come over and check it out, and bring the men out. He agreed and they made immediate arrangements for him to fly in to Israel.

He told me later, that when he came out of the tunnel to the chamber to tell the officials that all six of the men were dead in one heap inside the tunnel, some of the officials were trembling so badly that they had to sit down. I think they were fearful that Almighty God was going to strike them with lightning. They had wanted to move those furnishings. God said, "No, you're not! You may have paid the soldiers off once to say that someone stole Jesus' body; but you are not going to get by with this one." (See Matthew 28:12-15)

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HEBREWS, CHAPTER NINE

If you study Hebrews, Chapter Nine, and read it again and again, you will find out that the only place that justifies the place being called \underline{the}

<u>Tabernacle</u>, <u>the Holy of holies</u>, <u>the Outer Court</u>, <u>the Inner Court</u>, and/or the House of God, <u>is where the furnishings are</u>—including the Ark of the Covenant.

In **Hebrews 9:4-b-5**, the writer says:

...and the Ark of the Covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant, and over it the cherubim of glory shadowing the Mercy Seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

Hebrews 9:11-12

But Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, by <u>a greater</u> <u>and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands</u>, that is to say, <u>not of this building</u>—neither by the blood of goats and calves, but <u>by his own blood</u> <u>He entered in once into the holy place</u>, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Why does the writer say, "not of this building", and "not made with hands"? Because the Ark of the Covenant was found in that archeological dig in "Gordon's Calvary Escarpment in what is known as, "Jeremiah's Grotto"; and this place is found in a natural hollow of the earth—not formed by men's hands!

Hebrews 9:13-15

For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh—how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

What do you mean? People say the Ark of the Covenant was in Herod's Temple all the time until 70 AD when Titus came in and burned it completely down; and all the gold melted in the cracks. That's interesting. Why then is the writer saying that we "cannot speak <u>particularly</u> of this Ark"? Why doesn't he state that it is in Herod's Temple to this day? He doesn't say that, because when the vail of the temple was torn in two, anyone there would have been able to look into the Holy of holies and see the Ark and all those furnishings. For most it would have been the first time in their lives. Of course, that is only if it actually was in Herod's Temple. It wasn't in there. In the normal course of things, no one could go into the Holy of holies except the sanctified High Priest, once a year. That high Priest had to be completely free of any unconfessed sin. And he went in with bells and pomegranates on the hem of his priestly robe to signal his movement, and a rope around his ankle; so that if he died in there, they could drag him out by the rope, and not have go in there

themselves. Those six men should have followed the same rules. But then we wouldn't have known a thing about what happened that day in the chamber archeologically known as, "Jeremiah's Grotto".

You can see, now, that the Ark of the Covenant was not behind the vail in Herod's Temple, which is why Jesus, Himself, never referred to that building as "the House of the Lord".

Back to Zechariah 11, at verse 14-16

Then I cut asunder my other staff—even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. And the LORD said unto me, "Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd. For, Io, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still; but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

Take note of that verse 14: "I will break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel." That is called 'civil war', isn't it? Do you think we are at the threshold of civil war right now in Israel? It is in such a volatile state.

What do you think that Israel thinks of Ariel Sharon and the government standing in for him, right now? [Ed. note: This teaching was taped on August 25th 2005—after the Israeli elections, when Ariel Sharon completely and unexpectedly won re-election by a very wide margin.] An extremist Jewish sect has already come forth and said, "We have put out a decree that Ariel Sharon must die." Did you see that in the news? That is the same thing extremists had said about Prime Minister Rabin; and Rabin, the last prime minister to give away land, was assassinated. He started this; and he lost his life.

It's very interesting that Ariel, in the Hebrew, means "the Lion of God". And they have called him that for almost 40 years. The last 15 years or so he has been called "the <u>Old</u> Lion of God." Genesis 49 says "he (Judah) crouched as a lion—an *old* lion." "Who will rouse him up?"

Israel had already pulled settlers out of the Sinai Peninsula, after they had set up beautiful farms, and had made that dead, desolate land into a watered garden. I was over there and saw it before they made them pull out. They showed the Egyptians how to make the desert as a watered garden, that brought forth four and five crops a year. Then they were jerked up off the Sinai floor by an agreement with Egypt and the United Nations. They were brought back to Gaza and from Gaza and the West Bank forward towards Jerusalem.

