

CHRIST THE ANTIDOTE CONCERNING DEATH

Part 38

The Judgement Of This World, Concerning God's House!

"Now the judgement (crisis) of this world is coming on [sentence is now being passed on this world]. Now the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world shall be cast out (expelled)." John 12:31. Amp.

The ruler of this world shall be cast out. In reading these few words all sorts of thoughts & ideas could come to us from all directions. Remember we are the Temple of God; We are God's House. Most would think that this ruler would be a force in the world outside of ourselves. Let us consider that man was given dominion over this earth & this is still the case, if so, then whatever is coming from the mind of man in general would be the ruling force. So for this force to be cast out it needs to be cast out of man's mind or his thinking. What affects man's thinking more than anything is what comes from his heart or his emotions, so if the heart of man is changed or renewed we have a new person. I hear a thought & that is you Christians are as bad as anyone, I would like to say that just going to church & hearing a man telling us what to do does not always cause one to necessarily have a true experience with God, our experience must be a *one on one* experience with God Himself.

Much of the force & power in the world at present comes from men, business men, rich men, men of power, politicians especially. Now remember that God is the great force that keeps the galaxies in perfect order including this earth, but He has given *a certain* control of this world to man & that will only come to it's true & complete fulfilment when man's thinking comes into line with the thinking of the Christ - *anointing* - who dwells within. What we are saying is that in man there is a way of thinking that comes from the trees that are within, there is power in these trees one is *good & evil*, the other is the *tree of life*, Christ or right thinking. Adam was given instructions not to eat of the tree of good & evil as it would bear wrong results as in what we are seeing in men of greed & power today. If we are partaking of the tree of life & purity & the power of immortality there is a force that is within us that will affect others & in turn the whole world. This wrong ruler, the *evil genius, prince* is now being cast out of our thinking the sentence ***is now being passed on in the world*** as we are partaking of the tree of life & passing this on - *be fruitful & multiply* - & the knowledge & understanding of Christ - *the tree of life* - is not only enlarging in us, it is also being passed on to others & the result is that more & more people are seeing the fallacy of the wrong way of thinking & this so called ***prince*** is being cast out & less & less people are being fooled by the wrong tree. This is the hand of God in keeping His promise & reversing the whole situation of man, the following verse would tell us.

"And I, if and when I am lifted up from the earth [on the cross], will draw and attract all men [Gentiles as well as Jews] to Myself." John 12:32.

Now what I wish to stress is that all that is happening does not stem from what is on the OUTSIDE it all has to do with what controls our thinking on the INSIDE & it is being cast out of our thinking as the tree of life - *Christ* - is enlarged on the INSIDE it will affect our whole life & being & will **cast out** GOOD *in the soulical sense*, & EVIL, JUDGEMENT, CONDEMNATION, HATRED, GREED & MALICE. This is why we must return to our original Eden-ic spiritual status, even before we were made a living soul. In that original Gen 1:27, state we were purely spirit & were the image of the Holy One who is perfection & at that time were the same - *image* - as our progenitor. That original part of us was never taken away it is still there in every man, sure it is hidden to most but as you hear the truth you will begin to seek after your true identity & as you search within yourself you will feel after Him & find Him the Christ who is the force of life or God. Acts 17: 27-29.

"In the beginning was the Word – *logos, or expressive thought* - & the Word was with God & was God Himself. All things were made & came into existence through Him; & without Him there was not one thing made that exists. In Him was Life, & the Life was the Light of men. This Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it put it out or absorbed it." John 1:1-5.

The Axe Is Already At Your Tree!

Mat 3:10.

The Ruler shall be cast out *expelled*, judgement is now here. Why? It begins at the House of the Lord, *you are the House or Temple of God*.

