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BLOW THE TRUMPET

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IMMORTALITY

“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” (Rom.8: 11)

It was the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead and it is His Spirit that will raise our mortal bodies from the realm of mortality that we find ourselves in. The important thing to look at here is that when Jesus was raised, it was not just in the spirit realm; His mortal body was raised as well. We know this for sure because of Thomas.

Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus came and stood in the midst of them saying, *“Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side.”* (Jn.19b-20a) Jesus had a good reason for showing them his hands and his side; He not only proved to them that He is the One who has been crucified, but indeed, He is the One who is raised from the dead IN HIS VERY SAME BODY.

Now He is no longer subject to death. The life of His body is no longer in the blood, as it is in mortal bodies. This body is not dependent upon any outward substance; it is alive forevermore without needing air, water or food. The life of this body comes from within. This tree has its roots planted in the river of life.

When the disciples told Thomas what they saw, he had a problem believing such a thing. *“And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors be*

ing shut, and stood in the midst, and said 'Peace be unto you.' Then said he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.” (Vs.26-27)

Jesus not only showed them that He Himself had been raised from the dead, but He wanted them to know, as He told John later on Patmos, He is now in possession of the keys of hell and death. *“I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death.”* (Rev.1: 18)

Jesus had opened the way out of hell and death and He now stood in full glorification. He had now purchased the body of glory that would be the house of His Father forever. Now He would proceed to build the temple of His Father and God as He said He would. *“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”* (Jn.2: 19) Indeed the literal temple at Jerusalem was destroyed and Jesus has been building the temple not made with hands ever since. We are now coming into the third day.

“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.” (Ps.139: 14-16)

When David wrote these words by the Spirit, he was talking about the marvellous vessels of clay that are fashioned in this lowest part of the earth. These earthen bodies are of great importance because, just as the tabernacle of Moses is a pattern for the true tabernacle not made with hands, so these bodies are the pattern for the bodies of glory that shall be manifested in the earth.

When Jesus spoke of His body, He was not speaking only of His own; He was speaking of all the members that would be gathered into Him. Indeed these *fearfully and wonderfully made bodies* will be glorified even as Jesus. This is the message that Jesus was giving to Thomas and it is the message that the last day trump is sounding loud and clear in our ears today.

Jesus purchased His and our glorified bodies on the cross. This is why He displayed His wounds to Thomas. Jesus did not only come back from the dead, He was raised with the very same body. He broke through the bondage of death and the grave.

This is why Paul could declare that the Holy Spirit that made alive (quicken) the body of Jesus, will also make alive or quicken our mortal bodies. The writer of Hebrews tells us that those *“who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come...”*(Heb.6: 4-5)

Through God's Holy Spirit we are even now tasting of the powers of the age to come. If it was not for this, we would not be able to hear and comprehend what God is speaking to us.

Paul explains that *“after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the EARNEST OR OUR INHERITANCE UNTIL THE REDEMPTION of the purchased possession (the body) unto the praise of his glory.”* (Eph.1: 13b-14)

The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God. Paul tells us that He is the downpayment on our inheritance in Christ. He also told the church at Corinth, *“Now he which has stablished us with you in Christ, and*

hath anointed us, is God; who hath also sealed us, and given us the EARNEST OF THE SPIRIT in our hearts.” (II Cor.1: 21-22)

We have a measure of the Holy Spirit until we come into the redemption of the purchased possession. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus Christ has purchased the body that displays the glory of God. During His walk in His earthly body, He told His disciples that the Father was in Him but they could not see the glory. When Moses came down from the mount with the Law of God for the people, he had a veil over his face so that they could not see the glory.

Paul tells us that *“...even today when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it (their heart) shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.”* (II Cor.3: 15-16) The veil is still a matter of the heart for Israel, and it is for us as well.

The Bible tells us that even the heir as long as he is still a child *“...is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.”* (Gal.4: 2) So in Christ as long as we are still immature we are under law and cannot see the glory. But as by His Spirit, God turns our hearts to love truth, we grow unto perfection (maturity) in Christ, and the veil is removed. Then *“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)

This is so powerful. As by His Spirit and through the fire, God changes our hearts, the veil is removed and we behold the glory of the Lord. As we keep looking to Him we are changed from glory to glory. When this is complete, we will receive the *“redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”* This is now at our doorsteps. What a mighty God! What a wonderful Lord! What a glorious redemption! What a day of rejoicing this is! In Christ Jesus, we triumph over death and the grave!

