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CHAPTER 21

21 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and* be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

¹² Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

¹⁴ Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the

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Lamb. ¹⁵ And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶ The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. ¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: one hundred *and* forty-four cubits, *according* to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. ¹⁸ The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the wall of the city *were* adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates *were* twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light. ²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵ Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). ²⁶ And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷ But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. (Revelation 21:1-27 NKJV) [12,000 fur. = 1,500 mi.; 144 cubits = 0.5 mi.; Gr.: *biblion*, scroll or page.]

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The King on the throne is God Himself (in 21:3). He holds a Scroll in His right hand and gives it to the Lamb whose God and Father is God and Abba to us. (Rev. 5:1-8) We're His tabernacle for God is Spirit and chose to live in us. He freely gives us the water of life to share with others. He adopts us as His family out of sin, born anew, together in Him. If we remain in Jesus and His words are in us, He gives us what we ask, putting everything under Jesus' feet. Death, suffering, and pain, now commonplace, are obsolete when our eyes see the greatest mystery of all:

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⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,^{11a} having the glory of God. (Rev. 21:9-11a NKJV)

Mystery Babylon is a harlot, prostituted to the nations where her master carries her. She's destroyed when he crouches in chains, locked and sealed in the bottomless pit. (20:1-3)

Jerusalem also had been a harlot but was chosen before time as His Bride. She turned away from her iniquities and was saved, redeemed, by her faithful Husband. He'd paid a great price for her, but at the end, she loves and serves Him gladly. (cf. Hosea)

The betrothal is blessed because God is true to His Word. As we were redeemed by the blood of Christ and recreated by His Spirit and His Word, His Kingdom is redeemed by His blood as the Eternal City, filled by God's new creation and incorruptible at last.

The Mystery of Mysteries

²⁴ Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under *Him*," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. ²⁸ Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. (1 Cor. 15:24-28 NKJV) [Gr.: *hupostronnumi* was a military term, meaning to submit oneself to authority.]

At the Last Judgment, Jesus sat on the Great White Throne where saints were judged and rewarded and sinners were judged and condemned. Its day has passed when New Jerusalem arrives out of heaven from God. Yeshua will have given His followers as His Kingdom to Abba, the One who recalls the auspicious moment when two fathers met outside her walls, and He shared His bread and wine with Abram whose seed would be the Son of

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man and Son of God. When we see Him as He is, we shall be like Him. (Gen. 14:18-19; 1 Jn. 3:1-3; Rev. 22:4)

The messenger adjures John not to worship him; he's a man just like himself: *I am thy fellow servant and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.* (from Rev. 19:10) Again he speaks as Jesus, and John falls to his knees but is corrected (in 22:8-10). If His Word is in us, and we, in Him, we're One with Him whose voice is as *the sound of many waters.* (Rev 1:15; 14:2; 19:6)

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure"—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.
(Rev. 19:7-8 ESV)

The prophecies encourage us to advance and not retreat; to press in and not fall back; to persevere and not give up. It's enough to know that cowards and unbelievers will face the worst truth of all when disbelief and sin banish them to where there is no death; their guilt is the worm that never dies. If they would confess it to Him, trusting His forgiveness, they'd get rid of their sins, but there is no way for unrepentant hypocrites. (Mk. 9:43-48)

It's crucial to trust in the power of His blood to be cleansed from our sins and in the finality of His death to destroy their deeds. We're justified by His resurrection through His atoning blood. It's not that sin is no longer in our flesh, but by faith we confess it, and He washes our feet since we walk in this world. Even if we lose our footing or fall, we get up and run home. If we remain in sin, we lose it all, but the fear of God keeps us.

When the Wedding Begins

The twelve gates are named after the tribes of Israel. Her walls' foundations are twelve stones, inscribed with the names of the Jewish apostles, pioneers who spread the gospel's report till identifying with our Savior in their deaths.

