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THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN AND THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH

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BEHOLD HE COMETH WITH CLOUDS

“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they which pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.”(Rev.1:7)

For those who are His witnesses, there is no doubt that His presence within is ever increasing. The time of His appearing is at hand. We see this indeed as we experience Him each day. His presence is a consuming fire in our daily lives. It is the fire of His presence that has devoured the enemy within. It is His fire that has reduced the man of sin to ashes. It was often painful, but a great relief when we understood the process.

And now we see the earth is wailing because of Him. His appearance in us is causing the earth to wail. The fire of His presence is passing through the land and consuming all that is of the carnal man. Those whose hearts have been drawn to the amusements and delicacies of this world are indeed weeping and wailing. The earth is being shaken to the core. This is the great and terrible day of the Lord.

While the earth is now wailing and weeping because of His appearing in the saints, it is obvious that *every eye* does not yet see Him. Many are waiting for Him to literally appear in person through the literal clouds of heaven. But this is not the way of His appearing.

The saints see Him first. *“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”* (Heb.9: 28) The Amplified

version makes this same verse clearer, *“Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself and bear as a burden the sins of many once and once for all, will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but to bring to full salvation those who are eagerly, constantly, and patiently waiting for and expecting Him.”*

Not only was this recorded for us, but it has become obvious that this particular “appearing” is not for everyone. Only those who have been prepared and are constantly and patiently waiting and looking for Him are seeing this today.

John shouts, *“Behold He cometh with clouds!”* This is another mystery that is being revealed today. We know that, in the language of the Spirit, clouds are not the fluffy formations that we see every day in the skies over us. No, clouds in the language of the Bible often speak of people who are in the invisible, realm of spirit. There are many mentions of such clouds in the Bible.

“Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength IS IN THE CLOUDS.” (Ps.68:34) *“Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.”* (Zech. 10:1)

Paul writes about the “cloud of witnesses” who are all around us. *“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses...”* (Heb.12:1a) These clouds are the saints who have gone to be with the Lord on the other side of the veil. They are still a vital part of who we are in

Christ. They are the bright clouds that the Lord gives us to pour down their refreshing rain upon the grass of our fields (our daily lives).

Following His resurrection, Jesus appeared for forty days and nights among the disciples. Then He was received in a CLOUD. *“And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.”* (Acts 1: 9) Note that it does not say that He went to a far away place; it says that He was received in a cloud OUT OF THEIR SIGHT. They could no longer see Him, all they saw was the cloud. The cloud obstructed their visions from seeing Him.

And so it is that all whose mortal bodies have gone to the grave, have become as clouds, possibly even around us. They are out of sight, but very much encompassing us, which means forming a circle around us, or surrounding us. They form what the Bible calls **“the heaven.”**

They are waiting for the appointed time or the times of restitution of all things. This restitution has been announced by all of God's holy prophets since the world began. *“(Jesus and all who are in Jesus) Whom **the heaven** must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken of by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”* (Acts 3: 21)

Isaiah certainly wrote much about this restitution. *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and ALL NATIONS SHALL FLOW INTO IT.”* (Isa.2:2) *“And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.”* (Oba.vs.21)

Indeed, the saviours on mount Zion are the sons of God. They are Christ in His body. And the fire of His presence is consuming the kingdoms or dominions that men have set up in the earth (mount of Esau). And the kingdom of God will be established in the earth (in every man's heart), and this will be reflected in the world.

Jesus and the saints who are with Him on the other

side of the veil, are eagerly waiting for that day. Jude informs us, *“Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints.”* (Jude vs.14) The Amplified Bible quotes it, *“Behold the Lord comes with His myriads of holy ones.”* While the Diaglott quotes him as saying, *“Behold, the Lord comes in holy myriads of himself.”*

By the Spirit, we get the picture! The Lord is appearing in the myriads (innumerable number) of saints who have become as He is. These are called holy ones for they have been purified by fire. We know that this time is upon us by experience, for Jesus has been revealing Himself in a greater way to those who are eagerly looking for Him.

CLOUDS OF HEAVEN

Daniel saw the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven.. *“I saw in the night, visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the **clouds of heaven.**”* (Dan.7:13) Speaking of our day, Jesus prophesied, *“Mens' hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a CLOUD with power and great glory.”* (Lk.21:26-27)

He is indeed coming in the cloud of witnesses, in the myriads of his holy ones, amid those who are behind the veil. The powers of heaven, that is to say the minds of men who are in power, will be shaken. Fear will overtake them when they see the power of the Son of Man as He appears in the “cloud” of witnesses. These will not be clothed in flesh and blood; they will be clothed with His glory.

