

UNITED WE STAND

The next issue dealt with by the angel was the unity coming to the body. The Lord says:

I took two shepherd's staffs, the one I called Beauty or Grace, the other I called Bands or Union; and I fed and shepherded the flock. (Zech. 11:7 Amp.)

We have talked about the jealousy of God that will bring forth purity and the coming of the Sword of Separation and its resulting influence. Also in a previous chapter, we talked about the Sword of Judgment- whom it will fall upon and why. Finally, in the last chapter we spoke about the ruin of the brotherhood. In this chapter, we are going to breathe a breath of fresh air, as we look at a wonderful thing Jesus is going to do in the midst of all the seeming chaos.

The prophet picked up the staff of Union and with it shepherded the flock. It's a picture of what the Chief Shepherd is about to do. Somewhere in the middle of the process of separation will come a new anointing to the body which will bring forth a growing "unity".

How can the human mouth be given the excellent speech needed to pour forth the understanding of this awesome and wonderful thing Jesus will do! Church, we have never seen "unity" such as what is coming to us. Nor have we ever known the magnificence that will result from this ministry of the Holy Spirit among His people.

The Bible teaches:

...[He Himself appointed and gave men to us,] some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, His intention was the perfecting and full equipping of the saints, that they should do the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body. That it might develop until we attain oneness in the faith and the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood. (Eph. 4:11-13Amp.)

This gives us a picture of where we headed and how man will work with the Holy Spirit to bring it about. The angel said:

There will be specially anointed prophets that will teach the body truths from the Word that have been held in reserve for us today. These prophets will have been taken behind the veil to receive these powerful truths that they might impart them to the body. They will not be teachers under a temporary mantle of the prophet. They will be prophets - given the ability to teach and the power to impart these hidden truths to the body according to I John 2:27.

They will be teaching about unity; teachings on forgiveness will also be released. These teachings will be so powerfully anointed that whole congregations could be set free from

bitterness in a single night. Being freed from bitterness will enable multitudes to immediately be released to flow into the stream of unity the Lord will be opening up. This won't happen on an international scale over night, however. It will be a process like the tide coming in at night - it will start small and grow. There will be beautiful teachings on humility, anointed to break the yoke of pride, thereby ushering a body into new streams of unity. Other such teachings designed to break strongholds and usher in unity will be released.

A result of these teachings, a deeper sense of love and commitment will begin to emerge in the body at large. A brotherhood- the Greek word "Koinonia" comes to mind - and intimate fellowship of the saints will result. A generous and sharing spirit will permeate the heart of the body. Christ's church will begin to turn from materialism to realism and compassion for the needs of others.

With the perfecting of her heart through repentance, there will begin to be a true equipping of the saints - an equipping with grace, power, and spiritual gifts. It will be as though, at last, the saints will begin to fill their intended places. No one will be breaking rank, each will be doing what they were called to do.

~The Call of Destiny~

And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundation of [buildings that have laid waste for] many generations; and you shall be called Repairer of the Breach, Restorer of Streets to Dwell In. (Is. 58:12 Amp.)... and renew the ruined cities, the devastation's of many generations. (Is. 61:4B Amp.)

People throughout the Kingdom of God are going to arise to fill their rightful place. Actually, many will rise up to fill-in the gap left for many generations. For instance, perhaps up to three or four generations ago, your family was a family of ministers. Then they fell away from the faith, leaving no one for three or four generations to enter the ministry, although that mantel had never been removed from your family. It will be this generation that will take up the call and fill the mantel handed down from the three or four generations left desolate. This generation now responding will fulfill more ministry and bear more fruit than the three or four desolate generations would have done all put together.

All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the place from which the rivers come, to there and from there they return again. Eccl. 1:7

Perhaps there was once great wealth in your family that was lost when past generations turned from the faith. It could be that as you pick up the banner for the sake of the Kingdom, God will move on your behalf, giving you plans, inventions, or investments that will restore all the lost wealth, thus enabling you to pour more money into the work of the Lord than the combined generations that laid desolate would have done.

As you study Genesis chapter 49, you'll see that every tribe of Israel had a generational purpose. That law is true of every family line on planet earth. I don't care where you come from,

what your background is, or what race you are, everyone was created for a reason. It will be this generation of Christians that will fulfill God's purpose for your family line.