Today Jerusalem is corruptible, but she reveals the supernatural law of the seed: It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption (in 1 Cor. 15:42-54). We're mortal till we're spiritual;

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we're dying to our flesh until we live. Jerusalem was a harlot; then a Bride. As we go from flesh to Spirit, she is made holy; her tent is stretched; its cords are long; its stakes are strong. (Is. 54:2)

The Appearing

He appeared unexpectedly. She hadn't known He was the One. The invitations were delivered. She saw Him but mourned as He passed her by. Anticipating His return, she sets a banquet table. (SS. 5:6) On His wedding day, Yeshua celebrates the Bride about whom Solomon could have only dreamt.

- 62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch. [her *y^eshu^cwâh*]
- ² The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.
- ⁶ On your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have set watchmen;
all the day and all the night
they shall never be silent.
You who put the LORD in remembrance,
take no rest,
- ⁷ and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it a praise in the earth. (Isaiah 62:1-7 ESV)

Jerusalem receives her Savior at the Feast under her tent, and the marriage is sealed. She has beauty for her ashes, oil for

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her grief, and joy to lift her burdened heart—Yeshua’s stunning beauty, His dearly Beloved, is united with Him as two become One.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
My soul shall be joyful in my God;
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments,
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
(Is. 61:10 NKJV) [Jerusalem’s song]

Satan’s harlot spread to the nations; she covered the world when he gave her to the beast; then he destroyed her. But Hosea proved God faithful to His wife, wooing her in selfless love till she returned from sin.

²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezk. 36:24-28 ESV)

We yield to the Spirit as a good wife to her husband’s love, serving Him gladly. We’re like David’s virgins but are a new humankind. On earth we’re His body’s members because the two are joined together as one holy Union. We’re his Bride’s living stones, chosen for our places in the Eternal City.

In His Kingdom, no regrets discourage us; no devils plague us there. Our sins are removed, and everything is new. If we’re judged, we may suffer but are rewarded for our victories in Him. Many will call out, “Lord, Lord!” who did great works but had no time for Him, and thus, lived unrelated lives.

In New Jerusalem, prophecy is a thing of the past. It’s all spiritual where metaphors become our new realities. Without His garments, we’ll lose all we think we have. So we dress ourselves to dine with Him in the clothes He’s given us. Our flesh is like

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His whose flesh was ours. (Acts 13:48) New Jerusalem's Spirit is ours; nothing unclean or impure enters her again; as it is for her, then so it is for us. She is the mother of every believer. Her story, like ours, is past and yet has just begun. (Gal. 4:25-26) The Father is on the throne in the city of the Great King where the Lamb is her constant Light on the Eternal Day.

He delivered her sons and daughters and assuaged her grief when He returned them to their homeland. On May 14, 2018, the American Embassy opened its doors in Jerusalem. As the first to welcome the Kingdom, may she finish well.²³⁰

Peter told his fellow Jews, *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)* History is replete with His severity against them for their iniquities, warning us all:

²³ And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt so treacherously with me that I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. (Ezk. 39:23 ESV)

In Jeremiah 51, Babylon was cursed for mistreating the Jews, but grace is apart from its recipient's works; it comes from its benefactor's heart. In grace God gave the Jews the Kingdom, but He judicially crushed the serpent's head. Even if they forget God, He keeps His promises to their fathers. If we don't believe this, we don't believe in the faithfulness of God's words.

¹⁵ When you spread out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,

¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice,
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause. (Is. 1:15-17 ESV)

⁶ "Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,

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- To let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
- ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
- ⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
(Is. 58:6-8 ESV)

This is what He requires of us because God is good, but we have been evil and have shunned His righteousness if we've loved the pleasures of the world. As His hand weighs heavily on us, will we continue seeking our own desires, or will we turn to the Father for holiness? All kinds of trials test the mettle of our commitment. To all who endure to the end, the prize is given; its victory is sure. (Jn. 16:33; Acts 14:22; Rom. 2:6-7, 5:3-5, 8:35; 2 Cor. 1:3-11; Hebrews 12; 1 Pet. 1; 4:12-19) His promises are certain for all who live by faith. (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38)

Now the grapes have ripened: the judgment is here. America will know the hand of God as His chosen people had known it. If His anger results in her return to Him, it will be worth it all, but if as Esau, she despises her birthright, she will lose it forever.

