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A VISITOR BY NIGHT

“Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” (Jn.3:7) These were the puzzling words that Jesus spoke to Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This rabbi had come by night, in secret. Perhaps he did not want his peers to know about his visit to Jesus, but certainly he was, as many teachers of God’s Word were and still are in darkness concerning spiritual truths. Nicodemus had many pertinent questions for the Master. He had been watching Jesus and he saw the many healings and miracles that He did. He knew that such power could only come from God, and he needed to know more about this man. But Jesus gave him an answer that he did not expect.

“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” This short statement was indeed powerful. Jesus answered him by bringing up two subjects that this teacher had never heard before, or even thought of. First, being born again was unheard of, even ridiculous. Second what is this “kingdom of God?”

Today, the Jews and their teachers are still in the dark concerning these things, but for those who are Christians and claim to have been “born-again,” these things are very real; yet, we have been babes. The words of Jesus are Spirit and they are life. It is only as we experience them in life that we grow into them and fully understand. *“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”* (Jn.6:63)

There are many good and helpful “religions” in this world, including Judaism and Christianity but none of them lead us to eternal life. Eternal life does not issue from a “religion” or from doctrines. To possess

eternal life, one has to have an experience. When Jesus told Nicodemus that unless a man is born-again, he cannot see the KINGDOM OF GOD, Jesus was introducing a totally new concept to man. He was saying that there is a “kingdom” or “domain” that man cannot see and is not aware of. He was telling him that what man sees all around him, is only part of what really exists. Jesus was not talking about a far away place in space among planets and stars; Jesus was talking about an invisible but very real kingdom all around us and IN US.

On a day when the Pharisees questioned Him, Jesus said, *“...The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo here! For, behold, the KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU,”* (Lk.17:20b-21) How could anyone who cannot see in the Spirit, understand what Jesus was saying then, or what we are hearing now? How can a person even come close to knowing what it means to be a new creature with a new identity waiting to be revealed?

A man cannot see, let alone enter into that invisible kingdom within. Paul stated, *“Now this I say brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption, inherit incorruption.”* (I Cor.15:50) Obviously, man in his sinful corrupt nature cannot enter this invisible kingdom. It is the new man who is born of God who inherits or enters the kingdom.

The old man cannot see or understand the things of God’s true kingdom. As a result, he has tried to enter in by force. *“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”* (Matt.11:12) *“... the kingdom of heaven has been administered by force, and only those in power control it.”* Lamsa.

translation. Think not that we are going to inherit the kingdom of God by force. It is the “violent” that tries to enter by force. Jesus does not contradict Himself. He declared clearly, “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to **give you the kingdom.**” (Lk.12: 32) And again He said, “*Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not **receive** the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.*” (Lk.18: 17) This is a far cry from taking it by force as some have taught.

Jesus gives another key, “*For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*” (Matt.5: 20) When we are first born again, we begin to see and understand that there is an invisible kingdom of God. As we go through the very real baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the baptism of fire, we are cleansed from our own self-righteousness, and we learn to submit to the righteousness of God. Then we begin to enter God’s kingdom and live by His every Word. However, we go in and out many times before we are able to live continually in God’s perfect will; this is yet to be fully come in our lives.

By experience, I know as you do, that there was a definite time when we felt a positive change had taken place in us. We declared that we were “born-again” but actually, it was only the beginning of our re-birth. When this happened to me, I dropped to my knees and something in me broke. I began to sob until I had no more tears. When it was over, I knew I was not the same; I had been reborn. I was hungry to hear God’s Word and to talk about Jesus. I learned about the Kingdom of God and although it was all very literal and simplistic, yet it gave me new strength. It was life-changing.

Then I learned that there was a kingdom of God, and although I could only see it afar off I desired it. Later, through the very real experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, I began to seek to know more about the things that were part of the invisible realm of God’s Kingdom. As the Lord started to reveal Himself to me, I slowly began to partake of the invisible things of God. The writer to the Hebrews notes, “*tasting of the good word of God, and the*

powers of the world to come.” (Heb.6:5) I began to see Jesus within me and not outside of my being. I saw the kingdom of God within and not somewhere in the sky. At times, that which is invisible became more real than the visible things.