This, in turn, will be the fulfillment of the body doing the work of the ministry toward the building up of Christ's body. That is, saints rising up to take their ordained positions within the body and in Christ.

No more will the Baptist be coming out against the Pentecostal and the Pentecostal breaking out against the Charismatic, and so on. This denominational prejudice will be brought to an end as the church simply begins to do what is needful - building up instead of tearing down, loving instead of criticizing, serving instead of lording beliefs over one another. The hearts of today's saint will be changed to a soft, fleshy heart that Jesus can love His world through. All of the sticks sandstones of war will be laid at the Lord's feet. In their place, we'll pickup the Sword of the Spirit and fight the enemy. There will be nothing but royal priests walking in profound love, as they move into the maturity of Christ.

The ministry gifts ascribed in verse eleven will all be a part of what the Holy Spirit is doing. Each will either become a team player or no longer be on the team. Everyone will be doing what they're called to do rather than what they thought they had to do to build their individual kingdoms. So, God will lead His whole body step by step moving into divine harmony, moving fluidly over the earth to awaken this desperately lost generation.

As we begin to move into that oneness of faith, our understanding of the Son of God will greatly increase. The world will find Him in reality flowing through His body, as He is only in ideal now. By this time, you'll hardly be able to tell a "general" from a "private". Liquid love will be exuding from the faces and hands of His church in healing, covering the earth with His glory and power.

Phenomena will begin to take place. The church will seem to have fallen so much in love with Jesus that He is all she will see. The more her love for Him grows, the more the Holy Spirit will be pulling her into unity. Every desire of her heart will be only to give Him glory - to bring to His wonderful name. It will be a divine conquest of the earth by the Son through His church. Heaven and earth will be like a divine competition (not a competition of man) to see how His name can be magnified in the earth today more than yesterday. Heart-throbbing love will abound for Jesus and for mankind.

~The Church: The Third Witness~

The Bible says Jesus judged sin in the flesh and that He sent the Holy Spirit to judge sin on the earth. Because in His law He ordained that everything be judged by the mouths of two or three witnesses, God must have His third witness. His first witness is Christ, the second is His Word, and the third will be His church. By the awesome display of holiness and power, she, by the power of His Holy Spirit, will be His third witness. That's one of the ways we are told we will judge the nations with Jesus. What an awesome display of majesty it will be. But wait a minute! Come down off the ceiling for a while. We are told in the book of Joel of another unity that is coming. It reads:

Before them the peoples are in anguish, all faces become pale. They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like men of war, they march every one [straight ahead] on his ways, and they do not break their ranks. Neither does one thrust upon another, they walk every one in his path; and they burst through and upon the weapons, yet they are not wounded and do not change their course. (Joel 2:6-8 Amp.)

The satanic kingdom will be seen in an unprecedented unity as well. This will magnify Satan's power, and all this will be hurled at the souls of men. His vengeance will be heaped upon the church. Great darkness will cover the earth. He will be breathing out his insidious threats against God's redeemed. However, by now she will no longer be defiled -but radiant. She will be powerful and move into full authority. So to those who are pure, he will be like a bully putting on a show, but then he will quickly be put under their feet.

... for the Lord of hosts has visited His flock, the house of Judah, and will make them as His beautiful and majestic horse in battle. (v. 5) - And they shall be like the mighty men treading down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight because the Lord is with them, and the oppressor's riding on horses shall be confounded and put to shame. (Zech. 10:3b & 5 Amp.)

God is making a nation of the most beautiful and powerful war-horses ever seen on planet earth. This is His global church. She will be undefeatable, because it says the Lord of hosts has visited His flock - from sheep to dangerous war-horses. In that hour, though Satan's breath will be as a dragon's fire, it will have no power over God's great and holy church. Signs, wonders and outstanding healings will be in the hands of this military entity called the church. As one man, she will go forth setting the captives free in the power of her Lord!

The biggest promoter of this awesome revival seemed to be secular media news - TV, radio, newspaper, and magazine publications. They would travel the world over to see and film the great events of God's outpouring.

I saw a great catastrophe the likes of a hurricane coming in off the ocean. It was one that would have taken the lives of hundreds of people. Standing on the shore was a chain of saints linked hand in hand in prayer standing against this gale. Suddenly, their prayers prevailed, and the hurricane disappeared. News reporters were standing behind them, gusts of wind and rain blowing against them and their cameras. All the time it seemed they were rooting for this prayer team. When the gale suddenly broke, it went on television coverage around the world as it was one more awesome thing this God of the Christians had done.

