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OUR VISION

“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” (Prov.29:18) We may enjoy to walk as the song says, “one day at a time, sweet Jesus...” but without a vision of the purpose, and of the end of the journey, we could be tossed upon the sea of life, without the ability or the hope of finding our shelter from the storm.

Hope is one of the three abiding gifts from God. It abides, it never leaves us; hope looks beyond today. We walk one day at a time, but we have great hope for tomorrow. When the day comes and close-knit families find their children gone and their nests empty, it is often traumatic. The sudden void in their lives can throw them into loneliness and even depression. But when families set their first love upon God, they will not be faced with the “empty nest syndrome” in their lives. There is only One God who changes not, and who never leaves us nor forsakes us. If we set our first love on anyone or anything else, our loss could be overwhelming.

In Christ, we are made free from the ups and downs of carnal emotions. Christ is our life today, and our vision for the future, even beyond the grave. This is why it is vital for us to seek to know Jesus, not for what He can do for us, but for who He is. At the same time, we will discover who we really are in Him, and what our eternal future holds. Then the images of the “hereafter” that the worldly church has painted for us, will no longer satisfy our soul.

Abraham, the father of the faith, followed the voice He heard, with no Bible in his hand, no map in his pocket, nothing more than a vision in his heart. He believed God and received the promise of a literal land to dwell in. But more than that, Abraham truly

believed in a land above and beyond the land of Canaan. *“For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” (Heb.11:10)* Way back in his time, Abraham was looking for the city that John saw on Patmos, coming down from God out of heaven. Abraham was indeed looking for Jerusalem from above.

We read that in Christ, we are not come to a natural *“mountain that might be touched, and that burned with fire...” (Heb.12:18)* In other words, in the Old Testament, God called Israel to a natural, rock and dirt mountain. He literally, outwardly descended in the fire. But for us in Christ, He is saying, *“But ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.” (Heb.12:22)* This is no longer the literal dirt and rock mountain; it is a real place within our spirits.

The city that Abraham was looking for, whose builder and maker is God, is none other than this Mount Sion in the City of the Living God called the heavenly Jerusalem from above. It is the dimension of eternal life promised to Abraham, and, in Christ, it is ours as well. Because we have been raised and educated in a natural world, it is normal for us to compare this city, to other cities we know, so we might imagine it to be a crystal clear city, with literal streets paved with gold. This kind of thinking stems from our carnal minds, which is being replaced by the mind of Christ from glory to glory.

Knowing that this city is the church, the bride, the body of Christ, we look with the eye of the Spirit and see it in a totally different view. We can do this because Jesus Christ, our Husband and Head of the church, has been *“...sanctifying,* (setting us apart for his

purpose), and cleansing us with the washing of the water by the word.” (Eph.5:26) This cleansing by the Word is deep. It is washing away our old ways of thinking and reasoning which have been set in our carnal minds. It is also dealing with the ways of worship that we have been taught in the past. Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, is so faithful and loving to turn us over and over to His thoughts and to His ways. This has been taking place in us, as we have yielded ourselves daily to His Holy Spirit.

When Jesus told Peter that He was going to build His church, He could have said, “I am going to prepare my bride.” Or, “I am going to bring my Body together as one perfect Man in Christ.” He could have said, “I am going to build my City.” He would have been talking of the very same thing in different terms.

One can be sure of one thing, there is absolutely nothing about that “city” that should be seen with the natural eye, or touched with the natural senses; it is truly NEW Jerusalem. It is good to note that this city is represented by other symbols, meaning that she has many facets and functions. She is symbolically called a city, the New Jerusalem. She is also called the bride, the Mother of us all. And she is the church of the firstborn and the body of Christ. All these names apply to the same group, and serve to describe the dimension of spiritual life of these elect people.

We know that Christ is within us, our hope of glory. We have met Him by the Spirit, and experienced His presence in various ways. But now, we come to the place where even that, is not enough. Now, He is moving us into Himself. We are coming close to this union, this “marriage.” Our souls are being caught up, transported into the realm of His kingdom. All the symbols are becoming spiritual realities within us, and in our lives.

