



The “New” Jerusalem and Judah, Sion and Zion

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"The city is made of bricks. The strong make many, the starving make few, the dead make none."

-Charlton Heston, as “Moses”-
“The Ten Commandments”

He saith to him again the second time, **Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?** He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him,

“Feed my sheep”. - The Gospel According to John 21:16

We are the temple. The land, that great expanse of real estate between the shoulder blades... the “space” held captive by the human heart. The Holy Place. The well watered place.

And a Holy Place, and a promised land, constructed by the mortar of His Spirit, and the bricks known as the Saints. One Body. Of whom Jesus Christ, the Messiah is both groom and head. This is the New Jerusalem. Clothed in the righteousness of the saints. The Bride adorned in “righteousness” for her husband.

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone* ; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. - Ephesians 2:19-22

“Feed my Sheep”.

“Yes, My Lord”.

“the Phoenix”.

(excerpt from “The Shepherds” located in archive 2 of our web site)

“Everything Happens for a Reason and In All Things There is A Season”.

Welcome to Phoenix Seven.

The following letter is a reprint of a letter that I penned this morning, to whom has become quite a dear friend. Tom, as we shall call him, is someone God brought into my life a little over a year ago.

Little did I know back then, He would become a true asset to me. One of the things I lack here is any degree in theology, in fact any formal schooling at all. But then again God does always call those that are

qualified to His service, but as I have stated before in the pages here, qualifies the called.

As to my lack of formal theology training, it in itself has been a true blessing, for it has allowed me to listen to God's and Our Lord Jesus Christ's "still small voice", without any doctrine prejudice. No if only very few assumptions, that cloud thinking and train of thought...just God and Jesus.

But then again I have always said "God Has Been My Best Teacher". If it be my walk through the muck of the denominations or His teaching me this past year or so here at Phoenix Seven. As I have stated before within it's pages, there is no way to learn or to study then to have God give you a personal revelation, and then show you where it is located in scripture after ward. I didn't get my education from only one Book. The Good Book.

Something I have come to cherish, His teaching, not only the personal closeness with him, but it has allowed me to advance at such an accelerated rate... the truths He has shown me perhaps would have taken a lifetime to fully grasp. If I ever would have seen everything He has shown me. Honestly, probably not.

It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me - The "Gospel" of John 6:45

Which one of the true blessings as I said before that God brought me was Tom. Tom has a formal degree in theology, Old Testament and Church history. Here again when we met or "where brought together", I had no idea of his background. But God did. To me he perhaps would be just be a mere acquaintance of sorts for an entirely different purpose, then for the one God intended. Every few months or so, Tom and I have been allowed to get together, and I have used him for somewhat of a sounding board. So to speak. In fact the first time we met, if you can understand what I am saying...it was meant to be, and all things happen for a reason. Ten minutes after we first met, we where talking theology. Here again, this is just one more part of "The Dance". And God's guidance.

We perhaps best reflected upon this this morning, when we met, as to “his purpose” in this thing, and he came up with “to tell you or let you know that you are neither heretical or crazy”. As to this comment please keep it in perspective, I have had God this past year reveal quite a bit to me, and most of it “New To Me”. One of the other things that Tom reinforced today, is that much of what God has been telling me is of “The Old School”, the old and original train of thought so to speak, vs much of this “modernism” that has plagued the Church over the last century and a half.

And that is something I had honestly had never considered before. What was “Revelation” to me, God teaching and revealing His Word to me, is actually viewpoints that have been held by others before. Something I had not considered.

Not unlike as today he told me after I spoke to him of the New Jerusalem, Judah, Sion and Zion. It was only after I “laid it upon the table” first, that he then told me these same viewpoints where held by George Whitefield of “The First Great Awakening”, Charles Spurgeon, and the evangelical “Swedish Baptists” prior to the reformation. And several others. I will have to look into it perhaps a bit further. What little I know about Whitefield, is what I have learned from when God gave me the prophecy in July of last year. When God gave me the term “awakening” it prompted me to study briefly upon the subject, and to take a look at the other awakenings that the United States and the World have experienced. Revivals.

Here again, as to the prophecy given to me, as it turns out God in this instance is talking about the “awakenings of all awakenings”, it wasn’t until months later that I learned it was “the fulness of the Gentiles” that He was talking about.

What I am perhaps getting at is this: Look it up. Look at what once was.. And is now, and the difference. Look at what the Church has become.

Anyway, it was Tom that first made a statement to me, about the “journey”. What I had seen only as “The message” until then, he saw as “the journey”, and how God was leading me. It was Tom’s comment that helped prompt me to look at the “journey” and yes all

that I had been through, and to write the series "The Dance". That and one time I had a comment from an 70 year old Missionary Baptist preacher that told me he was too old "To Dance" but could perhaps pray from the sidelines. Not quite the viewpoint I have, but that is how the series got its title.

My viewpoint is this: You never too old "To Dance". That close relationship with God and all that "The Dance" can be. You never too old "To Dance". And never too old to share and preach the true "Full" Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. Never too old. "Not as long as God's grace allows me to draw breath".

That's my viewpoint. "Never too Old to Dance". "The Dance".

