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"Then I looked, and behold, on *Mount Zion* stood the Lamb, and with him *144,000* who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads."

Revelation 14:1

English Standard Version

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1 | SAVIORS IN MOUNT ZION

Last July 14, Friday, the gates to the Old City of Jerusalem were sealed and the usual Friday prayers for the Muslims have been cancelled and the Temple Mount was evacuated.

A week later, while the Remembrancers were travelling back home from the conclusion of the 2017 Mount Zion Dig, the city of Jerusalem has been transformed literally into a war zone. Here is what the *Jerusalem Post* wrote in its website describing the situation:

ARAB MK SAYS THIRD INTIFADA HAS ALREADY BEGUN

BY UDI SHAHAM, JPOST.COM STAFF JULY 21, 2017 19:07

The government's brutal actions at the Al-aksa Mosque, changing the status quo by placing metal detectors, will necessarily lead to a third Intifada, that already began today," Joint List Member of Parliament Taleb Abu Arar, said Friday afternoon. The lawmaker warned of a major Palestinian uprising and accused the police of killing three Palestinians in clashes following weekly prayers in Jerusalem

"Those who initiated the violence and killed three Palestinians were the Israeli police," he said...

"Netanyahu said that in Mecca there are metal al-Quds [Jerusalem] is," he said.

"Our Jerusalem is Arabic, Islamic, Palestinian," he added...

Protests were relatively limited around Jerusalem and the West Bank, after Israeli security forces spread out in large numbers in anticipation of widespread rioting.

Muslim leaders and Palestinian political factions had urged the faithful to gather for a "day of rage" on Friday against the new security policies, which they see as changing delicate agreements that have governed the holy site for decades.

Access to the shrine for Muslims was limited to men over 50 but open to women of all ages. Roadblocks were in place on approach roads to Jerusalem to stop buses carrying Muslims to the site.

At one location near the Old City, stone throwers did try to break through a police line, and police used stun grenades to drive them back.

Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said four officers were injured in the sporadic clashes and the Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance service said at least 377 protesters had been hurt, some suffering from tear gas inhalation...

"Today we are acting to bring the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Jerusalem back into the embrace of the the Arab World," Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh said during his weekly sermon in Gaza. "We shall not enter the Temple Mount through metal detectors."

Source: http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Arab-MK-says-third-Intifada-has-already-begun-500337

Even though the Israeli police already removed the metal detectors, the "crisis with Palestinians over Temple Mount is far from over, in fact it's only getting worse" wrote David Rosenberg of Haaretz last July 27 in his article, "The Match That Will Ignite a Third Intifada in Israel Is Already Lit."

Pastor General of the Philadelphia Church of God Mr. Gerald Flurry, said in one of his sermons which he also wrote about in his *Daniel* booklet, that the fulfillment of end-time prophecies is ANCHORED on God's Church who does the continual. This was already explained in the *Book of Remembrance*:

The whole chapter 8 of the book of Daniel is about the vision of the evening and the morning sacrifices (the daily) in God's temple (v. 26). In Mr. Flurry's booklet. Daniel- Unsealed at Last, he wrote: "This whole vision is about an evening and morning sacrifice in the temple. The temple today, is God's Church (Eph. 2:20-21). So the whole vision, as we shall see, is mainly about God's Church!" (p. 18). Mr. Flurry later on discussed the correlation of the events in the world with respect to the events in God's Church. That whatsoever significant occurrence transpires inside God's Church concerning the daily or the continual. there is a relative reaction in the fulfillment of God's prophecies concerning the world... The fulfillment of end time prophecies is ANCHORED on God's Church – the one that performs the continual- God's Work in this end time. (This is

further explained by Mr. Gerald Flurry in his Daniel booklet). As Mr. Flurry reiterates:

BEING GOD'S WATCHMAN ISN'T ABOUT WORLD NEWS – IT'S ABOUT HEARING THE WORD AT GOD'S MOUTH! We must always put world news in that context. World news is nothing if you don't know WHAT GOD says about it! ... God speaks through revelation – not world news. But we can put the world news in context. (Pastor General's Report Oct. 21, 2004)

Source: The Last End – A Book of Remembrance pages 54-55

But who is now doing the continual? It is now the Remembrancers. We have just concluded our THIRD YEAR of participation in the Mount Zion Dig in Jerusalem and God is just showing us in this last end for all of His people around the world to see that He is behind our work. God ANCHORED this very explosive event happening right now in Jerusalem with our work in Jerusalem.

For the third year in a row since the summer of 2015, **the Remembrancers** was able to participate in the archaeological dig on the top of Mount Zion in Jerusalem. This **Mount Zion Archaeological Project** is being spear-headed by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in America.



The project is under the academic oversight of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the only American university currently licensed to carry out such excavations in Jerusalem. Dr. Shimon Gibson, Visiting Professor of Archaeology in the Department of History and a Senior Fellow at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, and Dr. James Tabor, Professor of Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity in the Department of Religious Studies, serve as Directors of the excavation, along with Prof. Rafi Lewis of Haifa University. The project is interdisciplinary and includes the participation of other departments across the university.

Source: https://digmountzion.uncc.edu/











SAVIORS SHALL COME UP ON MOUNT ZION

One may ask: What is the reason behind the Remembrancer's participation in this archaeological dig every year? Why do they want to sweat it out digging in Jerusalem under the blistering heat of the sun? The main reason is that, they firmly believed what the end-time Elijah, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong said that there ought to be a physical preparation for the return of Jesus Christ to this earth.

(W)e are PREPARING THE WAY for Christ's coming as KING of kings and LORD of lords — as WORLD RULER, to set up THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD to rule all nations — and to SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD!

