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Time Factors and Zero Point Energy

We have been doing an expository study of the lives of Saul and David, with special emphasis on their marks of character. With the death of Saul, our focus is now on David, who is the preeminent type of Christ. But David is also a type of *the body* of Christ, the overcomers in particular, and so we will seek to learn from David's character and virtues how we, too, can be in that number of the firstfruits company, the barley company, the overcomers, the first batch of cookies out of the oven, the first resurrectees—all synonymous terms. So essentially, these are teachings from the life of David which show us how to build Christian character. In so doing, we are fulfilling the laws of love: love God and love your neighbor.

In our recent monographs, we saw that David came back to the land of Judah from Ziklag, where he had been living with his band of men under the protection and political asylum of the Philistine king Achish. David was instructed by God to take up residence in Hebron, which was centrally located in the land of Judah.

The elders of Judah had anointed him king over all Judah. This was David's second anointing and he was 30 years old when he ascended the throne over Judah. Since we estimated much earlier in our studies that he was about 17 years old when he slew Goliath, that means he was in overcomer training under King Saul for 13 years, the last 16 months of which he was in exile among the Philistines.

The parallel to the patriarch Joseph is remarkable. If I recall correctly, Joseph was sold into bondage in Egypt at about age 17, and shortly thereafter he was

thrown in the dungeon where he remained for 13 years. When his training in the furnace of affliction was over, he came out to ascend to the position of vizier, or prime minister, the *de facto* ruler of Egypt at age 30.

Incidentally, we have now begun a new series in our tape ministry focusing on the life of Joseph the Overcomer. Tapes 1 through 4 are now available.

Recall also from our previous monograph how Saul's cousin, General Abner, was power-hungry and so he installed Saul's son, Ishbosheth, on the throne of the northern tribes so Abner himself could rule from behind the scenes. Then there was the battle between Abner's and Joab's armies with the 12 gladiators from each side who ended up killing each other down to the last man.

Later, Joab's younger brother, Asahel wanted to make a name for himself by killing Abner, but instead was himself killed by the wily general. Furthermore, Asahel and Joab were David's nephew's, sons of David's older sister, or probably half-sister, so that Joab was probably close to David's age of 30. It is conceivable, in fact, I think it is quite likely in view of the events in this chapter, that Joab could even have been *older* than David. That sometimes happens in large families where the nephew is older than his uncle.

So in the next several issues of FMS, we are going to see how Providence works through politics, or Providence uses politics; in other words, we will see how God orchestrates the political events to bring

David to the throne over all 12 tribes of Israel. In the process, God *causes* men to conspire against one another, and that sometimes results in some of the players being removed from the chessboard of life.

If you are new to our Bible studies and if the fact that I just stated that God *causes* men to conspire and some are thus killed—if that puzzles you, we can understand how it might, if you’ve never heard that concept before. But we would ask you to suspend judgment until you have made a thorough study of the sovereignty of God, for which purpose we have an album of ten tapes by that title. (Album A-102, \$33 ppd.) We don’t have time or space to reinvent the wheel here and bring every reader up to speed each time we make a statement to the effect that God takes credit for all the evil in the world. He does. Check it out in A-102.

With all that as prelude, let’s set the stage for this segment of David’s life by reading ...

2 Samuel 3:1 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

This does not mean that there were continuous battles between the two rival kings’ armies, but rather that a *state* of war existed between them. Perhaps it was similar to the period when East and West Germany were divided, or as North and South Korea. Stull are. There are occasional skirmishes but not warfare “24-7,” as we say these days.

It was a state of war in that no peace treaty had been signed. Ishbosheth would not recognize David as king and David did not recognize Ishbosheth’s rule over Judah. David was content to rely solely on the hand of Providence to cause circumstances and events which would ultimately bring all the tribes under his rule.

Looking at this statement as a prophetic pattern for our day is interesting because it indicates that the transition from the Saul church to the David church, or stated another way; that the transition from the age of Pentecost to the age of Tabernacles, will—number 1—take some extended period of time. It will not happen instantaneously. Number 2: It will be marked by hostility on the part of the Saul church leadership towards the Davidic Overcomer Company. Number 3,

the Overcomers will not return evil for evil. They will be content to rely solely on the hand of Divine Providence to bring about their accession to leadership roles.

