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## Letter From The Editor

Here in the southern hemisphere we are two weeks away from the beginning of spring. And in the northern hemisphere autumn or fall is quickly approaching. Times and seasons come and go. However on God's calendar, a different scenario is unfolding. So many things are intersecting this year. This is the year of a double portion as well as the year of the 70. This along with a jubilee year promises to be a very significant year. In a few days a solar eclipse will be seen to cross the USA. Signs in the heavens has always been one way that God speaks to the Nations. This is a year of new beginnings and profound change. I pray that you all will begin to recognize the times and seasons that we are now in and respond adequately in order to receive all that God has for us in this hour.

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# THE APPEARING OF JESUS

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It is God's purpose for us that we mature and become  
a fully-fledged mature son of God

**B**eloved, now are we the sons of God,  
[The word son here is the Greek word  
teknon, tek'-non of God, meaning a  
child not a mature son;] and it doth not  
yet appear what we shall be: but we  
know that, when he shall appear, we shall  
be like him; for we shall see him as he is.  
And every man that hath this hope in him  
purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1 John 3:2-3

We all as Christians start out as just a child  
of God, however it is God's purpose for  
us that we mature and become a fully-  
fledged mature son of God. This maturing  
is a process of growing up in the ways and  
nature of the Lord Jesus.

## **The Lord is coming in us before He will come for us**

In John chapter 7 It was the time of the  
Feast of Tabernacles, and Jesus said to  
the disciples you go on up to Jerusalem  
ahead of Me and I will come later. The  
disciples said to Jesus, why don't you go  
to Judea and show yourself to the world.  
Chapter 7 verse 4. Jesus said no you go up  
to the feast I'm not going up yet because  
my time is not fully come. It was obvious

that Jesus was waiting for a very specific  
time. But then we have verse 10.

*But when his brethren were gone up,  
then went he also up unto the feast, not  
openly, but as it were in secret.*

John 7:10

He would secretly appear at the temple  
in Jerusalem. The whole setting of this is  
profoundly prophetic. The context is the  
Feast of Tabernacles which speaks of the  
End-Time move of God in this earth and  
the great harvest, and finally the coming  
of the Lord.

## **Notice**

- 1) It is the feast of tabernacles picturing  
the great last day's move of God
- 2) Jesus goes up first in secret
- 3) Then he appears with a prophetic  
statement

*In the last day, that great day of the  
feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying,  
If any man thirst, let him come unto  
me, and drink. He that believeth on*



*me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

*John 7:37-39*

Now it has been thought that this verse was speaking of the baptism in the Holy Spirit and this is so, but only to a degree. Jesus was speaking on that last day of the feast of Tabernacles when He spoke this. The Last Day or the final events of the Feast of Tabernacles. What the early church and the present day church experienced in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was only the down payment, it was not the fullness of this experience. The early church did not spiritually experience the Feast of Tabernacles. This was reserved as the best wine as it were for this generation. The early church went down into decline and eventually into a thousand years of darkness. So what was Jesus prophetically saying on the Feast of Tabernacles there in Jerusalem?

Now I believe in the rapture, the great catching away. I also believe in the second coming of Jesus back to this earth. However before these two events occur, Jesus is coming in His true sons before He comes for them. He will reveal himself to this world through his sons before He returns to this earth to set up His kingdom. He is coming in secret in His sons first. Jesus will manifest Himself to the people of this earth through His sons (*this word sons is not a gender expression, it refers to male and female*). This secret appearing of Jesus in His people will result in a demonstration to this world the authenticity of who Jesus really is. He in his people will demonstrate His great love for mankind. This will result in what Jesus spoke in John chapter fourteen becoming a reality.

*Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that*

*believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

*John 14:11-13*

The fullness of Jesus in us will be manifest to this world through His people thus fulfilling the prophetic words of Jesus in John 7:8

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

*John 7:38*

### **This also speaks of the fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah**

*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.*

*Isaiah 60:1-4*

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The inhabitants of this world will have a demonstration of who God is and what He is really like. This demonstration will be seen through Jesus in His people. The great harvest that will result from this will be astonishing.

*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

*Matthew 24:14*



Only then will Jesus return and judge the people of his world.

### **The Secret Of The Ages**

There is a secret that has been hidden throughout the ages that is about to be revealed in its fullness to this generation.

*Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:*

*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:*

*Colossians 1:26-7*

This mystery was hidden to those in the Old Testament apart from a few like Enoch. In the Old Testament God was always external to them. They had no concept of God dwelling in them. This mystery of Christ in us will reach its highest manifestation in these last days, it is the only hope for this world. This mystery is so profound it will take eons for us to understand it in its fullness. Being reborn of the seed of God which is incorruptible is mind boggling, 1 Peter 1:23. We are a new creation or a new species in this universe. We have through a rebirth become part of the Royal Family of God.

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

The word "new" in this verse is from the Greek word *Kainos*. This word in the Greek does not mean just new. This is not a new replacement for the old, it is not reassigning us back to Adam in his innocence. It is a brand new species. It is way beyond human, it is a creation without precedence. Nothing like this has ever appeared in the universe before. Being born again introduced a new creation to the cosmos we live in. We are born again with the seed of God. The very DNA of God.

*For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*

*When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

*Colossians 3:3*

We are God's dream come true, He has long waited for many sons, the family of God. This world was lost to Satan by a human being and it can only be redeemed by a New Kind of creation that is beyond human, Christ in us is the only hope for planet earth and its inhabitants.

### **The Rise Of The Morning Star**

The Morning Star is the name given to the planet Venus when it appears in the east in the early morning.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010 I had an interactive vision in which I saw an ornate chest. I watched as the Lord opened this chest and take out an instrument called a sextant. This is an instrument which was used to plot one's position at sea. I watched as the Lord took a bearing on the horizon then another bearing on a star which I knew to be Venus the day star or the morning star. I noticed the Arc on the sextant was divided into fourteen segments. That was in October 2010. Seven years ago. We are now in 2017. The Lord looked at me and said, "The morning star will arise over the next 14 years becoming brighter and brighter" I will arise within my people like never before over the next 14 years and at evening time it will be light.

*But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night; but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.*

*Zec 14:7*

We are now 7 years into this. The next seven years will see the Morning Star arise in many, transforming them into an even glorious New Creation. This is part of God's purpose to begin to release the power of transfiguration in the days that now lie ahead of us. This year is the year of the 70, a year of jubilee, a year of release on many fronts, from finance to an upgrade in our walk with the Lord. Remember if you can see the future you can be a part of it. The rising of the morning star speaks of Jesus rising within us completing the



process of the new creation, bringing this new creation into its fullness within us. You were born for this hour.

*But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;*

*Malachi 4:2*

*But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.*

*And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:*

*And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.*

*And I will give him the morning star.*

*Revelations 2:25-28*

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# EXPAND YOUR SPIRITUAL HORIZONS EMBRACE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

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## God is able to do - Exceedingly Abundantly Above All

In an extremely powerful prophetic encounter The Lord Jesus Christ, said "Bobby, I give you My personal permission to attempt to exaggerate what I am about to do!" Amazed by this remarkable suggestion, I asked Him for a Scripture reference. The Lord Jesus promptly answered, "No problem!" and spoke these verses.

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

Consider the Message Bible's version of this Scripture:

*God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us.*

**Exceedingly Abundant Plans for Your Life**

Think BIG! These are days of advance, it's time to remove the lids of limitation by expanding our expectations. Start believing for greater exploits from God and for God. Beloved saints, God desires to take you to new levels of victory in every area of your life, spirit, soul and body (**Romans 8:37**).

I can tell you with great confidence that the very best days for the people of God are right before us—not behind us! Indeed, God can do anything (**Genesis 18:14**) and has outstanding plans for each and every one of us, plans that are "exceedingly abundantly" more wonderful and sure than we could ever imagine or guess or request!

We simply cannot exaggerate what He is about to do because His work in our hearts and lives will always surpass all that we could possibly think or imagine! God's declaration in Habakkuk 1:5 is still for us today! He can work a work in our day that will be so awesome and amazing we will truly be awestruck!