HOW are we preparing the way for Christ's coming? In three ways. 1) Messianic by proclaiming and publishing worldwide the OF THE KINGDOM GOSPEL \mathbf{OF} GOD (Matthew 24:14; Mark 13:10). This we have been doing for 35 years, with constantly increasing and multiplying POWER! 2) by MAKING READY A PEOPLE for His coming!...

And 3) something that even I did not realize until recently we were also commissioned to do — CLEAN UP THE FILTH AND RUBBLE in that area that was the original Jerusalem...

WHY is that important? Because Christ has said HE WILL YET CHOOSE JERUSALEM, and make it the CAPITAL CITY OF THE WHOLE WORLD TOMORROW! Jesus is coming in all the supernatural POWER and GLORY to rule the world. His THRONE will be there...

So there is a PHYSICAL preparing, as well as spiritual, in PREPARING THE WAY FOR MESSIAH'S COMING! Further, God says we are to shout, with amplified power, to the CITIES OF JUDAH the glad Message that the MESSIAH IS SOON COMING. This is leading to the opportunity to do this (Isaiah 40:1-11).

Source: Herbert W. Armstrong, December 10, 1968 Co-worker letter

The commission to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God in Matthew 24:14 was already accomplished by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. But how about the other TWO that he mentioned in his co-worker letter? It was actually given to the Remembrancers whose commission is to finish what the end-time Zerubbabel started: to MAKE READY A PEOPLE for Jesus Christ's coming and to CLEAN UP THE FILTH AND RUBBLE in that area that was the original Jerusalem and it is prophesied in the book of the prophet Zechariah:

The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; **his hands shall also finish it**; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. (Zechariah 4:9)

The Almighty God is actually the one responsible for bringing His Remembrancers there in Mount Zion to fulfill yet another prophecy:

And **saviours shall come up on mount Zion** to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's. (Obadiah 1:21)

[&]quot;Saviours shall come up on Mount Zion" - Again why go up to

Mount Zion? To judge the mount of Esau or the Philadelphia Church of God because they left the Jerusalem work for a bowl of soup in Edstone, Warwickshire, England just like what Esau did in exchange for his birthright. But why Mount Zion and not any nearby mountains in Jerusalem?

But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. (Obadiah 1:17)

God associates Mount Zion to the DELIVERANCE of His people, and in His eyes, the Remembrancers coming up to Mount Zion for the archaeological dig are the SAVIORS being prophesied in Obadiah verse 21. They are the house of Jacob in Obadiah's prophecy who took the birthright from spiritual Esau (PCG) in Jerusalem. Notice that the Philadelphia Church of God has not been given by God the chance to go back to Jerusalem for an archaeological dig anymore. God even allowed the UNESCO resolution to stop the PCG from participating in their archaeological dig in Jerusalem. Read their article posted in their *Watch Jerusalem* website entitled, "UNESCO Wants to Stop Archaeology in Ancient Jerusalem." Here are some excerpts from that article:

Section five of the October 13 UNESCO resolution reads,

[UNESCO] Deeply deplores the failure of Israel, the occupying Power, to cease the persistent excavations and works in East Jerusalem particularly in and around the Old City, and reiterates its request to Israel, the occupying Power, to prohibit all such works in conformity with its obligations

under the provisions of the relevant UNESCO conventions, resolutions and decisions

Notice that the resolution is not just for protecting the Haram al-Sharif itself, but for preventing the "persistent excavations and works in East Jerusalem, particularly in and around the Old City."

UNESCO and its Arab sponsors are resolved to shut down all archaeological excavations in and around the Old City of Jerusalem.

Source: https://watchjerusalem.co.il/2016/11/01/une sco-wants-to-stop-archaeology-in-ancient-jerusalem/

They have done their excavation in that part of East Jerusalem with Dr. Eilat Mazar and their last participation was around the year 2012-2013 in the Ophel mound area. One of the most significant archaeological finds was Hezekiah's bulla with an Egyptian symbols of a two-winged sun flanked by two anks.

Then on August 10, 2013, PCG Regional Director for Jerusalem Stephen Flurry officially announced in his *Twitter* account that he will leave Jerusalem for good, thus becoming the fulfillment of Esau in this last end. He then replaced the Jerusalem work of "*Preparing Jerusalem for its King*" with a work of vanity in Edstone. The ministers and members of the Philadelphia Church of God, just like the Worldwide Church of God under Mr. Armstrong did not learn the lesson that he gave on his last Pentecost message entitled, "*Why the Firstfruits*?":

There is A REASON why we are the firstfruits. And I wish I could drive that home, but I FEAR THAT MOST OF YOU JUST DON'T GET IT. You

don't understand it at all. WHY? Why are we the firstfruits? I am going to try to make it plain this afternoon, and still I THINK YOU WON'T GET IT. So much Protestantism has rubbed off on us we can't get it out of our heads. They think God is trying to save the whole world; and then we think, "Well, He's just saving us first." And that is not the answer at all. We're not saved just because God wants us to be His favorites and get us into His Kingdom ahead of others. We are saved for a very, very great purpose. We are the firstfruits of God's harvest for His Kingdom...

We are not called just for salvation. And if it is for salvation we wouldn't have been called at all. You wouldn't have been called at all just to get you into the kingdom. That's not why you are called. You were called to become a student. You were called to learn how to save others. When God's kingdom comes, when Jesus is sitting on the throne on this earth. BRETHREN YOU DON'T GET IT. Why you ministers speaking as if they never heard of that. I've said this to some of them I don't think our people understand that. Oh yes they do Mr. Armstrong. Oh no you don't. Brethren you just don't understand that.