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CHAPTER 22

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

⁶ The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

⁷ "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll."

⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. ⁹ But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!"

¹⁰ Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. ¹¹ Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy."

¹² "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

¹⁴ "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, those

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who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll.

¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen. (Revelation 22:1-21 NIV)

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^{3b} The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. (Rev. 22:3b-4 NIV)

14 Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. (Rev. 14:1 ESV)

The LORD met Abram in Chaldea and promised him land (Gen. 12:7); God called him out of Ur, then out of Haran. God fed him His bread and wine. (Gen. 14:18-19) He accepted Abram’s tithe (Gen. 14:20); His Word came to Abram in a vision (in Gen. 15:1). He ate lunch with him (in Gen. 18:1-8).

After seeing His back (in Ex. 3:2-6), Moses spoke with Him as a man to his friend (in Ex. 33:11). Isaiah saw Him high and lifted up (in Isaiah 6). Ezekiel saw Him, shining as the sun with glory like a rainbow in a cloud (in Ezk. 1:26-28). And He comes

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on a cloud with His Son on the Day of the LORD. (Rev. 6:16-17) John saw Him on heaven's throne (chapters 4 and 5), handing the Lamb the Scroll (in Rev. 5:7). Alpha and Omega, Father of the Priesthood, King of Peace, the Ancient of Days, Abba is One with His Son. By faith in Him, we're One in Him, the King of Righteousness, *Melchi Sedec*. Without genealogy, with neither beginning nor end of days, He is the Father of Eternity.

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, (in Heb. 1:1)

God spoke in many ways to the fathers by the prophets. As Jesus told the Jews, *Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.* (Jn. 5:37) They hadn't, but others had though from a distance. God can't be contained, but has a voice and a form; Adam was made in His image and after His likeness. *Not that any man hath seen the Father.* (Jn. 6:46) God told Moses, *No man can see My face and live* (in Ex. 33:20). No mortal could see God unless He came as a man, concealing His glory; otherwise, we'd need a vision, a dream, or a spiritual body to see Him. He came in His Son as His Word, declaring His Father's heart:

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ^{9a} Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. (Jn. 14:8-9a)

Immediately after the tribulation, Yeshua comes on a cloud to catch up the elect at the first resurrection. Abba is seated on the throne, and this is consistently true in the Scriptures until the Great White Throne where Christ is seated alone. Listen to this:

¹⁶ And they tell the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb." ¹⁷ For the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (Revelation 6:16-17 TLV) [*of the wrath of them, ZGE intrlnr.*]

God is omnipresent and omniscient as Spirit, but the Bible never says He has no form or face. The Father sends us His Holy Spirit in Jesus' name as our Rabbi and Helper. Each of His attributes makes Abba's face shine. (Gen. 1:26) Spiritually, we're in His Son at the right hand of the Father—how high a calling we are given! Angels have fallen into darkness for envy of the gift He freely offers us.

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¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. (1 Cor. 2:12 ESV)

We have been dull to the wonderful experience in Christ that is present even now as well as the things that are waiting for us in spiritual places. Many of us will be the hypocrites, forever regretting our choice of this world above the Kingdom of God.

³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. (Rev. 22:3-5 NIV)

At the end of this age, its birth pangs turn to joy, and time, to eternity. Let's not refuse Him, but *ask, seek, and knock* on the door of heaven to know Jesus more. Let's be baptized in the power of His Spirit as gifted witnesses. (Acts 1:4-8; Lk. 11: 9-13)

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn. 1:14 ESV)

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (Jn. 1:9-13 ESV)

What Time Is It?

