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## BENJAMIN MY CUP IS IN YOUR SACK

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### IN A NUTSHELL

This is a study in types. We are not writing to learn history but to stir the Spirit of revelation in the knowledge of Christ who is hid in the Old Testament and now revealed by the Holy Spirit in us.

Joseph is a type of Christ in Jesus and in His body. We cannot separate Jesus from His body. When He walked this earth, He said *"...the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.* (Matt.8: 20b) Indeed, the body of Jesus had not yet been gathered and formed. His body is formed as the Christ is being formed in us and we come to maturity in Him.

Benjamin's name means "Son of the right hand." And so he is a type of Christ as He appears in His body. The right Hand of God is where Christ is seated and where we are seated in Him. The right hand speaks of power. Christ in his body on earth is God's power to touch humanity and deliver creation from the bondage of sin and death.

Joseph's silver cup was found in Benjamin's sack. This is a very significant event for all who are called to be His right Hand in the earth. We must drink of His cup. It has already been placed within and as we move on in Christ we cannot escape.

### ON THE WAY TO BETHEL

In our previous study we left Jacob on the road with his family. Jacob was still the same man in the sight of men but something had taken place within him when he fought God's Angel. He had been given a new name. This means that the old nature

that once motivated him was no longer prevalent. Now He was primarily "Prince of God."

This means that he had new resources to continue on his journey. So God said, *"Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother."* (Gen.35: 1)

When Jacob heard this, he swung into action. *"Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, 'Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments. And let us arise and go to Bethel..."* (Vs.2, 3a) Jacob was now moving as Israel...He had heard from God and was pressing in to obey.

So the entire camp came clean of false gods. Bethel means "House of God." So it has been on our own journey to abiding, we have purged ourselves from all that has been a strange god in our lives. Even after we are called of God and move on, there are still many things that we cling to and that have priority before God....these things must go.

As we turn our desires toward God He will reveal what things must go and help us separate ourselves from them. Many of these have consumed our emotions and our time and we have not been aware that they were our gods. Some are very hard to face.

And so, as we go, the things we used to do, we don't do anymore and the things we used to love do not move our emotions now. This includes our old church fellowships and even some family ties.

Bethel means House of God and we may well stay there, but if we go on, many of the gods we cling to must go. Rachel held on to the gods from her father's house as long as she could but she had to leave them behind at Bethel.

It is a blessing when the Lord makes it possible for a few of us to meet together to pray, to talk about the Lord and to share His word and our experiences with Him *"Two or three gathered in His name."* But our worship does not depend on any meeting. We have no need of gathering together in the flesh, there is a flow within our own being, *"A spring of living water"* that satisfies the depth of our thirsty soul. We worship in Spirit and in truth.

I am speaking to those who are coming into "sonship" and have walked with Him and been taught of Him. In the natural we have schools with grades to educate our children and in the Spirit there needs be places where young Christians are taught as well. Those are very important steps on our journey and they are a part of the freedom that we so cherish in our land.

So in Christ we have Sunday Schools and Churches that teach the words of the Bible and the proper behaviors of Christians. But the time has to come when one must hear the Father's call and move on to Bethel, the place of abiding in God.

### ON THE WAY TO EPHRATH

Ephrath means "Fruitfulness." This is the place when fruits appear, the place of firstfruits. *"And Rachel died on the way to Ephrath which is Bethlehem."* (Gen.35: 19) Bethlehem means "House of Bread." They were leaving the "House of God" to go to the "House of Bread." More about that later.

They were but a little way from Ephrath *"...and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin."* (Gen.35: 16b-18)

The name "Benoni" translates to "Son of my Sorrows" or "Son of my Unrighteousness" or even "Son of my Iniquity." Was Rachel still feeling guilty for having hid the gods of her father's in her stuff? Was this the price of her iniquity? Did she recognize the calling upon this little son whose father rightly called Benjamin, Son of the Right Hand?

A son of the right hand is a son who sits at the right hand of his father which means He has all the power of his father and does exactly the will of his father. He is the father's right hand. But more than that, because God is Spirit, He has ordained that His right Hand be in full power among men.

The one who calls herself His church in the world but who is an impostor has deceived the people into believing that the teachings of such organizations represent the will of God in the earth. But creation is longing and travailing for the true Word of God or for God's kingdom to be established in the earth.

Jesus is sitting in the invisible realm of Spirit waiting until His true church has put all enemies under her feet. The last enemy is death of the body. This is why we are seated together with Him. We are God's right Hand of power. We can no longer be swayed into fellowship with such darkness.