"And already the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree - within us are many trees - therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." Mat 3:10. Many have up to date thought that we were the tree, but contra-wise if we are the *garden enclosed* Song of Sol 4:12, 6:3. Isa 58:11, then these trees would be IN our garden within US. I definitely do not go along with the idea that because a person in one lifetime does not bear fruit that they are going to be cast into an eternal fire, the God I know is not so petty or pedantic. NO! The *trees* within us are dealt with by the love of God who is *"Pur, a consuming fire"* & with His spiritual **axe** He deals with & removes not only the trees but then the roots & then with His consuming fire, the trees are one by one burned up. Praise God what a wonderful gardener & good caretaker He is! I am reminded of when I was a lad of my uncles clearing new land on their farm first cutting down the tree & then *grubbing* or getting rid of the roots which most times went very deep, then setting fire to the trees, which would at times take some time to smoulder away, all of this was to make the land arable. And so it is with us, but we must be of a submissive heart & mind to allow this to happen as walking with God is a two way experience & not always an easy or comfortable one. So the ruler of this *world our own wills* or TREES *shall be CAST OUT burned & expelled*. If Christ the tree of Life is in us, would it not be reasonable to assume that the adversary or the *serpent* who is in the tree of good & evil would also be in us? Contrary to popular belief the devil never was, is, or shall be on the outside of anyone, our whole experience is happening on the inside, the RESULTS will always be on the outside. What we think & then sow will come at us from the results which affect other people & are **then** on the outside of us.

The Change From Flesh To Spirit!

"Wherefore we faint not; but if indeed our outward man is consumed, yet the inward is renewed day by day." 2Co 4:16. Darby. I wish to suggest that as we concentrate on the inward - *Christ* - or the invisible, the so called importance of our outward man is consumed by the more important enlargement & revelation of our – *true self or identity* – CHRIST. To date many of us have looked & judged according to appearances, the outer, or what we can see. I believe that it is now time that we judged according to the Spirit, THE UNSEEN. The Apostle Paul explains it clearly, beautifully & with potency in the following.

"For our momentary and light affliction - our temporary flesh existence - works for us in surpassing measure an eternal weight of glory; 18 while we look NOT at the things that are SEEN, but at the things that are NOT seen; for the things that are seen are for a time, but those that are not seen eternal." 2Co 4:17-18. Darby. Notice the words WHILE WE LOOK NOT AT THE VISIBLE!! This is the condition involved to be able to move on further to allow that the ruler of this world of this world be cast out.

The Amplified renders the last sentence thus. ***"but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting."*** There are at least two ways that the *ruler of this world* is to be **cast out**; One as we have mentioned is the cutting down & burning of our trees, the other is that the **light will cast out darkness or life will swallow up death**.

Since the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus Christ, there has been a gradual awakening of the deeper spiritual truths; of course over time there have been a number of what we would imagine major setbacks but all through these God has been fulfilling His plan, & to encourage us & has given us a number of wonderful prophecies, in Joel 2:11-13, Isaiah 54: 1-5,10, Hab 2:3,14, Hosea 5:15,- 6:1-3, Amos 8:11, 9:11, Obadiah 1:21, plus many, many others. This last one I wish to now print as I believe it is very pertinent to us today, first we see the outer or the *type*, but then we see the way God is bringing us right now to think & live that which is in the inner, *that which is firm, stable & cannot be shaken or moved & will never cease to continue, that which is Christ who is GOD.*

"Then [at Mount Sinai] His voice shook the earth, - the natural, or a type - but now He has given a promise: Yet once more I will shake and make tremble not only the earth - our earthly understandings - but also the heavens. - our spiritual evaluations - 27 Now this expression, Yet once more, indicates the final removal and transformation of all [that can be] shaken--that is, of that which has been created--in order that what cannot be shaken may remain and continue. - the things that are not seen - 28 Let us therefore, receiving a kingdom that is firm and stable and cannot be shaken, - the invisible or inner Godly identity - offer to God pleasing service and acceptable worship, with modesty and pious care and godly fear and awe; 29 For our God [is indeed] a consuming fire." Burning up the trees within us. Heb 12:26-29. Amp. Also, Hag 2:6-7. Amp

He Will Take Away And Destroy The Veil Of Wretchedness!