When God first created Adam in His image, He made Him male and female. Then the day came when God said, *“It is not good that the man should*

be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. Then the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them; and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof...

And the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof. And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man.” (Gen.2: 18-19,21-23)

In the garden, the first man was male and female. Later, God separated the woman from the man and it was not long until she was deceived by the serpent. At that time, the Adam creation entered a realm of darkness and death. On the cross, the Adam man dies but the woman is redeemed. She is then cleansed, purified and made ready to meet her new Bridegroom, Christ. Eve is a type of the church who gave birth to all living (this is the meaning of the name Eve).

The redeemed and cleansed bride is the true church. She is called “Jerusalem from above” “*But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all*” (Gal.4: 26). She is ready to bring forth her sons (the new creation of God in Christ) so that the entire world may behold His glory.

The creation is eagerly waiting for this and even now we are feeling the storms that this appearing is stirring in the people of the earth. Just as we have been delivered from the darkness that was keeping us in bondage to the worldly church, so the people of the earth, unknowingly are being stirred to break free from the chains that are binding them.

Young people all over the Middle East, who have been in bondage to extreme regimes of dictators and kings are coming out in droves demanding freedom and democracy. Little do they realize that the Sun of a new day is arising over the world and stirring things up so that they feel a surge of courage and

bravery to demand their freedom at the cost of their own blood. There is no way they can possibly know that the very next King that will rule and reign over them is the Christ of God!

A few days ago, David Parker sent an email concerning a revelation that he received. He writes his words to all who are on his email list. He can be reached at davidparker_caps@msn.com

Because this particular word is very much in line with what I just wrote here, I feel to share it with my readers as well. David Parker writes: “Tonight as I was laying in bed, praying, for some reason I was asking God for revelation on the nations in the Middle east...re what is going on NOW. It then 'came to my mind' to consider the image of Daniel ch 2 and also ch 7...and then the nations ps 83...

HERE IS THE WORD THAT SEEM TO COME TO ME WHILE ON MY BED: THE 10 TOES EXIST IN THE TIME OF THE COMING OF JESUS.THEY ARE OF IRON AND CLAY.

Then i thought...or it came to me...that it does NOT say 5 are of iron and 5 are of clay....or "some are of iron and some are of clay".....NO!!!!

It came to me that ALL 10 TOESREPEAT ALL AND EACH AND EVERY ONE WAS BOTH OF IRON AND CLAY!!!! I THOUGHT.....IS THAT CORRECT....AND HAD TO LOOK IT UP IN DAN 2 AND DAN 7.....AND IT WAS SO!!!!

IT already had started coming to me as events started unfolding on the news....that these nations are "ringing in Democracy"..... WHICH IS THE CLAY.....AS THEY KICK OUT THE IRON FISTED DICTATORS.....WHO ARE THE IRON".....AND THIS IS WHAT CAME TO ME.....EACH OF THESE NATIONS ARE GOING TO "TRY" TO HAVE DEMOCRACY.....BUT IT WILL NOT "MIX" WITH THE POWERS BEHIND THE SCENES.....meaning these nations will not have

true democracy, since IRON DOES NOT MIX WITH CLAY!!! DO U SEE IT??
CLAY IS USED IN DANIEL TO REPRESENT PLIABLE/NOT HURTING/DEMOCRACY....BUT IRON IS HARD FISTED/DICTATORIAL!!!

LOOK WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GAZA STRIP WHEN THEY HAD "FREE ELECTIONS"....THEY VOTED IN HEZBOLLAH!!!!

Iraq has cost the blood of USA soldiers....."to get rid of iron fisted sadum hussain" and now they have a "democracy".....even "free elections"....but IT DOES NOT WORK BECAUSE THE HISTORY OF IRON REMAINS IN THE BACKGROUND AND IRON DOES NOT MIX WITH CLAY.....THE PARTY SPIRIT IN THESE NATIONS WILL ENSURE THAT DEMOCRACY WILL NOT WORK!!!!

THINK ABOUT THIS!!! THE IRON AND CLAY IS IN EACH OF THE NATIONS ATTEMPTING TO HAVE A TRANSITION/OVERTHROW TO DEMOCRACY!!!!

