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UNTO us **A SON** **IS GIVEN**

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INTRODUCTION

The Old Testament is filled with types and shadows that open our understanding to the things that are happening in our day. The transition from one age to another is well documented by the events in the lives of Saul and David, Moses and Joshua, Joseph and his brothers and others. Of all of these, none is more descriptive than Hannah and her little son Samuel who replaced the corrupt priesthood rule of Eli and his sons. By the same token, God has ordained to bring forth His Firstfruit sons who are the royal Priesthood that will replace the present, corrupt world systems of our day.

THE BARREN BRIDE

Hannah was the mother of Samuel. She is a perfect type of the true church. Her name means Grace and indeed, just as young Mary who gave birth to Jesus was full of grace, so the church that Jesus has been building upon the Rock, is also filled with His grace.

Hannah was married to a man named Elkanah, an Ephraimite. Hannah was the first of his two wives. She was beloved of her husband, but she had not been able to bear children; she was barren and she felt forsaken. By contrast, Penninah the second wife was very fertile and gave her husband many children.

Nevertheless, Elkanah loved Hannah more than Peninnah *“For unto Hannah he gave worthy portions; for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had shut up her womb.”* (I Sam.1:5)

Actually, the problem was not Hannah’s fault; although she may have felt guilty and useless, it was the Lord’s timing. But it brought great distress and

shame to dear Hannah especially as Penninah provoked her daily. Hannah became exceedingly depressed and despondent. *“...therefore Hannah wept, and did not eat.”* Finally, Elkanah asked her and tried to comfort her, *“..Hannah why weepest thou? And why eatest thou not? And why is thy heart grieved? Am not I better to thee than ten sons?”* (I Sam.1: 7b-8)

Hannah was disconsolate. She had lost all hope and could not be comforted. Nothing would save her except the birth of a son. This is what has happened to the true church, His bride. Christendom has raised her many sons in the image of their creed, but the true bride has had no son. We see the image of the Baptist’s doctrine, in the thousands that gather in the churches every week. We see the image of the Pentecostal movement in the gatherings and on TV.

We see the image of the Charismatic movement in the thousands that gather around that doctrine. But the true church has no such image anywhere. The true church has no image and no gatherings. She is waiting for the sons in the image of her Husband Christ to make its appearance in the world.

TRUE SONSHIP

At times we have thought to use the same methods as the churches around us to meet other Christians of the same faith and fellowship. We have gathered together with music and dance to show our devotion and hear more of His Word. For us, this lasted only until it began to bore us and fail to feed our spirits and thrill our souls. Indeed we soon found that only a

personal daily walk with His Spirit and His Word gives us life and forms the son within.

All the moves of the Spirit that have gone before us and that have formed the churches or assemblies that are part of Christendom today, have been formed by the Lord. They have been as Peninah and He has sustained them in the world. But He loves His Hannah more. He has been feeding her with worthy portions and He knows that she will bring forth her Samuel, even the Son after His image who will topple all the old orders of this world.

When the queen of Shebah visited Solomon and all his treasures, she was astonished by his wealth and wisdom. There were none greater and richer in this world than King Solomon. And yet Jesus, speaking of Himself said that “*..behold, a greater than Solomon is here.*” (Lk.11: 31b)

We as well can give witness, by the Spirit of God, that today the Son that is being born to the bride is greater than Samuel. He is the Son who has been long awaited in the world. He is the many-membered Son for whom all creation is groaning and tra-vailing. And there is something else very special about the Son that is arising within each one of us, He is the Son that we are marrying! He is the Lover our hearts and souls have been yearning for.

Speaking of Jerusalem, the old prophet of God uttered these words by the Spirit, “*For as a young man marieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee; and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.*” (Isa. 62:5) Perhaps the prophet thought this was about the literal city, but we know that the words were spoken for us upon whom the end of the age has come.

We have been married to another. We have been in love with the son that Adam had produced in us. This was the earthly person that we had assumed and developed. It was a son that loved the ways and the sophistication of the world. A son who had been taught to compete against others, and to feed and boost his ego to the fullest. A son that was greedy and selfish. The son that we are falling in love with now is the one that loves his neighbor as himself.

Indeed, it is the Word made flesh within us, that is the attraction of our soul now. It is not Jesus who came in the flesh in the womb of Mary that is making our soul one with Him; it is not even the Son who gave Himself on the cross of Calvary to make all this possible that we are marrying today. It is the son that has been formed by the Word of His Spirit within that our soul is yearning for, and in love with.

