

CHRIST THE ANTIDOTE REGARDING DEATH

Part 63.

Building The New Jerusalem!

"PRAISE THE Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God, for He is gracious and lovely; praise is becoming and appropriate. 2. The Lord is building up Jerusalem; He is gathering together the exiles of Israel." Psa 147:1-2. Amplified.

The Oxford Dictionary would explain the word exile as "A long absence from ones country." Webster's Bible renders it, "the outcasts of Israel" LITV or The Literal Translation, the same. Youngs' "The driven away of Israel He gathers." Six other translations would tell us, 'outcasts' 'outlaws' 'expelled' 'scattered abroad' 'dispersed' 'who were taken prisoner driven away of Israel'.

I would interpret the meaning of verse two as, God is **building up** His **New Jerusalem**, He is gathering together those who have been outcasts from the understanding of God's true **spiritual Israel - God's people** - since the time that our Father lowered them **purposely** in that they would experience & know both good & evil even as it is an experience that God Himself has, & did purposely place it - *the tree* - in the garden of Eden who knowing all things knew that the temptation would cause them to be lowered & that man would be like Himself experiencing or **knowing** both **good & evil** & eventually able to use it in the right way. Just as **God hardened** Pharaohs heart & worked it for His own perfect purpose, so all things work both **for & together** for **good** according to His will. Can you say within yourself; Thank you Father?

God is right now increasing His Kingdom with the exiles, the afore scattered, driven far away from their original experience that is spoken of in the wonderful book of Job, *"When the morning stars sang together and ALL the sons of God shouted for joy?"* Right now He is gathering the outlaws, outcasts, who were not only driven away but were taken prisoner by & of the **adamic god of this world**. It is appropriate & becoming that we both praise & glorify our gracious & lovely Heavenly Father in manifesting such love & wisdom toward us!!

That We All Might Be One!

The two words in our original verse *"gathering together"* would say a lot to us today. It is a **natural** tendency that we all like to be right, even to the point of contention. But what of the **spiritual** tendency? Of late I have felt strongly that this is not pleasing to our Father & I am of the opinion that the spirit of ones opinion should allow our brother his own personal views without **natural** contention being involved, we can feel strongly & voice it on paper as it were without having to slate our brother! After all as there are many layers to an onion, so the body of Christ is discovering that this is so among ourselves. Do we all have to be right to the point of contention? I would ask also do we all, as this includes all of us as the body of Christ have the **spiritual right** of the same, that is, **natural contention**? I ask the question are we big enough yet to allow our brother his opinion without being contentious? It remains yet to be seen but I at least have determined to do my best that we might be *"gathered together"* AS ONE!

Are we a healing or a hurting presence? Are we a lifting up presence, or one that would pull others down? At some time in our spiritual existence we will in some way have our hearts broken! Our true love affair with is with our Christ self & I would be bold enough to say it begins with a broken & *contrite* heart.

God Hides Himself: Where?

"Amazingly people of all countries & cultures everywhere are seeking God in all different ways because of the hope that has been placed in them Rom 8:20. But because the **carnal** aspect of man is still uppermost in the majority they cannot really find Him. Why? Because He has hidden himself in the most unlikely place. Whatever our great God does He does it well, He is an expert in all things, especially in where He truly hides Himself. Yes people the world over are & have been searching for centuries but alas, how many have truly found Him. If you are still dissatisfied & have not yet found Him in His **fullness** I will tell you a secret that many are seeing in this day & hour. God has hidden Himself in His fullness **within yourself**. Not in a special temple or in some special shrine or building, the Mecca or in some special Hindu temple, - *oh sure God is in one sense in all of these places* - but we are referring to God's **Holiest of Holiest** places. Oh yes our God has surely hidden Himself & when you find Him in His most holy place **within** yourself I promise you that you will stop searching & will never be the same again."

The above is something that I found just recently among some older excerpts which I thought worth sharing, I am fairly sure that I wrote it but I have placed it in inverted commas, in-case it was the work of someone who at the moment, completely slips my mind.

The Rebuilding Of The Tabernacle Of David!

"And with this the predictions of the prophets agree, as it is written, 16 After this I will come back, and will rebuild the house - tabernacle or tent - of David, which has fallen; I will rebuild its [very] ruins, and I will set it up again, 17 So that the rest of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles upon whom My name has been invoked, 18 Says the Lord, Who has been making these things known from the beginning of the world." Act 15:15-18. Amplified.