God's spectacular plans for you are only for your good (**Jeremiah 29:11**). Even if you are facing great hardship, take heart: we have His precious promises as our comfort, joy and security. No matter what trial you are experiencing—in your health, finances, marriage, children or with your loved ones—God has *unimaginably great* blessings in store for you as you simply turn to Jesus, to His Spirit within you and His living Word (**Romans 8:28**). We know that every one of His promises are true: His Word promises a certain, divine turnaround. All heaven and earth may pass away, but God's Word never fails you! Never, no never!

### Exceedingly Abundant Intimacy

The Lord specifically wants to increase your capacity for intimate communion with Him. He longs to speak to you “deep unto deep,” Spirit to spirit. Just as the Lord promised the prophet Jeremiah, He assures us that He will answer our cries to know Him and commune with our Maker: “Call unto me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you know not.” This word translated *mighty* (Strong's 1219) is from the Hebrew *bâtsar*, which means *to be isolated, inaccessible by height or fortification, fenced, walled up*. The Lord is saying here that if we call to Him, He will absolutely reveal what has been inaccessible to us, the “mysteries of the Kingdom” secured within His magnificent heart of love, that which has been “exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think”!

Cry out, beloved, with the Apostle Paul, “*That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto his death...*” (Philippians 3:10). He will answer this prayer in a measure that exceeds your wildest dreams!

### Exceedingly Abundant Wisdom

The Lord Jesus Christ also wants to give you “exceedingly abundantly above all” of His wisdom so you can make better decisions. Consider James 1:5:

*“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”*

James 1:5

In Psalm 32:8, we have His promise:

*“I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shalt go: I will guide you with my eye.”*

Psalm 32:8

This is a sure word of prophecy! We have the Word of the Lord and the mind of Christ to provide abundant, extravagant wisdom every hour of our lives.

Take this Scripture to heart:

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths”.*

Proverbs 3:5

This Hebrew word translated *lean* is Strong's 8172, *shâ'an*, which means *to lean, lie, rely, rest on, stay*. We are called to *stay and rest* upon the promises of our God, the mind of Christ, not upon our own reasoning or observations, however well meaning. This is a call to *extravagant dependency, childlike faith and trust*. If we offer the Lord our exceedingly abundant leaning, relying, resting and trusting, He will respond with His *exceedingly abundant wisdom and guidance!*

### Exceedingly Abundant Anointing

Christ also longs to give you a stronger anointing so you can have greater influence for the Kingdom. Consider Psalm 92:10:

*“But my horn (emblem of excessive strength and stately grace) You have exalted like that of a wild ox; I am anointed with fresh oil.”*

Psalm 92:10

Having “exceedingly abundant” anointing for every occasion, empowers us to work the works of God on earth, for “He that says he abides in him ought





himself also so to walk, even as he walked." This superabundant anointing not only empowers to perform the very same signs, wonders and miracles as our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, but enables us to understand His will and speak His truth in every situation.

Meditate on this most amazing promise from the Lord: "...you have an *unction* from the Holy One, and ye know all things." The Hebrew word translated "unction" in this verse is Strong's 5545, the Greek *chrisma*, derived from *chrío* (Strong's 5548), which means *to smear or rub with oil; to consecrate to an office or religious service; to anoint*. We have been smeared with the Holy Spirit, consecrated to the office of royal priest and king to serve our Lord God! This anointing is given freely, liberally, *exceedingly abundantly* to you, dear saint. Believe this promise and begin to act on the *unction* that has already been given to you, to work the works of the Kingdom on earth.

### **Exceedingly Abundant Provision**

Your Father God also wants to bless you with exceedingly abundant provision in your finances and ministry—workplace so you can be a greater blessing to others (2 Corinthians 9:6-8). Christ Jesus states if we are faithful in our giving, others will give back to us in an overwhelming manner (Luke 6:38).

I urge you, dear believer: when faced with outstanding bills and debt or problems in your workplace, ministry or investments, do not become stuck, weak, impotent, stagnant or paralyzed in the same old ruts of fear, doubt and unbelief. Submit to the God of peace, resist these demons and they *will* flee from you (James 4:7): remember, these "emotions" of fear and anxiety are not just negative emotions but actual demonic spirits and strongholds with an assignment to destroy your life and rob you of your destiny. Instead of receiving and agreeing with these demons of fear and unbelief, receive instead His Holy Spirit and His precious promises regarding His provision for you. Never doubt this fact

that the greater power of God lives within you (1 John 4:4).

Beloved, His Word is rock-solid truth. Stand on that Rock of Christ and begin to act accordingly, casting all your cares on God, giving abundantly and freely to others as the Spirit leads, and rejoicing greatly that your Father is certainly doing "exceedingly more" than you can ask or imagine in your finances, career, ministry and investments. Do not look at the news from Wall Street, the global markets' ups and downs or the financial forecasts offered by mere mortals—but look to your eternal, omnipotent and omniscient Creator to release abundant provision into your life and the life of your loved ones!

### **Exceedingly Abundant Glory**

The Lord Jesus Christ is inviting you to lift your vision up and above your natural circumstances and situations to fix your eyes on Him and His Word alone (Psalms 34:5). As we do this, beloved, we can expect to see the exceedingly abundant glory of God fill the entire earth!

Above all else, accept His invitation to come up higher into the realms of glory (Revelation 4:1-2) by focusing on Christ your Provider, Redeemer, Deliverer, Guide and Healer. Do not focus and dwell on your difficulties, no matter how painful this may be to your flesh (Isaiah 26:3).

God is inviting you to turn your eyes upon Jesus and away from your natural, earthly challenges because He has brand new frontiers of the Spirit for you to explore and higher mountains of faith and glory to climb!

Your walk with Christ should never be monotonous or mundane; on the contrary, it can be filled with "exceedingly abundant" adventures and exciting exploits beyond what we can imagine. Each day with Jesus can bring thrills and great excitement about His ever-increasing glory upon the earth and within each and everyone of us. Every day, we are invited to fall more and more in



love with our precious King and beloved Savior.

There is so much more to life in Christ than we can ever imagine (Psalms 36:9). In His Presence, we find true fulfillment and lasting joy, "joy unspeakable and full of glory" (Psalms 16:11, 1 Peter 1:8). Do not allow yourself to be distracted by

the trials of this world; rather, choose this day to bask in the radiance of His glory, believing in the "exceedingly abundant" love, mercy and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ within you!

Be a bright beacon of hope in a world filled with despair, let your light of victory in Christ Jesus shine bright and brighter!

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Becoming a disciple of the Lord Jesus goes well beyond merely being a “believer” who has been “saved”

**A**nd Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Matthew 28:18-20

What we call the “Great Commission” is a command to make disciples of all nations (Greek ethnos) or ethnic groups. Becoming a disciple of the Lord Jesus goes well beyond merely being a “believer” who has been “saved”. What is a disciple? The Lord Jesus describes some of the attributes of a disciple in John 15.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is

withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

John 15:5-8

From the lips of Jesus, a disciple is a person who

- 1) Abides (remains and rests) in Christ and the Words of God abide (remain and rest) in him/her.
- 2) A disciple has a prayer life. They pray/ask in agreement with God's desires because God's Word abides in them.
- 3) A disciple regularly receives answers to prayer. “It shall be done for you”. “And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in

*His sight.” 1 John 3:22*

- 4) The abiding Word and the ongoing answers to prayer produce “much fruit” by which the “Father is glorified”.

The Lord re-affirmed in John 8 that His disciples would abide (remain and rest) in His Word.

*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

*John 8:31-32*

The goal of a disciple is to be conformed to Christ.

*“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.”*

*Luke 6:40*

*“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”*

*1 John 2:6*

God is working all things towards this one primary purpose in our lives: to be conformed to the image of His Son.

*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”*

*Romans 8:28-29*

This was the apostolic burden that Paul carried: to see Christ formed in disciples who would become like their Master.

*“My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you”.*

*Galatians 4:19*

Is our primary life goal to know the Lord and to be transformed into the image of Christ? In our ministries, are we making disciples who will continue growing in the Word with the goal of conformity to Christ?