*"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory hath raised Christ from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places...And hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus..."* (Eph.1: 17a, 20b and 2:6)

When the mother of Zebedee's children came to Jesus asking, *"Grant that my two sons may sit, the one at thy right hand and the other on the left, in thy kingdom."* (Matt.20: 21) Jesus answered that to do that they would have to drink of the cup that He was to drink and be baptized with the same baptism. Although His body never suffered corruption, Jesus went down to the death of hell and was raised up into new life.

This is the baptism that we are baptized with as well. The part in us that was the visible church must

die and be raised into new life. And Jesus drank the cup and sons of the right Hand drink the cup as well. This is the walk of the sons of the right hand. It is far remote from the walk that is taught to Christians today. Yet there is a Joseph and a Benjamin people who are fulfilling this calling and will arise with Him to deliver the entire creation from the bondage of sin and the corruption of death.

Benjamin is the Word of deliverance at the end of this age. It is the Word of His resurrection power. He is arising from the hearts and spirits of those who have drunk His cup and are baptized with His baptism.

They are sitting with Him, *“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in the world, but also in that which is to come.”* (Eph.1: 21)

The sudden death of beautiful Rachel must have been tragic for Jacob but how precious it is for us in type! Rachel gives her life for this son and so the true church has no life of her own in exchange for this Word that is coming in the power of the Father's right hand.

This is why we are not and never can be a visible organization in the world. We are no longer a visible grouping of any kind. Only the Word in us lives through us. We are dead to the world as a church but we are cherished by our Bridegroom as His bride in the Spirit.

Our life as a church is the Word. This church is not to be reproduced visibly in the world. It is the time to bring forth the Benjamin Word made flesh that the world might be delivered from all their religions of darkness, violence and death.

## **BETHLEHEM**

Rachel gave birth to her last son and died on the way to Ephrath which is Bethlehem. *“And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.”* (Gen.35: 19) This is important to us because the word Bethlehem means “House of Bread.” They had left Bethel which means “House

of God” and were heading for Bethlehem “House of Bread.”

The question then could be asked “Why would we leave the House of God to go to the House of Bread. Bread speaks of Jesus, the Bread of life. *“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; THIS IS MY BODY.”* (Matt.26: 26)

Bread speaks of the body of Jesus and of the body of Christ. The Word made flesh is the body of Jesus. When that which is Spirit within us (the Word) appears in us, our body of flesh will be as the body of Jesus.

This is very significant. Spiritually speaking, the House of God is where He has revealed Himself to us. The House of Bread is where He is made flesh in us. As we know that when Jesus spoke of His flesh, He was speaking of His body.

We have been in Bethel, the House of God. Our life has been in the Spirit within, but now we are coming to Bethlehem when the Spirit within will give birth to the Son within and the Bread of life which is the Word made flesh will appear. In type, this is the birth of Benjamin, the son of the right hand.

## **JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS**

In our previous study we saw the life of Joseph as a clear prophecy of our Lord Jesus Christ, God's sacrificial Lamb on the cross and also in His first-fruits who are called to drink of His cup. God's first-fruits are those who are first ready for the picking for they have matured first. The maturing of the firstfruits is what creation has been groaning and travailing for.

*“For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.”* (Rom.8: 22-23)

Travail is a terrible pain, it is anguish and even agony but in it is found the joy of a new life. Cre-

ation is experiencing the agony of travail but because it is in darkness it cannot see the joy that is coming from it. Jesus experienced the agony of the cross but as He looked beyond the cross He saw the beauty of God's new creation in Christ and He was flooded with joy. *"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."* (Heb.12: 2)

Our joy is found in the agony of travail for beyond the pain is the joy of a new creation being born. It is the birth of the new Christ man who is the only hope of life for this suffering and dying world.

Joseph as a youth had been given strong prophetic dreams from the Lord. Joseph had seen himself with his brethren binding sheaves in the field. *"...and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and behold your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf."* (Gen.37: 7b)

And Joseph had yet another dream where *"..the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me."* (Vs.9) Both dream revealing not only what would happen in Joseph's natural life, but also as a type of Christ showing that He would take dominion over all creation. Is it not what the Lord has revealed to us? That if we suffer with Him we will reign with Him in the earth? As Joseph was despised and rejected of his own brothers so was Jesus and so are we; this is the suffering of Christ.