We have seen them uprooted again, after what? 30-some years? They caused the desert to blossom like a rose again. Then their houses were destroyed. The settlers were sprayed with fire hoses and bodily carried out. They resisted and resisted. The soldiers following Sharon's orders were seen to be crying and apologizing. Do you think there is a civil war going on? Do you think there is a brotherhood broken here? I think that is the epitome of it all. It can't get much worse than that.

But, if you were a man of Ariel Sharon's military experience and skill; and you were the commander and chief of your military forces, wouldn't you begin moving your civilians out of harm's way before you go in to destroy the enemy that is continually fighting with and killing your people? Remember, before you can effectively fight the enemy without; you must purge out the enemy within.

We have been hearing of the threats against Israel for many years. Remember Qadaffi of Libya? Saddam Hussein of Iraq; leaders of Syria and Iran? And the list goes on. These are all people and countries who have boasted of their hatred for Israel.

In my travels I watched Yaser Arafat on BBC television when he was in Paris, France, attending a banquet held in honor of him and the Palestinian movement (the PLO). It was held just days after he stood in the General Assembly Hall of UN Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and with quivering lips told the assembly how his people had every right to a Palestinian state; but that it is Israel who refuses to abide by the peace agreement. Then, as I was watching him give his PLO victory speech, I saw his whole countenance change as he spoke; then, he spewed out before the BBC cameras, that he and his people will not rest until every last Israeli is driven into the sea!

I thought right then, "There is the truth! Your mask just fell off, and your true goal proclaimed."

How would you feel, if right now, in your town or city, George Bush said that we're giving your houses, your farms, your land and your churches to the Moslems? How would you feel if he said, "They need a city; they need a state; so we are going to give them New York state. How would you feel if he was going to give it to those same Moslems that have been blowing up innocent men, women and children right in your neighborhood? How would you feel? Put yourself in their place. You wouldn't be very happy, would you? You wouldn't like that leader, would you? I'm going to make a turn now. I've been showing you what the media has been feeding you—the attitude of the world.

THE BIBLICAL TIMETABLE & SIGN

Look at verse 17 of Zechariah, Chapter Eleven.

"Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock!
The sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye.

His arm shall be clean dried up,
and his right eye shall be utterly darkened."

If this purging of the Palestinians is about to break loose, this will be the sign, that the Body of Christ and the whole world, will see on national news. Here is the next event of the timetable to watch for if Zechariah, Chapter Twelve is about to come to pass. This attack has to happen first! There will be a leader whose arm is "clean dried up", and whose right eye "shall be utterly darkened".

Is that clear enough if you see it on the news? This is going to happen to one of the leaders over there—either of the Israelis or the Palestinians. Whoever it is, we can be sure it will be in the news.

Church, if that is heard in the news, it is time to stand in the holy place! Everything is going to break loose after that.

WHAT, EXACTLY IS GOING TO BREAK LOOSE IN THAT DAY?

Whatever you do, don't lose what has been laid out so far.

Now, look at Zechariah 12:1

"The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel," saith the LORD which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

Zechariah 12:2

"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege, both against Judah and Jerusalem."

Wait a minute. It says, "against Judah and against Jerusalem." [Note: it says <u>Judah</u>; not <u>Israel</u>] From this point, all the way down, you also have a key word mentioned seven times—"in that day".

Zechariah 12:3:

"And <u>in that day</u> will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people—all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."

That is a serious statement. What are they going to do that will cause the whole earth to be gathered against them? This is where most prophetic books drop the ball, and they just go into Armageddon, with Russia and the Arab countries gathering around to take Jerusalem. That is very common Bible teaching. But, they exclude the rest of this Twelfth Chapter. It is so important that you and I understand the procedures that are going to occur at this point. If we leave this out, we have left a missing link out that is of great and vital importance and understanding—lest we despair from lack of knowledge and understanding when it happens.

What is going to infuriate the nations? So far, in what we have seen, Israel is in retreat. They have pulled their people out of the West Bank; the Brotherhood has been broken; there would be great divisions and demonstrations in Israel; Judah and Israel separated. The Old Lion? He's a coward now—he's turned his back on us. [Editor: Since this was spoken in 2005, Ariel Sharon has been stricken with what has been reported as a massive stroke and lies in a coma. Who shall rouse him up?] But watch this:

Zechariah 12:4

"In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment and his rider with madness. And I will open Mine eyes upon the house of Judah. And will smite every horse of the people with blindness."

