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Has the Devil Recruited you? Yes, if you are Homophobic-Fearful of being criticized for Not honoring sexual perverts parading their sin. State officials: License - Sexual Perverts to flaunt their depravity in everyone’s face. Most republicans, all democrats, educators, and church leaders have swallowed Devil-Medias’ evil must be honored - Snare. Example: Republican talk show host instead of defending God’s Truth - and rejecting the premise of the Made-Up Fraud Diagnosis “homophobia” boast “I am Not Homophobic.” That is real “homophobia” confessing out of FEAR “I do Not believe God” I believe Devil-Media, Democratic party snakes and professor Frankenstein - instead.

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Devil-Media: Recruited - **Sean Hannity.** Sean swallowed the Devil's snare. Interviews - Bruce Jenner - pretending to be a woman referring to Bruce as a woman using Caitlyn. Sean, you should know better - repent. You should have advised Bruce: Take off his makeup, mini skirt and high heel shoes, stop - living a lie - and behave like a man. **Dennis Prager - Dangles on to the Devil's Snare:** Preaching Sexual Perverts flaunting depravity must be "Respected" instead of called on to repent. Conclusion: According to Dennis - God's Word must be disrespected and those who believe God accused as "haters." Psalm 12:8 NIV "The wicked freely strut about when what is vile is honored among men." Do this homophobic-fearful - Conservative talkers: A man boasts about success living as a woman. Reply: A man who pretends to be a woman is a perverted fraud, then hang up. God is to be honored - Not sexual perverts intent on - **painting you and your listeners with their guilt.** Leviticus 19:17 - NIV "Do Not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will Not share in his guilt."

State Devil-Worship: Special Rights - for sexual perverts to force their depravity on others. Can Matthew 19:4-5 - be forced on Americans? "The Creator made them male and female, and said: For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife." No. Then "Equal Rights Under Law" demands - neither should sexual perverts be forced on Americans. Compelling an employer to hire a man pretending to be a woman is tyranny. America's Depraved Idolatry: sexual perverts must be honored. Dishonor Christians who believe God - receive State blessings. God's rebuke and TEST of the heart - President Joe Biden - Honoring sexual perverts flaunting their sin: Will You bow the knee and join his Idolatry?

State Leaders Divorce Devil-Media: Create this Law in your State. In Court all are male and female. Reject the fraud of transgender. And in court all are the - same race - or Judicial and social Depravity will Dominate! "Special Rights" based on being black, and a sexual pervert - makes being white and believing God a crime and makes void - freedom of speech and "Equal Justice Under Law." Money facilitates black racism: Take money out of the Un-Civil-Rights Law then black accusers and their damned lawyers like vultures will fly away.

Honoring same sex marriage justifies sexual perverts adopting children and perverting innocent minds. America Repent: Let go of the Devils: Honor-Evil-Snare it will twist your mind and drag you to Hell. Take hold of God's Anchor of Truth. Judgment Day is the day of your, death; you will Not remember being dead. Our Father in Heaven paid our debt of sin. God's great sacrifice has been given - Jesus Christ Crucified is - Light that Shines beyond the graves.

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"Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others that have been tried." – Winston Churchill

NO, this is not another election analysis, except to say "Na na na na NA na, Milwaukee Journal, regarding lies told about Senator Johnson. This column will consist of whatever random thoughts come to me in the few minutes before the library closes.

1) The war in Ukraine really bothers me. A while back I said that whoever is negotiating with Russia should send a midget as the lead negotiator, St. Louis Browns style, to show Putin how serious we think he is. It would also put him on a closer to eye level with the negotiator. Maybe send in the clowns too. I found out this is not an entirely original idea.

2) Writers in flyover country really do think alike. I have a priceless copy of "Double Parked on Main Street" by David A. Fryxel. He was born in South Dakota and wrote for a Dubuque newspaper. I started writing my columns in the U.P. of Michigan, where planes don't even fly over.