In my previous study, we saw how Joseph ended up in Egypt and how God spoke to him in dreams which led to his being promoted to a place of power over all the food supplies of the land. Joseph was connected to the Father and could hear His voice. This was the power of this son. As a type of Christ He was seated at the right Hand of power.

At the time of Joseph's rule in Egypt, there was a sore famine in the land. And so it is because the Word of God has been rejected and God's sons are hid within the world, there is no spiritual food anywhere in the visible church. There is a lot of rituals and psychology and perhaps some good shepherd-

ing to cope with this life, but the light of the prophetic Word that reveals His work in us and forms the Christ in us, is no longer heard in these churches.

Furthermore, the brethren who are part of the Joseph company and are hid in the world are counted as dead by those in the organized systems of men. God's true sons have been labeled "deceived" and if we were to share the current Word of God with them, they would quickly say "It is of the devil." I know because I have heard it.

As it was prophesied long ago, there surely is a famine among the earthly church of today. *"Behold, the days come saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."* (Amos 8:11)

This is why creation is in such turmoil and the wild and venomous beast that was once restrained in the hearts of men is now loosed and working full speed to totally destroy God's creation.

Today, through the media, men are trying to cover up what they see happening by promoting Hollywood movies of horror and mixing fiction with reality to confuse the issue. The gods of this world such as the love of sports and of new technologies are being popularized to captivate the people and keep them from the reality of the death of this world. Today, most keep busy with their contacts, texting on Twitter and Facebook and others media and have no clue of what the Spirit is speaking unto the Church.

I believe that technologies are of God. Man in darkness is not smart enough to create such things, they only discover them because God allows it. But these things in the hands of wicked men become instruments of destruction. Yet God is in control and as Jesus said, *"For the elect's sake, those days will be shortened."* (Matt.24: 22b)

## **THE FAMINE-DRIVEN BRETHREN**

Joseph had gone through much but was now in charge of Egypt and of the world's grain supply. Jacob and his sons were now suffering from the sore

famine in Canaan. They had heard that there was grain in Egypt and were preparing to go and get some. But when they arrived in Egypt, things became complicated. Nothing was as easy as they might have thought. What took place opens up a window of understanding for us on the power of God's love and of His mighty salvation.

In type, Joseph represents Christ in Jesus and in His body. Jesus cannot be separated from His body. He is the Head and His body who has been scattered, battered and bruised is being gathered by the Spirit as one new man in the earth.

In our study, we find Joseph ready to reveal himself to his brethren. His heart yearns for them. I believe that the brethren represent the true Israel that had been cut off for a season as well as the Gentiles saved by grace through faith but still in darkness.

Paul made this clear that some of literal Israel are in the firstfruits when he asked the question, *"I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew."* (Rom.11: 1-12a)

Paul explains this by mentioning Elijah who suffered long at the hand of King Ahab and Jezebel and other wicked Israelites who killed the true prophets. *"But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace."* (Vs.4-5)

We know that the grace of God unto salvation is extended to the Gentiles. But also among them there is a remnant of God's first Israel that He has reserved for that same election. In Abraham's time, a Jew was recognized by the circumcision in the flesh. But in Christ, Jews are the ones who are circumcised in the heart.

*"But he is a Jew which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."* (Rom.2: 29) In this way, God is saving His

Israel remnant in Christ. God is not saving any of the governments of men in this world. He is not refurbishing them by having Christians elected. We know that the kingdoms (governments and nations) of this world are falling and that the kingdom of our God and of His Christ will bring peace and salvation to God's creation. So we are not of those who are looking to shore up any worldly system. But the Lord deals with nations as He will and He has reserved some who were under the old covenant to be part of this firstfruits salvation.

Joseph represents Christ come in the flesh in His body and the brethren who are coming to find food in Egypt represent those who are called of God but suffering from the famine of the Word of God. They are as the prodigal feeding on corn husks (literal letter of the word) yet their hearts are beginning to stir to find a pure word that will feed them.

The food they sought was not really in Egypt, the food was in Joseph. They could not get anything without seeing Him. The Word of life that they seek is not found in the world, it is found in Christ in His body who is in the world but not of the world.

## THE PURE HEART OF JOSEPH

Joseph suffered in Egypt but he overcame every obstacle. He was falsely accused of raping Potiphar's wife and served prison time for this but it was in that prison that God made known his gifts in the interpretation of dreams to Pharaoh.