But why does the LORD specifically say, "The House of Judah?" Historically, until after Solomon and the kingdom was divided in two, when invading forces came against the children of Israel, and they cried out to the LORD, who was sent out to battle at the forefront? God always said, "Judah goes first." Even when it came to the Benjaminites protecting the sons of Belial, if they sought the LORD, cried out to God, and said, "Who will go up to annihilate Benjamin for their abominable wickedness?" Even then, it was Benjamin's closest brother, Judah.

I believe that God has been gathering the tribe of Judah. Yes, there is a mixed multitude over there; there always has been a mixed multitude. If we are in this time frame, and we really believe that Zechariah 14 is on the way, where our Lord is going to touch down on the Mount of Olives, we have

to believe we are in that generation, don't we? We have to believe that we are heading for the closing—the grand finale of the times of prophecy concerning the Church. We are approaching the close of the Church Age.

So, what is this talking about? These scriptures don't mention the Church. It is focusing on the ones who have been in blindness for all these centuries. Why? In order for the Church to be grafted in. Then we could be brought in. Ignorance is in their part, and blindness for a time, Paul said, so that we might be brought in. Romans 11:25—"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in."

We have been brought in as the Body of Christ; and they have stayed rebellious and ignorant all these centuries, so that God might bring a Glorious Church forth. It is of utmost importance that we keep that in mind. Israel-Judah is still operating fully under Old Testament law: an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. All too often we try to put those natural descendants into our New Testament thinking of mercy and truth. But their way of life is not our way.

However, we live under the shadow of the UN, that wants Israel to conform to its mandate for Tel Aviv to be the capitol of Israel. But God's word says, "Judah and Jerusalem"—not Judah and Tel Aviv! World leaders get together and try to force Israel to retreat back to Tel Aviv, and give Jerusalem to the Islamic people. They are convinced that this would guarantee peace in the Middle East.

WHAT DOES PSALM 83:1-5 SAY?

Keep not thou silence, O God. Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, Thine enemies make a tumult; and they that hate Thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against Thy people, and consulted against Thy hidden ones. They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." For they have consulted together with one consent. They are confederate against Thee."

Back in the early '90's Ariel Sharon really stirred up Islam when he walked into the area of the Mosque of Omar. The mosque stands on the place believed to be the place of Solomon's Temple and the rock upon which the

Bible teaches that Isaac was offered by Abraham, and the Koran teaches that Ishmael was offered by Abraham.

There was a cry and a boldness in Sharon to walk upon that volatile piece of real estate. Islam was declaring that they would destroy every Israeli. But a solemn cry was coming from deep within the children of Abraham. Could Ariel have been reading out of Zechariah 2:12, concerning the Lord inheriting Judah, His portion, and yet choose Jerusalem again? We do know that before that cry can be answered a deep cleansing must first take place.

The goal has never changed. Satan, himself knows the covenant of Almighty God for His chosen ones, in the natural arena as well as the spiritual arena. However, we must consider the past history of Israel's rebellion and stubbornness. Let's look at what our Lord Jesus—the Messiah and Savior of Israel—has to say as he approaches the end of His bodily ministry here on earth. Please get your Bible out so that you can read this entire chapter. Jesus unleashes a solemn rebuke to the scribes and Pharisees and a solemn admonition to His disciples. Starting in verse two, saying,

Matthew 23:1-39 (edited)

(v.2)The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. All therefore, whatsoever they bid you, observe—that observe and do; but do not ye after their works—for they say, and do not.

For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do for to be seen of men. They make broad they phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, 'Rabbi', 'Rabbi'.

v.8) But be not ye called 'Rabbi'; for one is your Master—even Christ (Messiah)—and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth; for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters; for one is your Master—even Christ. (v.11) But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Verses 13-33 unleash eight woes of relentless rebukes upon leaders that exalt themselves sitting in the seat of Moses. Here it is your turn, Dear Reader, to prayerfully read these verses. Next, in verses 34-39, Jesus finishes his admonition to the people:

"Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes. And some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city—that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth—from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zechariah, son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, 'All these things shall come upon this generation. 'O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, ye shall not see Me henceforth, till ye shall say,' 'Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.'"