In May 1948 Jews were rejoicing until their enemy silenced their songs. A desperate war for the soul of a nation began when their half-brothers caught them in a trap. They were unprepared; nevertheless, the Jews successfully endured by the wonders of Israel's God. We've been enthralled by revival and entranced by a premature rapture, not ready to suffer or die for the faith. Let's prepare by the renewal of our minds in the meekness of His Spirit with faith in His every word. (Mat. 22:1-14; Lk. 12:35-40)

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One day we'll leave this world. From His throne He'll call us out of dust, or He'll come on a cloud to raise us up and take us together as those who are chosen out of its bleakest hour to ascend to Yeshua in the air. No matter when or how, not even death can destroy us who endure till we cross the finish line.

- 4 And it will come about in the last days
That the mountain of the house of the LORD
Will be established as the chief of the mountains.
It will be raised above the hills,
And the peoples will stream to it. ...
- ³ And He will judge between many peoples
And render decisions for mighty, distant nations.
Then they will beat their swords into plowshares
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation will not lift a sword against nation,
And never again will they train for war.
- ⁴ Instead, each of them will sit under his vine
And under his fig tree,
With no one to make *them* afraid,
Because the mouth of the LORD of armies has spoken.
(Mic. 4:1, 3-4 NASB)

We contain something far beyond this world's imagination. Our significance is in our service to God and to others as we live by the love of Christ. Though darkness reigns around us, we're here as the light of the world, the flavor of life, the salt of the earth—wholly by faith. We inhabit His righteousness and stand against sin, yet pray for sinners in their time of need.

Jesus Christ spoke in parables for His followers to hear, see, and learn what He hid from others. Often His disciples couldn't understand the Lord. They were puzzled by the spiritual way He saw the world. He ascended to the Father for His Spirit to come and teach us as witnesses of Christ Himself because God is Spirit and lives within us who receive Him. (Rom. 12:1-2) Magnifying His name, we're filled by His Spirit to live as He lived when He came in flesh like ours as a Son to magnify His Father's name.

Twelve crops from the tree of life remind us of those from whom the testimony of the Spirit came to us: on either side of the river, twelve patriarchs and twelve apostles received His gift of grace to feed multitudes. Israel's tree is rooted by the river of life as those who delight in the law of the Lord live by its waters.

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God called Abram out of Chaldea into an unknown land and increased his fortune as he went. He provided for the Hebrews in the wilderness through Moses and fed Elijah by the ravens near a brook. He slew a giant with a stone from a shepherd boy's sling and the Midianites by Gideon's three hundred. With a few small fish and some bread, God in Christ fed five thousand men.

²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to uproot *them*, tear *them* down, ruin, destroy, and bring disaster on *them*, so I will watch over them to build and to plant *them*," declares the LORD. ...³⁴ They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their wrongdoing, and their sin I will no longer remember. (Jer. 31:28, 34 NASB)

British forces waylaid the immigrants in the internment camps of Cyprus Island till the Mandate ended, May 15, 1948.²³¹ The Jews had learned their lesson well: nothing is treasured that isn't worth the cost it takes to keep it.

On Christmas Day 1969, an American evangelist rose from a hospital bed to a calling: to carry the gospel on foot to every nation, bearing a large cross. Often in treacherous places, across deserts, in swamps, through the wilderness, and over mountains, Arthur Blessitt returned forty years later from around the globe, a prophetic sign like a period at the end of the age:²³²

¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come. (Mat. 24:14)

After His resurrection, Yeshua was with his disciples when a new covenant began:

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. (Lk. 24:44-47 ESV)

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The world is at war; nations are perplexed; the earth writhes in pain, but the light of the Spirit shines in the meek who receive His words. Her King remembers her from long ago when her heart was His alone. Till she sees Him, Jerusalem resists Him who longs for her loving embrace:

³⁵ This is what the LORD says,
He who gives the sun for light by day
And the fixed order of the moon and the stars
for light by night,
Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—
The LORD of armies is His name:

³⁶ “If this fixed order departs
From Me,” declares the LORD,
“Then the descendants of Israel also will cease
To be a nation before Me forever.”