We're not called just to be the first ones to get into the kingdom of God. We're called for a special mission, to become teachers. We're not called to become some to go out and convert the world now. We are called to learn how in the resurrection we can be rulers and teachers to the Church and not to anyone but the Church. Jesus said if you overcome you'll better be studying to be teachers if you overcome I will grant for you to sit with me on my throne and help me rule the world and teach the world. Jesus is a teacher and Jesus is a ruler. Revelation 5:10, we will be kings and priests and we shall rule on the earth. Brethren I don't think you'll ever learn that...

Source: Herbert W. Armstrong, Pentecost 26 May 1985, Sermon Transcript – *Why The Firstfruits*

Mr. Armstrong said that most of God's own people DID NOT GET IT. It became obvious when he died and was taken out of the way. The same thing happened in this last end, most of God's people in the Philadelphia Church of God DID NOT GET IT. As Mr. Armstrong reiterates that we are called to save others, yet what did the PCG ministry have done instead? They did just the opposite - they introduced the NO CONTACT POLICY and it resulted in people getting DESTROYED instead of being SAVED and people wanted to save their own skins thus BETRAYAL became the name of the game. They all wanted their names to be included in the list of those who shall flee to the PLACE OF SAFETY. They all wanted to be saved. They don't know how to become saviors. We must learn to become saviors. That is why there is a physical preparation in Mount Zion that relates to the spiritual preparation of becoming saviors as prophesied by the prophet Obadiah - "And saviours shall come up on Mount Zion." (Obadiah 1:21)

So there is a PHYSICAL preparing, as well as spiritual, in PREPARING THE WAY FOR MESSIAH'S COMING! Further, God says we are

to shout, with amplified power, to the CITIES OF JUDAH the glad Message that the MESSIAH IS SOON COMING. This is leading to the opportunity to do this (Isaiah 40:1-11).

As Mr. Armstrong wrote that the PHYSICAL and SPIRITUAL PREPARATIONS will lead to the fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah chapter 40 which it did. (Read our article last year, "*Mount Zion Dig Thunders: 'BEHOLD YOUR GOD!*" for the proof that led to the opportunity to fulfill this specific prophecy made by Mr. Armstrong.)

TO JUDGE MOUNT ESAU

Part of God's judgment to the spiritual mount of Esau (PCG led by Stephen Flurry) was the approval of the UNESCO resolution last October 2016. They are actually being prohibited by God to resume any archaeological excavations in East Jerusalem where the Ophel mound is located. But notice that the UNESCO resolution included "all archaeological excavations in and around the Old City of Jerusalem." That means, the Mount Zion dig should have been no exception! Just look at the aerial view shot of the Mount Zion dig site and notice that it is situated also around and adjacent to the Old City of Jerusalem just like the Ophel mound area.

But why were the Mount Zion dig directors Dr. Shimon Gibson and Dr. James Tabor able to acquire the license from the *Israel Antiquities Authority* (IAA) to continue with the archaeological dig despite the UNESCO resolution? The reason is quite simple, TO JUDGE MOUNT ESAU as God precisely prophesied.

Now what final judgment awaits the spiritual mount of Esau?



And why does God's people need to be SAVED from it? Where does this lead to?

For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: **behold**, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. (Isaiah 34:5)

Jesus Christ is preparing His sword in heaven to come down upon Idumea and the people of His curse TO JUDGMENT. This is where the prophecy in Obadiah will lead to. This is where the judgment of the mount of Edom will culminate. That's why there is a need for SAVIORS now to come up on Mount Zion for people inside the Philadelphia Church of God to repent of their sins because they have turned their backs on God and His chosen city Jerusalem. All of God's people in the PCG and all the other COG groups as well who look to Petra as their Place of Safety ought to consider repenting toward God and join the Remembrancers in PREPARING JERUSALEM FOR ITS KING! Time is almost up! You all

need to wake up! It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God! (Hebrews 10:31)

The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the Lord hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. (Isaiah 34:6)

There will be a GREAT SLAUGHTER IN THE LAND OF IDUMEA. Petra in Jordan is NOT A PLACE OF SAFETY! Read our article *here* to prove this to you.

And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion. (Isaiah 34:7-8)

The DAY OF THE LORD'S VENGEANCE is almost upon us! God will have to settle the controversy in Zion, His Church. Look at how the PCG has further deteriorated in their spiritual condition. They are now associating themselves more with the physical Place of Safety in the land of Idumea or Edom. The main focus of their ministers is now on the Place of Safety in Petra, Jordan rather than in Jerusalem where Jesus Christ will return. Here is what was written from the *Exit Support Network* website concerning this mindset:

Flurry's Plane Purchase Was the Last Straw:

June 26, 2017

I have a friend who has left PCG. This person became skeptical back in November when Flurry spoke about Trump being the Jeroboam and then his mentioning about buying a plane. Then in January he gave the sermon about HWA's prayer stone replacing the stone of destiny (a.k.a. Jacob's pillar stone) and Flurry saying HWA was a type of Jacob or Israel. And how he, Flurry, is the chosen man on this whole earth privileged to bring the prayer stone to the Place of Safety where Christ will meet up with them and take his rightful place on the throne after Flurry, who is representing the house of David for 2 1/2 years, since he says he is a descendant of David through his genealogy. And finally, once this person got the letter about pledging funds to purchase a plane and then finding out they bought it in April during Feast of Unleavened Bread, this was the final straw. I am not sure what this person will do next. They are looking at other offshoots that follow the Sabbath, but feel that all of them try to control peoples' purse strings to suit their own agenda by using end time events and the Place of Safety to control them. –[name withheld]

For three years since the work in Edstone started in 2014, the Philadelphia Church of God through the leadership of Stephen Flurry was not able to lay his hands on the stone of destiny as he had hoped for. So what did he do? Together with his fellows, they made an idol out of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's supposed "prayer rock" to replace that stone of destiny in Scotland. As always, he did it through his father. Thanks to him the PCG is now focusing more and more on Petra in Jordan as their Place of Safety WHERE CHRIST WILL MEET UP WITH THEM. Yes, Christ will definitely meet up with them. But the question is, will Christ protect them or

slaughter them? Is Petra in Jordan really a Place of Safety or is it a Place of Slaughter?

Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I

Pastor General Sermon Sources

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The Stone of Destiny Paladeptic Tomer, August 1996

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'Mr. Hurry said he was very augured by the proper rock: When you look at the beginning and the end, it is the post impiring story on Earth because of what it symbolizer. Mr. Armetrong 565 that the Philadelphia ere started with what west on at that rock. It all started with fervirer proper. You can see what it takes to gross' it is a reminder of how God begins a tremendose Work, even in personal Town. To come a from having a fourdatum of prayer," Mr. Pharry said. God accomplished trensmores things through Mr. Armitrong because he was on his known, Look at the frain." Mr. Armstrong was able to reach a wider audience they was reached in any other you to Church Instory. We self-use the same formula to proped this Work; Mr. Plerry said."



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The prophet Isaiah describes Jesus Christ coming from Edom and His apparel has turned red because of the blood stains sprinkled on it. This is a prophecy about Petra in Jordan becoming a Place of Slaughter as judgment to the spiritual Edomites in God's Church not only from the PCG but that would include any COG group who once knew God. Isaiah further describes this day of vengeance comparable to treading grapes in a winepress as prophesied in the book of Revelation:

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle,

saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. (Revelation 14:14-20)

Now notice the phrase "WITHOUT the city" which means "OUTSIDE the city." So the place here being indicated is NOT inside the Jerusalem proper but OUTSIDE THE CITY. Consider the word "space" in Strong's

- A primary particle, "off" that is, AWAY (from something near) in various senses (of place, time or relation, literally or figuratively): FROM

With that definition in mind, Christ is actually describing here a location that is AWAY FROM or OUTSIDE the city of Jerusalem. Where could that place be? It says here that blood "came out" or "spread abroad" from the winepress. Again where is that WINEPRESS located? Isaiah chapter 63 says that the WINEPRESS is in Edom!

I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and **their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments**, and I will stain all my raiment. (Isaiah 63:3)

Let's consider the word "sprinkle" which also means

- To spurt, spatter

In the dictionary, "spurt" means:

- The occurrence of a sudden discharge (as of liquid)
- A quick squirt of some liquid (in this case, blood)

And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. (Revelation 14:20)

Just imagine blood squirting and splashing because of the great slaughter that God will perform Himself and He describes it in Revelation 14 to have a coverage of 1,600 furlongs.

One (1) furlong is approximately 1/8 mile (660 feet). (Source: http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/king-james-dictionary/furlong.html)

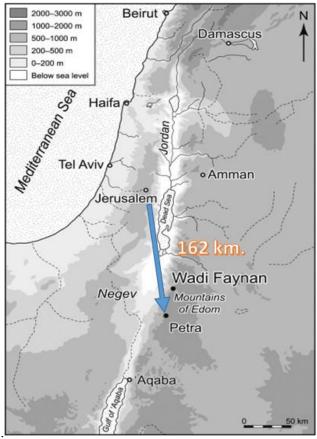
1,600 furlong is approximately 322 kilometers which would be the perimeter area of the splash coverage of the blood. And if we will compute for the radius to get the center of it, we will have roughly the equivalent distance between Petra and Jerusalem, that is, 162 km

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. And he was clothed with a **vesture dipped in blood**: and his name is called The Word of God. (Revelation 19:11-13)

"Vesture" in *Thayer's Lexicon* can also mean **garment**, while in *Strong's Concordance* it can mean, **apparel**, **clothes**, **garment**, **raiment**; while the word "dipped" in *Strong's*

Concordance means literally **TO STAIN.** This is connected with the prophecy in Isaiah 63:

Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people



there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. (Isaiah 63:1-3)

The apostle John saw in vision Jesus Christ's garment being stained with blood which directly correlates to the vision seen by the prophet Isaiah. John further saw that the blood stain was seen "even unto the horses' bridles." That is plural, "horses." So there must be others riding horses with Jesus Christ, who could they be?

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (Revelation 19:14-15)

Again that winepress is in the context of Edom as written in Isaiah 63 which is OUTSIDE of Jerusalem as prophesied also in Revelation 14:20.

Notice that the massive slaughter in Edom has a graphic description of squirting blood that stains the garment of Jesus Christ and his horse's bridles as well as the horses of those that accompany Him. This prophecy in verse 14 concerning the heavenly armies which are "upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean" is an apt description of the 144,000 resurrected saints. This is the same group that will accompany the Lamb in chapter 17.

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and

King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. (Revelation 17:14)

That place in Petra Jordan will be a FIELD OF BLOOD which is associated with the betrayal of Jesus Christ from the potter inside God's house! A coverage of 1,600 furlongs (322 km) with its center on Petra, Jordan (162 km) OUTSIDE of Jerusalem. That is the result of the Judas type betrayal that Stephen Flurry had committed against God when he left Jerusalem for the work of vanity in Edstone.

"And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD." (Zechariah 11:13)

This verse in Zechariah was fulfilled when Judas betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver as written also in Matthew chapter 27:

"Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood."And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, **The field of blood**, unto this day. *Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet*, saying, And they took the thirty

pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value" (Matthew 27:3-9)

The FIELD OF BLOOD or the POTTER'S FIELD is actually a burial place for non-Jews. Petra in Jordan is an appropriate place to become the FIELD OF BLOOD or the POTTER'S FIELD for the spiritual Edomites who have proven themselves NOT spiritual JEWS! Those Edomites will be slaughtered in Petra, Jordan – the stronghold of the Edomites.