Why did Jesus use these words concerning "the blood of Zacharias, the son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar?" My belief is that he was emphasizing the importance of our seriously watching for the "Rebirth of Judah" to take place, because the covenant with Judah must be fulfilled before He can deliver Israel.

AN INTERESTING NOTE ZECHARIAH MEANS: THE LORD REMEMBERS BERECHIAH MEANS: THE LORD BLESSES IDDO MEANS: THE APPOINTED TIME

Let's take a very serious look at the Book of Zechariah in order to understand why Jesus made reference to his death just before His description in Matthew 24 concerning a day of trouble such as the world has never witnessed, including His glorious appearing to deliver.

Zechariah 1:1-2

..."came the word of the LORD unto <u>Zechariah</u>, the son of <u>Berechiah</u>, the son of <u>Iddo</u> the prophet, saying, "The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers."

Stephen, the Church's first martyr, used similar wording to Zechariah's "The LORD has been sore displeased with your fathers." In Acts 7:38-39, Stephen reminded his captors, and soon-to-be-stoners, that it was Jesus who went with the children of Israel in the wilderness, "to whom our fathers would not obey". Jacob's prophecy to Judah said that they would "gather (or come under obedience) to Messiah (Shiloh)".

Jesus addressed the Pharisees in Luke 11:47, "Woe unto you! For you build the sepulchers of the prophets, and your fathers killed them." In

John 8:48-59, Jesus spoke out about their forefathers and the prophets and, (v.59) "they took up stones to cast at Him..."

On one side we have I Corinthians 15:46—"Howbeit that was not first, which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual." Everyone that understands the mission and the call of the Church and the work of the Holy Spirit from Acts, Chapter Two, will agree that the Church is the Spiritual, right? We're not the natural.

Paul continually calls us to come out of carnality in most, if not all, of his epistles. Jesus, in the book of His Revelation calls us to come out of carnality and put on white rainment.

Remember Zechariah 4:6:

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit," saith the LORD of hosts. "Who art thou, O great mountain? [Editor: the "great mountain" is the Satanic and natural forces standing against the Lord and His anointed to rebuild the walls and the gates of the city and the House of the Lord.] Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain; and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings," crying, "Grace!" "Grace", to it!

HERE IS THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING

STRONG WORDS ABOUT BUILDING FROM THE FOUNDATION TO THE FINISHED BUILDING.

Zechariah 4:9-10:

The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house—his hands shall also finish it. And thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone—a tried stone—a precious corner stone—a sure foundation. He that believeth shall not make haste." (Amplified version: "he who believes (trusts in, relies on, adheres to) that stone will not be ashamed or give way, or hasten away [in sudden panic]."

Romans 9:33

As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumblingstone and rock of offense, and whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed."

I Peter 2:1-9:

Wherefore, laying aside **all** malice, and **all** guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and **all** evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby. If so be ye have tasted the that Lord is gracious—to Whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious (rare and priceless)—ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, 'Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded (confused).' Unto you therefore which believe, He is precious; but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient—whereunto also they were appointed.

But ye are **a chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into marvelous light!

We, as Christians that have chosen the walk in the Spirit are getting ready for the presentation to the world of the Ephesians 5:27 Glorious Church!

And, at the same time, Judah is sensing the urgency to return to Israel with great anticipation of the coming of their Messiah!

Zechariah 8:1-3:

Again, the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, "Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury."

Thus saith the LORD: "I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem shall be called a <u>City of Truth</u>; and the <u>Mountain of the LORD of hosts</u>—the Holy Mountain."

TRULY STRONG WORDS

Let's take a small moment for a quick study of the phrase, "LORD of hosts." The word, 'hosts', in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, #6635, is defined as: a mass of persons (or, figuratively <u>things</u>), especially organized as (an <u>army</u>). By implication it means a <u>campaign</u>, literally or figuratively. Zodhiates' Lexical Aids of the Hebrew tells us: "the phrase occurs 53 times in Zechariah. This expression depicts God as the mightiest Warrior or all-powerful King of Israel."...."it pointed directly to Jehovah's rulership over the entire universe. He stands ready to intervene for His people at any moment."

IF GOD SEEMS FAR AWAY—WHO MOVED?

