HALLELUYAH SERIES

Part 2

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In pursuing the use of HALLELUYAH in the scriptures, let us begin with the very first use of it in the O.T. This reference is found in Ps. 104:35, "Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth. and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou Yahweh, O my soul. Praise ye Yah." That last phrase is literally HALLELUYAH though translated as PRAISE YE THE LORD. The first incidence of a word in the scriptures more or less sets the stage for the use of that same word throughout scripture. So let us look with unveiled eyes at the setting and use of the first HALLELUYAH.

You may be shocked to see that it follows the statements about the seeming destruction of the wicked and sinners, but let us peer most closely into the meanings of the words involved. Most would think it a strange place to use HALLELUYAH feeling that the term is strictly shut up to praise and honor to the Most High. It is that, but what catapaults the great HALLELUYAH and praise unto HIM? The setting is that concerning sinners and the wicked. It might be well to add at this point that we need to learn the great power of HALLELUYAH as we hasten into more troublesome times when many will be destroyed and cut off in great cataclysmic events. If we did not see the hand of the Most High in all such things, we would be shocked beyond repair. We must realize that a great cleansing is taking place in the earth, and regardless of how many are swept out of existence we must learn to shout and sing HALLELUYAH. That one term will prov to be our protection and safety and even sanity in the days so close ahead of us.

What about these SINNERS that are to be consumed out of the earth? The term SINNERS means thos who have MISSED THE MARK. They cannot miss the mark unless they are aiming at it. Paul stated that he was pressing toward the MARK for the prize of the high calling of Yahweh in Messiah Yehoshua. There is a high and heavenly calling and a prize attached thereto, but it means pressing toward that special MARK to obtain it. Yet so many, in fact, the multitudes are tryin to reach that place without coming through the door which is Yehoshua. "If any man come up any other way, the same is a thief and a robber." The inference is that many will climb up som other way, but because they are thiefs and robbers (or because the old nature is not changed), they will miss the mark. Psychic religions are trying. Soulish endeavors are working at it. Eastern teachings are reaching for it. Mental strivings proclaim it. Great masters declare it. Even charismatic and pentecostal groups define it. Yes, and many "come outers" believe it is within their grasp. Yet why is it not obtained? They are aiming for it but missing the mar So it is evident that it is not just so called sinful people who will be consumed out of the earth but also professing ones.

What is the MARK that so many are missing? If you trace the word MARK as Paul used it in press ing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling, you will find in its root meaning that it has to do with RAIMENT or GARMENTING. So Paul is stating that he was pressing toward the MARK of being CLOTHED UPON WITH IMMORTALITY or LIFE. This is the desire of all beings--to come to a state of deathlessness where mortality is swallowed up of life. All religions have this hope and strive to attain it, but it is not gotten by strivings and mental gyrations. It is obtained only through HIM who is our LIFE. And least of all is it gained without the change of character, or the overcoming of the old nature.

HALLELUYAH is used because the missers of the mark are CONSUMED out of the earth. The word CON SUMED does not mean DESTROYED with an eternal destruction. No, it literally means COMPLETED or FINISHED but not IN the earth but OUT of the earth. When the missers of the mark can be dealt with no longer IN the earth, then they are PERFECTED or COMPLETED OUT of the earth. Death changes nothing except the conditions under which the work of perfection takes place. As a person is taken out of this earth, so that person faces himself or herself beyond the veil. An the work of salvation continues. The salvation provided by the Saviour is a literality whether in the body or out of the body until every knee bows and every tongue confesses that He is Lord or Master unto the glory of Yahweh the Father. Knowing this truth that so great salvation works both in this life and afterwards is the greatest good news there is.

Therefore we can shout HALLELUYAH at the removal of the sinners knowing they are going on to their perfection and completion in another realm. Pl they will be taken out of the way of those who are advancing into the great prize of obta immortality. So it works for the

good of all in the purpose of the Most High.