"And in this mountain will Jehovah of hosts make unto all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. 7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the veil which veil's all the peoples, and the covering that is spread over all the nations. 8 He will swallow up death in victory. And the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of his people will he take away from off all the earth: for Jehovah has spoken." Isa 25:6-8. Darby. And in this mountain, very significant words, to those who are dwelling in this mountain or HIGH PLACE, the secret place of the most high or THE MOST HOLY PLACE these people who are in this experience will enjoy seeing the destruction of the VEIL - *spiritual blindness* - which is at the moment spread over the mind of all the nations. As this veil is taken away, Which is another way of saying that the *the ruler, prince or evil genius is being cast out* there will then be a realising in REALITY as to our *godliness & perfection* then CHRIST in all of His fullness as the many membered body of Christ will then receive from its MIND being CHRIST *the highest resurrection understanding* from Him who is now in a complete overcoming RESURRECTION state the exact same understanding of His NOW identity. This same mind, which is that complete realisation & the highest spiritual understanding that there possibly can be; will then become ours in complete REALITY & the last **enemy death** will be completely overcome & *'death will be swallowed up in victory'* by the sons of God who are then being fully manifested, then they will in turn share in time, this wonderful news with the rest of mankind *"And the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of his people will he take away from off all the earth: for Jehovah has spoken."*

In the Amplified translation of the 6th verse of the above text, we read this ***"And on this Mount [Zion] shall the Lord of hosts make for all peoples a feast of rich things [symbolic of His coronation festival inaugurating the reign of the Lord on earth, in the wake of a background of gloom, judgement, and terror], a feast of wines on the lees--of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined."*** The words that affected me were *in the wake of a background of gloom, judgement & terror*, so the many membered body of Christ are to bring this wonderful message of release that has bound man for centuries - *in the wake of - a background of gloom* or following the spiritual conditions at their worst. For instance.

"As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the time of the Son of Man. The people ate, drank, they married, they were given in marriage, right up to the day when Noah went into the ark, and the

flood came and destroyed them all. So also it was the same as it was in the days of Lot. The people ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; But on the very day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. That is the way it will be on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. Luke 17:26-30.

The vital point I wish to make is that in what we have just read it depicts the worst possible scenario that we could possibly imagine. The bulk of the western world have not only been hoodwinked into thinking that sodomy is naturally excusable using the analogy that they cannot not go against the forces of nature within themselves. I only read of a case yesterday where a man committed the most atrocious acts against a young girl & then murdered her terribly but then blamed it on his own forces of nature & wished to excuse himself with this. This is no different in most cases from the excuse of the lesbian or the male homosexual. Mt 10:39, Amp, holds the answer to these situations; may this writing & others cause conviction to come to many. Also God has given us a very strong word in Rom 2: 22-32, as to His opinion on the matter.

So this scene of the return of Christ who is about to glorify Himself **IN US** His body. Comes at the time when there will be a replication of '*as in the days of Noah*' PLUS. "*The imaginations of their heart was only evil continually*" Then we read a similar scenario '*as in the days of Lot.*' Why am I stressing this? This is the **wake** that the return of Christ in His full body is following; Oh what a contrast, oh what wonderful news, I dare-say that after what the world would have endured at that time, consider the relief that mankind will feel when PURE TRUTH, POWER & RIGHTEOUSNESS suddenly appears on the scene of this now & worse to come degraded world.

The Identity Of The Mountain Of Human Obstacles!

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit [of Whom the oil is a symbol], says the Lord of hosts. 7 For who are you, O great mountain [of human obstacles]? - Wrong thinking - Before Zerubbabel – a type of Christ - [who with Joshua had led the return of the exiles from Babylon - thank God this is what has happened & is happening to us - and was undertaking the rebuilding of the temple, before him] you shall become a plain [a mere molehill]! And he shall bring forth the finishing gable stone [of the new temple] with loud shoutings of the people, crying, Grace, grace to it! 8 Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundations of this house; his hands shall also finish it. Then you shall know (recognise and understand) that the Lord of hosts has sent me [His messenger] to you. 10 Who [with reason] despises the day of small things? Zech 4:6b-10a. Amp.