The answer is no different for Israel the natural, than for the Church in the spiritual. The answer is the same. It is found in:

Hosea 5:15

(The Lord said) "I will go and return to My Place, <u>till they</u> <u>acknowledge their offense</u>, and seek My face. <u>In their affliction</u> they will seek Me early."

Hosea 6:1-3

Come, and let us return unto the LORD—for He hath torn, and He will heal us. He hath smitten, and He will bind us up. After two days will he revive us—in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD. His going

forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain—as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Today, in the Church, we are getting many new songs about returning to the Lord; and our songs are calling for commitment, and for the rains to fall on us, that we may flow together in the Lord.

IT IS TIME! FOR THE BRIDE! TO MAKE HERSELF READY!

When we take hold of these strong words—taking them into our souls and our spirits and working them out in fear and trembling before the Lord—we will begin the process of "making ourselves ready" as the Bride Glorious. It means that we will truly believe that God is "the mightiest Warrior", and "the all-powerful King of Israel (over the natural Israel and the spiritual Israel), and...we believe He is always ready to intervene for us at any moment!

It is time for Revelation 3:18 and 19 to be real in our lives. Jesus said the Laodicean Church:

"I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and buy of Me white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.

It is time to hear Jesus counsel us: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous therefore, and repent."

It is time for the Bride to get understanding of the word "zealous". This word, in English is directly related to the word, "passion" and is used to describe the discipline and suffering of Jesus, in other words, the passion of Christ, as he suffered trial, torture and death for us.

The Amplified Bible gives a great understanding of this verse:

"Those whom I (dearly and tenderly) love,

I tell their faults and convict and convince,
and reprove, and chasten
(I discipline and instruct them).
So be enthusiastic and in earnest, and
burning with zeal, and repent
(changing your mind and attitude)!

HOW MUCH IS "ALL"?

We begin making ourselves ready, as the Church/Bride, by obeying I Peter 2:1. We can do that by laying aside <u>all</u> malice, ill will, malevolence, spite and grudges. We lay aside <u>all</u> guile, deception, and craftiness. We lay aside <u>all</u> evil speaking. We lay aside <u>all</u> hypocrisies—<u>all</u> pretending to be what we really are not—<u>all</u> belief of piety, sanctity, goodness, and superiority that really does not reside in our hearts. (Expanded by Judith)

One of the most often repeated accusations of the Church is that, "It is full of hypocrites! That is to our shame. If we take to heart the above, that accusation will fall to the ground as unfounded and irrelevant!

IT IS TIME! TO REJOICE GREATLY!

Zechariah 9:9

<u>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion</u>. Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold! Thy King cometh unto thee. He is just...

Revelation 19:7-9

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him—for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white—for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he (the messenger to John) saith unto me, "Write, 'Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he saith unto me, "These are the true saying of God."

IT IS TIME FOR
JOHN 17:21
TO BE REAL IN OUR LIVES!

That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou has sent Me.

We, as the Body of Christ, must cooperate with Jesus and the Father, through the Holy Spirit to see this prayer answered. We must begin to see a uniting taking place in our hearts and lives with each other through our oneness with the Father and Son, by the Spirit; and a oneness of vision operating in the Church.

We must see the world believing that the Father sent Jesus because the world sees our unity with Jesus and the Father. We must see the glory that was given to Jesus now given to us—to make us one.

IT IS TIME:

If you have taken all these examples given in scripture that clearly speak of Judah's covenant and commission, then **it is time** for you to stand in the holy place, and begin doing what the warrior, and sweet psalmist, David, did.

It is time to learn to care and protect your father's sheep. It is time to be fearless against the enemy of helpless sheep.

It is time to be a "praiser" unto the Lord. It is time to faithfully deliver your Father's provision to your brothers that are on the battleground.

It is time to speak boldly of God's mighty power to be our Deliverer. It is time to allow righteous indignation against the enemy. It is time to run into battle with authority and testimony; and as you run, it is time to declare the victorious outcome.

It is time to stay humble when success comes. It is time that we do not touch God's anointed; but that we let God deal with them.

When all other areas of success appear to be a failure, it is time to let God choose who is sent to you; and to be a captain over the distressed, those in debt, and the discontented. (I Samuel 22:2)

SO, WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Here is where I believe we are: I will <u>not</u> say, "Thus saith the LORD." **Please remember this:** I will not say, "Thus saith the LORD." However, after

twenty-two years of studying and watching these events I am getting a strong feeling inside of me that we are at the threshold of something really major. We are about ready to see Judah come forth once again, in front of his brothers. The natural is going to come forth and rise up; and "who will rouse the old lion."