As the group that I fellowshiped with at the time was being led into communities and “wilderness farms,” the Lord was showing me that they were taking a wrong turn. This was painful for me and my husband, yet later I knew it was part of our growing up in Christ and entering the Kingdom. They were trying to find God’s Kingdom, but they were actually building their own kingdom.

While the Lord kept speaking abundantly about the things of His kingdom, He was leading and training a people to follow Him and not man. It was then that I realized that God has a plan, not only for me, not only for His called out people, but ultimately for His entire creation.

Most Christians have no idea that God has a plan. They feel as I once did, that God just deals day by day and fixes things as they come. That is why most pray for God to change things. It is when we learn and know that God’s plan for creation has been finished, completed from the foundation of the world, that we are able to enter His kingdom. When we know that God will not modify His plan to suit our desires, we begin to fit our desires and actions to fit His plan. Then we begin to enter into His rest. We quit striving to find our own ways to please Him. Instead we strive to hear His voice and to understand that we must leave all behind and follow Him. What has to be left behind is not our dwellings, our jobs, the things that He provides for our daily needs and even our wealth. But as we follow Him, we will give up all our motivations to elevate ourselves by our own good works.

God looks upon the heart. He is looking for the Son that is re-born in us. We were born the first time as the seed or son of the first Adam man; now we are born again of the incorruptible seed, the last Adam, Christ. Peter writes, “*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) *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."* (I Pet.1: 23)

OUR TRUE IDENTITY

For some time we have been hearing about our true identity in Christ. Up to now, it has been a "cliché" and a hope more than a reality. Nevertheless the Lord has begun to awaken us to the truth. I remember a dream long ago, where I was awakening and the aroma of fresh brewed coffee was permeating the breeze all around me. And so spiritually, we are smelling the coffee and awakening to the truth and the reality of our true identity, and of what God has purposed for His entire creation.

We have been in the process of being born again. We have been nurtured in our spiritual childhood, disciplined and taught as teenagers, and now we are beginning to stand as sons of the living God. Recently, the Spirit brought this truth home to me in a mighty way. The son of God that we are is now coming to full maturity in us. This is the "perfection" that Paul had been pressing toward. This is also the perfection that those who have gone before us are so eagerly awaiting. And it is the travailing and groaning of ourselves and of all creation as well. *"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 firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."* (Rom.8:22-23)

Before the sons can be made manifest to the world, they have to be revealed to themselves. We have to know that even though, when we look in the mirror, our eyes can only see our old image, within us we are now new creatures. We have already been changed internally and we are God's new creation in Christ. This can no longer be only theory; it has to become reality. It is through much fire that the Body of Christ has come to this place.

The Christ that was once a mystery, has been formed in us and we have been RE-BORN in Him. As He is

in the world, so are we. Our soul has been united forever to this new man. This is the marriage that Isaiah wrote about.

"For as a young man marrieth 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) These powerful prophetic words of Isaiah were addressed to Zion and Jerusalem. The prophet may have been thinking he was speaking to the physical nation at the time, but his words issued from the Spirit and they were addressed to the eternal, spiritual Zion and Jerusalem from above. They were addressed to the Church and the sons.

"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly of the firstborn, which are written in heaven..." (Heb.12: 22-23a)

This is the church that we not only belong to, this is the church that WE ARE. She has been made "virgin" by the continuous cleansing of God's Holy Spirit. She has been purified and tested in the fire of His love. She has been made pregnant with His Word of life and has birthed and nurtured her sons. Now the sons are about to appear, first to her and then to the world. Just as Jesus Christ was the Word made flesh when He appeared from the womb of Mary, so the new creation is the Word made flesh about to appear in the world. Only this "Son" will not appear as a babe in a manger, this Son will appear as the "Man-child:" The Body of Christ, fully formed and mature.