There is so much in these verses. This great mountain of *human obstacles* which is our lower thinking which is from the tree of *good & evil* or the flesh realm; Before Zerubbabul (a type of Christ) these - *human obstacles, ie, the ruler of this world, the evil genius or prince of this world* – shall be cast out & become as a plain a mere molehill – *in our thinking* - then shall He bring forth the – *finished gable stone or head stone, plummet or plumb-bomb* – of the - *New Temple* - which is all happening within us, in our fuller realisation, this is God finishing His work in our understanding. No wonder there will be such a cry of loud shoutings GRACE GRACE to it as He is completely applying the finishing touches to *His Temple, His House, His people, His many membered body, His Sons, His Man-child*. So how can we despise the day of small things? For '*The judgement of this world, concerning God's house*' is now very nigh to completion. So the identity of the mountain of human obstacles is found in our wrong thinking!

Looking For The Silver Lining In All Things!

No matter what the circumstance! "*And we know that all things work together for good, to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestine to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many*

brethren. 30 Moreover, whom he did predestine, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Rom 8:28-31. Nothing can be against us, if we think otherwise, then we need to eat from the tree of life, which is "Christ in you the hope of Glory." & then "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God concerning you." For the discouraged we have a most beautiful promise in the following.

*"A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, until he bring forth judgement unto victory;" Mat 12:20. This word judgement is from the word *krisis* & this word carries exactly the same meaning as our word **crisis**. So in short God's dealings with us are our crises or our turning points which can only in time bring to us our VICTORY. I repeat nothing is against any of us, if we will but have the attitude of Christ we can look for the silver lining in EVERY circumstance. For every single soul will in time be a part of that judgement unto victory, as that which is adverse to us is dealt with, "For if I am lifted up within you from the earthly things & way of thinking I will draw you into an experience that you realise fully that I am not only in you but that I am YOU your true self & identity." Jn 13:32. My translation. The previous verse is most important. WHY? "Now is the judgement of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out:" Jn 12:31. Darby.*

Let us now also add the inspired words of Job to our to our very important topic. "But He knows the way that I take [He has concern for it, appreciates, and pays attention to it]. When He has tried me, I shall come forth as refined gold [pure and luminous]." And in verse 14 we read. "For He performs [that which He has] planned for me, and of many such matters He is mindful." Job 23:10 & 14.Amp.

The Psalmist would also contribute to this wonderful attribute of God. "For You, O God, have proved us; You have tried us as silver is tried, refined, and purified. 11 You brought us into the net (the prison fortress, the dungeon); You laid a heavy burden upon our loins. 12 You caused men to ride over our heads [when we were prostrate]; we went through fire and through water, but You brought us out into a broad, moist place [to abundance and refreshment and the open air]." Ps 66:10-12. YOU brought us into the net, YOU laid a heavy burden upon us, YOU caused men to ride over our heads, **but** YOU brought us OUT into **broad moist place**. For YOU O God, have **proved us** tried us as silver is tried, refined, & purified. Wonderful!!

"Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him." James 1:12. Here James many years later completely & wonderfully agrees with the Psalmist.

"Why are you cast down, O my inner self? - Soul - And why should you moan over me and be disquieted within me? Hope in God and wait expectantly for Him, for I shall yet praise Him, my Help and my God." Psa 42:5 & 11. Here we see the same thought & advice which is all through the wonderful word we have given to us.

Our Title & thought is 'The Judgement of this world, concerning God's house' or ourselves 'A judgement unto Victory.'

Is Stubbornness Included In This Victorious Judgement?