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. (Malachi 4:1)

The spiritual Edomites in God's Church will be burned up as though they NEVER EXISTED. *Malachi's Message* is primarily addressed to the people inside the PCG who became spiritual Esau!

The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob, And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever. (Malachi 1:1-4)

That is the judgment on the mount of Esau. That's is what will happen to those who will continue to support the work of Stephen Flurry and his fellows.

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That prophesied scene in Petra, Jordan with Jesus Christ and His 144,000 resurrected saints connects us directly to a prophecy in Habakkuk:

God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. (Habakkuk 3:3)

The word "holy one" is "qadosh" in Hebrew which can also mean "saint," so it ought be in plural form because it is pertaining to the 144,000 resurrected saints who accompany Jesus Christ. This is the same prophecy we can read in Deuteronomy chapter 33

And he said, The Lord came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them. (Deuteronomy 33:2)

But the Philadelphia Church of God ministry may argue: the 144,000 firstfruits is a different group from this 10,000 saints. Well, basically, they are just one and the same group of saints being described here. Let's dig deeper into this subject.

TEN THOUSAND SAINTS

The Philadelphia Church of God believes in the interpretation

of this prophecy concerning the "ten thousands of saints" coming from Mount Paran to be a separate group apart from the 144,000. In his booklet, *No Freedom Without Law*, Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote:

The 10,000 Saints and God's Law

Deuteronomy speaks of 10,000 saints, or "ten thousands of saints," coming from Mount Paran, located in Petra, Jordan. It is speaking of God's people in a place of safety in the end time.

"And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. And he said, The Lord came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them" (Deuteronomy 33:1-2).

The expression "ten thousands" is from the Hebrew *rebabah*. Twelve out of 15 times in the Old Testament it means 10,000. A reference for one other instance also says 10,000. The word can also mean a myriad, or a large or indefinite number, but that wouldn't very well describe the little flock of God, nor even all of the firstfruits. This is specifically talking about 10,000 saints that Christ brings from Paran at His Second Coming.

Source: page 63, No Freedom Without Law

If God really meant the numerical value of "ten thousand," He should have inspired it to be rendered into two Hebrew words, such as the words: "ten" in Hebrew is "eser" (H6235; Exodus 26:1) while "thousand" is "eleph" (H505; Exodus 38:25-26)

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and not "rebabah" which meant "myriad." The word "myriad" in the dictionary means "a countless or extremely great number" as noted also by Mr. Flurry. Actually it has been used as a description of the number of saints with Jesus Christ and not the actual number. That word "myriad" is actually just a description of the 144,000 firstfruits of God! Look at how some Bible translations render verse 1 of Deuteronomy chapter 33:

This is the blessing with which Moses, the man of God, blessed the Israelis before his death. He said: "The Lord came from Sinai. Rising from Seir upon us, he shone forth from Mount Paran, accompanied by a MYRIAD of his holy ones, with flaming fire from his right hand for them. (International Standard Version)

This is the blessing that Moses the man of God pronounced on the Israelites before his death. He said: "The Lord came from Sinai and dawned over them from Seir; he shone forth from Mount Paran. He came with **MYRIADS** of holy ones from the south, from his mountain slopes (*New International Version*)

And this [is] the blessing [with] which Moses the man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death, and he saith: — 'Jehovah from Sinai hath come, And hath risen from Seir for them; He hath shone from mount Paran, And hath come [with] MYRIADS of holy ones; At His right hand [are] springs for them. (Young's Literal Translation)

From Wycliffe Bible

and said, The Lord came from Sinai, and he rose to us

from Seir; he appeared from the hill of Paran, and thousands of saints with him; a law of fire in his right hand. (and he said, The Lord came from Sinai, and he rose up like the sun to us from Seir, or Edom; he appeared from Mount Paran, and **thousands** of saints, or holy ones, or angels, were with him; a Law of fire was in his right hand.)

If this word MYRIAD is not referring to the 144,000 firsfruits which comprises the 12 tribes of Israel, then why did God inspire the names of Jacob's sons in Deuteronomy chapter 33 to be written there beginning in verse 6 the same way as it was listed also in Revelation chapter 7? So there must be no confusion here as to whom the word MYRIAD is referring to – it is just describing the extremely great number of the 144,000 resurrected saints! No more, no less. You cannot even find this 10,000 saints being mentioned in the book of Revelation because there is ONLY ONE group there – the 144,000 firstfruits

What is the reason why the majority in the Philadelphia Church of God will suffer the fate prophesied by Isaiah for Edom? The prophet Habakkuk gives us the answer:

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth. (Habakkuk 3:1)

The word "shigionoth" in *Strong's Concordance* is "shiggayown," meaning a dithyramb or a rambling poem. Its Hebrew root word "shagah" means, TO SIN THROUGH IGNORANCE. This prophecy in Habakkuk is implying that

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God's Church in this last end has committed sin through ignorance. (Leviticus. 4: 13-14, consider the whole chapter; 5:15; Numbers 15:27).

In the dictionary, "ignorance" is a noun which is defined as "lack of knowledge or information." The verb form "ignore" means "refuse to take notice of or acknowledge; disregard intentionally; fail to consider (something significant)." This then brings us to the prophecy written in Hosea:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. (Hosea 4:6)

Most of the ministers and members of the Philadelphia Church of God are being destroyed spiritually because they have refused to take notice of or acknowledge their true spiritual condition through the sickness and eventual death of Mrs. Barbara Flurry then. Furthermore, they disregarded intentionally God's knowledge contained in the Book of Remembrance

As a result, look at the ignorance exhibited by the PCG ministry now. In his article posted on the *pcog.org* website, Ryan Malone gave a title for his piece, "Sherlocking the Bible: Gather the evidence—line upon line, precept upon precept—and crack the case!" They have continued with their ignorance by failing to consider the significance of the Jerusalem work that made them to fall backward when it comes to Bible prophecy. The result of that failure will make them to "be broken, and snared and taken."