The bride that John saw was already adorned. She was ready for union with her Bridegroom. But before coming to that place of divine union, she had to be cleansed and brought into perfection. *“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, NEW*

Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride for her husband.” (Rev.21:1-2)

John saw this vision, a long time ago, but it did not come to pass at that time, nor has it yet fully come to pass now. This vision does not come into reality for us until AFTER the new heaven and new earth appear. Even though we have been called and faithful to follow Him, and His life is within, outwardly, we are still in the realm of darkness and death, yet not of it. And for us, that realm of death, is swiftly passing away. His appearing from within is swallowing up the death of these mortal bodies. The carnal mind will try to reason this out but it can only believe the Lie and reject the Truth. This is why we must keep our sight on what the Spirit is bringing to our understanding from within.

In the meantime, Jesus Christ by His Holy Spirit, has been cleansing and preparing His bride, to present her unto Himself, *“...a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.”* (Eph.5:27b) In other words, this bride will have no trace of the character of the flesh left in her.

This church has been in progress since the time that Jesus told Peter He would build it. What we have called “the church” over the centuries, has born little resemblance to the true church. The Lord calls that one a harlot and the mother of harlots. The great Babylon of Christian religions is having union with the systems of this world. She has given birth to doctrines of devils, and traditions of worship that have passed down to all the protesting branches of Christendom. Even the latest charismatic and organized groups that have formed in the land, still teach the same doctrines of darkness that she instituted.

Like the little Shulamite of the Song of Songs, the true church has been trained within the walls of these doctrines, while her heart yearned and waited for her beloved, the true Lover of her soul, to come and take her away. In that way, the churches, or “women,” or “cities” of Christendom, have been a womb, a mother who has nurtured the true church until her beloved could call her out. Just the same, John heard the decree spoken over her, *“And a mighty angel*

took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all...And the light of a candle shall shine no more in thee; and the VOICE OF THE BRIDE-GROOM AND OF THE BRIDE shall be heard no more at all in thee...” (Rev.18:21,23a)

The Voice of God had once been heard in the midst of this great harlot; but only for a season. Indeed, it was out of the harlot mother Babylon that Luther, Jane Leade, Mme. Guyon, we ourselves, and multitudes of others have been called out of her.

When John saw the city, New Jerusalem descending from God out of heaven, she was in her full glory, standing ready to become One with her Husband Christ. The verse that follows announces what this is all about, *“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”* (Rev.21:3) Here, the Bride, the City was proclaimed to be the dwelling place of God forever.

Soon after that, the word came to John with the full authority of the King that sits upon the throne, *“Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done...”* (Rev.21:5-6a) John saw the finished work. And the angel showed him yet more details about this Bride, this City.

One of the angels came to him and said, *“Come hither, I will shew thee the BRIDE, THE LAMB’S WIFE. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that GREAT CITY, THE HOLY JERUSALEM, DESCENDING OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD.* (Rev.21:9b-10) Because the realities of the Spirit can only be described by the things we know in the natural, what John saw was in the form of symbols; and he wrote them as he saw them. And so this bride is symbolic of God’s chosen who will soon give birth to the new creation of God. She is also a city, a great community of saints who were called out individually and prepared to come to the perfection or full maturity of Christ.

It is important to see, that this City is neither a place out in space nor in the earth, with Jesus Christ as He was in His glorified body of flesh and bone, ruling upon a literal throne, on top of a mount or anywhere else in the physical world. This City, this Bride is each one, indwelled by Jesus Christ who has been formed and raised within, and is now the Spirit and the Life, the Word made flesh who rules each one individually and corporately as well. No one leans upon another but each has the strength of the Spirit, to impart into the others.

Jesus Christ will forever be seen through His Body, the Body of Christ, His Church, His Bride, His City, His tabernacle, His temple in heaven and in earth. He will never again be a separate individual sitting on some literal throne in the world. He once left His place of glory with the Father, and put on the robe of flesh and blood. The flesh and bone robe that He is putting on now, is found in the glorified bodies of all His brethren, His saints. He, the Head of this body, will not be lowered again; He is Spirit, Everlasting Father, Mighty God, Prince of Peace and He forever rules through His Body of saints in His image.