Ariel Sharon was a freedom fighter back in the forties. Under the UN charter granting to Israel nation status, Ariel had to sign an agreement that he would not run for a high public office in Israel for forty years. As soon as the forty years were over, he ran for public office and he won.

The last time (2005) he ran for office, our media predicted that he didn't have a chance. For some strange reason, he won with a landslide, and our media had to back pedal real fast. Well, the 'poll'-cats missed it. We can't rely on polls to get the mind of God concerning people and the events of the nations. the polls are not God. The masses, and what they think, are not God. I can go down on the streets, and I can direct a poll in any direction I want, simply by phrasing the questions to bring about the response I want to hear. Polls are not a true reading, Church. If you are trusting in the media to lead you to truth, you are heading for a major lie.

Israel built their wall, and they built it in a proper place. They built it according to the David Accord. Our media said they went into a wrong area. That is not true. If you look at the actual map of where that line was drawn, they did not fluctuate from that line. Our media made it look like Israel violated the agreement, which infuriated the Palestinians.

George Bush said, in effect, "I agree with the Palestinian state." But unless we carefully read declarations and his actual quotes, we will think he is for the Palestinian state, and against Israel. There are conditions to his statements—foremost amongst them is that the Palestinians must first prove that they can <u>peacefully</u> live with and among the Israelis. I think the President is a very wise man. Can a leopard change his spots? Can a terrorist cease being a terrorist—except his heart be converted? No way.

What we are seeing here, I believe, is that President Bush and Ariel Sharon are together in this. And, oh, do I ever pray that our President is thinking in the way that I am saying. We all need to pray that he is thinking this way. The reason for this need of prayer is found in:

Zechariah 12:3

...and in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for <u>all</u> people. <u>All</u> that burden themselves with it shall be

cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."

If we think that the Twin Towers was bad, it was nothing, people. It was just a wake-up call compared to what America will experience, overnight, when these next verses that we're going to read start happening. If we send our ambassador to Geneva, Switzerland—remember that—there will be an emergency session of the UN in Geneva—not New York City. (And <u>I will</u> say, "Thus saith the LORD" in this!) If we send our ambassadors to Geneva to condemn, along with the rest of the world, what is happening in Israel, there will be no mercy for us.

Zechariah 12:4-5

"In that day", saith the LORD, "I will smite every horse with astonishment and his rider with madness. And I will open Mine eyes upon the house of Judah. And will smite every horse of the people with blindness. And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.""

Notice, it repeatedly states, Judah. Judah was always to what? Go out to battle, first, on the behalf of Israel. Then it says, "the inhabitants of Jerusalem". Jerusalem—the Palestinians have repeatedly stated, "We will not stop until we have Jerusalem!" Why? They know the UN will back them. Why? Because, under the UN charter for Israel becoming a nation, Tel Aviv was to be the capital—not Jerusalem. Next, we have here the LORD of hosts—or, the Lord of the armies of heaven. This God is the inhabitants' of Jerusalem's God—"their God".

In 1994 I was told by the Holy Spirit to go and address the United Nations General Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. I went with a small group of intercessors and when we arrived we found that the General Assembly was not in session; but we could take a tour—so we did. As we stood in the General Assembly Hall and looked at the seats with all the nations listed, as the tour guide pointed out the speaker's podium, he told us that ten days ago Yasser Arafat stood behind that podium and addressed the nations. I thought, "If he can speak to the nations, so can I." Just then the tour guide's phone rang. He explained, "I've never had this happen in the middle of a tour before; but there is a problem three buildings over that I need to attend to. Please just come out into the hall. The displays on the walls should hold your interest until I return, which should be in about fifteen minutes."

I quickly walked through the crowd of tourists and positioned myself to open the double doors. When they were all out, I slipped back inside the Hall, asking the Lord, "What should I do?" He told me to, "Go up to the podium where Arafat had stood, and I will give you the words to speak." I quickly jumped over the rope barrier and ran up to stand where he had stood to address the nations.