But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. (Isaiah 28:13)

Here is what Ryan Malone wrote:

The entire Bible is structured in a way that requires "here a little, and there a little"...

There is nothing wrong with reading large portions of the Bible straight through for context, but keep in mind that much of the truth on a specific *subject* is scattered throughout the Bible. Reading Church literature on a subject will make that evident as it will source a variety of scriptures from all over God's Word. But if you start to follow the examples as found in the literature, and follow the cross-references or harmonies of different accounts as well, it's not much different than a detective following one lead after another—until the case is solved.

Source: Sherlocking the Bible: Gather the evidence—line upon line, precept upon precept—and crack the case!

Until the case is solved? Is Bible prophecy a job for a detective or for a prophet? God's revealed word in this last end "was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little;" For what purpose? "that they might go, and fall backward." Bible prophecy is a job for a prophet and NOT for a detective or any minister like Stephen

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture

is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (2 Peter 1:20-21)

God's mysteries can only be acquired through revelation and not by private interpretation using the skill of a fictional private detective like Sherlock Holmes.

Let's go back to God's interpretation of the ten thousand saints. Maybe in the New Testament, we can find that it is a specific numerical value unlike in the Old Testament account. Let's read it in the epistle of Jude:

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints**, (Jude 1:14)

Here we can see the same word "ten thousands" as quoted by Jude from Deuteronomy chapter 33. In the original Greek it is "murias" from which the English word "myriad" was actually derived from. The Greek word "murias" is defined in *Strong's Concordance* as "myriad, or indefinite number: a ten thousand." In *Thayer's Lexicon*: ten thousand, an innumerable hosts, an innumerable multitude, an unlimited number.

The same way in the Old Testament, if God really inspired a specific numerical value of ten thousand, then He could have inspired it to be written in the New Testament using two words: "ten" in Greek is "deka" (G1176; Revelation 2:10) while "thousand" is "chilioi" (G5507; 2 Peter 3:8)

Again this "murias" is a description of the 144,000 firstfruits who will accompany Jesus Christ when He go to Mount Paran, to do what?

To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all

that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.(Jude 1:15)

Jesus Christ and the 144,000 firstfruits will come to Petra in Jordan to execute His judgment against the spiritual Edomites in His Church. Why is there a need TO CONVINCE all those spiritual Edomites? Because the PRIDE of Stephen's heart has deceived him and his followers!

The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom;... The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? (Obadiah 1:1-3)

Stephen Flurry thought that he can make God to approve of his turning away from Jerusalem just by making his father to approve of such. It's quite odd that he still holds the title of PCG Regional Director for Jerusalem while he is in Edstone, Warwickshire, England accomplishing NOTHING but pure VANITY.

He thought that the approval of his father in every critical decision concerning Church matters was already binding in God's sight even though the motive is just to satisfy the PRIDE OF LIFE like the purchase of a jet plane. He is currently thinking in his heart, "Who shall bring me down to the ground?" But God knows all about Stephen's little and big secrets.

Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord. (Obadiah 1:4)

Currently, no one dares to question Stephen in his decisions,

for he is now the supreme ruler inside the Philadelphia Church of God. He is the prophesied king of fierce countenance or more appropriately the *king of strong presence* (Daniel 8:23). (For a thorough understanding of this prophecy you may read it *here*.)

In God's appointed time, He will bring down Stephen and his fellows during the return of Jesus Christ with His 144,000 firstfruits (Zechariah 3:8; Revelation 17:4; 19:14; Deuteronomy 33:2; Jude 1:14-15; Habakkuk 3:3)

For emphasis, the ten thousand saints prophecy as previously declared by Mr. Gerald Flurry is just a MYRIAD of saints that points us to the 144,000 firstfruits! It is not a literal 10,000 in number. Again, the words that were used in Deuteronomy and in Jude are not TWO WORDS (TEN and THOUSAND), it's just a ONE WORD that describes the multitude of saints!

MOUNT ZION AND THE 144,000 FIRSTFRUITS OF GOD

Is there any scriptural reference from the Book of Revelation regarding the so called "ten thousand saints" who will accompany Jesus Christ? The beloved apostle John could not have missed it big time for there is none because the description "ten thousand" or "myriad" is given to no other group but to the 144,000 firstfruits of God.

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. (Revelation 14:1)

Notice in this vision given to the apostle John that the 144,000

firstfruits is WITH the Lamb in the context of Mount Zion. It is not Mount Moriah nor the Ophel mound, not even Mount of Olives! Which brings to mind the prophecy in Obadiah:

But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness... And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's. (Obadiah 1:17, 21)

That vision in Obadiah will eventually lead to the fulfillment of Revelation chapter 14! That's how important the archaeological dig in Mount Zion is! It leads directly to the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth!

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. (Revelation 14:4-5)

Who are those who were redeemed from among men? Their names are written in Hebrews chapter 11 that began with righteous Abel:

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. (Hebrews 11:4)

Read the rest of the "HEROES OF FAITH" and see how the firstfruits have been REDEEMED FROM AMONG MEN.

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God,

than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of

the reward. (Hebrews 11:24-26)

Look at the example of the principle Moses has shown us in this chapter on how to follow Jesus Christ wherever he went.