Anyway, Fryxel – in 1988 – had the same theory about negotiating that I have. In the chapter "When did 'parent' become a verb?" he suggested ("Babes 'n' arms"):

"When the arms talks stall over whether the minutes should be printed on white paper or buff, a baby could cut the tension. A baby is a terrific conversation piece, and just wait until the baby starts crying. These tough diplomats might be toe-to-toe on missiles but watch them melt when the baby starts crying [as if it knows what's at stake]."

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"Parents sometimes ask the baby to say something, like 'Tell your mother if she doesn't stop hogging the covers, I'm going to tell her to sleep on the couch.'

"The baby could act as a third party. Of course it would help if it came from a neutral country such as Switzerland. The only problem I see is: Is there room in the baby's crib for the Nobel Peace Prize?"

3) That reminds me, some Power Ball jackpots are worth more than the Nobel prizes. There must be a statement in there somewhere about the condition of society's modern culture. But aren't some states paying lottery winners with IOUs? That's what it would take to get some people to take our economic crisis seriously! All I can add is, thou shall not covet lottery prizes and remember the Sabbath day.

P.S. "Lord, be my life's prize to win; guide me through this world of sin."

PPS: The library is closing, so I'll have to cut this short, but here's the quotation of the week:

"We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the sermon on the mount. The world has achieved brilliance without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical midgets." – General Omar Bradley, November 11, 1948

As General MacArthur said, "We have had our last chance."

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Prophecy Articles

Standing on the Sea of Glass (Copyright 2022) by Rich Traver (Clifton, Colorado)

Its Prominent Mention in Significant Scenes raises questions religion has generally 'left aside' at present. But if we're ever to know what God looks like and what His Throne in Heaven looks like, three Explicit Passages are somewhat revealing.

One would think that something so essential to a visual comprehension of the scene of God's Throne in Heaven would be well represented in discussions on the subject. Though not mentioned in very many passages, a few examples stand out.

In Revelation 4, the beloved Apostle John was privileged to be given an extraordinary vision of not only the Throne of God, but also of an image of the Father upon the Throne that apparently no one else had been privileged to see. Where no man had heard God's Voice or seen His Shape, ¹ we have this one technical exception. But this vision was decades after John's own statement was made.

We read of that occasion beginning in verse one:

[1] *After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee **things which must be hereafter.***

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

[3] *And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne,*

¹ John 5:37 "And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his **voice** at any time, nor seen his **shape**."

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in sight like unto an emerald.

[4] *And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.*

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

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

A Luminous SEA of Glass?

It's the particular feature of the pavement spread out before the Heavenly Throne that's the focal element of this study.

In Revelation 15 we have another reference to the same scene. This scene is more directly related to a specific point in time, where this transparent pavement is populated by those victorious over the Beast: They having been made Spirit at this point, and rehearsed with instruments and vocalization for a performance appropriate to the occasion. This particular aspect may create questions among certain of our genre. ² We'll consider that later on.

This visual description, again by John, apparently pictures a different occasion. Again, we begin in verse one of Revelation 15:

[1] *And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.*

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

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

[4] *Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.*

These passages are basically all we have regarding the underlying forestage on which God's Throne is set, with one other extraordinary example.

Centuries prior to John's privileged visions, there was another related event – a real occasion – where living physical beings were allowed to see what and whom Moses had been allowed to not only see, but to have direct face-to-face conversations with. ³

Actually, SEEING God!?

We can pose that Adam and Eve as well as Jacob saw this Being personally, but for the most part, few others had the privilege. An explanation of WHO that Being was is perhaps in order. John's assertion in his gospel (see footnote) was in reference to the Father, not to the pre-incarnate Christ. This is a distinction that we need to be aware of. John's audience at the time apparently realized the implications being made against their belief system (what's known as strict monotheism – there being but one Being in the Godhead) evident in their failure to object, where they could have cited the situation with Adam & Eve, Jacob and Moses, etc.

Ate and Drank with God!

This auspicious event is presented in Exodus 24. By way of setting the timeframe and scene, this gathering up on Mt.