Presenting a people to the Lord who would be found “blameless” and “perfect” in Christ was the burning motivation of Paul’s ministry.

*“Him (Jesus Christ) we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. 29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.”*

*Colossians 1:28-29*

A recent poll among believers found that 88% of all professing Christians do not regularly read their Bibles. This can only mean that most professing Christians are not really disciples of Jesus and most of the church is not really making disciples. A disciple continues and abides in the Word of God.

### **Why Christ gave Himself for the church**

*“Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”*

*Ephesians 5:25-27*

The Lord Jesus gave Himself for the church so that she might give herself over to His abiding Word.

*“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word”.*

*John 14:23*

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly*



in all wisdom”.

Colossians 3:16

To neglect the Word of God is to deny the Lord Jesus the reason for giving Himself for us on the cross: to transform us by His living Word so He could present us to Himself beautiful in holiness.

### **To know and be conformed to Christ was the race Paul was running**

“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.”

Philippians 3:10-15

According to Paul, everyone who is on the path to maturity has this same mind. They are pressing toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus: conformity to the image of Jesus. When Paul stated that he wanted to be conformed to the death of Jesus, he was referring to the love of God. The death of Jesus on the cross is the greatest manifestation of God's love. We too have this high calling.

Paul was warning and teaching so all believers might be found “perfect” in Christ (Col. 1:28) Where are the warnings

today? When Christ appears He will expect every believer to be found blameless and abiding in Him. Notice the connection between the “coming of the Lord” and being found “blameless” in the following Scriptures.

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, 13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.”

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.”

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you.

2 Peter 3:10-15



## **God has given us everything that we need (His Word and His Spirit) to abide in Christ.**

*“As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”*

*2 Peter 1:3-4*

You are a New Creation in Christ. The Spirit of God dwells within you. His Living Word has power to transform and keep you! Abiding in Christ (His Word) is our mission.

*“And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.”*

*1 John 2:28*

To not abide in Christ (to not be conformed to His image) will result in disgrace or shame at His coming. It does not necessarily mean that we won't make it into heaven, but we may be disqualified from places in God's kingdom that He had intended for us. God has given all of us the grace to abide in Christ and to be transformed. He expects us to pursue this union with Him. We have a limited amount of time in this brief life. That is why Paul called it a “race”.

The Gospel that Paul preached was not merely a “lifestyle enhancement” message to make our 70 or 80 years in this life more comfortable. Yes, of course God heals, provides for us and blesses us, but these are not the main issues. Much of the popular preaching and teaching today is comprised of messages that contain truths from the Scriptures to “bless” the people while neglecting the rest of Scriptures

teachings on the eternal purpose of God. People are taught how to have a more “successful” life (according to the flesh) but hardly know about abiding in Christ and being transformed into His image as their primary purpose. This is a grave error and disservice to the body of Christ. Christians can end up wasting their precious time on earth seeking to be “blessed” rather than using every opportunity to be “conformed to Christ”. It's not that God won't bless us, He surely will. But there is a Divine order. The Gospel that Paul preached was a Gospel of transformation. Men and women follow Jesus in the way of the cross and are changed into His image. We are to be prepared, as we pass through the hills and valleys of this short life, for a place in His kingdom in the age to come. As we seek first HIS kingdom, He promises to add to us everything else we need. Whatever blessings we need will follow us if we will “seek first” to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

There is a Divine order throughout Scripture. Conformity to Christ is a higher priority than having power, money, gifts and/or a larger ministry. It is not “either” power, money, gifts and large ministry “or” conformity to Christ. No. It is not an “either/or” issue. It is “both” “and”. But there is a Divine order.

*“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”*

*Genesis 1:26*

Here is the Divine Order:

- 1) We are conformed to the image of Christ
- 2) God gives us dominion

*“When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me*



*and be blameless. 2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly."*

Genesis 17:1-2

The Divine order is:

- 1) Walk before me and be blameless (conformity to Christ)
- 2) God will make His covenant and multiply you exceedingly

*"Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy."*

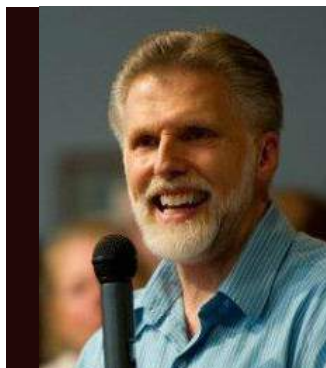
1 Corinthians 14:1

To pursue love (conformity to Christ) is the Divine Order before desiring spiritual gifts.

May God help us to be real disciples and to make disciples who love the Word of God and understand that our highest calling is to know Him and be transformed into His image.

*"And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."*

1 John 2:28



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# TAKING THE LAND

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You and I have an inheritance, a land of promises,  
reserved in heaven for us

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you."

*1 Peter 1:3-4*

Just like the nation of Israel had a reserved inheritance of the promise land for them, you and I have an inheritance, a land of promises, reserved in heaven for us. This is our destiny: obtaining God's purposes, gifts, revelations, and resources that are waiting for us to possess them. Beverly and I have been blessed to spend time with many great men and women of God. There have been a few that we perceive to have been anointed to walk in high levels of revelation. I remember having breakfast with two such men and they were speaking of spiritual realms I absolutely knew nothing of. I said to the Lord, "These are obviously chosen vessels, special men, who have been called to walk in such heavenly places." As quickly as that thought had entered my mind I heard Holy Spirit say, "These are not special

men, they are spies. I have allowed them to enter into this spiritual land of promises and come back and report to my people what is available for anyone who would dare to enter in."

Holy Spirit was referencing Numbers 13 and 14. Israel had arrived at the land of Canaan that God had promised them as an inheritance. God instructed Moses to send spies in to scope out the land and they returned with the fruit of the land to show the people what was available. The people should have gone in and possessed the land of promise but the majority of the spies brought back a bad report of giants in the land. An entire nation stood poised to achieve freedom and possess their promise on the 9th of Av. Instead, they spent forty years wandering in the wilderness until everyone of that generation had died. Israel refused to enter in because of their unbelief, and seemingly, the promise died in the wilderness with them because of their disobedience.

That was a costly decision and what God had reserved as a blessing became a curse. History has recorded generation





after generation of tragic events that have happened to the nation of Israel during this time:

Av 9 - 587 BC - The armies of Babylon destroyed Solomon's temple.

Av 9 - AD 70 - The Romans destroyed the 2nd temple.

Av 9 - AD 135 The final defeat of Jews by Rome.

Av 9 - AD 1095 The 1st Crusade is launched, which kills thousands of Jews.

Av 9 - AD 1290 The Jews are expelled from England.

Av 9 - AD 1492 The Jews were expelled from Spain.

Av 9 - AD 1942 The Jews were deported from the Warsaw ghetto to the death camps.

Av 9 - AD 2005 The expulsion of the Jews from Gaza began.

I don't think anyone can view the history of this date and think all this is just coincidence. God designed Av to be the month to celebrate entering into the Promise. But instead of believing God the people agreed with unbelief and gave a negative confession. They said: "The enemy is too strong for us. We will die."

They tasted the fruit of the land but refused to enter. I believe the Lord gave us this scripture for this present season.

*"If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land: But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken,"*

*Isaiah 1:19-20*

In this season, the Lord has been speaking to me, and to my wife, specifically about possessing our inheritance. The land where our ministry and home is located is a supernatural place. My wife was radically apprehended and saved by Holy Spirit on the road located in front of

this property *in her car*. As a teenager I had stopped serving God while living on this property. Then, my family, through iniquitous patterns of generational curses, lost the land. Twenty years later the Lord gave us back this very land and it is where our ministry is located.

The Lord did not give it all back to us all at once but has decade by decade; parcel by parcel He has returned it to me over the years. It has been amazing to see how He restores what has been lost and redeems choices made by the previous generations. Interestingly, the last two pieces of land we have waited for have become available after eighteen years of waiting for the full return of my inheritance. As we have been in the process of obtaining the property we realized after this transaction the Lord will have restored not only what was lost but all that my family had before, *and more*. We believe the Lord is showing us the land represents a spiritual inheritance we, as the Body of Christ, are about to walk into.