Before leaving, Jesus said, *“Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me; because I live ye shall live also.”* (Jn.14:19) The world of our carnal understanding or natural reasoning can never see Jesus again, and the world cannot see the City, the Bride.

We may have to stretch ourselves in the Spirit to grasp this, and even then, we might only get glimpses of the spiritual realities that are, like the clouds, quick to come and move away. In Christ, we have all knowledge and wisdom, but it is only available as the Spirit passes it by us. We will never be “spiritual encyclopedias.” We don’t have all the answers at our finger tips, but the Spirit opens them up to us as we need them. This is why Jesus counseled us to *“Take no thought how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you.”* (Matt.10:19-20)

In Christ, we have access to all wisdom and knowl-

edge, but only at the moment we need them. That way, we learn to trust Him. This is why we find that there are times when answers flow from us like living waters, and other times when we are totally mute and cannot think of anything to say. This has been my experience many times.

God gave Abraham a glimpse of the city whose builder and maker is God; the heavenly Jerusalem. And not only did He give him the vision, He also gave him the heart's desire to find it. Our God gives this same vision and desire to all His saints, for that city is made up of all who are called according to His purpose. That city is a dimension of life, a calling within each of His saints. It is also the bond that they have together in Christ which makes them a "body," a "community". It is always a joy, when the Lord introduces another member of this Body to us; the witness of the Spirit leaps within.

I remember way back in 1958, when my husband and I were traveling through Italy. We had just arrived in Rome and were walking through the streets, totally unaware that the Pope had just died. As we strolled, we found ourselves in a crowd that was gathering. We were being cordoned off by the Polizia and found ourselves in front line to watch the cortège of Paul Pius XII who was being transported from Castel Gondolfo where he had died, to lay in state at the Vatican.

The people around us were all locals, speaking Italian, when this couple approached us and addressed us in English. They were so happy to find out that we were from Florida as they were. It is amazing how amid strangers in a strange land, we rejoice to find someone who is a neighbor from home. Spiritually, we also find ourselves in a strange land, and when at times we find someone who speaks the same spiritual language, someone who has the very same language of the Spirit, we rejoice and are glad. All Christians have much in common. We have accepted that Jesus Christ is our Savior; He is our foundation. The cross of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of sins through His blood are our common denominator. However, not all Christians have been given the same vision, or are walking the same path. This is why we find so many sects and denominations in Christendom.

It is also why there are times when we come to the parting of the ways, and He sets us apart again to follow Him. Then, we must forget about the security and the bonds we had found in the past, as well as the beloved fellowships we enjoyed. However, at each level, the Lord gives us a choice to stay or move on, but the new door will not open until we walk away from the old, for we walk by faith.

Every step of the way, the Spirit puts a determination in our hearts to keep moving on. David cried unto the Lord, "*My soul is among lions; and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword...My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed. I will sing and give praise.*" (Ps.57:4,7) Many times, these lions and men with sharp teeth are right within our self nature that desires to drive us back to the old, secure and comfortable ways we knew. We could stop where we are and build with those who are satisfied to build in again the old ways, but we have made our decision and we keep our sight on the vision.

This reminds me of a dream that explains it all. "*I was walking home. I could now see my house and I knew my husband was waiting for me inside. The house was huge; it was up on a high hill. I started to climb the hill but found myself at the back door and could not enter. So I walked back to the road, but on the way down I see a community of people who had built their own houses, and were living comfortably at that level.*"

I was tired and it was tempting to join them. I knew that they would welcome me, and I could live with them until I built my own house there. However, I hurriedly kept going. I went back on the road and picked up the pace to get to the other side of the hill at the front door." This dream has been a great encouragement to me on this walk.

May we be reminded that such dreams are not spoken only for me or for the dreamer, but through the dreamer for the Body of Christ. They are sent to the "messengers" of the church, and they apply to all who have ears to hear. We are individuals and also corporate. We are the bride and we are the City.