² Those who are more focused on the millennial Kingdom of God that's to be on earth for 1000 years traditionally dismiss the Saints being “in Heaven” for eternity, as is the common religious teaching regarding “their afterlife”. While the Martyrs spirits are ‘kept under the Altar’ – for centuries, in some cases – who are awaiting their fellow martyrs from the modern era, perhaps we ought to consider this occasion as a real event, though of short duration. Their singing songs at this occasion speaks to their living consciousness.

³ Exodus 33:11 “*And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend...*”.

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Sinai was just after the ratification of the Covenant with the people. There are scholars who pose that this event (Ex. 24:) was when the Children of Israel became ‘married’ to the pre-incarnate Christ. It’s where they said “I do!” or rather “We do!” The pre-incarnate Christ was married unto Israel. ⁴

[1] *And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off.*

[2] *And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.* (This prohibition was imposed during the Marriage Ceremony!)

[3] *And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the **people answered with one voice**, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said **will we do**.*

[4] *And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.*

[5] *And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.*

[6] *And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.*

[7] *And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, **All that the LORD hath said will we do**, and be obedient.* (Further affirmation.)

[8] *And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.*

Change of Venue Afterward

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

[10] *And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were **a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness**.* (Different terminology – similar scene.)

[11] *And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also **they saw God**, and did eat and drink.* (From parallel accounts, we’re left to realize this sighting was of the pre-incarnate Christ, not the Father whose existence was yet to be generally revealed.)

So, what we have in this scene in Exodus 24 is an after-event to the Marriage Ceremony. What we would compare to a Wedding Reception. Not the Ceremony itself, but a “Celebration” that follows.

What’s interesting is the allusion to a similar event to take place just after Christ gathers-up His Saints. At some point – and we don’t have much by which to identify either the exact day or the exact setting – there’s the one specific reference to the Marriage of Christ to the Church. That’s in Revelation 19.

Verse 7 says: “*Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to him: for the **marriage of the Lamb** is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*” This refers to the Ceremony. But that’s not the whole of Revelation’s passage here. It continues: In verse 8, it makes reference to another part of this Wedding event. “*And he 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 sayings of God.*” These called to this ‘supper’ are not necessarily the entirety of the wedding entourage. Privileged invitees attend the Reception along with the Wedding Party. If the comparison which we read of in Exodus 24 is an indication, then those in attendance are likely the elite representatives of the imminent millennial nation.

⁴ Jer. 3:14 “*Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am **married** unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:*”.

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Now, putting these two scenes in Revelation together, the sea of glass references with the Marriage of the Lamb, is there a correlation?

So, from Revelation 4:6 compared to Revelation 15:2, it's apparent that these 'victors' over the Beast and his image are seen standing before His Throne! Logically, these would be spirit-born saints at this point, not long-deceased 'immortal souls'.

Let's pose another question: are they there merely for the entertainment factor, singing praises to the intervening Christ? A further point is their acclimation of His imminent rulership of Earth, where they sing: "... *for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.*" Since all nations do NOT worship Him (truly) at present, nor are His Judgments obvious, then this must be in the future after His intervention, something more than His gathering-up of His Saints!

Saints in Heaven?

Here's a key question: Will the Saints ever actually experience God's Throne in Heaven? The Church of God genre has traditionally thought not in that it is realized that the deceased don't spend eternity in Heaven as is the common belief. However, we have certain passages that give pause to a totally dismissive answer.

John obviously was given a vision of the Throne and its environs. The Apostle Paul was similarly treated to an experience that was so vivid that he couldn't be sure if it was just a vision or he was actually bodily present there!

Paul's account is this: "*I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the **third heaven**.*" (The context shows that he was obliquely referring to himself!)

And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." (2nd Cor. 12:2-4)

A Priceless and Unique Privilege!

It wouldn't at all surprise me that God fully intends to at least show His Saints what we've been hearing about all our lives. The Saints are His Bride after all. God's Throne in Heaven will remain as the administrative center of the World and the Universe during the millennium! If the martyr's spirits are kept there ⁵ and if there are to be '*much people in Heaven*' at some point, then there's perhaps an event that we haven't fully accommodated in our beliefs.