I know that some are still looking for the appearing of Jesus as He was in His own body of glory, but the Word says, “*Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.*” (I Jn. 3:2)

It is when we are like Him that we will be able to see Him as He is. Jesus not only atoned for the sins of the world, He also took His place as the “*The head of the body, the church: who is the beginning,(the seed) the **firstborn from the dead**; that in all things he might have the preeminence.*” (Col.1:18)

Jesus was ordained for this from the beginning, but it was when He died, rose again and ascended to the Father, that He became the Head of this new creation. The son that is arising from the midst of us is the fruit of that death and resurrection. It is His image of the Son in the earth.

This is why the prophet of old proclaimed that the son that shall be born and given unto us shall be called, “*Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*” (Isa.9:6) We are giving birth to His Seed, His generation, His offsprings. This is a great mystery that is unfolding now.

When we see this truth, we no longer yearn to see Him outside of who He is in us. We will all be His image in the world. Jesus no longer abides alone. His seed has been planted in the fertile ground of His church, and He will appear as the many-membered Son of God, married to His bride. The marriage is necessary, for it is by union with Him who is the Word made flesh in us, that His Spirit and our soul become one new body. Thus we become the new creation of God in Christ.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

Resurrection is a fascinating subject for us because it is so much what we are looking forward to. The apostle Paul has much to say about the resurrection. In his close walk with the Lord Jesus, he had experienced many things that opened a wide window into his understanding of that glorious truth.

Paul told the church *“But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb (Judaism) and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.”* (Gal.1:15-17)

Paul spent three years by himself with the Lord in the desert of Arabia. He desired to hear the pure Word from the Spirit. His teachings were not influenced by the apostles that had walked with Jesus before him, or by his considerable knowledge of Old Testament scriptures. His teachings came right out of his very experiences in his walk with the Spirit of the living Lord Jesus.

Peter makes mention of how Paul wrote things that were hard to understand, *“..beloved brother Paul, who according to the wisdom given unto him, hath written unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood...”* (II Pet,3:15b-16a)

This was because Paul was receiving revelations that were way beyond his time. Yet, aren't we glad that he wrote them down? And Paul had glorious experiences. He speaks of being caught up into a place he calls the third “heaven.” *“I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body or whether out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.”* (II Cor.12:2,4)

Paul’s epistles are so powerful for us today because they open up truths that prepare us to receive the

words that will bring God’s plan to pass in our lives as well as in the world.

Paul had a keen insight concerning the resurrection. To follow closely what Paul was teaching, one must truly step “out of the box” of familiar and traditional teachings. Jesus made it clear that the truths that would be revealed are not all contained in the pages of the Bible.

He introduced His Holy Spirit in this way, *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truths: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”* (Jn,16: 13)

And John the Beloved closed his gospel with these words, *“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.”* (Jn.21:25)

If we are in Christ, then we are taught by the Holy Spirit who is able to communicate to our understanding the things that we hear by the Spirit. He is the Spirit of Jesus Christ and He speaks directly from Him. Paul’s teachings issued from that same living source.

Paul had much to teach about resurrection, but one must ask, what did he mean when he spoke of “attaining” unto “the resurrection of the dead”? We know that resurrection is Jesus Christ Himself, *“I am the resurrection and the life.”* Therefore we conclude that resurrection is part of our “redemption” in Christ. So why would Paul, or any of us, need to “attain” resurrection when it comes with our “being saved”?

And Paul added something more. He spoke of being made conformable to HIS DEATH. This signals that there is more than one kind of death and therefore more than one kind of resurrection from the dead.

Paul was not seeking for more revelations, he was seeking to know HIM by the Spirit of revelation. *“That I may know him, and the power of his resur-*

rection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death. If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.” (Phil.3: 10-11)

To explain what he meant, Paul compared resurrection to a seed planted in the ground. When a seed is planted in good ground, it goes through a process of death to itself. Then it germinates and breaks through the ground, producing shoots that grow in the sun and rain and become the beautiful plant that was hidden within that seed.