"For even as you once were stubborn toward God, yet now were shown mercy at their stubbornness, thus these also are now stubborn to this mercy of yours, that now they also may be shown mercy. For God locks up all together in stubbornness, that He should be merciful to All." What an amazing verse, what an amazing revelation. This is borne out in the very next verse. "O, the depth of the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How inscrutable are His

judgements, and untraceable His ways!" Rom 11:30-33. CLV. I am convinced that there is not one thing that God in his wisdom has not covered. **ALL MEANS ALL**. Not **some**, not a **few**, not **many**, I will draw **ALL** to Myself said Jesus. He has not left anything to chance, none of us were created to be left to our own means without any hope or redemption. So much has been assumed because of the wrong translation of words. One easy clue to realise that there has been something amiss with a lot that has been believed to date is '*comparison of usage*'; for instance in short the phrase *turn or burn* I am glad to say is not so popular today & yet it is still used in some circles that are yet without illumination, but if we will compare the opposite point of view in scripture we will soon find something is amiss, & it is in the translation of certain texts according to the time, way of thinking & point of view of that era.

I wish to now cite a very simple verse that shows the us the true nature of God. ***"When they were satisfied, he said to his disciples, Gather the fragments that remain, that nothing may be lost."*** In 6:12. Christ is here referring to the loaves & fish that were left over after they had eaten. This is the nature of God in Christ & it is saying '***that nothing may be lost***' even with a very mundane thing like food. Now if God in Christ was so specific in His word regarding wastage even over food, how dare we accuse our Heavenly Father of deliberately creating replica's in His OWN IMAGE, being ourselves & thinking less of them than food & then accuse Him of **wasting** them in a Christ-less eternity to burn forever. This is saying that He cares more for food than He does His own children & has created them to be destroyed. Saving food & destroying His OWN IMAGE is ridiculous spiritual logic in any circumstance.

"Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not revealed thy iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment." Lam 2:14. Webster.

This is a prophecy for us to consider. A number of times we read in the O.T. Regarding false prophets especially the prophets of Baal & Ashteroth which I believe have their equivalence today in a counterfeit gospel. So wonderfully God has in His word covered even the subject of *stubbornness* & has once again shown that when **I am lifted up in the earthly vessels** of man I will open the understanding of ALL MEN & draw - *drag* - them into a greater realisation of their true identity, Christ; & that He shall even work in our stubbornness & be merciful to **ALL**.

The Righteous Purpose Of Gods Judgement!

"for in Him is all created, that in the heavens and that on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones, or lord-ships, or sovereignties, or authorities, all is created through Him and for Him, and He is before all, and all has its cohesion in Him. And He is the Head of the body, the ecclesia, Who is Sovereign, First-born from among the dead, that in all He may be becoming first, for in Him the entire complement delights to dwell, and through Him to reconcile all to Him (making peace through the blood of His cross), through Him, whether those on the earth or those in the heavens." Col 1:16-20. Concordant.

Let us consider the all encompassing **ALL CREATED**, along with **TO RECONCILE ALL**, both visible & invisible & then to make it perfectly clear the **ENTIRE COMPLEMENT** or as the MKJV would say **ALL THINGS** are reconciled through the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus Christ. This of course includes not only this global creation, but also those in the areas of the unseen, **THE HEAVENS**.

"And through Him having made peace through the blood of His cross, it pleased the Father to reconcile all things to Himself through Him, whether the things on earth or the things in Heaven." Col 1:20. MKJV. We may well ask the question. When is all of this to take place? The answer I believe is found perfectly in the following.

"For since, in fact, through a man came death, through a Man, also, comes the resurrection of

the dead. For even as, in Adam, all are dying, thus also, in Christ, shall all be vivified. Yet each in his own class: the First fruit, Christ; thereupon those who are Christ's in His presence; thereafter the consummation, whenever He may be giving up the kingdom to His God and Father, whenever He should be nullifying all sovereignty and all authority and power. For He must be reigning until He should be placing all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy is being abolished: death. For He subjects all under His feet. Now whenever He may be saying that all is subject, it is evident that it is outside of Him Who subjects all to Him. Now, whenever all may be subjected to Him, then the Son Himself – the completed many membered son - also shall be subjected to Him Who subjects all to Him, that God may be All in all." 1Co 15:21-28. Concordant.