IT IS NOT 10 NATIONS SOME OF WHICH ARE IRON AND SOME ARE CLAY THAT DON'T MIX.....IT IS IN OR WITHIN EACH NATION!!!

Here is the PROFOUND THING.....THE SCRIP- TURE SAYS "IT IS IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGDOMS THAT THE GOD OF HEAVEN SETS UP HIS KINGDOM"!!!!

AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL FIRST COME TO THE OVERCOMERS OF THE CHURCH.....MEANING AT THIS TIME WE ARE SEEING THE LITERAL 10 TOES FORM- ING BEFORE OUR EYES!!!! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY!!!!

NO WONDER "CLAY" IS MENTIONED.....THERE IS LOTS OF IT IN THE DESERTS OF AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST!!!!

I HOPE YOU GUYS "SEE" THIS FOR IF YOU DO YOU ARE GOING TO REJOICE!!!!

NEXT WE NEED TO SEE IF THE 10 NATIONS OF PS 83 ARE THE ONES OF THE 10 TOES....CAN I GET SOME RESEARCH HELP ON THIS??

SEE DAN 2 AND 7...BOTH SHOW AND SAY IN THE "DAYS OF THESE KINGDOMS OF CLAY AND IRON THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL BE GIVEN TO THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH"!!!!

YOU NEED TO SEE THIS. LET ME KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS.

DAVID (End of quote)

Indeed, even if they succeed in establishing the democracies that they demand, it will not work, for the day is at end that even the best democracies in the world are ready to crumble. All of men's governments are built on sinking sand, only the King of kings and Lord of lords is the Rock upon which lasting peace and freedom can stand.

Jesus said, when you see these things, be glad and rejoice for your REDEMPTION IS NIGH! We have tasted of our spirit and soul redemption, but we are coming to our full redemption, even the day when these earthly bodies are changed into our eternal ones. Now is the beginning of the great Day that is arising with healing in its wings.

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

No man that ever lived or ever will live can understand the things of the Spirit unless they are revealed to him. Man's five natural senses cannot open the realm of spirit unto him. A person may be extremely intelligent and gifted to figure out many things, yet when it comes to understanding the things of God and of Spirit, they are totally in the dark, unless the Spirit reveals them.

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (I Cor.1: 21) When Jesus came into this world, the world did not know God. Israel had been given the "Law of Moses" and the prophets, but when Jesus appeared among them, their leaders rejected Him.

Of the multitudes who followed Jesus, most were interested in bread for their bellies and healing for their bodies; they had no thought of knowing God. It is the same today.

However, just as God had chosen twelve who would follow Jesus and be taught and disciplined by Him, He also chose some to be sent as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. These are men (and women) who walk by the Spirit and follow their calling wherever He leads them.

Later, many took up preaching as a profession to earn a living. They went to seminaries and polished their theologies, but it is through the “foolishness of preaching” that the Lord calls His church unto Himself. Those who have been professional preachers must join the rank of the foolish ones who have no schooling and they all must preach the things that are not written in any of their books.

This is the way that the Lord has chosen to bring His church together in Christ. He sends preachers and teachers to His sheep who hear His Word. If they are not too busy with the affairs of this world or the many cares of daily life, they follow the Word and become His disciples.

Not everyone becomes a disciple. A disciple witnesses to His Word and loves the truth enough to follow hard after Him. Paul explained, “*Know ye not that they which run a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.*” (I Cor.9: 24) Indeed we are in a race to obtain a prize. Of all who run the race, only one is in first place for the prize. The prize is the high calling of God in Christ; it is a membership in the Body of Christ. It is a call to the Melchizedek priesthood of which Jesus is the High Priest.

As Jesus was closing His earthly ministry, He held this “not so private” conversation with His Father. “*Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou has given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him...I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them*

me and they have kept thy word.” (Jn 17: 1b, 6)

Jesus is very specific, He did not manifest His Father to the multitudes. The multitudes did not care to follow Him. They simply followed Him because they lived during hard times and needed food for their bellies, healing for their bodies and deliverance from their bondage to Rome.

Jesus touched those who came to Him for their needs, but He revealed His Father only to the ones that the Father had given Him. “*All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*” (Matt.11: 27)

Be not deceived by anyone who declares that they know God but do not recognize the Son of God. No man really knows the Father except the Son reveals Him. Jesus taught the things of the kingdom of God to the multitudes, but He revealed the Father only to those whom the Father had given Him at that time. Jesus made disciples out of those.