The Christ formed in us individually is a vital part of the Body of Christ corporately. As His church, His body, we are flesh of His flesh and bone of his bone. The sons have been formed individually, but it is the corporate Son who is about to appear as soon as the light of this new day arises in the earth. He is the Son of righteousness that is arising with healing in His wings. He is our new "Man" He is our true and eternal identity. The old is passing away.

Our old identity in Adam was passed on to us when the serpent deceived Eve. The serpent is the usurper, the counterfeit of Christ. Our old identity was nailed

to the cross with Jesus. In his book "Immortal Diamond," Richard Rohr writes, "Most of humanity is so enchanted with its False, Concocted Self that it has largely doubted and rejected or never known its true Self. Many Christians spend time manufacturing "Christian False Self." (End of quote). Indeed, most, if not all, of humanity has been living under the lying assumption that this human is our true "Self." We have rightfully spent time and effort to train and educate it, and even to worship God. We have loved this Self and so it is hard to accept that we must now leave it on the cross.

Jesus taught us to take up our cross DAILY and FOLLOW HIM. As we do this, we come to the place where we know that the old Self is being replaced and that soon our NEW and True Self will appear. We are about to take on the new NAME that no man has ever known before; even Christ, no longer HID in us, but revealed and manifested to the world.

GOD'S TRUE PROPHETS

As new creatures in Christ, our vision and understanding is enlarged considerably. When we read the words of God's prophets in the Old Testament, we are able to see them in the light of what is happening today. This is important because the Old Testament prophets spoke of ALL THINGS concerning the plan of God for His Son and His creation.

In the book of Acts, Luke quotes Peter, "*Repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing that shall come from the presence of the Lord.*" (Acts 3:19) He continues, "*And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things WHICH GOD HATH SPOKEN BY THE MOUTH OF ALL HIS HOLY PROPHETS SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN.*" (Vs.20-21)

This is a powerful and enlightening statement for us today. God's Old Testament prophets were ALL given the word of the FINAL RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS that God planned and ordained from the foundation of the world. John the Baptist was the last and the greatest of all the Old Testament

prophets. Since that time the prophets that Jesus Himself sent into the world began to speak about the Kingdom of God. "*The law and the prophets were until John (the Baptist): since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.*" (Lk.16:16)

The ministry of the Old Testament prophets, including John the Baptist, were tied to the Law. They prophesied God's punishment and wrath according to the Law. The mode by which John was killed (decapitation) signifies that the line of these prophets had come to an end. The law and the prophets were replaced by the prophet ministries of the Holy Spirit, and the preaching of the Kingdom of God.

When the Lord Jesus Christ gave gifts unto men, He set up His own prophetic ministries. "*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.*" (Eph.4:11) These are no longer "Law" ministries; they are "Spirit and life ministries". "*...but our sufficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*" (II Cor.3: 5b-6)

All that was written in the Law and the Prophets of old must no longer be interpreted by the literal letter, but must be interpreted by the Spirit of God. All who are prophets of God today, prophesy of what God is doing to bring in His kingdom, first in them, then in the world. None of God's true prophets today, prophesy gloom and doom upon God's creation. When we see the kingdoms (nations) of this world crumbling in front of our very eyes, the voice of God's true prophets is heard above the chaos saying "*Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand!*" And it is so!

As sons of God we see the devastation, but above all we see beyond the devastation. Not long ago I dreamed that "*I was hearing a lot of heavy machinery working outside my house. I called my daughter to show her what was happening. We looked and saw that the entire area was being torn down. Huge oak trees that had been there for centuries were cut down and ground to powder. It was like a devastation but I told my daughter that a most beautiful park was be-*

ing raised in its place and it will be magnificent. “

The devastation that we see in the world today, needs to come first, It is painful and very troubling to watch, but when we know why it is happening, we can rejoice. Any prophet that prophesies gloom and doom to the world without the hope of salvation and redemption, is not of God. God told Jeremiah, “*See, I have set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build and to plant.*” (Jer.1:10) It was God’s Word that was set over the nations through Jeremiah. The power to root out and rebuild is IN God’s Word. What God is doing today will indeed be “*joy unspeakable and full of glory!*”

Jesus warned that in the last days, “*... there shall arise false Christs (anointed ones) and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*” (Matt.24: 24) Be warned that there are blind leaders and prophets with loud voices among us today. Even some who have walked many years in the truth could be deceived by these prophets. But thank God, Jesus added “IF IT WERE POSSIBLE!” It is comforting to know that it is not possible to deceive the elect of God.