My mouth opened, and the words came forth as though the General Assembly was in session. They were words of warning to the nations that, "This people you call, Israel, is My chosen Judah, and the killing of the Palestinians was done by "the LORD of hosts—their God" (Zechariah 12"5-b); and, "Every nation that casts its vote against Israel will be cut to pieces, saith the LORD God of Israel!"

When I finished I went back out into the hallway with the tour, asking God what that was all about; because no leaders of nations were in that room. The Lord said to me, "In that day, when Judah purges out the Palestinians, and the emergency session of the UN is called, your voice will 'speak out of the stone of the walls, and the beam of the timber will answer it back'."

"Lord," I replied, "Where is that in the Bible?"

He answered, "In Habakkuk 2:11." I took my Bible out of my pocket and read exactly what it says. This is what that scripture says, "For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it." My heart trembled as I read that whole chapter that accurately explained the Palestinians history.

IT IS TIME! JUDAH! COME FORTH!

Zechariah 12:6

In that day will I make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left. And Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place—even in Jerusalem.

Think about that! What is the Lord saying here in verse six? If you go from Jerusalem to Gaza there are fourteen territories, right on the edge of Jerusalem, there are fourteen territories, given to the Palestinians, all the way to Gaza. The fulfillment of this verse will be horrifying on the news, when these

people, which are as David, and those that are as David, as God, go in and do a purging of the Palestinians. What that means is that every man, woman, boy and girl will be wiped out. The media will call it an ethnic cleansing. They will call for an emergency session in Geneva, Switzerland to condemn this bunch of renegade people, called Israel. That is why verse three puts out the solemn warning, ...and in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people. All that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."

He is saying, in effect, that every nation that casts it ballot against Me in that day will be cut to pieces.

Zechariah 12:7

"The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah."

In other words, I'm going to set order back in Israel—in Jerusalem—under My Chosen One, Judah!

Zechariah 12:8

In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David. And the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

"Selah!" Think about that! Have you ever read anywhere in the Bible, a promise of God like that about mankind? The feeblest will be as David; and those that shall be as David, shall be as God. Talk about a slaughter. Look at this:

Zechariah 12:9

And it shall come to pass, <u>in that day</u>, <u>that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem</u>.

Zechariah 12:10

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications. And they shall look upon Me Whom they have

<u>pierced</u>, <u>and they shall mourn for Him</u>, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Here, in verse 10, we witness a most awesome event, planned and carefully orchestrated by our faithful Heavenly Father. The nation of Israel is birthed. Judah comes to its position of leadership and once again, manifests its power to conquer through the mighty power of God Himself.

But now it looks like Judah and Israel will be surrounded and destroyed, as one by one the nations cast their vote against Israel. A great pressure is upon Judah to come forth; but it is up against the whole nations of Islam, Russia, and its allies, to defend itself.

At this point Hosea 5:15 comes in: "I will go and return to My place, till they acknowledge their offense, and seek My face. In their affliction they will seek Me early."

In this pressure cooker Israel will cry and mourn; calling for their Messiah-Deliverer. And He promises to pour out the spirit of Grace and Supplications. When Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, he was delivered. Always, when grace comes, there is deliverance, and a plan is revealed. But Messiah can't come just yet—even though most Bible teachers jump ahead to Zechariah 14:4, with Jesus' coming. No! Not for two more chapters does He come.

WHY NOT NOW?

Why not now? Because they must come to the knowledge of the truth and recognize their offence. What offence? That they crucified their very own Messiah—crying, "His blood be on us, and on our children." (See Matthew 27:25) They must be brought to the undeniable truth of their forefather's mistake.

BUT HOW?

The only way for that to happen is that they are presented with evidence that is pure and strong; so that in this time of such great victory, and what looks like sudden destruction, they will be met with the plan of God.

TRUTH SHALL SPRING OUT OF THE EARTH!

God always has a plan. This plan of the ages had already been written and sung way back in David's day.

Psalm 85:10-13

Mercy and Truth are met together;
Righteousness and Peace have kissed each other.

<u>Truth shall spring out of the earth</u>; and <u>Righteousness shall look down from heaven</u>.

Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; And our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before Him; And shall set us in the way of His steps.

What truth could save them now? Yes, the fact of their crucifixion of their Messiah. It will come to pass when the full evidence of that which has been hidden for over two and a half millennia comes forth out of the earth. It will be the truth that was covered up prior to the Babylonian siege during Jeremiah's time, when he and the faithful priests placed the Ark of the Covenant in that natural hollow outside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem.