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. (Hebrews 11:27-30)

What are the other description of this 144,000 firstfruits? It can be read in Revelation chapter 7:

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel... And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 7:4, 14)

The 144,000 firstfruits has been described to come out of great tribulation. Now notice how the "HEROES OF FAITH" were

subjected to GREAT TRIBULATION.

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: (Hebrews 11:32-39)

Having read the AFFLICTION, the REPROACH, the SUFFERING and the GREAT TRIBULATION that each saint has gone through beginning with Abel, there is no doubt that there would only be a total of 144,000 resurrected saints to fill in the number of God's firstfruits that will include those saints who overcame with the blood of the Lamb, repented of their sins and came out of their great tribulation in each of the seven Church eras. For emphasis, there would only be a total of

144,000 firstfruits of God! But notice that the number is not yet complete.

God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. (Hebrews 11:40)

The word "perfect" in *Strong's Concordance* primarily mean "TO COMPLETE." In this Laodicean era, the only saints left to complete the 144,000 would have to repent toward God and will have to come out of their great tribulation in this Laodicean era. The completion of the number will actually come from three groups of people.

And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the **tenth part of the city fell**, and in the earthquake were **slain of men seven thousand**: and **the remnant** were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. (Revelation 11:13)

- (1) The word "fell" in *Thayer's Lexicon* can also mean "to be removed from death" and this is the description of the **tenth part of the city** which is referring to the Philadelphia Church of God. There will only be **ten percent** from the membership of the Philadelphia Church of God who will repent toward God.
- (2) Well, how about the **seven thousand slain of men**? Who are these people? The key to unlock their identity lies in the word "slain." Actually, this word came from two Greek words, "apokteino" and "onoma" and here are their definitions from *Thayer's Lexicon*:
 - apokteino (G615) to deprive of spiritual life
 - onoma (G3686) the cause or reason named: on this account, because he suffers as a Christian, for this reason

For emphasis, the seven thousand men did not die in the earthquake, they were slain of men or were deprived of spiritual life because he suffers as a Christian, for this reason, in short, these people have been suspended, disfellowshiped and/or marked by the ministry. They are the same people who were slain under the mercy and authority of the ministers (Revelation 6:9). (For an in depth explanation on this subject, you can read it **here**.) This **seven thousand men** are those people from the various COG groups who still associate themselves with the end-time Elijah, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. (Romans 11:2-4)

(3) "and **the remnant** were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven" – this is referring to **the Remembrancers**.

These three groups of God's people in this last end will COMPLETE the number in the 144,000 firstfruits – "that they WITHOUT US should not be COMPLETE."

What would be the sequence during the resurrection? The apostle Paul explained this subject to the Corinthians when he wrote his epistle around AD 53–57.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ

the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. (1 Corinthians 15:22-23)

Notice that the resurrection happens in TWO PHASES which is actually a mystery that is being revealed to us right now.

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

To better understand these two phases, let's read it in another passage:

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-15)

Those that were alive and remain pertains to those whom God will pick up one by one – the 10% and the 7,000 men in Revelation 11:13 as what has been prophesied in Isaiah 27:12, plus the remnant that were affrighted. This means that when the seventh trumpet angel sounded, those who died from righteous Abel up to the saints that died in faith during the Laodicean era including the two witnesses will already be resurrected as God's firstfruits to be the FIRST BATCH.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with

a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and **the dead in Christ shall rise**

FIRST: (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

But notice that there is a time gap here: The first to be resurrected are those DEAD in Christ – that's the FIRST PHASE. Then what follows next would be the SECOND PHASE.

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

Noticed that? It says there those which are alive and remain shall be caught up together "WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS." The FIRST BATCH are already there in the clouds but has NOT YET met Jesus Christ in the air. It means that the FIRST BATCH of resurrected saints will have to wait for the SECOND BATCH so that BOTH of them will meet Jesus Christ in the air.

But when shall those alive, that is, the remnant (the Remembrancers), the 10% and the 7,000 men be resurrected?

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. (Revelation 16:17)

To know the exact timing, let's consider the word "done" which is *ginomai* in Greek (G1096) that can also mean:

- To become, i.e., to come into existence
- Be married
- Be ordained to be

During this pouring of the seventh vial, God will cause those who are still alive and have been baptized to become God as God is God in His Kingdom. At that specific time, they which are alive and remain (the SECOND BATCH) together with the FIRST BATCH of resurrected saints would then be COMPLETED to be married to Jesus Christ and to be ordained to become kings and priests unto Him. The marriage of the 144,000 firstfruits will only happen at the seventh vial which is very much still in the time frame of the SEVENTH TRUMPET. Jesus Christ will marry the 144,000 firstfruits at the beginning of the pouring of the SEVENTH VIAL. That time sequence of the resurrection is further explained in Isaiah chapter 66.

A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompence to his enemies. (Isaiah 66:6)

Verse 6 gives us the time frame wherein "a voice of noise from the city" happens after Babylon has fallen.

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird... And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!... And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were

made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. (Revelation 18:1-2,16, 18-19)

While "a voice from the temple" happens at the beginning of the pouring of the seven vials.

And I heard **a great voice out of the temple** saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. (Revelation 16:1)

Whereas the "voice of the Lord that rendereth recompence to his enemies" is pertaining to the work of the Remembrancers in this last end. This means that our work today will lead to the fulfillment of the pouring of the seven vials and the fall of Babylon.

Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. (Isaiah 66:7)

Noticed that? BEFORE the woman travailed, before her pain came – that is her great tribulation during the pouring of the seven vials. It says here in Isaiah's prophecy that the woman has already brought forth BEFORE the Church will go through the pouring of the seven vials – this is referring to the FIRST BATCH which included **the man child, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong!** That's why the prophet Isaiah asked this question in verse 8:

Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. (Isaiah 66:8)

Has anyone HEARD and SEEN such a thing? Have you ever

seen any woman giving birth first BEFORE she suffered the birth pains? No, there's no such thing as that. But in Isaiah's prophecy, it is quite different. Let's dig deeper.