It was then that Joseph was lifted out of prison and promoted to a place second only to Pharaoh. Joseph was thirty years old when he was given that position. Thirty is the number of maturity. David was thirty when he ascended the throne of Israel and we know that Jesus was thirty when He began His ministry on earth.

Joseph was seventeen when his brothers sold him to the Ishmaelites who in turn took him and sold him to Potiphar in Egypt, so he had been thirteen years in Egypt when his brothers came to get grain. They did not recognize him. Not only was he now a mature man and no longer a teenager; he was also

dressed as an Egyptian and moved in the manner of an Egyptian.

So it is with the Body of Christ who, as Jesus, has been despised and rejected of men's religious systems because they spoke the truth. They have shed the dress codes and manners of their former religious affiliations and no longer bear their image. To them, they look like the world. They have left all the doctrines and the façades of religious men and are now as Jesus is in the world.

Jesus did not belong to any of the religious orders of His day and He still does not. He was about His Father's business and still is. He is the Head of the Body that He is gathering unto Himself.

*“That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.”* (Eph. 1:10) His head is now resting upon the shoulders of His body in the world. Note that this body, called “things” is gathered in heaven and in earth...Both sides of the veil.

### **BRING BENJAMIN**

When the brothers spoke with Joseph who was now the head man, they did not recognize him. Jewish writings tell us that when they arrived in Egypt, they looked for him. They knew that he had been sold to a dignitary and they were hoping to find him and buy him back. (Talmud)-

The Talmud also recount that Joseph had posted guards at the gates to take up the names of each who came from far for grain. So when his brethren arrived they were quickly identified and directed to him. Joseph's heart must have been pounding within him when his brethren stood before him asking for grain supplies.

They introduced themselves and Joseph directly asked them about their father's well being. And did they have another brother? *“And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.”* (Gen.42:

13) The youngest was Benjamin. He was not with the brethren, he was retained by the father.

Benjamin is a type of the Word made flesh in a remnant. He is the son for which Rachel, the true church has given her life. He is greatly beloved of the Father and is held by the Father and not sent with the brethren.

Jacob would not send Benjamin with them because they once left Joseph as dead and now this son was highly protected. We clearly see the type here. Up to this time, the Lord has released His Word in the earth but men have trampled and killed the sons who bore this Word. Jesus spoke of in the parable of a certain householder who planted a vineyard and hedged it around and digged a winepress and built a tower and let it out to husbandmen and went into a far country.

This man was doing all the right things and he should have reaped the fruit of his vineyard from those he hired to do the labor.

But Jesus said, *“When the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.”* (Matt.21: 34)

Jesus continues, *“Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, they will reverence my son.”* (Vs. 37) And Jesus said, *“But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him and let us seize his inheritance.”* (Vs.38)

Such has been the wickedness of those who were the keepers of the Lord's vineyard. They have killed the words of the prophets and when they saw the Son, they quickly killed him too and coveted His inheritance (eternal life).

This speaks of the Old Testament prophets and of Jesus the Son but that same spirit from hell has plagued all who spoke the truth to those who represent themselves as the keepers of God's vineyard.

They have killed anyone who brought the Word of life that did not fit in their mold and they still do. However, now the grain that they had been fed as God's Word can no longer sustain their souls amid the evil that is arising in the world today. They have killed the source of life. Christian churches and assemblies all over the land have rejected and cut off God's true prophets and have lost all power against evil. They are languishing in a world that is becoming a dangerous place to live.

Some have rejected the baptism of the Holy Ghost while others have clung to the darkness of hell and death because they are waiting for a rapture. Others reject the work of the Holy Spirit within to purify their souls. They all will have to go to Egypt and find the Word they have rejected in Joseph.

As we know the grain was not in Egypt, the grain was in Joseph and now they had to face the man in charge and he demanded something nigh to impossible from them- Benjamin had to appear. But Benjamin was not with them, Benjamin was with the father and they knew that the father would not let him go easily. So they offered themselves instead, but that was not negotiable either.

Benjamin was not the son of Leah with the weak eyes. He was not born under the Law as the other brothers. Joseph and Benjamin were sons of Rachel, the true Bride. When the father gave his final blessings on his sons, he said to Benjamin, "*Benjamin shall ravin as a wolf: in the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.*" (Gen.49: 27)

Ravin means to tear to pieces. The word "as" is not in the original text and that changes the meaning. Benjamin shall tear a wolf to pieces is the true meaning of this prophecy. Indeed did Jesus tear the wolf of hypocrisy to pieces on the cross, and at the end of the age, His body is dividing the spoil.