Here is the plan or **righteous purpose** of God found in a nutshell, each in his own class or order or time, **all men**. First Christ the First fruit, then those who are Christ's - *the elect or many membered man-child* - & then eventually **All in All**.

One thing that we must not neglect to mention is that when Christ brings these wonderful events to pass it will not quite be in the way that many have up to date thought. The Christ that is referred to is the Christ in all of His **fullness**, both the Head & His body, in other words it will be the many membered body or man-child in manifestation. This first of all takes place in the **'the unveiling of the sons of God.'** Rom 8:19 CLV, or **'manifestation of the sons of God.'** KJV. These are right now hidden from the world & are in the process of being perfected even as Enoch was hidden before he **was not**. "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." Heb 11:15.

Being caught up into the clouds, this is a subject that has been debated back & forth for some time. This may seem most unusual, but I am going to print 3 pages from something that J. Preston Eby has written on this subject. I think that it needs to be read by all as it is so comprehensive & informative that in my opinion the more that read it the better. This is from an excerpt from "The Candlestick To The Throne" Part 119.

CLOTHED WITH A CLOUD

By J. Preston Eby.

"And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud" (Rev. 10:1).

From the dawn of history the way in which God has displayed His glory has been in the form of a cloud. The glory cloud of God's presence has taken different shapes and different sizes on various occasions. When it was time for the children of Israel to begin their exodus out of Egypt, the glory of God took the form of a pillar of fire enshrouded within a cloud. *"And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them in the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light, to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people"* (Ex. 13:21-22).

What did the glory of God signify every time it appeared? The glory cloud of God signified the unique presence of God! It always told the people of Israel, when it appeared, that Yahweh was uniquely present in this place, at this time, for a special purpose. When the glory of God as a cloud led the children of Israel out of Egypt, it signified to the people that God was with them in a very real and sovereign way. *"And the Lord went before them in a pillar of a cloud."* God was **in** the cloud! The almighty God Himself dwelt in that cloud by day and in the fiery pillar by night. That strange pillar of cloud and fire was the visible manifestation of His glory and presence! While Israel walked in the light of His fiery presence, no calamity could harm them, no enemy could attack them, no evil could befall them, nor plague come nigh their dwelling. God was with them in sovereign power in all their marches! *"And the Lord said unto Moses, I come unto thee in a **thick cloud**, that the people may hear when I*

“speak with thee, and believe for ever” (Ex. 19:9). *And again, “And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the veil before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat”* (Lev. 16:2).

When the cloud came down out of heaven and rested on the top of mount Sinai, it signified that God in a unique sense had come out of the realm of invisible spirit to meet with the children of Israel in His manifestation on the earth plane. When they saw the cloud move into the most holy place in the tabernacle and later in the temple, it signified again that God in a special sense was taking up residence within that worship structure within the nation of Israel. The light that shone in the holiest of all behind the temple curtain of blue and purple and scarlet and fine twined linen, laced with threads of gold and figures of cherubim, was not the beams of the sevenfold candlestick of the holy place, nor even the radiance of the sun in the outer court. It was the glory light of God’s own divine majesty! Through time the Israelites called that glory cloud of God the *shekinah*. The word *shekinah* means “to dwell.” And since the glory cloud always signified that God was present at the place where the cloud appeared, to dwell in a special sense, they called it the *shekinah* or *dwelling glory* of God!

The truth that I would now draw to your attention is the fact that it was this same *shekinah*, this very same glory cloud, which the eleven disciples beheld in spell-bound astonishment on the crest of the mount of Olives that blessed day when the Lord Jesus ascended into mid-air and suddenly a bright cloud, like a chariot of God, bore Him speedily away, concealing Him from mortal gaze. “*When He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight,*” the record states. An accident? An illusion? A natural phenomenon? A marvelous coincidence? Not on your life! This is the equivalent of saying that the cloud which hovered over Israel in the wilderness; the cloud which rested upon the glorious tabernacle of old; the cloud which dwelt between the gleaming cherubim in the most holy place; the cloud which filled Solomon’s temple until the ministers could not minister by reason of the blazing glory; the cloud which overshadowed the virgin girl Mary when she came to be with child; the cloud which enveloped the Son of God and revealed the glory of His sonship on the mount of Transfiguration; that cloud **is the very same cloud** that received the Lord Jesus into its midst and out of the sight of mortal eyes! The cloud that received the firstborn Son of God out of the sight of those startled disciples certainly was no ordinary rain cloud which happened to be blown across a torturous sky. It was the blazing *shekinah* cloud which had always veiled the divine majesty of God from time immemorial!