In Jeremiah 32:1-15, we learn that Jeremiah purchased a field and placed the deed and evidences of purchase of the field in an earthen vessel, (v.14) "that they may continue many days". (v.15) For thus saith the LORD of hosts—the God of Israel, "Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again this land." Today olive trees and vineyards are all around Gethsemane/Golgotha.

THEY SHALL LOOK UPON ME WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED

In was in 1982 that Ron Wyatt broke through into a chamber containing the Ark of the Covenant, the Table of Shewbread, the Menorah, or the Seven-tiered Candlestick, and earthen vessels containing Jeremiah's deed and explanation of why the furnishings were placed there. We have told you about the cross-holes and the first century memorial site that signified the crucifixion site of Jesus. We told you about the blood of Jesus flowing down upon the Mercy Seat below.

So, now, let's go back to Psalm 85:11. "Truth shall spring out of the earth". If you were one of those at this crucial hour, crying out for your Messiah yet to come; and this evidence was revealed to you, would you not mourn and weep? In their very own Book of Psalms it tells how Mercy and Truth are met together. Suddenly, He Who was the Truth—the Living Word of God, is now plainly seen to be their Messiah, giving His blood on the Mercy Seat for the perfect sacrifice for their sins. The only thing that the human spirit can do to respond to such revelation is to mourn and weep before this One Whom they pierced! This is what Zechariah prophesied. This is what we shall see.

Zechariah 12:11

In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Meggid-don.

Zechariah 12:12-14

And the land shall mourn, every family apart. The family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Levi apart; and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

If you had just realized the painstaking care that the God of Israel took to ensure that "pattern and type" would meet reality 600 years later, wouldn't you weep and mourn? If you suddenly realized your Messiah had waited 2,000 years for Judah to lead Israel to their Messiah, wouldn't you weep and mourn? Yes! And, "Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven!"

Then Psalm 85:12 can come to pass: "Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase."

Then they can walk right up to where their Messiah carried His cross to be crucified; for, "Righteousness shall go before Him; and shall set us in the way of His steps.

Zechariah 13:1-2

In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. "And it shall come to pass in that day", saith the LORD of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land."

As we see Judah going through this, in the natural, it challenges us, as the recognized Body of Christ, to make ourselves ready, as a Bride adorned for her husband, in the marriage ceremony. (Ephesians 5:27) We are entering the consummation of the age long awaited for, where prophets will be silenced, and we will all witness the beauty of the truth of:

Revelation 19:10

"...I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Matthew 24:34

(Jesus told His disciples), "Verily I say unto you, 'This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."

So, if all prophecy is fulfilled in this generation's life, we can now understand nothing remains to be fulfilled, except the perpetual testimony of our precious Redeemer.

Zechariah 13:8-9

"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land", saith the LORD, "two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried. They shall call on My name, and I will hear them. I will say, 'It is My people!' and they shall say, 'The LORD is my God!"

Revelation 3:18-a

Jesus says to the Church of Laodicea: "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire..."

For we are preparing our hearts to stand firm. The love of the truth will set us free from the great deception being set up in this last generation, leading up to only one third of all the people of the land shall be refined in the fire, as silver is refined; and tried as gold is tried.

It is time for the preparing of a glorious people, for the fulfillment of Zechariah, Chapter Fourteen. The nations will surround Jerusalem to destroy God's Chosen Ones, only to have Israel's God arise to deliver and conquer their enemies.

COME FORTH JUDAH!

Zephaniah 3:16-17

In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, "Fear thou not! And to Zion, "Let not thine hands be slack! The LORD thy God, in the midst of thee is mighty! He will save; He will rejoice over thee with joy. He will rest in His love; He will joy (exult) over thee with singing."

ARISE CHURCH! UNTO THE GLORY OF THE LORD!

Oh, Beloved Church, Bride of Christ, learn now to turn your ears toward heaven, hearing the beauty of our Beloved Bridegroom, The Lion of Judah singing over us. Then there will be "Halleluiahs!" all across the land. All the people will be singing at the Lord's command. There will be a cry from our innermost beings to come out of our carnality, with eyes only for this world, and to work from the light of heaven, so that the harvest can come in!

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