This is the season we can choose to live under the curse of death or we can choose to destroy the curse and choose to believe God's promise. We can choose to enter into life and God's Blessings. Deuteronomy 30:19 states,

*"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life that you and your descendants may live."*

*Deuteronomy 30:19*

The Hebrew word *yaresh* helped me understand this process.

The word means to possess but also means to dispossess. I believe we have to take hold of God's promises by faith but we also have to move demonic squatters (giants in the land) off of our promises and out of our land. They may be strong but our God is stronger and they have no right to stop us from entering into our spiritual inheritance. I have to admit the spiritual warfare in this season is very intense and



could be intimidating but we have to stand on what God has already promised us and He has promised all of us freedom from the tyranny of demonic oppression and from the strategies of the enemy that would prevent us from possessing our inheritance.

Two spies, Joshua and Caleb, had a different spirit from the ten who allowed fear to cloud their understanding of the promise. They gave the good report of the land saying in Numbers 13:30, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." I want to challenge you to join us and believe the good report of the two and disregard the fear of the ten. We believe as we enter into the land of promise, by faith, lands and buildings are going to become available, resources that have been held hostage are going to be freed, anointing is going to be poured out, and glory realms are going to open up. Visions and dreams that seem dead are going to be born again, and live again. Let's CHOOSE life, CHOOSE blessings, CHOOSE to believe, CHOOSE to enter in, and walk in our spiritual inheritance.

James 4: 1-10 asks and answers,

*"Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously? But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners;*

*and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."*

James 4: 1-10

Recently, after reading this portion of scripture I said, "God, I want to be a friend of Holy Spirit." He responded, "Then you can't be a friend of the world." I asked, "What does that mean to be a friend to the world?" He said, "The worldly way is trying to manipulate or fix something to make it happen instead of trusting that I am the only One who can make anything happen in your life. Stop trying to control every situation and ask Me to get involved and I will lift you up and bring peace to your situation."

This is an important time in the kingdom of God and in the history of mankind. I am trembling with the fear of the Lord because there are eternal destinies hanging in the balance. There is a spiritual war raging over our birthrights and spiritual inheritance. There are wars over our lives and our children's lives. There are demonic forces against us because this is the season when God is calling people into their eternal destiny.

Psalm 16:5-6 cries out,

*"Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places."*

Psalm 16:5-6

You and I have a good inheritance yet so many of us live our lives like the brothers in this story:

*A pair of penniless down and outs inherited a share of a 4 billion dollar fortune after a bizarre twist in family fortunes. Brothers Zsolt and Geza Peladi were so poor they lived in a cave outside Budapest, Hungary, and sold scrap they found on the street for pennies. Now both of them and a sister who lives in America inherited their grandmother's massive fortune after*



a life of poverty. "We knew our mother came from a wealthy family but she was a difficult person and had severed ties with them, then later abandoned us and we lost touch with her and our father until she eventually died," said Geza. They learned of their good fortune after homelessness charity workers in Hungary were contacted by lawyers handling the estate of the brothers' maternal grandmother who died recently in Baden-Wurtemberg, Germany. Under German law direct descendents are automatically entitled to a share of any estate - that would pass from their dead mother to them.

We have a rich spiritual inheritance. We have an inheritance in God that God has reserved for us and this is our season to step out of where we are and step into our inheritance. I Peter 1:4-5 encourages us to remember, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.... A living hope ... to an inheritance ..." Your inheritance has your name on it so no one else can inherit it. This is a promise that is reserved in heaven for you.

Our original identity is defined by what God, (not mom and dad, not teachers, and not our behavior) said about us and has cherished about us. Our inheritance is all about our identity. God knew in advance what we would do, so He paid for it before we ever got into it so that we could receive our inheritance.

Our inheritance is not in heaven where our eternal destination is, it is in the spiritual realm where you are already seated with Christ. Neither Adam's fall nor mankind's religious attempts to receive the promise through our own efforts could change it from what it actually is. Before the fall, God insured our inheritance.

We are an answer to someone's problem. The anointing in us is not just for us; the inheritance in us is not just for us; it is for someone else to demonstrate the goodness of God. Church is not all about us being blessed. We need to heal all who are oppressed of the devil, rise up, go after our inheritance, and preach the good news of the gospel in Jesus Christ and see the kingdom come in Jesus' Mighty Name.

Even when we feel utterly miserable our joy should not be interrupted because our inheritance is still right there waiting for us. Fire does not destroy metal, it reveals it. Our trials are to reveal our inheritance. When all seems to be lost God reminds us that our inheritance is reserved in Heaven waiting for us to possess our promises and that is good news. Psalm 23:6 describes God's persistence on our behalf,

*"Surely GOODNESS and MERCY will hunt you down all the days of your life."*

*Psalm 23:6*

We need to ask God for our inheritances. He is ready to move by His glory and grace to release His goodness to us. Go and possess your lands.



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# PERSECUTION & MARTYRDOM IS COMING

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As the Lord spoke these words, I saw His face. His tears rolled down like rivers and His heart was filled with great sorrow

On June 5, 2017 at about 9:15 AM during worship at the Open Heavens Prophetic Conference held in Jerusalem, Pastor Ferdinand sang the song 'Crown Him with many crowns.' As the worship team began to sing this song, I knelt by the stage and worshiped the Lord God. At that moment, the Lord Jesus came and stood beside me, and with great sorrow and tears in His eyes said, "Persecution and martyrdom is coming. My people are going to flee and be persecuted."

As the Lord spoke these words, I saw His face. His tears rolled down like rivers and His heart was filled with great sorrow.

The present church which is so seeker-friendly, so hyper-grace oriented and believes so wholeheartedly in a pre-tribulation rapture is totally unprepared for the coming persecution. Some don't even believe there is going to be a persecution; some hope that all of us will be raptured before these things take place. So who is right and who is wrong? Let's look at the following Scripture:

*Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

*Revelation 2:10*

Let's look at a few phrases in this Scripture.

- "You are about to suffer" – this means that *it is going to happen*.
- "The devil is about to throw some of you into prison" – this means that *imprisonment is coming*.
- "... that you may be tested" – this means that *your faith and your loyalty to the Lord Jesus is going to be tested*.
- "You will have tribulation" – the word "tribulation" is *thlipsis* meaning: *pressure (literally or figuratively): afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble*. This certainly means we will be *afflicted, suffer anguish, in trouble, persecuted and go through tribulation*.

- “Be faithful unto death” – this means *the Lord is not going to keep you from dying*. You will die – be martyred – therefore be faithful till the last breath leaves your body.

In Daniel chapter 3 we read of the heroic deed of the three Hebrew youths. The Lord did not prevent them from being thrown into the fiery furnace. Until the last moment, they were tested, whether they would remain strong. These youths did not know whether God would preserve their lives, even as they were being thrown into the fiery furnace. They loved not their lives and were faithful even unto death. When they were thrown into the furnace, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared in their midst and saved them.

Let's look at another Scripture:

*Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.*

Revelation 3:10

Let's look at the important phrases in this Scripture.

- “The hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world.” Some Bible scholars say that this has already come to pass in the first century during Emperor Nero's persecution of Christians. This kind of interpretation fails to notice two words in this phrase: *come upon the whole earth*. Nero's persecution focused in one geographical area. But this Scripture says that the coming hour of trial will come upon *the whole world*.
- “To test those who dwell on the earth” – this means *everyone on earth*. So this is going to take place in our days.
- Therefore, based on the above Scriptures, two things are going to take place: *persecution* and *martyrdom*.

## Martyrdom

*When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.*

*And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”*

*Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.*

Revelation 6:9-11

Let's look at few important phrases in these Scriptures.

- “Slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.” You are called to preach the word of God and bear the testimony of Jesus Christ in you.
- “Fellow servants” signifies *ministers of God*, and “brethren” signifies *believers*. So these two groups of Christians will be martyred. God has a certain number that must be completed. Only after that will the Lord rise up in judgement.