The next statement in Ps. 104:35 is, "And let the wicked be no more." The term WICKED means LAWLESS, those who will not submit to law in any way, shape or form. They are the ones who are a law unto themselves. And because they refuse to submit to law, they are DISTURBERS, VIOLATERS VEXERS, CONDEMNERS--MORALLY WRONG AND EVIL. All of this meaning is brought out in the Hebrew in the description of the WICKED. They are not as those who miss the mark, they are not even aiming at the mark. Their whole moral fiber is destructive and warped. The life and peace of others is of no concern to them. They are continually workers of evil not even caring who is injured by their lawlessness. Do I need to paint a better picture of them? You can see for yourself this category of individuals.

The scripture says they are to be no more, or literally, they shall not come into view or shall not be seen. Such shall be taken out of the earth, even as the tares are gathered out in bundl and burned. We are into a time when the wicked shall be taken out of the way, and according to the scripture, they will be taken out in BUNDLES, not just one at a time. This will be traumat to many to behold this taking place, but our refuge shall be in the knowledge and use of HALLEL YAH. At such a time we will look up and give praise to HIM knowing that He is cleansing the earth of those who have defiled it. Ps. 91 so graphically states, "Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the destruction of the wicked." We shall not do the destroying, but we shall behold it.

I am reminded of the battle that took place between Michael and the devil over the body of Mose And, it might be added that a battle is going on even now over our bodies, and the warfare in the heavenlies is great and terrible. Yet even Michael, the Archangel, durst not bring against the devil a railing accusation but only said, "YAHWEH rebuke thee!" Railing accusations agains the wicked do absolutely nothing. We can only trust that Yahweh will rebuke them, and He will! Our bodies are under attack by wicked forces and wicked spirits, and they would prevent, if the could, the redemption of the body, but they shall be taken out of the way.

We are sorely grieved by the wickedness of the hour, and even like Lot, vexed with their filthy communication. We sigh and groan because of the evilness that prevails against man, beast, nature, atmosphere. Yet we know that the wicked shall be removed. In Noah's day it was the wicked who were taken away, not the righteous. The righteous remain on the earth to inherit it. but the wicked are taken.

HALLELUYAH! HALLELUYAH! HALLELUYAH! This will be the shout of those being fully redeemed in body as well as soul and spirit. The great outcry from the inner being at the time of the removal of the wicked and the missers of the mark is HALLELUYAH! Their removal is their salvatio and ours as well.

A defination of HALLELUYAH from the Heritage Dictionary is in order. After stating that the word is used in praise and worship, the dictionary further states that the part HALLELU is a plural imperative grammatically. In looking up the meaning of IMPERATIVE I found that it means HAVING THE POWER OR AUTHORITY TO CONTROL, hence a COMMAND or ORDER. Few have considered that HALLELUYAH means anything other than praise and worship to YAH. But, in using HALLELUYAH, it has a plurality of commands and orders, it has the power and authority to control. In the light of this, it becomes the spoken word or order for the sinners and the wicked to be taken out of the earth--the earth which the meek are to inherit. But wait a minute! To whom is the order and command given? The word is not just HALLELU, it is HALLELUYAH. Does this mean that we are lifting up an order to YAH for Him to do something about the earth situation?

Listen to the Prophet Isaiah: "Thus saith Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning My sons, and CONCERNING THE WORK OF MY HANDS COMMAND YE ME." Isa. 45:11. What a statement! We are not to command concerning His sons, but we are to command concerning the work of His Hands. The heavens are the work of His hands. The earth is the work of His hands. Creation is the work of His hands. All beings are the work of His hands. Yet we do not feel we can command concerning these things and especially concerning the sinners and the wicked. Yet by our very voicing of HALLELUYAH do we command YAH concerning all of these things. Little have we realized the power of HALLELUYAH, but it is definitely connected with the removal of the sinners and the wicked out of the earth. And, in thus doing, is their release and our release, too. HALLELUYAH! ncn--7/26/87

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