I saw men, women and children coming up over hill and dale with their hands lifted high to Jesus in worship. The church had moved into dimensions of worship orchestrated only by heaven. So high was the soul lifted to God, that the very gates of the eternal heavens opened and joined in the symphony of praise to our Lord Jesus. Never has His glorious name been so magnified among them.

~Children in Glory~

I saw miracles performed with inanimate objects like Moses' staff, which was turned to a serpent, then back to a staff. Only these miracles were done by very ordinary people who loved Jesus and wanted to win a couple of kids away from Satanism to the Lordship of Jesus. These kinds of things were happening all over the world. A sign here, a wonder there. God was moving everywhere.

I saw events such as a heavy metal rock group in a huge outdoor concert when suddenly one or two teens were transported to their stage by the Holy Spirit, like Philip being transported to Gaza. Because of the awesomeness of the manner in which they appeared and the anointing to convict the soul that rested on them, the group and much of their audience were saved on the spot. Just when they would have given an altar call for Satan, instead the saints had preached and given an altar call for Jesus.

Families will be healed and saved. Entire families of aunts, uncles, granddads, grandmothers, and cousins will be saved one after the other. World evangelism will be in full swing.

Children will preach the good news to street gangs and lepers will be healed, the crippled will walk and the blind will see. Demons will scream at the sound of one little child's voice. Whole schools will be turned to Jesus.

Because of this, Satan will begin a move to engineer the breakdown of what we call the public school and develop in its place smaller private schools given to grants and the like. If he can do this, humanism and witchcraft training will be much more intense. Just as importantly, there won't be the masses of children that can be reached in a day for revival. So he would win on not just a few different fronts.

Scores of toddlers, children and young people will astound the world with amazing feats that they will do in the name of Jesus.

~Jews and Gentile - One~

We will begin to see the Jewish Christian and the Gentile Christian become one. That wall of separation is coming down. To enhance this, Jesus will be saving Jewish Rabbis in unprecedented numbers. In turn, they will be lifted up as bright stars in the body to understand and teach important truths out of the Word which only they will know because of the uniqueness of their Jewish heritage. This will add to the new complexion coming over the church. I saw large groups of Jews being saved in coffee-house-type ministries. There will be word-wide outbreaks of persecution against the church and the Jew (unsaved Jew). this will act as a press you might say, to melt us together in a sympathy that will result in the salvation of untold number of Jews.

Yet, strangely enough at least for a season, anti-Semitism will mount in congregations of the redeemed. But, I believe it is only for a time. As the oil of unity continues to be poured out upon the church, anti-Semitism will begin to wash out with the outgoing tide. As persecution against the church and the Jew escalates from the world, it will press us together, resulting in a major

evangelism of souls among the Jews. (I might also add that it will expedite an increased migration to Israel along with taking the gospel back to the nation.)

As the scripture says, "*And her walls will be salvation and her gates will be praise!*"

Prayer, last but not least, the most foundational element of every move of God will be unparalleled - Prayer. And I will pour out upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and supplication (Zech. 12:10) For as soon as Zion was in labor, she brought forth her children. (Is. 66:8 Amp.) The church will be bowed down together, united in prayer. She will give birth to and fuel this great thrust of the Almighty on her knees. While this is already starting, it will seem as though we moved from one to ten thousand in a day. One nation of Christians after another will bow down in travailing and prevailing prayer to make this a global sweep of God's Spirit.* As the Spirit brooded over the earth during its creation, He will once again be brooding over the earth through the church in prayer. He will, through her loins, be birthing the greatest move of God ever to visit this planet. She will be as a mighty fortress protecting the birth of the "desire" of generations. No demon force will be able to thwart what she has born. It will grow, exploding into higher dimensions than our minds can now fathom. It will be the climax of the ages, Christ moving through His church in majestic glory and power to reach the unreachable of the earth. Prayer will be the fuel that will send this revival fire soaring until it's power saturates the earth. Prayer will birth it and prayer will keep it until God's purpose is complete. As we look forward to this great awakening, let us not forget that the worst and the best are yet to come.

* See author's book on prayer.

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