(the following is a copy of the letter)

April 21st, in the Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 2006. Blessed is the name of the Lord, for there is no other name under Heaven and all of the Earth that one might be saved.

Tom,

Blessings! The following is what God has been leading me through as of last night and this morning. It perhaps will shed some "light" on what we have been talking about.

I have been thinking and in reflection upon a comment that you said our last visit, where you stated that you see "the journey" over sometimes my seeing the "message". Perhaps this will shed some light on that "journey" as well...something you call "the journey" I have come to call "The Dance".

Let us begin.

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: - Romans 11:25-26

4506 rhoumai rhoo'-om-ahee middle voice of an obsolete verb, akin to 4482 (through the idea of a current; compare 4511); to rush or draw (for oneself), i.e. rescue:--deliver(-er). see GREEK for 4482 see GREEK for 4511

"Zion," and "the daughter of Zion," are sometimes used to denote the whole city, including especially Moriah and the temple, Ps 2:6 9:11 74:2 Isa 1:8 Joe 2:23, and sometimes figuratively for the seat of the true church on earth and in heaven, Jer 8:19 Heb 12:22 Re 14:1. See JERUSALEM. (from American Tract)

The seat of the true church like the temple or the body, is the heart. Keep in mind after Christ's atoning work on the Cross, and specifically verified by Paul, WE ARE NOW THE TEMPLE.- Phoenix

In the New Testament (see SION) it is used sometimes to denote the Church of God (Heb. 12:22), and sometimes the heavenly city (Rev. 14:1). (From Eastons Bible Dictionary)

22But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel. - Hebrews 12:22-24

From ISBE:

When we come to the Apocrypha, in 2 Esdras there are several references in which Zion is used for the captive people of Judah (2:40; 3:2,31; 10:20,39,44), but "Mount Zion" in this and other books (e.g. 1 Macc 4:37,60; 5:54; 6:48,62, etc.) is always the Temple Hill.

Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. 44No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 45It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. - John 6:43-45

I am finding that as God speaks to me I have to be ever mindful of everything that He is telling me, and there relationship to each other. Tom, not having a background in theology at all, sometimes makes this kind of tough. And as an advisor with both a background and degree in theology, you have been a blessing indeed. And on phone conversation late yesterday afternoon, as how others outside of our area, have been confirming, and receiving from God, what I have said and to the latter rain. It has all helped...put things together.

As to putting things together, God has taught me... that we have to look at EVERYTHING that is to be transpiring and has yet to take place within this timeframe that we are discussing. - The Phoenix

"All Things Happen for A Reason" and in Everything there is a Season.

Including the first scripture I used at the beginning of this note, and this one:

Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because *there was* no shepherd. Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle. Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

And they shall be as mighty *men* , which tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD *is* with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded. And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the LORD their God, and will hear them. - Zechariah 10:1-6

Now Tom, as to something that I have not covered with you before, a promise given to me by God some 28 years ago, right after I was saved at the age of 19. Much of it I had forgotten in my prodigal son days of those 20 years, the exception being the watered garden, which has remained my favorite verse over all those years.

And *if* thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* as the noonday:

And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. - Isaiah 58:10-12

The old waste places.

"It's A matter of Heart". "It's Always been a matter of Heart".

And places in the heart... we are the temple. Heart.

The true Wealthy place. The human Heart.

***Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This *is* the covenant that I will make with them**

after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. - To the Hebrews 10:15-17

The true Wealthy place. The human Heart.

Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place . - Psalms 66:11-12

The true Wealthy place. The human Heart.

That "Well Watered Place".

"In Jesus Christ"

"It's A Matter of Heart".

"the Phoenix".

"The Lion King".

"Messenger to Our Lord Jesus Christ".

"The Dance". and "Faith of the Heart".

"The city is made of bricks. The strong make many, the starving make few, the dead make none."

"The Body of Christ".

"The Church"

"That is the New Jerusalem".

"The city is made of bricks. The strong make many, the starving make few, the dead make none."

Now as to Judah, recall the graft.

For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree? - Romans 11:24

Once grafted in, the gentiles then become a part of that “Body and Church of God”, a part of that heavenly Kingdom. And “seen” as a part of Israel. But yet still divided.

And as to Judah, “The Church” then takes on prophetically (in prophecy that has yet to be fulfilled) the role of Judah. Grafted in through Jesus Christ’s sacrifice and atoning work on the Cross, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Those of the true Church, God views the same.. He does not see an olive tree with grafted branches...just an olive tree.

This same holds true for prophecy such as seen in the book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them.

Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Then he said unto me, Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel**: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it* , and performed *it* , saith the LORD.

The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel his companions: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. - Ezekiel 37:1-17

Thus always remember the graft.

And that “two sticks shall become one stick”.

To the Glory of God the Father and Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon

the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant *shall be* king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David *shall be* their prince for ever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore. - Ezekiel 37:21-38

From “Everlasting to Everlasting”.

But first must come true unity to the Church.

Amen.

As to One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God the Father of All Above All, I wish you brethren not to be ignorant. To most of you yet a mystery.

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

That’s exactly what it means.

One Faith.

Not 280 different faiths.

Be not high minded but fear. For you where grafted in, you can be broken off as well.

For it is written:

“The just shall live by FAITH”.

“Repent”.