The Resurrected Meet Him in the Air!

But the transport there is not ongoing as each individual dies, rather there's a simultaneous gathering 'in the clouds' ⁶ at the Second Coming. There's the belief that He and the Saints will descend to the Mount of Olives on that very day. However, when we consider the Battle of Armageddon, we realize that the Jerusalem environs will still be in the control of the Beast and his army until after the battle! ⁷

Explanations are offered where these 'people' are not spirit-born Saints, but let's consider a possibility that they are the same peoples as we read of in Revelation 15:2. Revelation 19:1 reads: "*And after these things I heard a great voice of **much people** in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:..*"

When and Where?

That leaves open the related question, when and where will the Marriage of the Lamb take place and who will preside over the Ceremony? 📖

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⁵ Revelation 6:9-11

⁶ 1st Thessalonians 4:17

⁷ The Beast will have set-up his final headquarters there. Daniel 11:45. An article "*An Armageddon Perspective*" explains this situation, being the Beast's and False Prophet's end.

The Shout of a King

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To adherents of Judaism, the Feast of Trumpets is essentially a mystery. They can see that the first day of the seventh month is a holy day, and a noisy one at that:

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.'" (Leviticus 23:23-25; see also Numbers 29:1-6)

The Jews have their traditions, but they have little idea what to make of this annual holy day. Their confusion is both ironic and telling because God has made the clues readily available. However, putting the pieces together would require accepting something they are not ready to accept, at least not yet.

In Hebrew, the Feast of Trumpets is called *Yom Teruah*, based on the sparse instructions in Leviticus 23:23-25 and Numbers 29:1-6. *Yom* (*Strong's* #3117) is the Hebrew word for "day," while translators commonly render *teruah* (*Strong's* #8643) in those places as "a trumpet blast," "a blowing of trumpets," or even "loud blasts on the ram's horn." But in the instructions, God does not specify why. He only indicates that it is to be a day of great noise, a day of alarm, joy, rejoicing, and shouting, which is what *teruah* literally means.

The root of *teruah* is *ruwa* (*Strong's* #7321), and its figurative meaning is "to split the ears (with sound)." The sound can signify alarm or rejoicing. It can be destructive or joyful. Regardless of the occasion, *ruwa* is piercing, thunderous, or otherwise deafening. The emphasis in *teruah* lies in earsplitting noise rather than its source. It does not directly mean "trumpets," "ram's horn," or "shofar," but instead points to an arresting noise like the sound those instruments make.

But it also describes the sound a throng of people makes when shouting with a full-throated roar, and particularly in shouting to God (Psalm 47:1; 66:1; 81:2; 100:1). In God's church, our observance tends to be subdued compared to how Scripture uses *teruah* and its root, but we at least have a song service during which we can lift our voices— "make a joyful noise"—as commanded.

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A Prophecy of Balaam

A survey of the three dozen places *teruah* appears uncovers a few common themes, such as war, alarm, rejoicing, warning, and victory. However, another theme of *teruah*, often overlooked, is found in a Messianic prophecy given through the soothsayer or priest-diviner, Balaam. Balak, king of Moab, had hired him to curse Israel, but God ensured he could only bless the nation. Balaam prophesies in Numbers 23:21: “He has not observed iniquity in Jacob, nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a King is among them.”

Through Balaam, God explains why He could not curse Israel as Balak desired. He essentially says that He had chosen to overlook the sins of Israel because of what He was working out. We can readily see an example of His sparing them in the Exodus Passover, where God “passed over” the sinful nation to fulfill His promises to Abraham. God is not saying Israel was without iniquity, only that He had chosen not to focus on it. He would not curse Israel just because Balaam or Balak asked Him to.