If we look for a physical Jesus, we will miss Him. Jesus is not in the same body that Mary gave Him. That body was the body of His humiliation. It was the body of the sacrificial Lamb of God.

Jesus is no longer in His individual body of resurrection, as He showed Himself to His disciples, no, Jesus is now back in the glory that He had before the world was. *“And now O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self, with the **glory which I had with***

you before the world was.” (Jn.17: 5) Jesus is now the Head of those who have been called, justified and glorified. They are His body, His bride. They are who He is in the earth.

His body of resurrection was broken as a loaf of bread, and sent to us as spirit Seed. By the power of the Holy Ghost, we have been overshadowed, somewhat as Mary was, to give birth to the new creation body from that Seed. This is the great mystery of birth. Jesus is the Word of God made flesh in us.

Jesus of Nazareth overcame death and became the Seed that would not abide alone. *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”*(Jn.12: 24)

Jesus told Mary, *“Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God, and your God.”* (Jn.20: 17)

Jesus was looking forward to ascending to the Father. Yet He had one more thing to do; Jesus had to show the disciples that He had indeed obtained a new tangible, touchable body. They had seen Him die on the cross; they must witness Him as He is in resurrection.

“Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst...”(Jn.20: 19) Jesus came right through the heavy doors and stood in the midst. What kind of a body was this?

We might believe that it was some kind of mystical body with no substance, but then Jesus told Thomas, *“Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it in my side; and be not faithless, but believing.”* (Jn.20: 27) Jesus left no doubt that His body was very real.

So then, does Jesus still have this same body? I believe that Jesus is able to appear in any way He wishes. He is not limited. But I also believe that just as the Father through the Holy Spirit, impregnated Mary with the Seed that formed the body of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the church has been impregnated with the Seed that has the resurrected body of Jesus.

The Word that the Holy Ghost speaks to us daily is forming this new body in us. This is the miracle of birth.

We are being begotten again, *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **begotten us AGAIN** unto a lively hope **BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD.**”* (I Pet.1: 3) We are begotten again unto life eternal, by the resurrection power which is planted within us.

The man who was born of Mary is the **FIRST** begotten of the dead. *“Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness and **THE FIRST BEGOTTEN** of the dead.”* (Rev.1:5b) He was seen and touched by His disciples after His resurrection.

The Seed of Jesus Christ in His body continues to be begotten **AGAIN AND AGAIN** in us. When He appears, He will be made flesh in us. At that time, we will be clothed with the same tangible, touchable body that He has been forming in us from the Seed of that first resurrected body.

Jesus Christ is the last Adam, the man from heaven. The name Adam denotes a man made of the earth or red clay. Jesus Christ is called the last Adam, because He is the man from heaven formed in a body of earth. Jesus put on that earthen vessel and through death, fashioned it into a glorious body. It was first that which is of the earth, then that which is of the heavenly. The new creation is not just an ethereal creation of spirits floating in the air, it is a creation of spirits with visible bodies in the earth.

“The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.” (I Cor..15: 47-48)

Jesus said 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.”* (Jn. 21:27)

John testifies, *“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.”* (I Jn.1:1) The

Word of life is the Seed of His eternal body. He gave this very same body as a Seed to be planted in our fields, watered and dunged until God Himself raises it again to life eternal.

Just as the brave women of the Old Testament were the guardians of the Seed that would produce the body of the Lord Jesus in Mary, so the Bride of Christ is the guardian of that Seed that is producing the body of Christ in the earth today. Women such as Sarah who in her old age gave birth to the son of promise Isaac.

And Tamar who lowered herself to the rank of a prostitute in order to preserve the seed of Judah. And Ruth who followed her mother-in-law to a land strange to her, in order to give birth to the son who would beget the father of David. And what about young Mary, who risks being caught in adultery and stoned, to give birth in a manger of Bethlehem.

These genealogies are listed in the Bible for a reason. The Seed of life is foremost in God's plan. And today, the precious Seed of new life has been planted in us through the Holy Spirit, as it was in young Mary of long ago. And we are nurturing that Seed until God Himself raises it up as a new creation being in our earthly vessel.