Benjamin has been given a nature capable to devour flesh. The man of flesh that has ruled the Adam man cannot withstand the power of this Benjamin Word. The Word of Benjamin will swallow up all that is not of God in us. As Joseph has been the Spirit of revelation that has revealed Jesus and

His purpose to us so Benjamin is the one that must come to devour the man of flesh and bring about our deliverance and creation's deliverance too. It is one thing to hear the Word and even witness to it, but if we still hold on to our traditions, it is of no avail.

Recently I had a dream that explains this. In the dream, "*I had bought a new sofa for a dear friend. When I went to visit her house I saw the new sofa in her living room, but she had also kept all of her old furniture. She even had a piece of furniture that had been mine in the past. I knew that she had to get rid of the old and keep only the new.*"

The new sofa is a new Word from the Lord that she has received from me but because she still holds to the old she now has a mixture crowding her "living room" which is where she lives before the Lord. She still holds on to the old traditions and doctrines of men. The piece of furniture that had once been mine was "early American," showing that even some of the things that I had once taught were to be discarded for the new Word that God was bringing today.

Our foundation is Jesus Christ but the images that we had made of Jesus must be discarded as He is revealing more of Himself (Word of life)- We may have once seen Him as a stern judge sitting on a throne in the sky and surely as children in the Word that was what we needed, but as we mature, these images must be discarded and replaced by the truths that He is revealing today.

The old harlot church system had once trapped us under a gospel of fear. Many have come out of those dark ages but still hold on to doctrines that are unacceptable by the Light that He sheds upon us today. Some who have had their understanding open to the Spirit and have seen the truth of God's sons coming into glory are still tenaciously holding on to the letter that kills in other areas. Such things prevent them from moving on any farther with God.

## **DRINK THE CUP**

An unimaginable thing took place among Joseph's brothers on the way back to Canaan. Suddenly,

Egyptian guards appeared and dismounted from their horses. Quickly they questioned them about their master's silver cup. They were being accused of having the cup among them. We know the story. When they searched each sack, it was in Benjamin's sack that the cup was found. What a shock! How could that be? They proclaimed their honesty but could not explain this...Benjamin had the cup.

The cup is indeed in the sack of all who are called to be "sons of the right Hand." Those who are called to be "Deliverers." This Benjamin Word is the Word of the Last Trump. But for those who will proclaim it, there is a cup to drink.

This is what Paul understood as he exhorts the church to "*Continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church.*" (Col.1: 23-24)

We know about the extreme suffering of our Lord on the cross but Jesus also suffered much at the hand of those who were His people and whom He came to save. Their rejection and great animosity against Him was an inner suffering that He had to swallow.

It was part of the cup of His sufferings and this is the cup that we must drink as well. Each time that the Lord has raised up His church with a Word that obliterates the old doctrines of men, even those who once loved them will deny them because of their Word. This is the cup of His sufferings that we must drink to the last drop.

When the mother of Zebedee's children came to Jesus to request that they sit at his right Hand and at His left, Jesus replied, "*Ye know not what you ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They said unto him, "We are able. And he said unto them, "Ye shall drink of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized*

*with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given t them for whom it is prepared of my Father.*" (Matt.20: 20)

Indeed, these disciples filled up their portion of the cup of His sufferings and so did Paul and all those who were persecuted for the faith. Many are still persecuted and killed for the faith today, but when He arises in the Benjamin Word we will see God's power moving to deliver creation.

Indeed, all who have come before us have filled up their part of the cup. They have been baptized with His baptism of fire but the time when the kingdom of God and of His Christ rules the earth, will only take place when the last remnant son is released by the Father.

The cup is in our sack and it cannot be denied. Christ put that cup in our sack. We understand these things best when we see them coming to pass in our lives. In time all darkness will be replaced by the Light of His presence and His glory. Each must come in their own order. Men's religions have desired to make us all the same, in their image, but Christ is many facets in One.

Each man has his own glory in Christ. "*But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.*" (Micah 4: 4) In Christ we are one because of our differences. Just as a body is one but all parts are totally different so in Christ we are one in our own order worshipping the same God.

The Father has released the Benjamin Word. He has given this company five times as much food, five times the Word that had been given before. Five is also the number of grace and this Word contains the abundant grace needed to deliver creation.

Benjamin is that anointed Word of life that is made flesh in us today. May our Father bless each and everyone of us. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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