Teruah appears in the last half of the verse: “The LORD his God is with him, and the *shout* of a King is among them” (emphasis ours throughout). This couplet contains an example of parallelism, in which the two phrases express the same idea. The word “shout” shows a common usage that can help us appreciate this holy day: *Teruah*—which is shouting, the blowing of trumpets, or the splitting of the air with an arresting noise—draws attention to the presence of God. Of course, we understand that He is always present, but the deafening noise, from whatever source, draws attention to the *reality* of His presence.

In this prophetic utterance, God says He is with Israel, and His shout—the noise that cannot be ignored—rings among His people. Thus, on *Yom Teruah*, this Day of Trumpets, or Day of Shouting, *we remember His presence* because the sounds of this day should capture our attention and redirect it to what the King is doing. It is a highly effective way to begin the fall holy day season, focusing God’s people on the right things because it is nearly impossible to ignore a noise like *teruah* describes.

Remember, in the prophecy, God is explaining why He is defending Israel, even though His people were really not any better than their neighbors. In many ways, they were worse because they were accountable for much more. God defended them simply because of His faithfulness to Abraham. On that basis, the shout of rejoicing went up because the Creator God was their King and in their midst, favoring them.

God in the Camp

Scripture contains other examples of shouting that are linked with God’s presence:

And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted [*teruah*] so loudly that the earth shook. Now when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout [*teruah*], they said, “What does the sound of this great shout [*teruah*] in the camp of the Hebrews mean?” Then they understood that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp. So, the Philistines were afraid, for they said, “God has come into the camp!” And they said, “Woe to us! For such a thing has never happened before.” (I Samuel 4:5-7)

The Ark of the Covenant represented the presence of God, and when the Israelites saw it, they all began to shout. Their response was fitting and correct because their divine King was among them. However, the rest of the story reveals He was intensely displeased with Israel and gave the victory to the Philistines.

This episode occurred when the sons of Eli had disgraced the priesthood, and God had largely removed Himself from the nation. The Israelites thought they could use the Ark like a good luck charm. They trusted in a holy object, not understanding the principle of reciprocity in their relationship with God. As He told King Asa much later, “The LORD is with you *while you are with Him*. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you” (II Chronicles 15:2). So, the neglectful Israelites presumed to bring God into battle with them, and He fought against them. The shout of the King was among Israel, but God’s presence brought destruction rather than favor.

I Chronicles 15 contains another example:

Thus, all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting [*teruah*] and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals, making music with stringed instruments and harps. (I Chronicles 15:28)

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Again, the presence of God was celebrated with shouting, both by the people and by their horns and trumpets. King David had finally followed the correct procedure for moving the Ark, which required it to be borne by priests with solemn dignity rather than jostled along in a cart like a bundle of hay or other common possession (II Samuel 6:1-11). God's presence evoked a tremendous audible salute from His people.

The Triumphal Entry

A well-known prophecy, fulfilled at Christ's first coming, also contains the theme of shouting that accompanies God's presence:

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout [*ruwa*], O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.” (Zechariah 9:9)

In this prophecy, the shouting by the people of Zion/Jerusalem would be on account of their King coming to them, bringing salvation. It is another example of shouting because the King was present among His people.

Jesus Christ fulfilled this prophecy of the Messiah entering Zion on a donkey during His triumphal entry into Jerusalem:

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” (Matthew 21:1-5)

Yet it was not just His riding on a donkey that was fulfilled; the detail regarding shouting also came to pass. A tremendous cry went up from the people. Whether they recognized it or not, the multitudes were announcing the presence of their King:

Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!” And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?” So, the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.” (Matthew 21:9-11)

The King—the Son of David—was in the presence of the multitudes, and they were crying out—they were shouting, as was only fitting. Of course, He had been among them for three-and-a-half years, and His presence did not evoke shouting everywhere He went. His entry, however, was an extraordinary occasion to draw attention to the fact that God was present and something significant was happening. He had been among them for half a prophetic week, healing, teaching, warning, and performing signs, but now His earthly work was almost finished. He fulfilled Zechariah 9:9 by entering Jerusalem on a donkey in the lead-up to the covenant memorial of Passover.