There is wonderful truth in these verses. First of all the allegory of the OT Tabernacle or "**Tent**." Today God is dwelling in His tent of reality which of course is ourselves, we are the **tabernacle, house, tent, dwelling place**; Which is right now being rebuilt "**you are the temple of God**." This corporate temple which has **fallen** a long way from its original status is surely coming to the place that it will inspire the **rest of mankind & all the Gentiles** that God is surely invoking His name upon, & what's more He has been making all of this known through the prophets even from the beginning of the world.

Come Let Us Return!

"I will return to My place [on high] until they acknowledge their offence and feel their guilt and seek My face; in their affliction and distress they will seek, inquire for, and require Me earnestly, saying, COME AND let us return to the Lord, for He has torn so that He may heal us; He has stricken so that He may bind us up. 2 After two days He will revive us (quicken us, give us life); on the third day He will raise us up that we may live before Him. 3 Yes, let us know (recognise, be acquainted with, and understand) Him; let us be zealous to know the Lord [to appreciate, give heed to, and cherish Him]. His going forth is prepared and certain as the dawn, and He will come to us as the [heavy] rain, as the latter rain that waters the earth." Hos 5:15, 6:1-3. Amplified.

Let us return; In truth we have never ever been separated from our Maker, only in our lowered understanding or consciousness. When the **rest of men** acknowledge their **offence**; this offence is not referring to sin as all sin is covered "**as far as the east is from the west**" this offence is a realising of the understanding of what God in His love has done for all of mankind & as they have not yet acknowledged Him they will feel conviction & not condemnation, they will then in this distress seek & require Him earnestly saying let us **return**, He has torn or lowered us, stricken us so that He may bind us up in the understanding of His love & after the **second day** revive us, give us light & life & the on the third day He will raise us up that we may live **before Him**. In actual fact the KJV is worded "**we shall live in His sight**" the word **sight** is from the word **paniyim** which really means **presence or face**. So we are to live in His presence or **face**; This would agree with 1Cor 13:12. "**We shall see in reality & face to face**." or

as in 1 Jn 3:2. **"We shall see Him as He is."** Or He that is within us as a very real part of our being. Please notice that in the 15th verse of Chap 15 the words **"seek my face"** are also used. Only as we go within is it possible to come **face to face** with our true eternal reality; Christ. This wonderful going forth of this internal revelation of Christ is already prepared & it is first appearing **within**, its fulfilment is as **certain as the coming dawn**. This revelation will come as a **rain** of the spirit like never before & will **water** the the souls of people every where on this planet. I believe emphatically that the **fullness** of this will come first through & by the birth of the man-child, Rev 12:5 & they in turn will be used to bring the manifestation of **Christ Himself** to this earth for they will actually be the **CHRIST**, the **corporate body** in His **fullness**.

God Is Not A Man That He Should Lie!

"And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you." Php 1:6 . Amplified.

In the third day understanding I believe that this is referring to every man woman & child that is & has been in existence since at least the first chapter of Genesis; Yes, He, since creation is continuing to progress with this wonderful work of developing into you the understanding of your true Christ self & completing it, even to **PERFECTION**.

"For though the Lord is high, yet has He respect to the lowly [bringing them into fellowship with Him]; but the proud and haughty He knows and recognises [only] at a distance. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me. The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord, endure forever--forsake not the works of Your own hands." Psa 138:6 -8. Amp.

Understand this, that as great as our Father is, yet as low & what the world may refer to as rotten & lowly He has respect to them; Why? God is looking not so much on the outside but at our true identity Christ - *that part of Himself* - which of course is within. If we insist on being haughty - *religious* - we are only prolonging the time of our own complete return to perfection. Having said that remember that Christ has **"broken down the middle wall of partition"** between us. Furthermore no matter what trouble that we endure, He promises to **revive** us, even if it is caused by the wrath of our enemies His right hand will save me/us. Once again the word **perfection** is mentioned **"The Lord will perfect that which concerns me"** it is also wonderful to know that His loving-kindness will endure for; How long? **FOREVER** plus He will never forsake the works - *you and I* - of His own hands, for He alone is responsible - *we are viewing this from the third day perspective* - for the whole operation of the existence & future of **mankind**.

"I will cry to God Most High, Who performs on my behalf and rewards me [Who brings to pass His purposes for me and surely completes them]!" Psa 57:2. Amp.