When Paul says that he desires to be **MADE CONFORMABLE TO HIS DEATH**, he is saying that the death of Jesus Christ is a special kind of death. In his humanity, Jesus was of the seed of David, but in His Spirit, the seed that was in Jesus Christ was the Spirit of holiness. We are told that from His childhood, *“Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”* (Lk.2:52)

If wisdom increased within Jesus, it means that it was there in seed form already. *“Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; and declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection of the dead.”* (Rom.1:3-4)

The seed of David according to the lineage of the flesh, died on the cross but the Spirit of holiness that was in Jesus, raised Him again, birthing a new creature in the image of the Son. Thus Jesus became the firstborn among many brethren. *“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”* (Rom.8:29)

Paul asks, *“But some men will say, How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?”* (I Cor.15: 35) He explains that each seed produces its own body. Therefore the Seed that was planted in the ground when Jesus died, contained the future substance and the life of the new body of glory that He displayed for forty days and nights. Jesus was the Word made flesh, and the Seed was the Word of God in Jesus.

Then Paul explains that to each seed is given its own body. Whatever is contained in the seed is what will come up in resurrection. The seed of the oak tree falls to the ground and dies. When the tree comes up from that seed (in its resurrection) it is in the form of life that was contained therein.

“And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: BUT GOD GIVETH IT A BODY AS IT HATH PLEASSED HIM, AND TO EVERY SEED ITS OWN BODY.” (I Cor.15: 37-38)

In resurrection, the outward seed or the body that was, dies and the life within is released and finds the strength to push up through the heavy soil, and come up and out of the ground unto the sunshine and the rain that will cause it to grow. Then the new body grows and becomes the plant it was meant to be.

We know that God has already finished all the works and so all the seeds have already been sown. Seed biology or the study of seeds is very complex. Its importance cannot be overstated as it is vital to the development and survival of the human species. Science has been working at improving seeds, but the Lord is the only One who is The Resurrection and the life. He is the only One who gives life to the seed of plants as well as of any being.

Paul knew that to attain to HIS resurrection, that is to obtain the same body of glory as Jesus, he needed the same Seed that was in Jesus. Jesus was the Word made flesh and Paul was striving for the same Word as Jesus. Jesus was The Truth, He was the pure Word (Seed) without any part of the Lie or deception. This is why Paul left all his religious training behind in order to follow the Truth and to be made **CONFORMABLE** to His death and attain to the same level of resurrection life. He called this the “high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

REDEMPTION VS FIRST RESURRECTION

Paul and Silas assured the keeper of the prison, *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”* (Acts 16: 31) This is clear; one who simply believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Savior of the world, will be saved.

This is all it takes to be SAVED OR REDEEMED. This is the Gospel that has been preached in the world.

Redemption is buying back the life that was lost in Eden. The Lord told John that the day will come when every creature will be made to recognize and worship Jesus Christ as the Savior or Redeemer of the world. *“And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.”* (Rev.5: 13)

Redemption is a free gift of God. *“For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD; not of works lest any man should boast.”* (Eph,2: 8-9)

But among the redeemed, God chose and ordained a people that He would set apart and purify unto Himself. This people would not be satisfied with the common salvation, but would have an inner zeal and desire to accomplish the works of God in the earth and to attain to a better resurrection.

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might REDEEM us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” (Titus 2: 13-14)

Redemption brings man back to the state that he was in before he was separated from the Tree of Life. In the garden, he could hear the voice of God, but he was also subject to the serpent in the tree of knowledge of good and evil (carnal mind). When we are redeemed, we can hear the voice of God, but we are still subject to the serpent in the carnal mind. We are as children in need of tutors and leaders. The churches are filled with such Christians.

Titus tells us that God has purified for Himself a peculiar people, who are a chosen people following on to do His good works. We know that the only “good” works are the works that fulfill the will of God.

These chosen ones are as Paul, pressing to attain to the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

So then through Jesus’ sacrifice, there is redemption for all who believe, but the first resurrection is reserved for those to whom He said, *“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.”* (Jn.15:16) These will follow Him in the fires of purification.

RENEWING THE MIND AND MANY CROWNS

“And be not conformed to the world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom.12:2)

When God’s Holy Spirit opened the heavens to us, the quickening of our understanding began to change and our minds began to be renewed into the Christ mind. God’s thoughts are not our thoughts and so all of what we believed was either erroneous or warped. It is the quickening of the Holy Ghost within (resurrection power), that is opening our minds and enabling us to receive and to comprehend the eternal truths that the Spirit is showing us today.