The Word of the Lord came unto me on January 1, 2017, that in this year (2017) onwards, Revelation 6:9-11 will begin to be fulfilled. Therefore, the Lord mandated me to organize a Martyrs Conference. We held this first-of-a-kind conference during May 4-6, 2017 in Chennai where the apostle Thomas himself had been martyred in the first century. About 1000 people from 14 nations came to this conference.

“Will martyrdom really take place?” many Christians are asking. Persecution and martyrdom have begun in India from early 2017. Very recently, on July 4, 2017, it was reported in major news media that four Christian children were beheaded for their faith in Iraq. Prepare, people of God!



## Two Witnesses

We read in Revelation 11:3-6 concerning the miraculous ministry of God's two witnesses in Israel. There is a lot of debate about the identity of the Two Witnesses. Since the Bible is silent about their identity, let's not split hairs and cross swords over their identities. While they are doing their ministry, the Antichrist government is also in operation. Revelation 11 and 13 take place concurrently. But at the end of the ministry of the Two Witnesses, they are martyred (Rev 11:7)

After the martyrdom of the Two Witnesses, a worldwide persecution takes place (Rev 12:13,15,17). Then will the warning prophesied by the Lord Jesus concerning persecution be fulfilled (Matt 24:15-20; Lk 21:12,16). Together with the Christians, the Jews, too, will be persecuted. So that which was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah concerning *Jacob's Trouble* will be fulfilled at the same time (Jer 30:6-7).

Several years ago the Lord told me that the next persecution that is going to come upon the Jews will make what Hitler did look like *child's play*. I was shocked and trembled at the Word. Hitler killed 6 million Jews and, until today, the holocaust survivors live with those haunting fears. Even their children and their children's children have inherited those fears. If the killing of six million Jews was *child's play* by comparison, how terrible is the persecution of the Jews going to be in these last days! That is why the Lord Jesus is warning us now: "Be careful, it is coming, it is coming!" *Jacob's Trouble* is coming upon the Jewish people and a great worldwide persecution is coming upon all true believers.

## One World Religion

After that, a One World Religion will be enforced upon the whole world. The Bible says,

*"...and he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship*

*the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed"*

Revelation 13:12

Look at the phrase: *causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast*. The word "cause" in the Greek is *poieo* which means: *to make, or do, or force*. You will be forced to worship the beast. Worship relates to religious activity—a One World Religion will be formed.

On June 8, 2014, the exact day when we were having our Open Heavens Prophetic Conference in Jerusalem, Pope Francis invited the late Mr. Simon Peres, the President of Israel and Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, the President of Palestine to meet at the Vatican. The leaders of three greatest religions of the world met to pray for world peace.

On that very same day, a meteor passed by very close to the earth. NASA nicknamed it "The Beast." The Pope is initiating a gathering of all religious leaders to come to a consensus to pray and come to a unity to form a Church of All Faiths headquartered in Jerusalem.

Can you refuse to worship the beast? What does the Bible say? Revelation 13:15 says, "He was granted power to ... cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed." This is similar to what happened in Daniel chapter 3. When the three Hebrew youths were not willing to bow down to worship the image made by King Nebuchadnezzar, they were to be killed. That event will be repeated once more in the last days.

## Mark Of The Beast

It is also during this period that the mark of the beast will be introduced. This, too, is to test believers' allegiance and absolute loyalty to the Lord God. Revelation chapters 7 and 13 will take place simultaneously—the Angel of God will put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of God's and the Beast will enforce its mark on everyone in the world. You cannot



buy or sell – you cannot participate in any economic transactions whatsoever – without this mark (Rev 13:17).

The Beast will force you to accept his mark of allegiance and world government. It will literally force you. The Scripture says: “he causes,” which means *forces you*. So you have to make a choice, whether you want to yield to the beast or yield to God. This is your final test. And all those, the faithful remnant Christians, who refuse to take the mark of the beast will be beheaded (Rev 20:4)

While this persecution takes place on a worldwide scale, God is not silently watching. What will God do then? Three things:

- Some—not all—will be raptured (Matt 24:40-41).
- Some will be hidden in caves and in the wilderness (Rev 12:6,14-16). Over the last several years, God has called many people to set up places of refuge around the world. I personally know of several people in many nations whom God has called to do that.
- Some will be martyred (Rev 13:7; 20:4).

### How Shall We Prepare?

Now that we know for sure that persecution and martyrdom is around the corner, how shall we prepare ourselves? There are six ways in which we can prepare ourselves for these inevitable events: **Endure persecution** (Matt 24:13). You must endure it, and God will help you to endure. He Himself went through persecution, sufferings, and imprisonment. So the Lord will stand right beside you and put His arms around you.

When the tears of pain and blood flow all over your body, He will look straight into your eyes and say to you, “My grace is sufficient for you (2 Cor 12:9). I went through this path; you are not alone, I will strengthen you.”

Not only that, saints in glory—the spirits of just men made perfect (Heb 12:23)—will come to strengthen you. Two saints in glory—Moses and Elijah—appeared to the Lord Jesus and spoke to Him and encouraged Him concerning the sufferings that He was going to go through (Lk 9:28-30)

Martyred saints in glory will also come and stand beside you. They will come and stand beside you to strengthen and encourage you so that you don't lose your faith at the last moment.

So the whole of heaven will come and stand beside you. They will put their arms around you, hold you close to their chest, hold your hands and strengthen you. They will strengthen your faith, so that, till your last breath, you will not lose your faith and you will not deny your King.

- **Guard your faith** (Lk 21:19). Hebrews 10:36 says, “You need patience to endure all this.” If you are lacking in patience, you need to overcome this. Revelation 2:10 and 3:2, again, tells you to strengthen your faith.
- As Joseph stored up grain during the good years, likewise during these times of peace build your inner man. The Scriptures admonish us to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might (Eph 6:10). Build your inner man so that you will become strong and bold.
- **Don't be weighed down by the pleasures and cares of this world** (Lk 21:34-35). Learn to cut lose from the cares, and the pleasures of this world. There is no time for all that. Build your inner man.
- **Pray to escape**. A counsel from the Lord Jesus: “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Lk 21:36). The apostle Paul also counsels us: pray without ceasing (Eph 5:18).
- **Love not your lives unto death** (Rev



12:11). Don't love your life dearly; don't love your family dearly; don't love your children dearly. Prepare your family and your children. Teach them what it means to be persecuted. Teach them what it means to be a martyr. Whether they will be martyred or not, just teach them. So that if they are faced with martyrdom, they will know what to do – they will not deny their faith.

- **Put on the armor of God** (Eph 6:10-12). Put on the whole armor of God to stand in the evil day. We are now living in the evil days. Learn what the six parts of the armor are and

how to appropriate them in your lives.

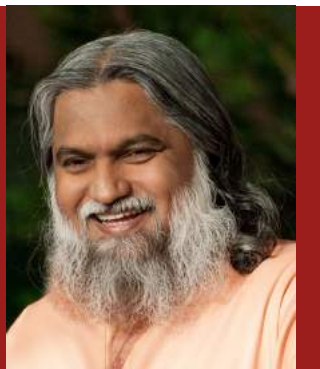
Saints of God, persecution is coming; martyrdom is coming. One more time the old evil spirits that manifested through Carl Marx and Lenin are going to rise up. The old communism—*the beast that was wounded*—is going to arise again behind a few façade. They are going to persecute the true remnant church again. This will take place all over the world. You must not lose your destiny. You must contend for your faith until the end.

Be faithful till the end (Matt 24:13).

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# 23RD OF SEPT 2017

## THE REVELATION CHAPTER 12 SIGN

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*Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons*

**M**uch has been written about this incredible phenomenon, now called the "Revelation 12 Sign", which will take place over Jerusalem on 23rd of September 2017. Having read many interpretations, I feel that the Church has missed something here. So what is God saying to His people who have ears to hear and minds to understand?