Therefore when the Lord speaks a word through a dream to me or to someone with the same calling, the word applies to all of us.

TRADITIONAL JEWISH WEDDING The Betrothal

As the “bride” the church, we may be able to better understand the workings of the Spirit in our lives, by looking at the way Jewish weddings were conducted in the time of Jesus on earth. When John saw the city coming down out of heaven from God, she was adorned for her husband. This symbolic illustration speaks of the glorious change of desire and aspiration that has been wrought in us by the Spirit. A bride on her wedding day is anticipating a wonderful future with her husband. Her desire is toward him and no other. And so are our hearts toward Christ. We are ready for our perfect union with His holiness and glory forever.

The traditional wedding preparations of that time were precise and demanding. First the bride had to be selected and accepted into the groom’s family. Before the wedding proper, there was a long period of at least a year, called the betrothal.

Frequently, couples were matched by parents without the prior consent of the couple. This in fact is much like the bride and the Lamb where both are chosen by Father before the foundation of the world. *“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you...”* (Jn.15:16)

A great significance was placed on the betrothal as it was the major part of this transition. It had to do with all the negotiations over finances such as, how much the father of the bride was to receive, and what goods were to accompany the bride. All these things were decided, then the arrangements for the wedding were finalized and the couple were legally considered man and wife, although their union was not consummated for a year. It was during this period of waiting, that the bride made herself ready. And so it is that we have been betrothed to our Bridegroom, but the union has not yet been consummated. The arrangements were made when He chose us, out of the world and out of the Babylon of the world, to be-

come His pure bride. When John saw the bride, she had come to her perfection.

In Jewish tradition, the bride made herself ready, but the Word tells us that our Bridegroom is the One who *“sanctifies us and cleanses us with the washing of the water by the word, in order to present us to Himself...”* This is what we have been experiencing. The Lord, by His Holy Spirit, has set us apart (sanctified us for His purpose). He has been washing us with the Word that He speaks to us. During that time, our beautiful garments have been designed and made to fit and to display the beauty of His holiness. We know that our Heavenly Father looks for hearts who love His Son, His truth and who love Him and His ways. And so He has been creating *“...a clean heart and renewing a right spirit within us.”* (Ps.51:10)

Many months are dedicated to making the bride’s garments. The guests also have to wear especially designed and fitted garments for the festive occasion. On the day of the wedding, the bride is gorgeously adorned in her beautiful garments and jewelry, as she walks from her house to join her bridegroom at a place he has chosen. From there, they walk together to his father's house for the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the bridegroom takes his bride unto himself, and when the marriage is finally consummated, he comes out to show the evidence of their union, and of her virginity, to the guests who are gathered there. Only then is the marriage supper or banquet served. This is very significant to us spiritually. The MARRIAGE SUPPER is for the guests and comes AFTER THE WEDDING. The festivities did not begin until the marriage was consummated. The feast lasted seven days or more. Seven denotes perfection or completeness.

A DREAM

To better understand the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the Lord reminded me of a recent dream. *“I was in my house. It was much larger than my actual house. It had many bedrooms that had never been occupied but were all furnished and ready for guests. My husband and I were using a large sunny front room as our bedroom. This room had several glass*

sliding doors letting in a lot of sunlight. It also had a beautiful fireplace and gorgeous parquet floors. It looked somewhat like a room in a palace. Then it was time to change things and move rooms around. I converted the bright front room that my husband and I used as our bedroom, into a spacious dining room. I called my husband to show him what I had done and he smiled; he was very pleased. We would use one of the many bedrooms for our Master bedroom. As I walked down the long hallway and looked into the many very neat bedrooms, my heart leaped, knowing that we would soon use them for those who would come in, and would need a bed to rest on.

At the end of the long hallway, a door opened unto a huge place that reminded me of the Railroad Terminal in Milan Italy. It had a high glass dome ceiling, and bright sunlight flooded the entire place. There were people milling around everywhere. Although my house was not really a part of it, by this hallway door, my house was connected directly unto this huge place.” (End of dream).