This is why in his exhortation to the church, Paul declares, *“Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesying...”* and the many things he counsels us to do or not to do, so that *“The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, soul and body be PRESERVED blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (I Thes. 5: 19,20,23)

Paul was pressing to attain to the same death and resurrection as Jesus. He knew that if the same Spirit of holiness that was in Jesus was also in Him, the life of the Seed (Word) that was in him would also be raised into the same body of glory. *“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)

Paul stresses that in order to attain to this, one has to live after the Spirit and not after the flesh. *“For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die but if ye through the*

Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”(Rom.8: 13-14)

John saw the Rider of the white horse, *“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns, and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.”* (Rev.19: 11-12)

The white horse represents the power of righteousness (white) come in the flesh (horse). This is Christ in His body coming to judge the world in righteousness. *“...for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.”* (Ps.96:13) The people are His people, and the world are the heathens.

He is described in detail: Faithful and True is His name. His eyes are as a flame of fire; there are no impurities in His vision, nothing that defiles. And on his head are many crowns. This denotes a mind that has overcome and has full authority over all the lies and thoughts that are not of God.

Indeed, as we read earlier, our overcoming is in the mind. Paul exhorts us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. So the many crowns that we see on the Rider of the white horse (Christ in His body) speak of the overcoming that our minds are achieving by the Spirit.

This overcoming is a moment by moment work of the Spirit to bring our minds in line with the thoughts of the mind of Christ. As Paul said, *“.. that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”* We can only prove the will of God when we have come to the same mind. So our minds have to be transformed into His mind to be able to prove or discern what the will of God is for us.

All along, the battle has taken place in our minds. We are told that Jesus Himself learned obedience through suffering. *“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.”* (Heb.5:8) It is when we are hurting physi-

cally that our minds drop into the pound of despair and the pits of hell. Our minds are the fertile soil where the enemy plays. The Lord showed me in a recent dream that my mind is the garbage can of my being.

I have been quite healthy, when suddenly I was assailed by burning pain like I had never had before. It was not life-threatening but very painful and relentless. I don't do well with pain especially the kind for which no diagnosis is found, and that won't let up or go away. So in desperation, my very active carnal mind went to work on me. Before I knew it, all I could think about was this pain and how to get rid of it. I prayed much and shared my dilemma with several of the saints who prayed for me too. Finally I was getting better when I pulled something in my back and shoulder and now I was in worse pain than ever. Finally, I quieted down and the Lord gave me a dream.

In reality, the garbage pick up at my house comes twice a week. I collect the garbage and put it in a large plastic bag. Then I put the bag in my garbage can. Finally, I wheel the garbage can to the curb for them to pick up.

“In the dream, I was laying on a bed close to my front door. I had collected the house garbage and put it in a bag in the can on the porch, but I had not taken it down to the curb. As I am laying there, I could hear the garbage truck coming down the road and I wanted to get up and get that can down to the curb. However, I just could not get my body off the bed. It was as if I was pushed down by a force that I could not break. I tried so hard! Finally, the truck had gone by and someone helped me up. I opened the door to look and lo and behold, the can was empty. They had come up to the porch and taken the garbage. God bless them!”

The garbage speaks of all the thoughts (lies) that had accumulated in my mind because of my pain. I had been able to bundle them together ready to throw out, but somehow I had lacked the strength to take them all the way out of the house (mind) and unto the curb.

I was making a great effort trying to get up to get

that can down, but just could not. The dream gave me courage. The Lord showed that when we collect our thoughts to throw them out and we make a great effort to be delivered from them, He sends His workers, His angels to do the rest for us. When we take authority over our thoughts, but they keep flooding back to us, the Lord sees our efforts and meets us half way. The garbage collectors came up all the way on the porch to pick up. I believe my lesson was something that I knew but needed to experience. The Lord is passing us through suffering, to teach us the lesson in flesh and blood. Thank you Father.

Beloved, we are in battle for the renewing of our minds. This in turn is effecting the transformation of our bodies, for the new creature is HIS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL for us. He uses all these things to bring us into obedience with His will and closer to His loving heart.

A few days ago, while I was still in this battle, I opened the little devotional, Streams In The Desert. It was April 26, and this is what I read: *“Light is always costly and comes at the expense of that which produces it. An unlit candle does not shine and burning must come before the light. And we can be of little use to others without a cost to ourselves. Burning suggests suffering and we try to avoid pain.*

We tend to feel we are doing the greatest good to the world when we are strong and fit for active duty and when our hearts and hands are busy with kind acts of service. Therefore when we are set aside to suffer, when we are sick, when we are consumed with pain, and when all our activities have been stopped, we feel we are no longer of any use and are accomplishing nothing.