Acknowledging Their King

For those with eyes to see, what was happening was as plain as day: They were shouting in celebration, honor, and recognition of their King. As Zechariah prophesied, He had salvation for those who would accept Him. *Hosanna*, a transliterated Hebrew word, is a plea that means “save now” or “save, we pray.” The people were shouting, “Save now!” while their King entered Jerusalem with salvation. They took the words they called from Psalm 118:25-26, a Messianic psalm.

Some had made the connection, but not everyone was pleased:

Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest [echoing what the angels shouted at His birth]!” And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.” (Luke 19:37-40)

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As was their custom, the Pharisees were offended at Him because they felt threatened. Since they focused only on their own positions, they could not see God. Jesus answered them with a declaration that if His people failed to shout, the stones themselves would take up the cry!

Part of His statement deals with the creation—whether men or stones—rightly praising Him as the Creator. Shouting was not just fitting but absolutely *required* on this occasion. His words about stones crying out may also refer to Habakkuk 2:11, a prophecy of woe against those who covet unlawful gain, those who feather their nests at the expense of others, something He accused the Pharisees of doing (see Matthew 23:16-26). In that verse, God says, “The stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the timbers will answer it.” In other words, the stones and other parts of the house would cry out as it crumbled on the occupants. In this case, Jesus’ words were both a defense of the people’s appropriate shouting in His honor and an allusion to destructive judgment upon a wicked house.

“Blessed Is He Who Comes . . .”

Christ Himself foretold the people’s shouting the words of Psalm 118—“Save now . . . Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!” He uttered the prophecy during His final journey to Jerusalem:

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!” (Luke 13:34-35)

He was still some distance from Jerusalem when He prophesied that the city would not see Him until the citizens proclaimed the words of Psalm 118. When some of them indeed shouted, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!” He entered Jerusalem on a donkey as their King with salvation, thus fulfilling Zechariah 9:9.

Though some welcomed Him, His reception by the religious authorities was entirely hostile, and as He foretold, their house was left desolate shortly thereafter. They had searched the Scriptures after a fashion, trying to gain eternal life for themselves, but their rotten hearts would not allow them to see that the Scriptures testified of Jesus of Nazareth.

In the same way, many religious Jews today observe the Day of Shouting without acknowledging that the shouting points to the divine King, Jesus Christ. And as Jesus prophesied, they will not see Him until they proclaim, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!”—that is, until they acknowledge Him as Messiah.

Zephaniah 3:14-17 contains a yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecy of future Israelites turning to Him and receiving salvation:

Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall see disaster no more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save [they will cry out ‘Hosanna!’—‘Save now!’—and He will answer]; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

What will it be like when the King Himself joins in song with His singing and shouting people? What a magnificent day that will be!

As God said through Balaam millennia ago, the shout of a King has been among them, but most of them missed it. But we greatly anticipate the day the shout of the King breaks forth again, which Psalm 47 anticipates:

Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout [*ruwa*] to God with the voice of triumph!
For the LORD Most High is awesome;
He is a great King over all the earth.
He will subdue the peoples under us,
And the nations under our feet.
He will choose our inheritance for us,

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The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah
God has gone up with a shout [*teruah*],
The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing praises with understanding.
God reigns over the nations;
God sits on His holy throne.
The princes of the people have gathered together,
The people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
He is greatly exalted. (Psalm 47:1-9)

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Tower of Rebellion

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Better known as the Tower of Babel as mentioned in Genesis 11:1-9. Archeologist Joel Kramer has an exciting video revealing the location of the Biblical Tower of Babel at ancient Babylon.

The brief account in Genesis 11 reveals man's nature to go contrary to God's wishes. Rather than spreading out over the earth to reinhabit it after the flood, they chose to dwell in cities consolidating their power and trusting in themselves to create a world of their own choosing. Take note how Joel describes their **rebellious** efforts to build a tower that was considered a "gateway to heaven." This tower or ziggurat had a **staircase** that would allow access to a divine being.