Jesus explained to His disciples that He was going to the Father to prepare a place for them. *"In my Father's house are many mansions (dwelling places) if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* (Jn.14: 2-3)

Jesus came again when He sent His Spirit within His disciples. Through the Spirit, He has been preparing us to dwell in the spiritual mansions that He desires for us. These mansions are spiritual estates or domains of truths and revelations where we live by the Spirit. Are we dwelling in these large estates now? Or are we spiritually dwarfed, dwelling in small constrictive spiritual areas built by doctrines of men, afraid to go out of our shells and be deceived, afraid to follow Him into new understandings of His Word?

Do we really trust Him as He speaks to us from within? Or are we bound by the teachings of a church system that has kept us in darkness and in bondage to itself?

Jesus has come again to us and in us, to take us unto Himself in the large mansions, or spiritual dimensions prepared for us. The doctrines of man have taught us that the mansions are where the departed souls find bliss in heaven after they die. This may be comforting for those who are left behind to hear, but it is not what Jesus was saying.

Much of what the Lord taught has been misunderstood because of our immaturity. It just was not the time to see spiritual things as they really are, so we made all kinds of mental images. However the heavy veil of our temple has been rent in twain from top to bottom, and the Lord is opening it wider. Now we are beholding Him as He begins to appear in all of His glory. Soon we will behold Him face to face as He is in all of us.

Perhaps, it is hard to accept that we truly are His body; bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. And it is also hard to believe that we are also clouds who have been hiding His presence within. Perhaps, it is even more difficult to believe that it is His presence arising within us that has sparked the fires that are raging throughout the earth and ushering in the ruling and reigning of Christ in the world.

We only have to remember how God's Spirit revealed the "man of sin" in us, and how He worked to put him under our feet, to know how He is also working to reveal the man of sin in all of creation. God is love, yet He spared not His only begotten Son from the shame and suffering of the cross. God is a consuming fire, and it is not possible for the lustful nature of man to avoid being reduced to ashes by His increasing presence.

Can we not see how every evil is being turned upside down today, even in our own government? Can we not witness that men of renown, who in the past had committed lustful acts even against innocent women are being uncovered today? Have no doubt dear ones, it is the increasing presence of the Lord within you that is revealing the "man of sin" in the Adam nature.

THE DAY OF THE LORD

At this point, the poignant words of Joel resonate in our spirits. *“Blow ye 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 is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spreads over 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)

Ominous words indeed! Yet today, these words are reality before our very eyes. The trumpet, the loud and clear Word of God has sounded in the Body of Christ (Zion). The inhabitants of the earth are trembling. They are coming up with all manner of reasons why tragic things are happening so fast. They are not able to discern the truth at this time, but the Word is out and they will hear it.

The prophet goes on saying that this day is a time of darkness and gloominess as it spreads over the mountains. The mountains speak of the governments (high places) of the world. Zion is the mount of the Lord and in the Spirit, we know that it is higher than all other mountains. It is the highest power for it is Christ Himself ruling and reigning in His people. Can we not see what is taking place under our very eyes today?

The prophet continues, *“A fire devoureth before them and behind them a flame burneth; the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing will escape them.”* (Vs.3)

This is the fire of the Spirit. It is devouring all that man has set up in the world. Nothing can stand in the way of the fiery Word of God that is marching through us today.

When the first Son of God, the One among many brethren, came in the world, nothing could stand before Him. The raging seas had to quiet down, death had to release its prey (Lazarus and others). The lepers were cleansed, the blind had their sight restored and more. And the greatest power of all, was when Jesus went to the cross and wrenched the keys of hell and death from the foe. *“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)

As I am writing this, terrible fires are actually sweeping through areas of our Western States. Thousands of homes and businesses are burnt to the ground. Brave and broken souls valiantly declare that they will rebuild, but they know that it will take an enormous effort and determination to do so.

Be not deceived. it is not God who brought such suffering and destruction as a judgment; it is man's own greed and egotistic nature that is causing nature itself to rebel. Yes, God's fire is also at work at this time, but it is not consuming man's properties, it is consuming man's formidable enemy- even his own self-destructive nature.

This is indeed the time when man often turns to God. It is when all his own resources (all that he has depended upon for life and comfort), are no longer there that man begins to call on God. These tragedies are not God punishing man, but God using them to bring man unto Himself.