What wonderful encouragement we find in the inspired scriptures in an otherwise discouraging world. David would tell us that he would cry to his God, who we know now is **within** every man, this great loving Father, who performs on his/our behalf & rewards us for trusting in Him will surely **finish the purpose** He has, & promised for our lives. Notice the comment **'surely completes them.'**

The Promise Of The Man-Child!

"Moreover we know that to those who love God, who are called according to his plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good. "God, in his foreknowledge, chose them to bear the family likeness of his Son, that he might be the eldest of a family of many brothers. He chose them long ago; when the time came he called them, he made them righteous in his sight, and then lifted them to the splendour of life as his own sons." Rom 8:28-30. Phillips.

I am convinced that these three verses are referring to the first-fruit man-child company, if we read from verse 14 through to 23 in the same chapter, I see this as quite clearly leading us to the **conclusion** of Paul's thought which is found in the above three verses. Those who love God, who are called "**according to His plan**" "**God, in his foreknowledge, chose them to bear the family likeness of his Son, that he might be the eldest of a family of many brothers. He chose them long ago;**" Then when the time came He called them, made them righteous in His sight - *had them realise the truth regarding the finished work, & of their true Christ identity & in doing so* - lifted them to the realisation of the splendour of life as the manifestation of, Gods own sons, yes even as the **man-child** that is caught up unto the throne which is in His temple "**whose temple you are.**" No my beloved brothers & sisters God is not a man that He should lie & He is wonderfully enlarging Himself within us. The title of our article is, "**Building The New Jerusalem.**"

From The Purest To The Contaminated!

Yeshua said to him, "I AM THE LIVING GOD, The Way and The Truth and The Life; no man comes to my Father but by me alone." Jn 14:6.

This is from the Aramaic Peshitta version. According to historical information at hand Jesus spoke the language of the day which was Aramaic which I personally see holds much of the pure spiritual content that was understood in the time of the man Christ Jesus. **By Me alone** when taken in its original context carried with it a far different understanding than what the majority of Christendom would like to admit today. To make it clear we are presenting to those who have maybe not yet considered it, that the original Gospel that Jesus presented has changed vastly & is a far different one that many are receiving at the moment. I am of the opinion that what we are presenting in the following that both the apostle Paul & Peter & others of course would understand & embrace wholeheartedly.

"I am the way the truth and the Life and no man comes to the Father but by Me." This statement if not seen in its correct meaning can easily confuse the reader as to its correct interpretation. When we consider & tie this in with the salvation that is being revealed in this **last time or day** we cannot put the normal understanding of today's Christendom to it & hope to arrive at the correct perception that is meant for Gods plan today. Consider very carefully the following verse.

"Who are being guarded (garrisoned) by God's power through [your] faith [till you fully inherit that final] salvation that is ready to be revealed [for you] in the last time." 1Pe 1:5. Amp. The following are some of the descriptions of several translators of the last words in this verse. *Last day, last time, last era, season last, at the end of time, the end of this era, at the last hour, at the End of the age.*

Also to add to what we are sharing please consider this verse also from Peter, ***"as well as a sharer in the glory (the honour and splendour) that is to be revealed (disclosed, unfolded):"*** 1Pet 5:1b. Amp. The words "a sharer in the glory that **is to be revealed, disclosed, unfolded**" coupled with the previous verse from Peter clearly indicate that there was to be a further understanding that was to be revealed to those who are sincere seekers of our Fathers will.

The Christ, the true spiritual Son of God who is in every man & who is One with the Father is the way the **Truth and the Life**. This is not referring to a set of rules that so called religiosity has changed into an *ink on the paper* plan for a selected number only; No! This goes far deeper & really enfolds the whole of the human race which entails Eskimo, Indian, Buddhist, Hindu, Drug Addict, Rapist, Spiritualist, The open hearted Orthodox Christian, Atheist, even the sheel be right mate Aussie, who **all** may I say are in truth made in the **IMAGE** of God. "**I am the Way the Truth and the Life**" in the **most holy place** understanding really has not a lot in common with the majority of religious adherents of those who name the name of Christ. But yet & gladly we thank God for the following text! Why the seeming contradiction? Well the true intention of God was that in own His time He would make a way that He would draw **all men to Himself** in a further plan than the literal - *the letter kills* - word for word reader could understand. Time, the spiritual influence, & force of the Spirit of God as already promised in eons past which includes the promise of the already quoted Hosea. 5:1, must eventually be brought to pass.