*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,*

*Psalm 19:1-4*

*Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.*

*Genesis 1:14-15*

The original Hebrew word used for signs here is "owth", translated as both "signs and signals". So we know that God has placed the Sun,

Moon and all the stars in the sky, not only to give us day and night but also as signs, i.e. as *signals*. God's redemptive work through the cross has been displayed in the heavens long before Jesus came. The purpose? To restore us back to our original created value by removing the stain of sin on man. He created us to be His Sons, made in His image and for His image – and He is love.

### **Astronomy versus Astrology**

At this point, we must distinguish between two words, and clarify the difference. Astronomy is a natural science and the study of celestial objects and phenomena. Astrology is a belief system based on divining information about human affairs and terrestrial events by using the star and planets above us. Any form of divination is an abomination to the Lord, as we are warned in the Word of God:

*There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives*



them out from before you.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

It is easy to see how through the New Age movement, the enemy has corrupted and stolen the true meaning of God's wonders in the skies. The majority of the Church has ignored the signs and signals in the heavens, while the enemy has misled many into deception through divination. The Jewish people however have always given attention to the constellations in the skies, as we see through the Birth of Christ, when the magi from the East followed the star, knowing that this was a sign and signal of a coming King. So it is our privilege to seek the Lord Jesus first, and to observe His signs and signals in the skies, and to consider what might the Lord be saying through His creation.

*"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars"*

Luke 21:25

Let's look at the original meaning of God's signs in the skies, which truly do declare His glory.

### **The Twelve Signs of the Zodiac**

The signs of the Zodiac is the Hebrew 'TorZ\*m' or the 'Mazzaroth' which refers to the 12 signs of the Zodiac.

Virgo - The Virgin /The Woman. The virgin birth of Christ.

Libra - In Hebrew is Mozanaim meaning The Scales.

Scorpio - which in Hebrew means 'the Scorpion' or stinging/conflicting one.

Sagittarius - the Archer depicts a disciple of the conquering Lord.

Capricorn - means the Sin Goat depicting the Lord as the sin offering.

Aquarius - The Water Bearer depicting the pouring out of the Holy Spirit into the mouth of the fish.

Pisces - meaning fishers and in turn represent God pouring out revival and restoration as promised.

Aries - In Hebrew is Teleh meaning The Ram or

Lamb, which is the restoration of the people of Israel.

Taurus - the Bull signifying the Leadership and Government of Jesus as spoken in Isaiah 9:6.

Gemini - The Twins, which in Hebrew is Thamin meaning Unities. Jesus the man, Christ the God, as well as the Unity between man and God as Sons.

Cancer - means 'one who holds or binds together'.

One large star in this constellation is Acubene, which in Hebrew means 'the shelter' or 'hiding place'. (Our end time Psalm will be Psalm 91)

And finally Leo which is the 'the Lion' which in Hebrew is Arieh, meaning 'the Lion that herds its prey'. Leo is also the end of the Zodiac circle depicting Jesus as the Beginning and the End, The Alpha and Omega.

### **Then we have our Solar System**

At the center is the Sun depicting Jesus at the center and the other Planets all depict characteristics of Himself.

The Moon - which reflects the glory of the Sun, is the True Church/The Bride from Revelation 12

Mercury - Savior

Venus - Bright and Morning Star

Mars - the Red Planet meaning the blood of Jesus or war.

Jupiter - Almighty God.

Saturn - Covenant or 'God of the Covenants'.

Uranus - Mediator

Neptune - Redeemer

Pluto - The Last Adam

Earth - The home of Mankind and the center of Angelic Warfare

### **Personal Experience**

Back in 2015 I was crying out to the Lord in much travail as I was receiving new revelation, which consumed me and I sought greater



understanding. Setting time aside to pray and fast, I had the house to myself for a few hours. It was about 1.30pm. As I was praying I felt the Lord come into the room and sit down. Every hair on my body stood on end, and I just focused on Him and started to praise Him and just love on Him. Suddenly I was in a different place but I knew I was still in my living room. The Lord then started to explain to me further from the Book of Revelation, giving me much greater clarity. We ended up in Chapter 12, when I suddenly found myself back in my living room. 3 hours had passed but it seemed like minutes. I kept this experience very close to my heart, and just shared some of it with my wife. The impact of this encounter however, has sent me on a voyage of discovery. I'd like to share some of it with you.

The Lord spoke of 'Friends of the Bridegroom', a 'First Fruit' company of people and the 'Man Child'. He spoke of three distinct groups of Christians at the End of Time as we know it. Before I go into that, let me share a couple of aspects regarding the celestial constellations from history.

### **The Bethlehem Star**

When Jesus was born a star appeared and it was named the 'Bethlehem Star'. Much has been written about it and is easy to see on the Internet. This star appeared over 2000 years ago at the birth of Jesus, hence the name "Bethlehem Star". It also appeared some 2000 years before when Abraham was told he would be the 'Father of a Nation', the Jewish nation.

As we know Jacob wrestled with God and was given a new name by God, 'Israel'. Jesus was also given the title, "King of the Jews" when nailed to the cross.

So could this star have something to do with Israel?

Now some 2000 years after Jesus' death on the cross, this Star appeared again, on 2015 on the 23rd of September. Not only that, it appeared over Israel on the day of Yom Kippur.

Many people said that on this day Jesus would be coming back or the so-called 'rapture' could occur. Even the world was going to come to an end. But as we are aware, nothing of any significance occurred.

However, something is about to happen on the 23rd of September 2017 which some have called "The Revelation 12 Sign". This unusual movement in the heavens above, is taking place over Jerusalem on Rosh Hashanah, one of the holiest days for the Jewish people. It takes place also between the Feast of Trumpets (21st to 22nd of September 2017) and the Day of Atonement (30th September 2017), which is closely followed by the Feast of Tabernacles. On the 23rd of September 2017 we also have a 'Special Shabbat' called Shabbat Shuva, which falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

### **Is God Sending us Signals and Signs?**

We also see a two year gap between the Star of Bethlehem, on 23rd of September 2015 and 'The Revelation Star', that will appear over Jerusalem exactly on 23rd September this year, 2017. Why a gap of two years? In Matthew 2, wise men from the East visited King Herod in Jerusalem and asked where the king of the Jews had been born. Herod assembled all the chief priests and scribes, and "he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea,'" basing their answer on Micah 5:2.

*'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.' Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."*

Matthew 2:6-7

Verse 16 of Matthew 2 continues to detail how Herod's fury was unleashed on all male infants aged two and below in Bethlehem and in all its districts "...according to the time which he had determined from the wise men."

We can determine that there was a two-year gap between the Bethlehem star appearing, and the birth of Jesus.

This year, we can trace a two-year gap between the 'Bethlehem Star' in September 23rd 2015 and the 'Revelation Star' on the 23rd of September 2017. Is God trying to tell us something here? I believe so. So let's look



at the phenomenon taking place on the 23rd September 2017.

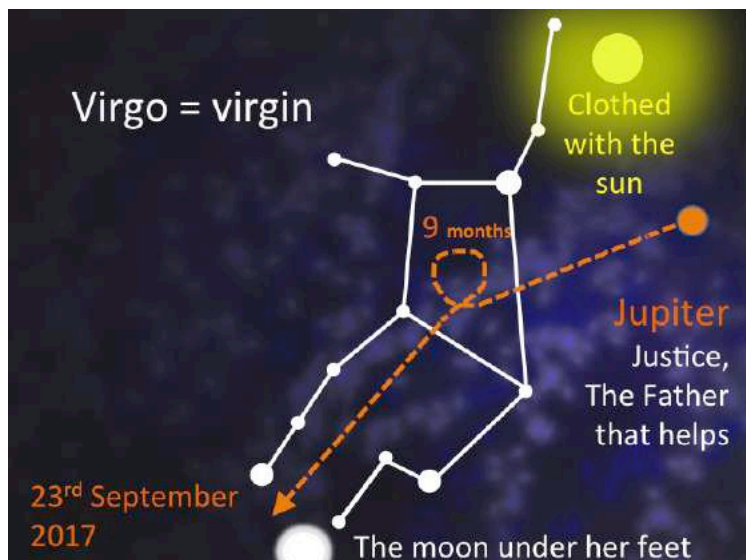
### The Revelation Sign

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Revelation 12:1-6

What will we see over Jerusalem on September 23rd 2017?