Now, lest we should miss the deep mystery this unveils, I would point out that the one cloud points unerringly to the singular glory of the Head of the body of sons, even our Lord Jesus Christ. The fact that this mighty angel comes down from heaven, *clothed with a cloud*, reveals the truth that this cannot represent the corporate Christ, or the many-membered Son; furthermore, the work of God in the sounding of the seven trumpets is to bring the many-membered body of Christ to perfection, maturity, and the full stature of Christ; only when the seventh trumpet sounds is the mystery of God finished, the mystery of God formed, revealed, and manifest in many sons brought to glory; therefore this mighty angel cannot be the many-membered Son, but is without any doubt the Christ, the Captain of our salvation, the Forerunner who for us has entered in beyond the veil — it is HE who is bringing us to His glory! We are not there yet, my beloved, when the sixth trumpet sounds, but the indwelling Christ is performing His mighty work of bringing us on into the fullness of God!

Here I wish to point out a most significant fact of scripture which has entirely been overlooked by most Bible students and nearly all preachers and teachers. All the way through the scriptures, from the crossing of the Red Sea by the children of Israel, to the ascension of Jesus from the mount of Olives, God consistently manifested Himself in ONE GLORY CLOUD. There was always just ONE SINGLE CLOUD! The Lord Jesus ascended in **one single cloud** of God’s glory — the very **same** cloud in which He had manifested His presence to His people throughout the long ages of time!

It is when we come to the book of Revelation that we see a distinct difference! For suddenly in addition to the one cloud we are introduced to a great **plurality of clouds!** Let us see! Christ departed this earth in one cloud. He comes again in *many clouds!* It was the blessed seer of Patmos who announced: "*Behold, He cometh with **clouds:** and every eye shall see Him*" (Rev. 1:7). Daniel in vision beheld Him thus: "*I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like a Son of man **came with the clouds of heaven...and there was given unto Him dominion***" (Dan. 7:13-14). Jesus Himself said, "*And they shall see the Son of man **coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory***" (Mat. 24:30). And again, "*Hereafter ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power, and **coming in the clouds of heaven***" (Mat. 26:64). Finally, the apostle Paul relates this dramatic experience: "*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds...and so shall we ever be with the Lord*" (I Thes. 4:17). In the CLOUDS! More than one cloud. Many clouds. A great company of clouds!

Why are there many clouds attending Christ's coming, and what are these clouds? Let us not forget for one moment that we are dealing with *the cloud of God's glory, presence, and power* — the shekinah! When the firstborn Son of God was in the world John said of Him, "*We beheld **His glory***" (Jn. 1:14). Peter reveals to us what is really meant by their beholding the glory of the Son. "*For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to Him **from the excellent glory (the glory cloud)**, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, **when we were with Him in the holy mount***" (II Pet. 1:16-18). Ah, it is clear — it was the glory of HIS manifest sonship!

How very significant that at the end of Jesus' earthly ministry He said, "*Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also shall be one in us... **and the glory which Thou gavest me (manifest sonship) I have given them** ...I in them, and Thou in me, that they may be **made perfect in one...that they may be with me where I am (His relationship of sonship to the Father); that they may behold my glory which Thou hast given me***" (Jn. 17:20-24). And this is the crux of the whole matter! From the dawn of creation's light until Jesus stepped upon this planet, God manifested to His creation in a singular way His own glory. He, the eternal God, exhibited His presence in the form of one glory cloud! But as Jesus approached the cross, and the glorious events to unfold thereafter, He disclosed the grand truth that God purposed from eternity to SHARE HIS GLORY WITH A VAST COMPANY OF SONS...that glorious body which is the fullness of Him that filleth all in all!