Recall the staircase that Jacob saw in his dream (Genesis 28:10-17; verse 17: "gate of heaven"). I wrote about it in a previous article. It was a mountain at Bethel which had natural staircase features. And it may have been the inspiration for Jacob's son, Joseph, who possibly built the Step Pyramid in Egypt.

Joel's video documents and describes the Tower of Babel and why he believes it was at Babylon rather than other locations that have been suggested. This video will also serve as some groundwork for an upcoming article on Bible prophecy found in Zechariah. Babylon was located in the land of Shinar. That ancient area is today located in Iraq. The land of Shinar will be further explored in my future article on Zechariah 5. Stay tuned.

Meanwhile, allow Joel to amaze you with his stunning video on the Tower of Babel. And be sure to watch his second video on the ancient city of Babylon and God's prophecies against it. It will show how God's Word stands the test of time despite man's feeble efforts to usurp God's authority.

Note: Joel's book, "Where God Came Down," is an excellent resource for Bible students. Another resource that I would recommend is "The Satellite Bible Atlas: Historical Geography of the Bible" Second Edition. Both books can be found on Amazon.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYc_VgjJfw8
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtUNHjDmGOY>

See **"The Woman Flees"** in regard to Zechariah 5

Letters

Letter from Richard Markland (April 8, 2023)

Richard Markland is doing a work while in prison for a crime he did not commit. He is able to use the prison computers and copy machines and he is printing a small newsletter called "Global News & Prophecy." I can't print his whole letter here, but this is interesting:

"...The chaplain (prison) has let me know through an inmate who takes it (Global News & Prophecy)" that he (the chaplain) wants to make copies and set them on a table for inmates. Two were placed a few days ago and picked up immediately. I plan to meet with him (the chaplain) next week..."

If anyone would like to write to Richard, email me for his address if you do not have it.

Letter from Richard Markland (May 1, 2023)

"... If brethren have a door that's opened to spread God's truth, it needs to be taken advantage of. How many brethren aren't due to the leadership? Inmates wouldn't know beyond a few church magazines in this place. It's a confused mess and is the reason I've decided to do the newsletter (Global News & Prophecy) ..."

Letter from Curtis Dahlgren (May 13, 2023)

Thanks. Praying for Trump and family and attorneys.

Letter from Dwight Fleming (May 16, 2023)

I was hoping the poem would give everyone a good laugh. I wrote it many years ago while I was in high school. I worked at a nearby egg ranch after school. Where there are chickens there is also chicken poop. Anyway, when I would come home from work, my parents would often complain about my stinking feet. So, this inspired me to write the poem. It is sometimes good to have a little humor to better deal with life.

Hi Dwight: Background in regard to the poem under "Other Items" in this issue. The poem is called "One Fine Day" and when I received it, I laughed and laughed. I think I was being too serious that day, so this just struck me as very funny. I needed a good laugh. Thank you! Laura Lee

Letter from Kenneth M. Hoeck (May 16, 2023)

Thanks for your and Darwin's care of the brethren and efforts to edify and educate the church at large. Thank you.

Letter from Ray Daly (May 18, 2023)

Scripture supports there will be a coming time of "peace on earth" brought about via the Gentiles Especially, the "kings of the north and south". This "peace on earth" will be in effect by the year 2027. You take it from there.

Hi Ray: I have no plans to do research on this for you. So, I won't be taking it from here or there. This is basically useless without scriptural proof, which I have told you numerous times to include. Laura Lee

Iron Sharpening Iron

(Agree or Disagree with Something Printed)

New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

In regard to: Standing on the Sea of Glass

Article by Rich Traver

Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

The author of this article asks a lot of questions but doesn't seem to have the answers to most of them. In some areas what is written is not clear to the reader as far as the point the author is trying to make.

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In the bible it tells us when the first fruits will be resurrected.

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

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. **1Th 4:15** For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. **1Th 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: **1Th 4:17** Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. **1Th 4:18** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

The first fruits will be resurrected at the last trump.