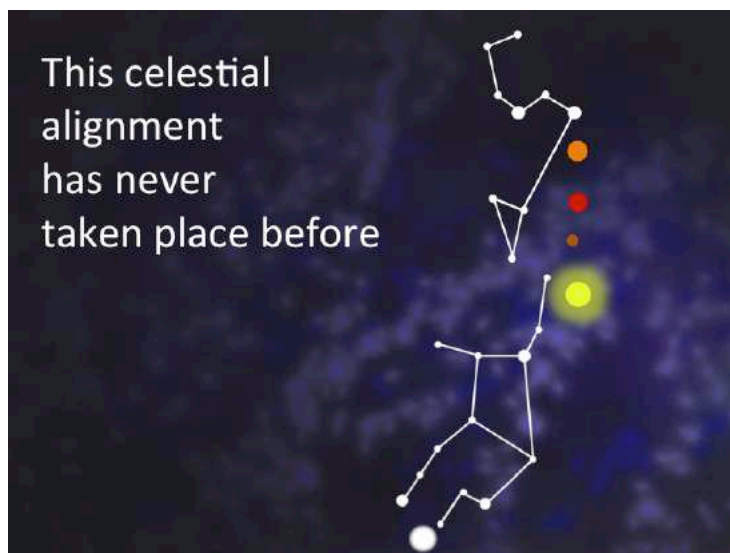
A constellation depicting Revelation Chapter 12.



We see Virgo (= The Virgin) with the Sun behind her and the moon will be under her feet and crowned with 12 stars.

These 12 stars are made up with the constellation of Leo (= The Lion/Jesus) made with 9 stars, and then 3 other stars of Venus (=The Bright and Morning Star), Mars (=The Redding Star/War and Strife) and Mercury

(=Saviour).



Out to the left of Virgo (our right when looking up), Jupiter (=Justice/The Father that Helps) enters into the belly of Virgo on 23rd December 2016 and remains there for nine months, emerging on 23rd September 2017.

When I looked at what had happened on the 23rd December 2016 on the world stage I was amazed to find that the United Nations Security Council met to try and pass Resolution 2334, the following excerpt is taken from the UN.org website:

*The Security Council reaffirmed this afternoon that Israel's establishment of settlements in Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, had no legal validity, constituting a flagrant violation under international law and a major obstacle to the vision of two States living side-by-side in peace and security, within internationally*



recognized borders.

*Adopting resolution 2334 (2016) by 14 votes, with the United States abstaining, the Council reiterated its demand that Israel immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem. It underlined that it would not recognize any changes to the 4 June 1967 lines, including with regard to Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the two sides through negotiations. Excerpt from the UN.org website relating to 23rd Dec 2016.*

In essence the US abstained, thereby enabling a 14-0 vote to pass the resolution. Israel accused Obama and Kerry of abandoning them. The Palestinians hailed it a 'day of victory'. This was Obama's parting shot against Israel before leaving office. Australia, although not a member of the Security Council, stated it was standing with Israel and viewed Israel as a friend.

This Revelation 12 sign in the heavens takes place during a Jubilee year. The previous Jubilee year in 1967 saw the 6-Day War where Israel regained land, and during the previous Jubilee year in 1917 the British government of the time favoured the "establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine" through the Balfour Declaration. Coming this September 2017, I believe we are seeing a 'birthing' of two groups of people from the book of Revelation. Revelation 7 is a group for Israel, and Revelation 14 is for the world. They will be termed as 'Friends of the Bridegroom' whose purpose is to prepare the Bride in the Great Tribulation for the coming of the Bridegroom, Jesus.

*He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.*

*John 3:29*

If true Friends of the Bridegroom are being birthed, what is their role in a Jewish marriage? The first major step in a Jewish marriage was betrothal.

1 Betrothal involved establishing a marriage covenant. By Jesus' time it was usual for such a covenant to be established as the result of the prospective bridegroom taking the

initiative.

2 The prospective bridegroom would travel from his father's house to the home of the prospective bride. There he would negotiate with the father of the young woman to determine the price (mohar) that he must pay to purchase his bride.

3 Once the bridegroom paid the purchase price, the marriage covenant was thereby established, and the young man and woman were regarded to be husband and wife.

4 From that moment on the bride was declared to be consecrated or sanctified, set apart exclusively for her bridegroom.

5 As a symbol of the covenant relationship that had been established, the groom and bride would drink from a cup of wine over which a betrothal benediction had been pronounced.

6 After the marriage covenant had been established, the groom would leave the home of the bride and return to his father's house. There he would remain separate from his bride for a period of twelve months.

7 This period of separation afforded the bride time to gather her trousseau and to prepare for married life.

8 The groom occupied himself with the preparation of living accommodations in his father's house to which he could bring his bride.

In Jewish wedding customs, the friend of the bridegroom served as an intermediary between the suitor and the woman. In the wedding, he presented the bride to the groom. As the friend of the bridegroom, he carried messages back and forth between the two parties. Finally, when the Hour of the wedding came, they would go before the Groom, shouting, blowing shofars, rejoicing and making a way before the groom to the Bride's home and the wedding will take place after this. Just like this picture, the role of the Friends of the Bridegroom will help prepare the Bride for a wedding.

Just like in Revelation Ch 12 the woman goes through much travail and pain to bring forth the child. Many of us have, over the past two



to three years, had much pain and troubles to contend with. It is about to change. All are invited. This group of people will be caught up and will be trained and equipped with such power as has never seen before. Where do we see them?

*They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

Revelation 14:3-5

The Friends of the Bridegroom will prepare the Bride/Woman, who will be hidden in places prepared for her and even geographically moved across the globe for a period of one thousand, two hundred and sixty days, i.e. three and half years. They will be assisting her in the midst of the great tribulation period, as Daniel foretells.

In my personal time with the Lord, He asked me, "What are the three main areas of the Temple?"

I knew.

"The outer court and the inner court and the Holy of Holies."

"Which is bigger?"

I answered "the outer courts".

Then He showed me the three groups of people in Rev 12 that symbolize the three

types of people that will be around in the last seven years.

1). The Woman's offspring, who are outer court Christians

2). The Woman who is the Bride, who are inner court Christians

3). The Manchild, who are Friends of the Bridegroom who purposefully prepare the Bride.

The Friends of the Bridegroom, will shine more brightly than the past seven ages of the Church put together.

*Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, And the light of the sun will be sevenfold, As the light of seven days, In the day that the Lord binds up the bruises of His people. And heals the stroke of their wound. And many will come to their light.*

Isaiah 30:26

*Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.*

Isaiah 60:1-3

**They will have the fullness of the Spirit upon them and they will train others to move in this anointing and will have the character of God with the nine fruits of the spirit and above all, they will be clothed in absolute love and that love will compel them to move as the world has never seen.**

*And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13:13

*...the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.*

Daniel 11:32b

Just as with the marriage feast Jesus attended where he turned the water into wine, so too has our Father saved His best wine for last.

Amen

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## BE VERY ALERT



### Even More Violence!

This summer in the US could be rather interesting. The Democrats have said they are going to fight back against Trump and the Republican Party's victory, claiming they are the rightful winners. Obama, Clinton and George Soros are all determined to undermine the Republican Party, especially over this American summer.

In the US, the Progressive Left has now replaced Islamic terrorism as the No. 1 threat to the safety of Americans. This is not surprising when so many, among them Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders and others have been issuing calls for people to "resist" the Trump administration at any cost. The liberals don't allow free speech if it is something they don't agree with. In the universities, speakers have had to call off appearances because of protests and being shouted down.

A Broadway production of *Julius Caesar*, by William Shakespeare, was politically altered to feature the assassination of President Trump. The play was interrupted by a woman who took to the stage and shouted out that it was time for political violence against the Right to end. Other fed up patriots gave her support. On the last night of the show, protestors again

interrupted the production.