As His chosen bride, we have been living in a large, bright, spiritual place (house), separated unto Him. We have shared a union in His Light, (sun flooded bedroom) where we have learned to know Him and love His ways. Our house is the dimension of Spirit in the Living Word that will provide light and rest to the souls of the weary. These will come when the true church, has come to full union with Christ. The weary are those who will have arrived to the end of their journey, (Bright RR Terminal). They have gone as far as their vision could take them. They are ready to enter this higher dimension of the Word of life. They are the future guests.

AN UNFATHOMABLE MYSTERY

More about the dream later, but first let us look into one of the GREAT mysteries found in Paul’s epistles. Paul declares, “*Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and **STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD.***” (I Cor.4:1) Our God speaks in mysteries, and the one that has puzzled me the most concerns the Bridegroom and the Bride. All was clear, until I read this, “*For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee; and*

as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.” (Isa.62:5) It is certain that Isaiah was referring to Jerusalem from above, “For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by A NEW NAME, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.” (Isa.62:1-2)

Isaiah is actually speaking about the church, the bride, who has been impregnated with the Word, the Seed that contains the life of the Son of God. That Seed has been planted deep within this bride, nurtured, watered, dung, and has formed a new life within the bride. Then that new life, this “son,” will come to maturity, having passed through the storms and the disciplines of life. One might wonder how this new life came into being, without the marriage having been consummated. This is where the greatest mystery begins to unfold. The Son that has been divinely formed in her womb is the One that she is to marry.

Only the Spirit can reveal this to our hearts. The church, the bride, who gives birth to the new Christ creation, is now becoming one with the son of God within her spiritual womb. He is her new identity. She becomes flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone and will forever be His wife. She puts on his garments of glory, and is transformed into the new Jerusalem from above. This is what is happening to each one of us, and to us corporately.

When she is perfected, this bride, this City is His body, the church. She is in the world, as He is. This is the great mystery that Paul was explaining, “*For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two SHALL BE ONE FLESH. THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY; but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*” (Eph.5:30) This verse has been interpreted in the literal sense, but Paul said, THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY. Not only a mystery, but a GREAT mystery.

By receiving the Word (seed), and cultivating it, the bride gives birth to the Son within, and by the same process, the Son marries the bride and saves her soul and body. *“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church, (bride), and he is THE SAVIOUR OF THE BODY.”* (Eph.5:23) This is a great mystery that the Spirit is unveiling for us today. We may have to wait on the Lord’s time to make it clear, but it is certain that He will.

The great mystery of the bride and the Bridegroom is a metaphor that is present in the entire Bible. There can be no sons of God produced, without the union of the Bridegroom and the Bride that He loves and has prepared for Himself. This bride consists of each of His called out ones, having been submitted to His Spirit, and trained to follow Him whithersoever He leads them.

Jesus did not say, “...I will build my sons...” Jesus said, *“I will build my church...”* The bride had to be built in order to produce the sons. The sons are not of the old creation, they are NEW CREATURES. This is why we have been waiting so long for them. The world has produced sons, in the likeness of their own creeds. Most of these would rather send sinners to hell; they have no heart to deliver them.

Returning to the dream, the master bedroom with the many windows and glass doors, speaks of the spiritual dimension in Christ, where we have been made one with the Spirit of truth. This is where life has been planted within and has swallowed up the death. Now, this same “bedroom” is being transformed into a dining room for the guests. The life that was imparted in secret will now be fed to those who are ready for it. They will enter into that dimension where they can find rest from their labors. This is the time of the marriage supper. It is glorious to know that Christ is in us, our hope of glory, but it is vital for us to enter into the glory, the new life arising within. When WE ENTER into Christ, we will be fully delivered from sin, sickness and death.

This house depicts the dimension of life that belongs to the Son of God in His church, His bride. It is the house of God’s sons, the Body of Christ, the Holy City. It is not of the world, yet it reaches to the

world, and has a door that opens to those who are ready to enter into Christ. The vast brightly-lit railroad terminal, is the place where many Christians and seekers of Truth, have come to. They are poised to find the door to enter into the dimension of union with the Christ they have been seeking. The feast is ready and the truths they need will be served. This is the marriage supper of the Lamb. This dream is a parabolic glimpse into the great mystery of Christ and His church that is unfolding today.