Rev 11:3 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. **Rev 11:8** And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. **Rev 11:9** And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. **Rev 11:10** And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. **Rev 11:11** And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. **Rev 11:12** And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. **Rev 11:13** And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. **Rev 11:14** The second woe is past; *and* behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

There are seven trumpets all together. The first four are called trumpets and the last three are called “woe” or “woe trumpets”. So, when it says the second woe is past and the third woe cometh quickly, the third woe is the seventh trumpet which is the last trumpet. So shortly after the two witnesses ascend into heaven the elect of God will be resurrected.

Speculation has it that the first trumpet will sound on Feast of Trumpets, the second one on Atonement, the third one during the Feast of Tabernacles, the fourth on the last Great Day, the fifth on the first Day of Passover/Unleavened Bread the sixth on the last day of Passover/Unleavened Bread and the seventh and last trumpet will sound on Pentecost which is the Feast of First Fruits.

Rev 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. **Rev 7:2** And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, **Rev 7:3** Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. **Rev 7:4** And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. **Rev 7:5** Of the tribe of Juda *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad *were* sealed twelve thousand. **Rev 7:6** Of the tribe of Aser *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses *were* sealed twelve thousand. **Rev 7:7** Of the tribe of Simeon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar *were* sealed twelve thousand. **Rev 7:8** Of the tribe of Zabulon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin *were* sealed twelve thousand. **Rev 7:9** After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; **Rev 7:10** And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which

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sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. **Rev 7:11** And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, **Rev 7:12** Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. **Rev 7:13** And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? **Rev 7:14** And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, **These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Rev 7:15** Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

Speculation has it that this is at the time of the harvest of the first fruits as they are being gathered and sealed. Later it shows them being in heaven around the throne of God. When it says nations here, I am fairly sure all nations would be represented here as they are being gathered from the four corners of the earth. So this would be happening at the time of the resurrection.

Speculation has it that once the first fruits are gathered, they will be taken to heaven for the marriage supper of the lamb and will also be trained for the positions they will be in during the millennium. It is speculated that the marriage supper will probably take a week or so and then training will start. The period from the resurrection of the first fruits to the end of their training period is predicted to take place between Pentecost and the Feast of Trumpets. This is also the period of time when the bowls of wrath will be poured out on the earth.

Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a **Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. Rev 14:2** And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: **Rev 14:3** And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, **which were redeemed from the earth. Rev 14:4** These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. **These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. Rev 14:5** And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Coming back to earth and being on mount Sion is speculated to take place after the training period which probably will end at the time that the Feast of Trumpets starts that year.

If you read through Revelation 21 and 22 that is talking about when everything is fulfilled.

All bible quotes are from the King James Version.

Announcements

Announcement from Zac Poonen (May 13, 2023)

MESSAGES

17 years ago, Brother Zac Poonen spoke a series of 10 prophetic messages at a conference in Bangalore titled: “The Missing Messages in Today’s Christianity”.

<https://www.cfcindia.com/series/the-missing-messages-in-todays-christianity-0>

They were prophetic for that time and also for today. Listen to all of them – and especially to Message No.6, where he speaks about how money, music and psychology have replaced the Holy Spirit in much of today’s Christianity.

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Other Items

(Poems, Jokes, Questions etc.)

One Fine Day!

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One fine day,
In the middle of May,
I was lookin' down the street,
When I smelled someone's feet.

I turned and there I found,
Those dirty, stinkin' feet on the ground.
I grabbed ahold of them and away I went.
I almost passed out from the awful scent.

I reached the creek just in time.
The soap I used worked just fine.
I washed those feet till they stunk no more.
But now the fishin' there really is poor.

Composed by Dwight Fleming

A foot soldier in the service of The Almighty King

Holy Days 2023

Passover – April 6, 2023 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Passover/Unleavened Bread – April 6-12, 2023

Pentecost – May 26, 2023

Trumpets - September 16, 2023

Atonement – September 25, 2023

Tabernacles –September 30, 2023 to October 6, 2023

Last Great Day – October 7, 2023

Notes