CNN comedian Kathy Griffin lost her job after posing with a fake severed head of Donald Trump. She called it a "kooky concept." Then later at a press conference she ranted against the Trumps for trying to sabotage her career. The Trumps had nothing to do with her job loss. Meanwhile other veteran comedians have spoken out in Griffin's defence, dismissing the faux decapitation photo as a really bad joke for which she should be forgiven.

Another event in the escalating pattern of violence against Republicans happened when House Majority Whip Steve Scalise was shot as the Republicans practised for the annual baseball game between Republicans and Democrats. He was seriously injured in the hip but is now off the critical list. The shooter, James Hodgkinson, was a left-wing Bernie Sanders supporter who believed Trump was a "traitor." He is a liberal who wanted to "kill as many Republicans as possible", and was a member of a group called "Terminate the Republican Party." He had recently written: It's Time to Destroy Trump & Co. Some other liberals expressed pleasure that the congressman was shot.

In another act of violence, Police charged



a woman for trying to run Republican Congressman David Kustoff off the road after a meeting he held on health care reform.

These are not the only acts of violence against Republicans so far this summer and there are sure to be many more.

Muslim worshippers leaving a Mosque in Finsbury Park London were hit by a van, injuring a number of people. The driver is said to have screamed, "I'm going to kill all Muslims – I did my bit." The London Bridge jihad had stoked his anger.

Also in London, a few hundred people marched down Regent Street, behind the Palestinian and Hezbollah terror flag, before staging a sit-down protest on Oxford Street. The Hezbollah supporters were calling for Israel's annihilation.

Britain's Security Minister has warned of the rise of far-right extremism, as the latest Home Office figures showed a sharp increase in arrests for terror offences. He said that online propaganda was helping fuel far-right radicalisation, just as it was feeding Islamist extremism.

The jump came after the neo-Nazi group *National Action* became the first extreme right-wing group to be banned as a terrorist organisation. The anti-Semitic, white supremacist group had celebrated the murder of the Labour MP Jo Cox by a Right-wing extremist.

The latest spate of terror attacks is leading to the eradication of basic civil liberties in supposedly democratic countries as they seek to make their countries safer. It is done in the name of security. There is increasing surveillance of various forms of communication, and children as young as six are being finger-printed. Draconian positions are being taken regarding Internet freedom. Japan has joined the move by imposing a sweeping "pre-crime surveillance law" ahead of the 2020 Olympics.

ISIS (Islamic State) is retreating in Iraq and Syria, leaving large-scale destruction

behind them. However, they are setting up networks to support the systematic movement of terrorists from the Middle East to Europe and Asia, according to US defence officials. We can expect to see increasing jihad attacks there. Australia is very concerned about the war that ISIS has recently started in the Philippines. More than 200,000 civilians have been reported to be displaced by the fighting.

New Zealand has the highest rate of family violence in the developed world. Every five minutes police are called out to respond to abuse happening somewhere. Kids are present at two thirds of these incidents. Each year the number of family violence cases climbs. Justice Minister Amy Adams says she has "had enough."

How often do churchgoers hear warnings about what is happening in the world today that has prophetic significance? How many pastors are preparing their congregations for what is coming so that they will remain strong in their faith in increasingly difficult times? Unfortunately very few!

As we rapidly approach Daniel's 70th week, time is running out for Christians to make sure of their relationship with the Lord, to be getting to know Him and His Word better, to be fully submitting themselves to God in every way, and getting rid of any idols and passions in their lives that are preventing us from leading a holy (separated) life. We are very close to the end of this age, very close, and few are hearing the right things from their pastors.

### **In Brief**

Preparations for a One World Religion: The Vatican issued a message to "Dear Muslim Brothers and Sisters" for Ramadan. It begins, "We wish to assure you of our prayerful solidarity during this time of fasting in the month of Ramadan and the celebration of 'Id al-Fitr that concludes it, and we extend to you our heartfelt best wishes for serenity, joy and abundant spiritual gifts."





London's Muslim mayor Sadiq Khan authorized an anti-Israel al Quds Day march supporting the terror group Hezbollah. He was slammed by members of the capital's Jewish community. Al Quds Day was begun by the late Ayatollah Khomeini to call for Israel to be destroyed. Organisers claim it "unites for the freedom of the oppressed in Palestine and beyond" and it is run to coincide with the end of Ramadan. Hezbollah is an illegal, anti-Semitic terrorist organisation and its flags are flown on the day to honour the terrorist group sworn to the destruction of the Jewish state. The group is designated a terror organization by the Arab League, Bahrain, Canada, France, Israel, the Netherlands, and the United States. 3

In Canada, evangelical Christians are under fire as an Alberta school board is demanding a Christian school stop teaching "offensive" scripture that indicts homosexuality as a sin, the *National Post* reports.

Canada has passed a Bill making it a hate crime with jail time to address transgenders using the wrong pronoun. Critics say that Canadians who do not subscribe to progressive gender theory could be accused of hate crimes, jailed, fined, and made to take anti-bias training.

The Canadian province of Ontario has passed a legislation that has been described by critics as "totalitarian" as it allows the government to seize children from families who do not accept gender ideology. Under the legislation, "gender identity" and "gender expression" are included as factors to be considered "in the best interests of the child." However, the religious faith in which the parents are raising the child is removed from consideration in assessing the child's best interest. In a survey of Millennials, almost half of those surveyed indicated they could be open to the idea of government removing children from their home if parents refuse to support their gender identity.

Wild Bill, a former police officer, exposé of Islam and a Christian, was arrested for "smuggling hate speech on his iPad" into Canada. He was due to speak at a rally in Calgary. He was detained for 7½ hours before being released, but the border police have kept his iPad which holds masses of information important to him. He was to speak about the treatment of women and children in Islam and about free speech. He gave a similar talk earlier which can be heard on the internet.

At a science festival in Norway, astrophysicist Stephen Hawking has warned that the human race is doomed if we do not colonise the moon or mars or even Alpha Centauri soon, taking with us a Noah's Ark of plants, animals, fungi and insects.

Iran's goal is to become the dominant power across the Shia Islamic world from Tehran in Iran 2,000 miles across to the Mediterranean coast in the west. They want to form a Shia corridor which would give them uninterrupted access on the ground. The corridor at present contains much rough terrain and Sunni Islamists hostile to Iran. It would bind together, by a single land route, a string of Iranian allies, including Hezbollah, in Lebanon; the Assad regime, in Syria; and the Iranian-dominated government in Iraq. Is this prophetically significant? It could well be! *The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East.*" (Rev 16:12) Chinese President Xi Jinping also has a vision of building the "New Silk Road," a route that would connect China to the West.

Hundreds of thousands of Iranians chanted "Death to Israel" in nationwide rallies at which they also burned the flag of the Islamic State militant group which claimed responsibility for recent attacks in Tehran. Millions of people turned out for the rallies to mark Al-Quds Day which is held on the last Friday of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

The Turkish government has destroyed



an inscription honouring the dead at Anzac Cove and claims that they are doing a sweeping "renovation" of all Turkish memorials and epitaphs on the peninsula. Historians believe that the finished renovation will leave the memorial markedly different, thanks to efforts from Erdogan's government. The monument previously included the words, "You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country." Turkey now depicts its 86,000 Gallipoli dead as "martyrs," dying in a fight against Christian invaders.

In the Australian state of Victoria, school children as young as 12 now have an involuntary weekly doctor visit to receive drugs and medical treatment without parental consent. The 4 children are likely to be prescribed medication that is both ineffective and dangerous. The Australian programme uses a checklist to consider behaviours like shyness and sleeping with the light on as signs of possible psychological problems. Since 2008, NZ

figures show thousands of four to five year-olds have been screened for health, behavioural, social and developmental problems, some without their parent's consent. *Pharmac* figures show a 140 per cent increase in antidepressant prescriptions for 0 to 4-year-olds between 2009 and 2010, and an average 10 per cent increase in mood-stabilising drug prescriptions in the last five years for children aged five and over.

**When trials come:** *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."* (Psalm 23:4)

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