"*For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared **with the glory which shall be revealed in us.** For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the **manifestation of the sons of God***" (Rom. 8:18-19). "*But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the **glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord***" (II Cor. 3:18). "*When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear **with Him in glory***" (Col. 3:4). "*That ye would walk worthy of God, **who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory***" (I Thes. 2:12). "*For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing **many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings***" (Heb. 2:10). "*I...also am a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the **glory that shall be revealed***" (I Pet. 5:1). "*But the God of all grace, who hath called us **unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus...make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you***" (I Pet. 5:10). Oh, the wonder of it!

What, then, are those clouds with which, and in which, the Christ comes? Why, bless your heart, WE ARE! He comes with and in many clouds! There is only one other group or plurality of objects of which it is stated that Christ comes "with" them or "in" them, and that is — the SAINTS! The Holy Spirit of inspiration is very careful to tell us that He comes "with" clouds. And He also tells us that He

comes "with" His saints! "To the end He may establish your hearts...at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ *W-I-T-H ALL HIS SAINTS*" (I Thes. 3:13). Jude says, "And Enoch also...prophesied...saying, Behold, the Lord cometh *W-I-T-H TEN THOUSANDS OF SAINTS*" (Jude 14). The Amplified Bible is helpful, when it reads, "Behold, the Lord comes *W-I-T-H MYRIADS OF HOLY ONES.*" But the interlinear reading from the Emphatic Diaglott gives the clearest of all renderings from the Greek text, "Lo, comes Lord *I-N HOLY MYRIADS OF HIMSELF!*" "Myriads of *HIMSELF!*" All of them begotten out of His life, all of them partakers of His divine nature, conformed to His image, filled with His mind, matured in His life. **Myriads of Himself**, of His own kind, born of His seed, a many brethren company of sons of God. The apostle Paul once expressed the truth in this way, "When He shall come to be glorified *IN HIS SAINTS, and to be admired IN ALL THEM that believe in that day*" (II Thes. 1:10). John the beloved sees this same scene in wonder-filled vision and speaking in prophetic language writes, "*Behold, He cometh WITH CLOUDS; and every eye shall see Him.*" Oh, the mystery of it!

Oh, if only I could make men see that our Lord Jesus Christ is the cloud and each son of God is *putting on the cloud* which He is. The beautiful type for this was given when Israel began their journey to their land of promise. The apostle Paul spoke of it in these words, "*Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea*" (I Cor. 10:1-2). They were baptized in the cloud! Have you thought about that before? The cloud was the spiritual cloud of God's presence. When that cloud came down into the most holy place the Lord said to Moses, "*Come and draw near, and I will speak unto you out of the cloud.*" The cloud was a **speaking cloud!** The cloud was the very presence of God as a living word that brought a condition in which they were able to fulfill the plan and purpose that God had ordained for them. As the moving cloud by day and by night, it was a leading word. It was a guiding word. It was a covering word. As a pillar of fire by night it was an illuminating word. It was a quickening word. It was a transforming word. It was everything they needed to bring them into their land. And they were **baptized into that cloud!** They were made one in that living word of God! The cloud is a speaking cloud! It's a cloud of His word! And now, beloved, God's elect is being baptized into the cloud! The one cloud is becoming many clouds of the presence, glory, and power of God in the earth!" End Quote.

The Judgement Of This World, Concerning God's House!

Now the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world - ***all wrong thinking*** - shall be cast out (expelled).

Many blessings to all.

For those of you who are searching & wondering regarding this subject there is a book that I would recommend to you. The Title is "HOPE BEYOND HELL" by Gerry Beauchemin. On the bottom of the cover he has this written. "***Fear not, I ... have the keys of hell and of death.***" Jesus Christ.

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