Paul called that day, “The Day of Fire.” *“Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.”* (I Cor.3: 13)

This is very clear. What man has built shall be tested by fire. This means that it shall pass through fiery trials and situations. If man's works are of the flesh (wood, hay or stubble), they will be burnt up, even as wood, hay and stubble is destroyed in the fire. The only works that shall remain are those who have the spiritual value, such as silver, gold and precious stones. These shall also pass through the fire, but the fire will not destroy them; they shall be refined. These are all the works of God's Spirit among us.

This judgment has begun long ago at the House of God- His church. We have walked through many fires. Some of our works have remained and were refined, others were totally burnt out of our lives. This same judgment is taking place in all of the church realm, and now it is happening in the world as well. All of man's works are being burnt by God's

fire; not a literal fire, but a fire with eternal results. In a flood, seeds are left in the ground and will produce again later. But God's fire destroys and rebuilds with new seed.

Peter writes, *"Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."* (II Pet.3: 12-13)

The heavens that are being dissolved are the reasonings and thoughts of men in high places. The elements that burn with fervent heat are the spheres of activity in which these men work. But as Peter makes mention, God promises new heavens and a new earth. John writes, *"Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me write: for these words are true and faithful."* (Rev,21:5b) Through the fire, all things become new.

In this fire there is also silver, gold and precious stones. Such things are part of God's nature and will not burn. Men have done a lot of works that were initiated by the Spirit of God even though they may not have been aware of it at the time.

When we hear of those who lay their own lives down to save strangers, as we have seen during recent disasters; these are the works of God. The works of God are not necessarily "religious" as we might have thought in the past. They are works that issue from the Christ Spirit.

When one does good works for fame and glory they receive their reward from man. But if one is moved out of compassion to help someone in need, this man's works are the works of the Spirit of God.

THE SAVIOR OF THE BODY

Paul declares, *"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."* (I Cor.15:22) He does not say, ALL DIED, he says ALL DIE. From the first day that we leave the womb, our earthen vessels begin a dying process. Some will live longer than others, but all are headed for the grave. Thus they are called "mortal" bodies; they are subject to death.

One thing that many Christians do not realize is

that the soul and the body are one unit that cannot be separated. *"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."* (Gen.2:7)

It was when the breath of life entered man's body that man became a living creature. The breath of life (spirit) is what gave man life. The body of the man together with the breath of life, created a being that had consciousness, reasoning, emotions (soul). Man became aware of his surroundings and the brain that God had created within man became the "computer" for man to think and figure out things that pertained to earthly life. This first man was a "living soul." He was a functioning unit, body and soul but this unit could not live without the breath of life (spirit).

Howbeit, something precious was hidden within this man. It was a mystery that would remain in darkness and could not be revealed or apprehended until God's appointed time. We do know that this man was both male and female. We know that man represents spirit and woman speaks of earth. Thus, the man describes the spirit, the woman speaks of the soul or the earthen vessel.

When God took the woman out of the man, He brought her to him, *"And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man."* (Gen.2: 21) They were now two separate beings, although they were only one creation man.

This explains to us how the new creation of God in Christ is being formed. The new creation "man" that the Lord God has been forming consists of the "man who is the Spirit" and the "woman who is the body". This is the union that is taking place within us in Christ.

Paul confirms this, *"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church."* (Eph.5: 30, 32) He also writes, *"For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God."* (I Cor.11:12)

Indeed, it takes the life of the man (spirit), to sustain the body/soul of the woman. And it takes the body/soul of the woman to give a visible form to the man. This is the mystery of natural life and it is the great mystery of how the Lord God is forming His new creation man. From the Seed of the resurrected Lord who is the living Word of God made flesh, the earthen vessel is being formed into the Body of Christ (new creation man.)

Woman (earthen vessel) cannot live without the "Man" (Christ), because the Man is a life-giving Spirit. When the breath of life goes out of an earthen body, man dies. *"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."* (Ecc. 12:7) But God has given us the Man who is the Savior of the body.

If there has been union between the soul or consciousness of the body and the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, the soul or consciousness of the body is quickened or made alive by the Spirit of Christ that dwells within. This gives life to the body.

Hear Paul, *"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) *"But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe TO THE SAVING OF THE SOUL."* (Heb.10:39)

Spiritually speaking, the woman is the body of the man. Paul wrote, *"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is THE SAVIOUR OF THE BODY."* (Eph.5: 23) While the woman is the nurturing and intuitive side of the man, man's natural proclivity or inclination is to support, feed and protect the woman. They were made for each other and they complete each other.