Jesus continued His conversation with His Father, “*I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou has given me; for they are thine.*” (Jn.17: 9) Here, Jesus is talking about His disciples at the time. He is reminding the Father that He has given them His word and they believe Him. Jesus loves them dearly and He is about to leave them, so He is sorrowful. He knows that they are going to be as He is in the world and that they will suffer great persecution.

He said, “*I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*” (Vs.14) Jesus was praying that the Father would keep them from the world's evils.

“*I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.*” (Vs.15) The evil He is referring to in the world is the religious system of that time. If these disciples stand by the word that He has given them, they also be rejected of them.

Jesus is praying that the Father keeps them safe. He is not asking for a way out for them. He does not mention a rapture of the church. He does not ask the Father to scoop them up and lift them to a place in the sky. He is asking the Father to lift them up in the Spirit, and give them a place of refuge under His wings, while still in the world.

Jesus knew His mission. When He spoke to His Father, He knew that He was about to go to the cross and through the power of holiness within Him, triumph over death and hell. However Jesus was very careful to acknowledge that His ministry had been to a small circle of disciples and now He was passing the baton unto them.

Jesus continued, *“As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone (the twelve) but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they also may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”* (Jn.17: 18-21)

By the time the Holy Spirit fell on the upper room, there were one hundred and twenty disciples assembled. Overtime, they grew and multiplied rapidly. However, just as in the time of Jesus, only a few among them really became disciples; many followed as the multitudes.

LEMON TREE

Recently a little chorus of the fifties has been running through my head. When this happens it is often the Lord's way to send me a message. So I looked up the words of the chorus. *“Lemon Tree, very pretty and the flowers are so sweet, but the fruit of that lemon is impossible to eat...”*

In the language of the Spirit, trees represent people and as I began to meditate on the lyrics, I was reminded of a dream that I once had about a fig tree that my husband had once planted in our back yard. In that dream a neighbor came by to take a closer

look at that tree. Nice little figs were forming huddled behind the lush green leaves and I wanted this man to see them, but he was only interested in the lush green leaves.

At the time, this neighbor was very involved in his Pentecostal church and in the gifts of the Spirit. I knew that in this dream, the Lord was revealing the man's area of faith. The leaves represent the manifestations of the Spirit for healing and for providing the needs of the body. However, the fruit represent the nature of the Spirit that comes from within to feed and sustain the soul. Fruit contain nutrition and seed for reproduction. Fruit of the Spirit speak of God's nature being formed in us.

The Lord was pointing out that there are some who have a knowledge of the word and even in the power of the gifts, but their fruit is not mature and therefore is not good to eat; it cannot sustain the soul through the hard times of life or change its nature.

The Bible tells us about another fig tree. One day when Jesus was walking out of Jerusalem with the twelve, they came to Bethany and He was hungry. *“And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.”* (Mk.11: 13)

Jesus was looking for fruit. He cursed the fig tree because its fruit was not ready to eat. God had given Israel so much. They had the Tabernacle, the Law, and the Prophets. They had been taught by Him through their wilderness journey. The Rock that followed them was Christ and He bore them on eagle's wings. Many times they cried out unto Him and He granted them mercy and forgiveness for all their rebellious ways, yet when Jesus came on the scene their hearts were hard and they did not know Him.

God had closed their understanding and they could not bear fruit at that time. So when Jesus desired to eat some of their fruit, He found nothing but leaves. He found nothing but their own works of righteousness. Could the same apply to some who are now doing mighty wonderful works FOR God,

but are not yielding to His Spirit so that His nature might be worked within them? Are their fruit still very immature and not edible? Could even some who have been separated unto Him and have tasted of the Spirit of revelation to understand mysteries, still be displaying nothing but leaves? Could we find ourselves trapped in a rut of knowledge and not life?

Indeed, the gifts and manifestations of the Spirit have their place in the church, but they do not feed and strengthen the soul. They are a great blessing when needed, but they are not what He is looking for in His church now. We all have heard of the Feasts of the Lord and how they apply to us now. The church has gone through the Feast of Passover when God flooded our minds and hearts with the truths of Jesus as our Passover Lamb.

Then the time came when He flooded us with the truths of Pentecost. This was truly a joyful time, so much so that many who were presented with the truths of the Third Feast still prefer to hold on to the happy days of Pentecost. Although all three feasts remain with us yet we must press on and follow the message that the trump of God is blowing loud and clear through His Holy Spirit today. Indeed the church is now in the Third Feast. This is where God's Word has brought. We are even now at arm's length of taking hold of the prize.