Yet we will be patient and submissive, it is almost certain we will be a greater blessing to the world around us during our time of suffering and pain than we were doing our greatest work. Then we are burning and shining brightly as a result of the fire. (From Evening Thoughts.)

The devotional continues the thoughts, *“The glory of tomorrow is rooted in the drudgery of today. Many people want the glory without the cross, and*

the shining light without the burning fire, but crucifixion comes before coronation.” Mrs. Charles Cowman.

Our Father does not want to keep us in pain, but pain is a great tool to bring us closer to Him. It brings us down into humility and submission to His Will. I know by experience, that He will not use it any longer than needed, and will also shower His love upon us throughout it all. I also know that this is not the popular Gospel that is being preached on TV and from many pulpits. It is not what we love to hear when we hurt or when a loved one hurts. But it is truth that makes us free, and this truth will not only make us free from the pain, but it will bring us into maturity so that we will no longer be subject to it.

The Rider on the white horse had many crowns. He was more than a conqueror and was ruling in all areas of His mind. Paul wrote from his experiences, *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS through him that loved us.” (Rom.8: 35-37)

The Rider of the white horse is the full Christ in His body, coming to judge the earth by righteousness. He had to first overcome fully to come into full authority over the powers of this world.

Among the many crowns, there is the crown of thorns that our Lord wore on the cross. It represents the death of the carnal mind and the power that enables us to lay our carnal thoughts down and give them no life. It speaks of laying our thought lives down and dying His death.

There is also a crown of righteousness that we wear when we let His righteousness rule over our own works of righteousness. And there is the crown of life that comes by endurance. *“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation (testing) : for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord*

hath promised to them that love him.” (Jms.1:12) These crowns are ours as we gather up the garbage and He takes it away to burn forever.

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.” (Isa.26:3) I have no idea how many times I have quoted this verse to steady myself when the thoughts of my mind tried to take me into confusion. Not only are we learning to trust Him, we are learning to keep our minds stayed on Him and to hold on to peace in our hearts. This will bring healing and health to our beings.

Paul exhorts, *“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”* (I Cor.15: 53) Putting on INCORRUPTION is key to immortality and it begins with the thoughts of our minds. *Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: for as he thinketh in his heart so is he..”* (Prov.23: 6-7a) Indeed, the thoughts of our minds go down to our hearts or souls. They become who we are in life. We do not need to look far to find the man with the evil eye. The old nature of the Adam man in us is filled with evil that tempts us continually with dainty ideas and desires.

The Lord Himself promises the dear members of His body, *“Behold, I come quickly: HOLD THAT FAST WHICH THOU HAST, THAT NO MAN TAKE THY CROWN.”* (Rev.3: 11) We wear this crown when the life of God within us is in complete authority over all we think and do. Eternal life means even more than life with no beginning or end. Eternal life is a higher source and more excellent quality of life. It is the life that Jesus attained for us on the other side of the cross. It is the life that we receive when we die His death.

Paul was yearning for this death that he might attain that life. *“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death.”* (Phil.3:10) Oh yes, we are being formed and conformed to his sufferings and to his death.

It is certain that each person is appointed unto death

and even now we are all experiencing the sting of death while here on earth. In Christ, we are experiencing the death of the cross with Him and we can see the other side of the cross too. By the Spirit we are rejoicing in His soon appearing for He will soon appear in **“His saintly myriads.”**

Jude explains Enoch’s prophecy, *“And prophesy also did the seventh from Adam- Enoch- saying- Lo, the Lord did come in his saintly myriads.”* (Jude 14 Young’s literal translation) The KJV translates, *“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints.”* By this we see that the KJV was translated by men still limited in their spiritual vision. The Lord appears IN His saints and not WITH His saints. And He appears in myriads. Myriads means immeasurable, countless, not just ten thousands.

Jesus promised, *“To him that overcometh I will grant to sit with me IN MY THRONE, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”* (Rev.3:21) This indeed is the appearing that creation is eagerly awaiting and greatly in need of; it is Christ ruling and reigning in His saints. It is the throne, full authority and judgment by righteousness of Father and Son embodied in a people.

This is the time of first resurrection when the sons of God, His holy priesthood will appear to rule and reign with Him. *“Blessed and holy is he who hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”* (Rev,20: 6) This is the age when the saints in Christ shall judge the world and subdue all things unto Him. This is the time that we are coming to now.

“And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself, be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.” (I Cor.15: 28)

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