COME AND let us return to the Lord, for He has torn so that He may heal us; He has stricken so that He may bind us up. 2 After two days He will revive us (quicken us, give us life); on the third day He will raise us up that we may live before Him," Hos 6:1-2. Amp. By now many of you reading this, would have picked up that this also enhances the understanding of the message that was prophesied to us by both Peter **"the salvation to be revealed in the last day."** & by Paul who was caught up to the **THIRD HEAVEN** or a third day **Most Holy Place** understanding which we are embracing even today. This includes **from the purest** to what many would call **the most contaminated**.

The Dilemma Of A Seeming Contradiction!

"Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven." Mat 7:21. Amp. Who is in **Heaven!** Heaven is wherever the presence of God is, His **dwelling place** or Temple. Where is God's Temple? **"You are the Temple."** He who does the will of the Father who seeks Him in the heavenly place of His Temple within his own Christ **IDENTITY** will enter the **most holy place** kingdom. Remember the **kingdom of God** is - *entos Greek* - **within you.** Lk 17:21.

To enter into the reality of this understanding of the **THIRD HEAVEN** requires more than just an obedience to a literal - *ink on the paper* - fleshly act, it has to do with acknowledging of your **true identity** Christ, that which is within every man. More importantly I would like to add that I see this verse as referring to the selection of the man-child who will no doubt fulfil the text **"he who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven."** Please allow me to slightly rephrase this. He who does the will of My Father is he who has realised that heaven or the **heavenly places** are within his own Christ temple. This what we have just written is further explained in the following text.

"And many shall say to me in that day but we have done this & that in your name.....I never KNEW YOU." The only true way we can know Him in The Most Holy Place within is **FACE TO FACE.** This I believe is referring once again to the Rom 8: 28-30 experience. This is all part of **"Building The New Jerusalem."**

Joseph A True Forerunner Of The Man-child!

We are reading from Gen.37. The lesson that I am learning is that from the outset that where pure truth is concerned there always comes a lack of understanding between brothers. We must remember that Jesus told us that **"I bring a sword"** this has proven to be true in every area of our progressive walk with God & the higher we go & the more we are seeing & in one aspect division is more often present. This is not to say that we do not have peace with God. The perfect type for what we are saying is found in a most spiritual life of a very gifted carrier of further truth than others around him, this was Joseph; His trouble or earthly turmoil was not so much with God but with men & furthermore these were his own disagreeing brothers who could not see eye to with him. The lesson to be learned is that that the pure truth of the Joseph kind will always bring contention with other believers especially brothers.

Joseph was loved greatly by his father, being the son of his old age he favoured him more than a little above his brothers. What mattered so much to Israel/Jacob was that Joseph's mother Rachel was the wife of His true love, the one he had been cheated out of & had to labour an extra seven years making a total of fourteen years in all before she was given to him. Israel/Jacob to show his love made Joseph a coat of many colours, this incensed his brothers all except Reuben - it would seem - as the story a little further on would tend to verify. Because of his father's favouritism toward him his brothers actually hated him. Imagine someone today saying to his family that all my brothers, mother & father, you are going to eventually bow to me; what a big head, yet mark this it was all inspired by the dreams which God gave to Joseph. Yes it was in the will of God that He hardened his brothers hearts - *much like Pharaoh* - to work the perfect will of God. Joseph to come to perfection needed to experience the down dealings of God & this he surely did, but know this that in every circumstance, - *even in the terrible false accusation of Potiphars wife, it is amazing when tongues get to wagging what atrocities can be added to & made to seem true & guilty even with such an innocent case like Joseph* - He still praised his God in every ordeal

& trial of misunderstanding. Interestingly Joseph was given favour wherever he went - *even in prison* - but notice very carefully not with his own brothers. Why? Unfortunately because they were not given the dreams & understanding that Joseph had & they could not agree & unfortunately - *and yet fortunately* - they all thought he was too big for his boots. Joseph was a true forerunner of the man-child; he was next to Pharaoh, mind you who in this case represented the Father-hood of God. 1Cor. 15:28. Notice that eventually Joseph was given a free hand & took over the whole running of the produce & financial side of the country, wholus bolus. Does this remind us of, & do we see any similarity between this & the man-child ruling & reigning with a sceptre of righteousness?