DANIEL CHAPTER SEVEN

When God showed visions and dreams of the end of the age to His faithful prophet Daniel, it was so powerful and so disturbing that Daniel was exhausted. He wrote, “*...my cogitations (thoughts) much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.*” (Dan.7: 28b) Daniel had no one to talk to about such things? It is somewhat where we find ourselves today. The Lord is revealing so many things to us, but we can only share them with very few. Most will just turn away for they cannot understand or see.

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, He answered, “*After this manner therefore pray ye, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name, THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.*” (Matt.6: 9-10) The Kingdom was very much on the

heart of the Son of God. He came to do God’s will and fulfill all that was spoken in the Law and the prophets.

In chapter seven of the book of Daniel, we find the account of what God showed Daniel concerning the time of the unfolding of His kingdom in the earth. Daniel saw it in the symbolic language of dreams. What he saw holds little or no meaning if interpreted by the literal letter of the word, but when the Spirit explains it, it becomes clear that it is a picture and revelation of what is happening today.

The chapter begins with Daniel’s awesome night vision or dream. “*I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.*” (Dan.7: 2) The great sea speaks of the Mediterranean Sea. The word “Mediterranean means “The center of the earth.” When we see the earth as humanity or man, we understand that the sea speaks of the center of humanity which is the HEARTS OF MAN.

The four winds that blow upon the great sea are spirits that influence and drive humanity. Just like the wind pushes the waves of the sea in the direction from which it blows, so the human hearts, the affections of men, what they like to do and choose to follow is influenced by spirits from the invisible realm of the heavenlies. What the Bible calls “the heaven” is not only the domain where God dwells, but where His angels and also principalities and powers in high places dwell.

“*And four great beasts came from the sea, diverse one from another.*” (Vs.3) It is no wonder that Daniel was troubled after he had seen all these things. Note that there were four winds and four beasts. Four denotes the creative power of God or the natural things that God created. Paul teaches us that “*...the invisible things of him from the creation of the world ARE CLEARLY SEEN, BEING UNDERSTOOD BY THE THINGS THAT ARE MADE, even his eternal power and Godhead...*” (Rom.2:20) This is a key that opens the way for us to know and understand the truth of God’s invisible world.

So these four beasts, as well as the four winds, por-

tray the different powers that influence the earth and the hearts and minds of humanity. The translators of the manuscripts that became the Bible had their work cut out for them. I have done a little translation work from French to English and vice versa and I know that it is not easy to always find the right words to express the thoughts from one language to the next.

For instance, the word translated “beast” here comes from the Hebrew word “cheyva” which denotes a living animal or being. A beast also speaks of a group of the same kind of people. The four beasts that Daniel saw represent the four significant and different kind of people or nations that are arising in the world from the sea of humanity in the last times.

The appearing of these beasts takes place just before the “coming of the Son of man, *“And I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven...”* (Dan.7:13a) Indeed, the forming of this great “being”, which is the Body of Christ, has been taking place in the earth ever since Jesus’s ascension. The Lord God has been taking His men out of the sea of humanity, planting His Seed within them (Word of life) and nurturing that Seed into maturity.

THE NATURES OF THE BEASTS

The first beast represents the firstfruit people who are called to give birth to the new creation of God in Christ. *“The first was LIKE A LION, AND HAD EAGLES’ WINGS. I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man’s heart was given to it.”* (Vs.4) The lion represents a “supreme ruler.” In the world of animal, the lion is the king. Lions are known for their strength and courage. This lion has great potential. He has the wings of an eagle; one who soars in heavenly places (Spirit).