TAKING HOLD OF THE HIGH CALLING

Paul knew that what had happened to him on the road to Damascus was not just a small incident. He was very much aware that he had been apprehended of the Lord for a purpose. He set his face like a flint and began to press toward perfection or perfect maturity and wholeness in Christ. He knew that the result of this would be the prize of the high calling of God and that was the reason he had been apprehended. Yet Paul also knew that he had been born out of due season.

If there is a "high" calling in Christ, then there has to be a lower calling as well. On the cross, Jesus atoned for our sins. This is not of our works but of His grace, "*For by grace are ye saved through*

faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God..." (Eph.2: 8) We are all familiar with that verse; we learned it well in the first Feast. But now we are aware that this was only the beginning of our salvation. We know that we must continue to follow Him to the end of wherever He leads.

Peter writes "*That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried in the fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.*" (I Pet.1: 7-9) So it is at the end of our faith, when we have been tested through the fire that we receive the salvation of our soul.

It is absolutely necessary that our faith be tested and proved. The saints that walked before us and are our ensamples were sorely tested and suffered great persecution for their faith. We are the ones upon whom the end of this age has come and although we are rejected by most of our peers, the Lord expects us to press toward the prize of the high calling at any cost. He has not given us a spirit of fear but the Spirit of the Overcomer.

Because it was not yet the time, Paul and many before us who pressed toward the prize did not attain it; they are still waiting for the prize. But there is a people who will not only press toward but who will attain the prize as well. Paul did not attain but he certainly fulfilled his calling. He was able to see beyond the veil of flesh so that he might teach us. The veil of flesh is over our hearts and blurs our spiritual vision, but even as through a glass darkly we behold Him, we are changed into the same image.

As we continue our earthly journey, we know that God has called us for His purpose and that all our trials have been to prepare us for the goal set before us. "*Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*" (Rom.8: 30)

Of the many doctrines that the churches present to the people none are more confusing than the teaching of God's predestination. For this reason, many have thrown the baby out with the bath water. Yet if we take hold of the truth of that word, we will find strength for our journey.

Speaking of Paul's writings, Peter said, "*As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*" (II Pet.3: 16) Even at that time, many were confused by Paul's teachings and Peter as well had a problem understanding some of them.

Let us note what Paul says, "*And those whom He thus foreordained He also called; and those whom He called He also justified...*" (Ampl) It is plain that only some have this calling. Because God knows the end from the beginning, He knew who would answer the call. He also knew who would follow Him all the way. **God knows but we do not. We walk by faith** and it is through the fire that our faith is tested unto justification and glorification.

So we continue to press toward the goal with the great hope that we will win the prize. However, we could give up along the way. This is why we keep encouraging one another. This is why Paul said, "*I keep under my body and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway (disqualified for the call).*" (I Cor.9: 27)

Beloved, we have been called and chosen from our mother's womb. We have been sent as sheep among the wolves, We are being linked to the chain of the saints who are eagerly waiting for the harvest of firstfruits that is ready to be reaped. Those who are at the end will reap the glory of breaking through death without going to the grave. These are not more precious than those who have gone before and have stood firm for the truth that is being revealed today. Without them there could have been no foundation upon which to keep building.

When the firstfruits have broken through death and

the grave, we will all be joined as one to display God's glory in the earth. Then the rest of creation will see Him as He is and bow their knee to Him.

This time is at the door, but today, "*Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains; a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.*" (Joel 2: 1-2)

By the Spirit, Joel is seeing our day. He is calling for the trump of God to blow the word loud and clear to those who are in Christ (Zion). He is seeing the gross darkness that covers the dwellers of the earth. Joel is seeing this in a vision by the Spirit, but we are witnessing it with our own eyes and we are hearing the words of the last trump blowing loud and clear.

And the Lord says to you, "*Take heart sons of God and keep your eyes on the vision. Do not let those who mock you and point the finger at you, discourage you. Do not turn against them, for they are children who know not what they say or do. Do not be afraid of the things that are happening in the world, for they are signs that the end of this age is very near. A new heaven is opening up to you and the things that I will reveal will soon cause you to shout for joy.*"

Because of His love, *Jackie Caporaso*