Let us briefly expound on number 2. We have spoken much in this series about how the Saul church persecutes the overcomers and how they try to control all the sheep by means of fear. Saul-type church leaders drive the people like cattle (remember, Saul was a cattleman), instead of leading them like the sheep they are. (David was a shepherd.) We received a letter recently from someone on our mailing list who wrote the following:

“We received your May FMS and ...we are enjoying the Saul series very much. Our daughter read it while she was here for Mother’s Day. I get such a kick out of the way God works. I handed it to her, but she was too busy to read it all at that time, and later, after she had explained a lot of the problems she is going through with her church, she picked it up again and read it thoroughly this time.

She kept saying, ‘This is just what I needed to hear! This is the answer I was looking for.’ Her church believes they are part of the apostolic ministry that is coming on the land. It appears to be more of the old submission-to-the-elders, to me. They told the people that they have made a commitment to the church, and if they leave, it will be like a divorce. Have you heard this type of talk?”

Well, as you know, I don’t have time to answer individual letters, but on this one I jotted a quick note which said: “Right, it’s the same old people-control psychological tactics! It says a lot about the fears and insecurities of the Saul leaders.” Incidentally, I have not heard of this so-called apostolic ministry that is coming on the land, and if any readers can shed any more light on it, please inform me. I suspect, though, that this is nothing more than some preacher letting his emotions and ego loose in the pulpit.

The letter-writer above did not tell me what denomination that particular church was, but it reminded me of this: Whenever I meet a stranger and they ask me what I do for a living, and I tell them I’m a minister, what do you think is the next question they ask? You guessed it: what church? ...meaning what denomination are you? Well, I have always simply answered that we are non-denominational, but the fol-

lowing came to me the other day.

The next time someone asks me “What denomination are you?” I am tempted to say “Oh, we’re denomination-free. You know, like there’s sugar-free and fat-free and cholesterol-free. It’s a good feeling of religious liberty in the Lord to be denomination-free.” I have a feeling that in the age of Tabernacles there will be no denominations, only the one true church of Jesus the Christ.

In 1987, we saw scandals erupt in what we could describe as the *Protestant* Saul church leadership. Remember that?...the PTL (Jim and Tammy Faye) and the Jimmy Swaggart scandals? And then, Jerry Falwell and others tried to swoop in like vultures to grab the supporters for their own ministries.

Notice that the scandals were centered on two issues: sex and finances. Sex and (love of) money. Fifteen years later, in 2002, we watched as scandals began erupting in the *Catholic* Saul church leadership and what are the central issues once again? Sex and money! It is mostly homosexual pedophilia this time, along with payoffs to some of the victims, along with enormous lawsuits which could cause some serious shaking in the financial viability of the Roman Catholic church. This, since the income from the collection baskets in American Catholic churches have been declining for years. Do you suppose that our Holy Father—and I mean the real One in heaven, not the imposter in Rome—do you suppose our Father has anything to do with this debacle?

What’s more, the 15 years of separation (1987-2002) between these two major eruptions of scandal is fascinating from a prophetic standpoint. Many of us have been observing time factors in the Bible for many years and one particular passage of great interest to us has been the story of the terminal illness of King Hezekiah. It’s the sundial story. There are two measures of time in the story.

Dr. Stephen Jones has written of this in his book, *Secrets of Time* (available from us, \$22 ppd.) He refers to it as “the Hezekiah factor,” or “Jubilee Savings Time,” where God sets the clock *back* ten years, as it were, in the divine chronologies. We highly recommend the book. But there is another factor in the story and it is a 15 year *extension* of time. I wonder if that has anything to do with the 15 year separation between the scandals in the Protestant wing of the

Saul church and the scandals now being brought to light in the Catholic wing of the Saul church.

2 Kings 20:1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith YHWH, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.