It is good to remember that this is a prophetic word . This lion/eagle people were beginning to be gathered at the time when the Lord sent His Holy Spirit in the upper room. Then He began to form His kingdom in their hearts. The lion represents the earthly kingdom of God which is born on “eagle’s wings,” that is to

say by the anointing of God’s Spirit and the gifts that He gave to men. However, to be established fully, this kingdom has to first be tested through the fire.

This Lion/Eagle people represents a people who are called out to bring God’s kingdom in the earth. What we see happening to the wings in the vision speaks of the many tribulations and persecutions that this people has to suffer in order to be prepared to stand and overcome all other kingdoms. They are brave and courageous like lions, but for a time, their “wings” are stripped of their ability to fly in the Spirit. They are first overcome by the forces that they will later overcome.

We first see the Lion/Eagle people as they suffer horrific persecution under the power of the Roman Empire. This was followed by the rise of the “counterfeit” church that brought God’s Word and the people down to the darkness of the earthly level. What was meant to give life, became death (literal letter that kills, sacraments, rites and rituals).

This “Lion/Eagle” company (body of Christ) began to surface and be recognized during the time when the British Empire ruled the world. King James I sponsored the translation of the Bible in English (1611), however this same king later persecuted the brave group of about 100 Puritan Separatists Christians. These migrated to America in 1620 and founded the Plymouth Colony. All this was done on “eagle’s wings.”

This courageous little group fought against diseases and endured harsh conditions, wars with native Americans and sporadic violence. They survived all of these but when others migrated from Europe and became affluent in trade and commerce, the little colony who was founded and guided by a common faith and the rules of the Mayflower Compact, became fragmented into smaller self-serving groups. God’s direction (eagles’ wings) had been stripped again as many, but not all, of them joined the worldly concepts of the time.

The most significant detail of this first beast is that it was given a man’s heart. The group of people who were now the beginning of this new nation, had been

given a heart for God and for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God established this country on Christian principles and although they worked very hard, they had a heart to see it through and become the powerful nation that we know today. God truly blessed America from sea to shiny sea. It brings tears to my eyes as I write this today. Christianity grew and prospered, and the Gospel of Christ was sent out around the globe.

THE LIKENESS OF A BEAR

At the same time that the Lion/Eagle people were raised among men, another beast, *"...like a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said this unto it, Arise, devour much flesh."* (Dan.7:5) This brutal force with a ferocious appetite for flesh is a power which crushes and devours the will and spirit of multitudes of people (much flesh).

The "Russian Bear" is a widespread symbol in the world. Communism has been and still is a forceful domination which has exploited millions and forced them to labor under rigorous and unrewarding dominion. It squashes man's need to worship God with an iron fist. The spirit of the bear found its home in rulers from Russia, China, Cuba and many other countries.

And the bear keeps marching on, still working to conquer more flesh as people keep struggling to find freedom for their lives. This struggle for liberty has reached many countries of the world today, and people are fleeing to find refuge where freedom of worship is still alive. However, the bear has set its goal to devour this country as well. Be not deceived, we are in the battle of the ages right here today. The ribs are the bone cage that protects the heart and lungs. That system is out to capture and possess the very life and breath of humanity.

THE LEOPARD

The third beastly spirit working to stop the coming of God's kingdom in earth is *"...like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it."* (Dan.7:6) Leopards are as fierce as lions.

To survive they have to capture their prey with great speed. This leopard has four wings of a fowl. The number four denotes the earthly creation. This speaks of the keen aptitude to operate by man's carnal wisdom. The carnal mind is enmity against God. Just as the spots of a leopard, it can never be changed; it has to be crucified. Jesus's crown of thorns speaks of the crucifixion of the carnal mind.