THE SEAT OF HIS GOVERNMENT

Another important feature of the City, the Bride, should be mentioned. In the midst of the old literal city of Jerusalem, is a hill called Mount Zion. Zion had been a stronghold of the Philistines, Israel’s staunchest enemy. No one, until David had been able to defeat them. But David not only triumphed over them, he also set up his tabernacle and his throne in that place. And so King David ruled from Zion.

David is a perfect type of Christ in His body. *“...for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”* (Isa.2:3b) *“Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the North, the city of the great King.”* (Ps.48:2)

“Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.” (Ps.50:3-4) Indeed, spiritual Mount Zion is the place where the Son sits and rules from within His Bride, the Jerusalem from above. The time has come when God’s sons are being set in their place of ruling and reigning with Christ in the world, while the fire of God is devouring all that the old Adam has established.

The governments of this world are falling and becoming the governments of our God and of His Christ. What we see happening is none other than the great shaking caused by the progressive appearing of the sons of God in the world. *“And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau, (kingdom of the man of flesh); and the kingdom shall be the Lord’s.”* (Obad.vs.21)

John saw the company of sons who are called to rule and reign with Christ, gathered where the Lamb of God had led them, upon mount Zion. *“And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him and hundred and forty four thousand, having their father’s name written in their foreheads.”* (Rev.14:1)

This number appears three times in the book, and it denotes the company of those who *“...were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.”* (Rev.14:4b) *“These are they that are not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they that follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth...”* (Rev.14:4a)

Their number is symbolically significant. One hundred and forty four is the square root of twelve which stands for governmental completeness and perfection, full maturity. These chosen “a hundred and forty four thousand” represent the completed government of God on earth. The mount Zion in the midst of Jerusalem, is the Christ rule in the midst of His people; this spiritual City, who is also His bride.

Babylon has usurped the place that belongs to this bride, this city. She is also a woman who is called the great harlot. She has sold herself for the glamor and the wealth of the world. She is even worse than a harlot because she pays for the goods, rather than the other way around. Her ways are the twisted ways of the serpent.

But Jerusalem from above is pure. She is poised and prepared to rule in the earth with Christ. They are one unit. They are also a kingdom of kings and priests, ready and anointed and ordained to establish and uphold the rules of God and His Christ in the earth. *“And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”* (Rev.1:6) And *“...He hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign in the earth”* (Rev.5:10)

God has finished the work of His eternal creation, and declared that it is good, yea, very good. By Himself He has sworn, and He changes not, He has decreed; the election has taken place and He has sworn

by Himself; His single vote is final. According to His blueprints, God is establishing His government over His creation. Indeed, all things that God has created are running like clockwork, without fail. God gave man his day to prove himself and to see what was in him. Now at the end of the age, man is finding that with all his knowledge, he has not found a way to save himself from his own destruction. He is indeed nothing but dust, “Little Dusty!” If God did not cut the time short, there would be no more life on planet earth.

And then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.” (Matt.24:21-22) These are the words of Jesus concerning the times of the end of the age. We can relate to that today, more than we ever could. They are words of comfort for us, and also of encouragement to press in and through the trials that are increasing against us.

The prince of this world is not letting go easily. We see how he has deceived many to rise up against God and His anointed. Our weapons are not carnal, but they are mighty. *“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.”* (II Cor.10:4) Indeed, we are equipped with God’s best weapons, and we stand in the nature of His name. The name Jesus is a translation from the Hebrew name Yeshua, it means, Deliverer, Rescuer. This is the name or nature in which we stand.

As the new man arises to rule and reign in the earth, the old Adam man is in the throes of death. The Son of Righteousness is arising with healing in His wings. The Glory of the Prince of Peace, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the seas. What a Day of rejoicing! What a wonderful, marvelous, glorious Father and God!

Because of His love, *Jackie Caporaso*