2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto YHWH, saying,

3 I beseech thee, O YHWH, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good* in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of YHWH came to him, saying,

5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith YHWH, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of YHWH.

6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

7 And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered.

8 And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What *shall be* the sign that YHWH will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of YHWH the third day?

9 And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of YHWH, that YHWH will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

11 And Isaiah the prophet cried unto YHWH: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

In Dr. Jones’ view, the ten degrees equals ten years and he advances considerable detail in support of this view in *Secrets of Time*. Incidentally, notice that the healing takes place on the third day. Just as the age of Tabernacles commences at right about the third millennium.

If this were a visual medium, I could demon-

strate for you with a flashlight and a piece of paper how the sundial going back ten degrees was probably caused by a solar eclipse. This is not to say that it was not a miracle. While we today can recognize it as an unusual occurrence, an eclipse is nonetheless, in accordance with the laws of the universe, the laws of physics and astronomy, which are, after all, nothing less than God's laws.

Arthur C. Clarke, the great science fiction writer (*2001: A Space Odyssey*, *Childhood's End* and many others) once said that *sufficiently advanced science and technology are indistinguishable from magic*. In other words, if we had a time machine and we took a trip back to merry olde England in the days of King Henry the 8th—which, come to think of it, may not have been all that merry—but, if we took along a DVD camcorder, and demonstrated to the natives that their images and voices were “captured” on the device, the occurrence would be seen as either magic or a miracle, depending on the native's religious beliefs.

Frankly, I think it would have been prudent to bring along a Taser (stun gun) as well, to guarantee our escape back to the time machine, because given the religious climate of that era, we would have probably been burned at the stake for being in league with the devil and practicing witchcraft, don't you think? But do you see the point, the truth of Clarke's statement?

A further point: God's laws are a definition and description of His character, and I have never yet seen *any* case in the Bible or *elsewhere* where He has broken His own laws. So that when he separated the Red Sea or multiplied the loaves and fish, these *were* miracles in the sense that they were extraordinary events which were accomplished through His divine intervention and power.

When He performed those miracles, He did not break any of His own laws—which include the laws of nature, the laws of true science and technology. When Jesus produced enough food out of “thin air” to feed 5,000, I believe that He was using science and technology (very loosely defined) sufficiently advanced that it appeared to violate the laws of nature, *as known by the people of that day*.

Some who of us who have studied and read of the works of Nikola Tesla, John Keely, Victor Schauburger and others, are beginning to understand that

“out of thin air” really means out of the ether, a word commonly used in the 19th century scientific community, which is now referred to in leading edge science as *zero point energy*. (See *The Hunt for Zero Point* by Nick Cook. Flyer enclosed with this mailing.) In other words, by the proper application of spiritual laws, Jesus was able to bring forth material (matter) out of nothing. But it wasn't really out of *nothing*. It was out of the zero point energy reservoir. After all, $E=MC^2$, which means that energy = matter times the speed of light squared.

Which means that zero point energy can be transformed into matter. Or—bread and fish can appear out of thin air, as it were, by incorporating the speed of light squared into the equation. That is where the spiritual laws were necessary to effect the alchemy, with which Jesus, of course, was fully conversant.

I know that many modern scientists are atheists and secular humanists. That is unfortunate. I love science and every Christian ought to love true science because it is nothing less than discovering God's laws in all creation. The study of science is learning about our Creator. Sooner or later “modern” science will catch up with the Bible and verify its truth after all.

The so-called Higher Critics of the last couple centuries have scoffed at the miracles of the Bible. Higher Critics simply refused to believe that such extraordinary events could have taken place, such as a sundial reversing course by ten degrees, or creating loaves of bread out of thin air. To me, understanding a possible “scientific” explanation for a miracle does not *detract* from my faith in God's Word one iota; it *strengthens* it! So what if it was an eclipse which explains the ten degrees backwards... Who in the universe except Yahweh Almighty could have planned this eclipse to occur at exactly that minute in history and at precisely that country on the globe so that it was there right on cue in answer to Hezekiah's request for proof? That is another proof and object lesson in the sovereignty and providence of God.

(To be continued.)

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