After the Medes and Persians conquered the Babylonian Empire, the Grecian Empire swept through them with the swiftness of a leopard. Paul wrote, *"For after that in the wisdom of God, the world by (their own) wisdom knew not God...For the Jews require a sign and the Greeks seek after wisdom."* (I Cor.1: 21a, 22)

The Greeks raised great philosophers. Plato, Socrates, Aristotle among others were all sought after for their wisdom. They believed that their kind of wisdom was the way of governing the world. Today, Greek and Roman philosophy is still the greatest influence on western culture. The spirit of the leopard with four wings still rules much of human thinking. *"The Greeks seek after wisdom but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness."* (I Cor.1:23)

The spirit of the leopard has infiltrated most of Christianity with its philosophy of wisdom and its lust for competitive exploits especially through sports and displays of physical strength. Baseball, football, soccer and the Olympics are among the many "Greek" gods that humanity worships today.

THE DREADED AND TERRIBLE

The visions left Daniel exceedingly grieved and troubled but when God finished showing him these things he *kept the matter in his heart*. When God reveals these things to us, we are changed. As Daniel, we find that what we see cannot be shared with most. Let us keep in mind that a beast represents groups led by the same spirit. In this case, the beasts of Daniel represent groups or nations that are under the influence of these spirits. Sons of God are those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. They are influenced by the Lamb of God. The dreadful and terrible

beast was "...strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth. It devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it; and it was diverse from all the other beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and behold there came up among them a little horn before whom there were three of the first horns plucked by the roots, and behold in this horn were eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things." (Dan.7: 7-8) The NIV translates more accurately, "...a mouth speaking boastfully."

In spite of its small size, the little horn is exceedingly powerful. However it does not draw its power from possessing much land or a great army; it has eyes of man or carnal vision but its power over man comes from its mouth. It speaks stately, magnificent, impressive and boastful words. This horn has made itself to be God. It is the power of "religion" over man. It is diverse because it does not come with armies and carnal weapons; it is pompous and intimidating above all others and it sounds spiritual. It touches man's souls. It is the power of Rome and of the Vatican.

In the midst of his writing, Daniel declares, "*But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.*" (Dan.7:18) He continues, "*Then I would know the truth about the fourth beast which was different from all the others and about the ten horns...*" (Vs.19)

When Jesus walked the earth, the Roman Empire was the super power of the world. It numbered millions of people under its domination. The ten horns represent all the nations that came out of that Empire. The number ten is the number of testing and also the number of Law. The number ten does not mean that ten European and Mediterranean African nations came out of the Roman rule; it denotes the order of organized systems of laws that were put in place to rule these nations.

Julius Caesar was a relentless conqueror with teeth of iron. There was nothing too tough that he could not chew and devour (take into his belly). He went through Europe and some of Africa and took over

nations who spoke various languages and worshiped different gods and united them under his military power and government. The city of Rome grew from a farming village in Central Italy to being the capital of this huge empire.

The Romans are the ones who established the basis for Law of most nations. They built roads, aqueducts, bridges so skillfully that many are still in use today. Buildings based on Roman architecture stand throughout Europe and North and South America. The laws advocate justice, tolerance and a desire for peace.

However, Roman cruelty and GREED as well as severe persecution of Christians caused untold misery. The use of force and torture brought hardship and death. So they pretended to be saviors of the masses, but their hearts and actions were that of a fierce, dreadful and terrible beast. This was a seed that multiplied and formed the European nations. And from Europe that seed was sent to the Americas. What we see in governments and societies today issues from that seed that was planted long ago.

Jesus Christ was the Stone cut out of the mountain, without hands. From His day forward, His Seed was planted in the earth to destroy the works of the devil. The Stone has been hitting the image or Empires and nations that man has set up in the world. The ten toes are now being hit hard and the stone will keep rolling until all of man's systems are cast out of the earth.

The Bible is rich in symbols illustrating the final events of this age and the crowning glory that is at hand. We join our voices with the great voices of much people in heaven (the spirit realm), saying, "*Alleluia; Salvation and glory, and honour and power, unto the Lord our God...And a voice came out of the throne saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*" (Rev.19: 1,5-6)

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