³⁷ This is what the LORD says,
“If the heavens above can be measured
And the foundations of the earth searched out below,
Then I will also reject all the descendants of Israel
For everything that they have done,”
declares the LORD. (Jer. 31:35-37 NASB)

The gospel has spread to the world; Jerusalem belongs to the Jews; the great apostasy is burgeoning; signs are in the earth, the seas, and the sky. When the abomination is set in the temple, the great tribulation begins.

The Mystery in the Midst

The river of life draws our attention to Christ. It's pure and clear; it moves and lives and flows from the throne of God in the middle of its street. He said if we knew the gift of God and asked for it, He'd give us living water. (Jn. 4:14) Looking into its living water, we see His reflection in the midst of sacred things:

Born out of the Seed of the Word from the heart of God, He was the Word of an angel, speaking in the midst of a fiery bush; the Word was in the messenger in the midst of the furnace; He is between the Father and the Holy Spirit; He stands amid seven churches. If two or three are in prayer, He's in the middle of us there. In the midst of the years, He was Mercy. The Word in the virgin's seed was born between two covenants and died on a cross between two thieves. In the midst of the menorah, He's the

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Servant with a flame. In atonement for our sins, between two Passovers, He lay in a tomb amid the linen as unleavened bread in the midst of the Seder.²³³ He descended to the middle of the earth but rose in the midst of the first day in the middle of the Passover Week. He walked between two men to Emmaus and stood amidst His disciples. He comes on a cloud for half the virgins at midnight and reigns between two resurrections, amid seven bowls and seven trumpets. His Kingdom is figuratively between the two Sabbaths of Sukkot. He speaks amid the living creatures. He's the cleft Rock in the wilderness and the Living Water from its midst. He's the Bowl of oil between two anointed ones who supply His words to the churches. He's the River of Life flowing from the throne in the middle of the street in the City. He's the Tree of Life in the midst of the garden. He lives in our hearts. He returns to His Throne, Jerusalem, shining like the brightness of the midday sun. Yeshua is the Revelation of the mystery in the midst of sacred things.

- 46 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart
of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city
of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*
(Psalm 46:1-7 ESV)

Once again the net is cast into the deep, and the Testimony goes forth for all with ears that hear and with hearts that thirst for the heavenly Gift. If we could measure the path to the farthest star; or number the moments in our lives; if a mortal mind could grasp the forever of eternity, we'd perceive but an inkling of the greatness of God.

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Even in hard times, we learn to love by the love we have received to give. He loves us when we're unaware and blesses us in ways we don't yet understand.

A tapestry of words is woven through both testaments; their Artisan is the Author. Jesus is the Word whose prophecy proves the Bible true. His personal testimony sweeps through history like the second hand of a fine-tuned watch, right on time:

⁴ Who has ascended to heaven and come down?
Who has gathered the wind in his fists?
Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is his name, and what is his son's name?
Surely you know! (Prov. 30:4 ESV)

The story of the revelation is of two cities: one is a harlot; the other, a Bride; each has a king. One is the destroyer; the other, the Creator; one is the deceiver; the other, the Revelator; one degrades us; the other lifts up our heads; one leads to death; the other, to Life everlasting.

⁴ The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand.
(Rev. 8:4 NIV)

Our prayers go up with incense, pure offerings to God (in Rev. 5:8) Without the Spirit and the fire, their words are impotent.

² Then the LORD replied:
"Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it."
³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
It speaks of the end
and will not prove false.
Though it linger, wait for it;
It will certainly come and will not delay.
(Hab. 2:2-3 NIV)

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