But when the serpent attracted Eve with his tempting offer, she allowed that sly, egotistical and rebellious spirit to penetrate her inner being and take over her person until she became its slave. Even as a harlot gives herself to the lust of men for a pittance, so the woman gave herself to the serpent in

exchange for the lie of being like God.

The serpent was now in control of the woman's mind and emotions; he was her taskmaster and her leader. She had sold her soul to the devil, and now the one whose greatest lust was to be like God would work to project himself through the woman. He stole the place that belonged to Christ. He is a liar and a thief. When this happened, Christ who is the true Husband neither left her nor forsook her, but He entered into darkness within the body/soul of the creature. *"He made darkness his secret place.."* (Ps.18:11a) The creature became subject to death and the grave.

At that point, Christ became a mystery. *"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."* (Col.1: 26-27)

THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH

Paul explains that God had made him a minister to the Gentiles and that he would find this mystery among them! Paul left us detailed epistles to meditate upon, and to discover this great mystery which is now revealed to those who are coming into the maturity of the firstfruits harvest.

This harvest has been cultivated "underground." This work has been hid within us and each of us have been taken out of mainstream. Those who have been in hiding have been well fed and cared for by the Lord Himself. They are the ones for whom the whole creation groans and travails to see.

During the Nazi occupation of France, I lived in Paris where we were subjected to German rule. After the Americans made their surprise landing in Normandy, the people of Paris were excited, but they still were not liberated. It would take from June 6th to Aug.25th before the Germans surrendered and left Paris.

A week prior to Aug.25th something very strange and unexpected swept through Paris. Seemingly from out of nowhere, an army of Free French soldiers showed up everywhere on the streets and be-

gan to drive the German army out of the city.

It was fierce and bloody block by block fighting. My mother and I stayed holed up in our apartment during that time and so did most of the residents. Our building was very quiet as no one was stirring, but caddy corner across from our 4th floor bedroom window, a neighbor opened his window and called out to us. He was part of the “Resistance” and he went out to fight every day. He explained some of what was happening. He also supplied us with grapes and fruit that he brought home. He put them on a long board that he held out to us. Another angel unaware in my life.

We thus found out that what was happening had been well planned and practiced by French volunteers who had found their way to England and were trained under the command of General De Gaulle. This had been a monumental “underground” work of gathering an army who would take the enemy by complete surprise and safely deliver Paris.

This was vital to Paris, as we found out later that the Germans had wired the subway lines and many of the famous monuments. With a flip of a switch, they would have destroyed Paris on their way out. It was because of the element of surprise by the Free French Army that Paris was liberated without damage to the city. I know this because I actually lived there at the time.

Oh yes! My mother and I were in the crowd on Aug.25th when the American troops rolled into the city. What a day of joy that was, what a glorious welcome did these young heroes receive from us!! Tears still well up in my eyes as I recall those days, but the point of the story is this, “There was an underground work taking place even while the enemy was plotting to destroy!

Beloved, there is an UNDERGROUND work of the Spirit going on, even while it looks like the world is being sold out to the devil. We who are the true church are part of this work and it will not be thwarted. The enemy might even read this account, but it would just be a lot of gibberish to its ears. Indeed our God has “..chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise.”(Cor.1: 27a) And so we

stand as foolish in the eyes of this world, but just as the Free French Army were prepared and worked to deliver the city, so we stand prepared and ready to deliver the world. If this sounds foolish, it is meant to. As the song we sang, we proclaim the everlasting words, “*Not by might, nor by power but by my Spirit saith the Lord. This mountain shall be removed!*”

When Jesus declared to Peter, “*On this Rock, I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it..*” He was not speaking of a work He would do in the distant future. Oh no! The moment that Jesus ascended to the Father He sent His Holy Spirit to be the Commander in chief and the work had begun!!

And the work has been ongoing ever since. The saints that He has gathered and prepared over the centuries, have suffered great persecution because of their stand, until the Lord finally brought the work “underground” so it could be finished in our day. Now the trumpet is blowing in Zion and the saints are standing on both sides of the veil.

Just as Jesus endured the cross for the joy that was set before Him, so the saints are enduring to the end for the joy unspeakable and full of glory that is soon to flood the earth. And so we take courage and keep our eyes on the Captain of this great salvation!

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