Reading verses 18 & 20 we read that his brothers conspired to kill him, then in verse 20 they plainly said "**let us kill him**" such was the feeling of animosity of Josephs own brothers toward him. In verse 21 we read that Reuben heard it & delivered him out of their hands by saying "**Let us not kill him.**" I would insert here that they his brothers had no hope whatsoever of killing him. Why? When we are dealing with the will of God in spiritual matters, He is completely involved & no matter what happened, Joseph belonged to God, & he was God's own property. Joseph the Lords anointed would not & could not be killed by his brothers, yes they made it hard for him but that was all, for God had His rein on the whole situation. "**they meant it for evil, but I meant it for good.**" Would it be a good time to give praise to our wonderful God & Christ who is our true identity?

When Joseph had first come to seek out his brothers the first thing that they did was to strip him of his garment which was given to him as a mark of distinction verse 23, so he was stripped by his own brothers of any spiritual distinction whatever, all in the wonderful plan of God. For any true adherent to the will of God they must needs first be abased before they can be exalted, this must be a heart experience but it is only **God who really knows our hearts**. Notice that in all of this that Josephs loving Heavenly Father was devising & using means to completely separate Joseph from his brothers for two main reasons, **One**; to work His will in Josephs life. **Two**; to work His will in a different way in his brothers lives, UNTIL God's right & perfect time. Imagine the guilt they must have suffered when they came home to Jacob & showed him the coat with the blood of animals, all the time they were unfolding a story full of deceit & lies, we can only begin to imagine what they felt when they saw the anguish of their suffering father knowing that this could put him into an early grave. "**And all his sons and daughters attempted to console him, but he refused to be comforted and said, I will go down to Sheol - the grave - to my son mourning. And his father wept for him.**" Gen 37:35. Amp.

It is of of interest that in verse in 28 Joseph was sold to the Ishmaelites for **twenty** pieces of silver & **not thirty**, which of course is further evidence of Joseph being a TYPE of Christ. Keep well in mind that the fully formed **corporate Christ** will be the complete fulfilment of the **type** of the one who was in charge of the whole of Egypt. This will be the time that forgiveness & retribution will fully cover a multitude of transgressions & love will encompass the scene & many eyes will be opened to the full understanding of the workings of God. This same wonderful fore-running circumstance was acted out in perfect typology with Joseph & his brothers who ONCE HATED HIM. The whole perfect wonderful plan of our Christ, even our Father to draw ALL to Himself is perfect even to the last detail. All our aspects, opinions & views are of God & in the end all come together in Gods own time as with Joseph & his brothers who were once so diverse in their understandings & outlooks. Only our Father has the answer for the solving of His wonderful & complete puzzle.

Jacob!

Jacob, Josephs father also had a dream where he saw the angels ascending & descending on a ladder, Gen 28:12, finally God brought him to the place where he was left alone Gen 32:24. There will come a time in our existence that we will come to a place when "the angel of the Lord even Michael Rev 12: 7, 1Thess 4:16, Dan 10:13, "**Michael, first of the chief heads,**" Youngs Literal." will bring each & every one of us to a place that we are alone with none other to rely on but Himself & we will embark from that wrestling match a victor in Christ. In Hos 12:3-6, we read.

"He took his brother by the heel in [their mother's] womb, and in the strength [of his manhood] he contended and had power with God. Yes, he had power over the Angel [of the Lord] and prevailed; he wept and sought His favour. He met Him in Bethel, and there [God] spoke with [him and through him with] us-- Even the Lord the God of hosts, the name of Him [Who spoke with Jacob] is the Lord. Therefore return to your God! Hold fast to love and mercy, to righteousness and justice, and wait [expectantly] for your God continually!" Hos 12:3-6. Amp.

Jacob our example is a type of every one of us & like Jacob who succeeded we are also promised to succeed **I will eventually draw all to myself to a place of victory.** Jn:12:32. Notice very carefully the words **"God spoke with him and through him WITH US."** What is He God telling us, as he Jacob was given the power to overcome, we too in our third day experience will be brought to a place of our wrestling & in our reliance on the Christ our true nature which is given to every one of us we too will be victorious. Let us once again keep in mind that we are speaking from a third realm of the third day most holy place understanding. **"God is no respect-er of persons."** Therefore return to your God to your original first love of your pristine experience that Job 38:7 refers to & **"wait expectantly for your God continually."**

The Angel Of The Lord & Seeing God Face To Face!

"Jacob was left alone, and a man came and wrestled with him. The man fought with him until the sun came up. When the man saw that he could not defeat Jacob, he touched Jacob's leg and put it out of joint. Then the man said to Jacob, "Let me go. The sun is coming up." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go. You must bless me." And the man said to him, "What is your name?" And Jacob said, "My name is Jacob." Then the man said, "Your name will not be Jacob. Your name will now be Israel. I give you this name because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But the man said, "Why do you ask my name?" Then the man blessed Jacob at that place. So Jacob named that place Peniel. He said, "At this place, I saw God face to face, but my life was spared." Gen 32:24-30. ERV.

Jacob was left alone, I see that the wonderful lesson is that God Himself brought Jacob to the place that there was no escape with his wrestling with the **Angel** of the Lord & when this Angel saw that He could not defeat this chosen man Jacob he touched his leg & put it out of joint, in some way in our walk that is following after perfection we will be left with some demarcation that we have been in contact with the wonderful dealings of our Father even the Angel of the Lord. Notice that Jacob would not allow this Angel to leave until He blessed him, then Jacob was asked **"What is your name?"** **["And [in shock of realisation, whispering] he - Jacob - said, Jacob [supplanter, schemer, trickster, swindler]! And He said, Your name shall be called no more Jacob [supplanter], but Israel [contender with God]; for you have contended and have power with God and with men and have prevailed."]** Gen 32:27. Amp. Once again we iterate Jacob is not only our example, he is our hope for better things to come, he is the **type** of what we can expect for our future. We must not forget that Jacob also **"saw God face to face."** Even in a second day understanding please note what we read in the following.

"whereby he has granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in that world by lust." 2Pe 1:4. ASV. If this was written for the believers in the days of the early church, what does it say to us today? That through these mighty promises **already given** we are to become partakers of the **divine nature.** We cite below for your perusal from part of the same verse in the Contemporary English Version.

"God made great and marvellous promises, so that his nature would become part of us." 1Pet 1:4a. CEV.

When we realise that the work was **finished** at the cross & the resurrection, that we are already a new creation in Christ Jesus, then our understanding of this above verse is a most glorious & positive one, seeing that there is no more sin or **sin-consciousness** then who are we to deny that we are **already a partaker** of the Divine yes **God's very own nature.** My dear friends there is no other message so thrilling as the message of the Third Day or Most Holy Place understanding that is within every man.

Joseph The Forerunner!

To return to Joseph who in his journey before arriving at his required end as one directly under Pharaoh went through many great God given experiences. In the 41st Chapter of Genesis we read that through a circumstance involving the chief butler Joseph was brought to the attention of Pharaoh & asked to present himself as in verse 14 & made himself presentable in all ways. When Joseph was questioned, through his God within was able to answer Pharaoh perfectly. At the end of his discourse notice that he did not try to promote himself or air his knowledge, but humbly & honestly uttered these words as found in the following.

"So now let Pharaoh seek out and provide a man discreet, understanding, proficient, and wise and set him over the land of Egypt [as governor]. Let Pharaoh do this; then let him select and appoint officers over the land, and take one-fifth [of the produce] of the [whole] land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years [year by year]. And let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and lay up grain under the direction and authority of Pharaoh, and let them retain food [in fortified granaries] in the cities. And that food shall be put in store for the country against the seven years of hunger and famine that are to come upon the land of Egypt, so that the land may not be ruined and cut off by the famine. And the plan seemed good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. And Pharaoh said to his servants, **Can we find this man's equal, a man in whom is the spirit of God?"** Gen 41:33-38. Amp.

Through these divine words God was sealing Joseph's future as the ruler of the land, - *a type of the man child, the corporate Christ, 1Cor 15:27* - Pharaoh, after hearing these words he stated "**Can we find this man's equal, a man in whom is the spirit of God?"** Then in the following we read.

"You shall have charge over my house, and all my people shall be governed according to your word [with reverence, submission, and obedience]. Only in matters of the throne will I be greater than you are. Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh took off his [signet] ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in [official] vestments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck; He made him to ride in the second chariot which he had, and [officials] cried before him, Bow the knee! And he set him over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without you shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." Gen 41:40-44. Amp.

Even if this was the finale of the story it could be a fitting one, but wonderfully there is much more, & so there is much more to come in our story concerning our future existence in our God given & inspired quest for the perfection that God has put within us as our aim for our eternal future. **Come let us return that we all might be one.**

We are referring not only to the **The rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David**, but as our title has already stated it could also be referred to as.

THE BUILDING OF THE NEW JERUSALEM

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