It says there, "Shall a nation be born at once?" The answer to this question is NO, because it will be in a DUAL STAGE. There will be a FIRST BATCH that will be resurrected, then AS SOON AS ZION TRAVAILED, she will bring forth the SECOND BATCH. For emphasis, notice again the time sequence: the FIRST BATCH will be born BEFORE the woman travailed. The SECOND BATCH will be born AS SOON AS ZION TRAVAILED. This is the same mystery that the apostle Paul wrote about in his epistles.

Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the Lord: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God. (Isaiah 66:9)

To better understand verse 9, let's read it from the *International Standard Version*:

Am I to open the womb and not deliver?" asks the Lord. "And when I bring to delivery, am I to close the womb?" asks your God.

That is what God is actually telling us today, that when He opens the womb for the FIRST BATCH from the 144,000 resurrected saints, will He close that womb for those who remain and are still alive? The answer is NO because Jesus Christ will only marry the COMPLETED 144,000 firstfruits at the beginning of the pouring of the SEVENTH VIAL. No more, no less. That's the number. Remember that they WITHOUT US WILL NOT BE COMPLETE. (Hebrews 11:40)

THE GREAT MULTITUDE

There is supposedly another group that is included in the firstfruits that will join the 144,000 resurrected saints, and that is "the great multitude." Every Church of God members including those in the Philadelphia Church of God have been taught before about this "great multitude" that this is a separate entity. But is this really another group apart from the 144,000 saints? Now, God has finally revealed the knowledge and understanding concerning the mystery surrounding this subject of the "great multitude."

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. (Revelation 7:1-4)

The first four verses of Revelation chapter 7 give us the context of the whole chapter which is all about the "144,000 of all the tribes of the children of Israel." From verses 5 to 8, we can read the number of people included in each tribe, that is, 12,000 for each of the 12 tribes enumerated, thus the 144,000. Then in verse 9, look closely on what the apostle John has seen.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; (Revelation 7:9)

To better understand this verse, let us consider the word, "after" which was a translation from the Greek word "meta." In *Strong's Concordance* it is defined as "accompaniment; amid; among."

Accompaniment

- an event or situation that happens at the same time as or in connection with another
- Something added to another for completion

Amid

- in the middle of; among

Let's extract some more definition by looking this time at the word "beheld".

Beheld

Thayer's Lexicon:

- To perceive with the eyes
- To perceive, notice, discern, discover
- To see, i.e. to turn the eyes, the mind, the attention to anything
- To pay attention, observe
- To inspect, examine
- To know, i.e. get the knowledge of, understand, perceive of any fact

Strong's Concordance:

- be aware, perceive, understand

Looking up for the meaning in the dictionary

Perceive

- To become aware of (something) directly through any of the senses, especially sight or hearing:
- To achieve understanding of

Understand

- To become aware of the nature and significance of; know or comprehend:
- To become aware of the intended meaning of
- To realize or grasp (something):
- To perceive the meaning of; comprehend:
- To be familiar with; have a thorough knowledge of:
- To grasp the significance or importance of:
- To have knowledge about a particular subject:

By substituting all the definitions to the verse, we can paraphrase verse 9 this way:

In the middle of this I become aware of the nature and significance of something added to the 144,000 for its completion, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

For emphasis, the apostle John wrote that he grasp the significance or importance of what he saw about something that was added to the 144,000 for its completion and that would be the inclusion of a great multitude "of all nations, and

kindreds, and people, and tongues" in it. Simply put, John saw with his own eyes and realized that a great multitude of Gentile converts were among the 144,000 saints! It can even be proven in the succeeding verses:

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. (Revelation 7:10-15)

"These are they which came out of great tribulation" – can this be a description of the people in the world? Do they know the God of Elijah? Were they able to be subjected to the same great tribulation that the faithful people of God have experienced? Do they follow the Lamb wheresoever He goes? Do they know about the true history of God's Church? Do they know about the God Family vision?

These great multitude of Gentile converts are those people who have been included by God in the 144,000 firstfruits!

Remember that God is not a respecter of persons.

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons:** But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. (Acts 10:34-35)

But people mock at the idea of Gentiles doing the work of God even in Jerusalem. The people that should have been doing God's continual must come from an Israelite blood lineage, most likely they should have Jewish blood. But what did God say about this?

For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. (Romans 2:28-29)

Yes, members in God's Church around the world may be seeing brown skinned people from a very far country working and sweating it out in the open to excavate in a foreign land such as Jerusalem, but this people who call themselves the Remembrancers firmly believe with their whole being what Jesus Christ through his apostle to the Gentiles Paul wrote about this prophetic truth:

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But

now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ... NOW ARE THEREFORE YE NO **MORE** AND FOREIGNERS, STRANGERS BUT FELLOWCITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS, AND OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom YE ALSO ARE BUILDED TOGETHER FOR AN **HABITATION OF GOD** through the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:11-13, 19-22)

We, the Remembrancers strongly believe that our work in Mount Zion will lead directly to the fulfillment of the prophecy written in Revelation chapter 14:

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. (Revelation 14:1)

We also know that this prophecy is directly connected with that which was written by the prophet Obadiah.

And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's. (Obadiah 1:21)

Obadiah has prophesied of the work of the Remembrancers in Mount Zion to serve as judgment of the PCG ministry who became spiritual Edom. Actually, the whole prophecy of Obadiah is all about God's judgment on spiritual Edom who lost his birthright to a type of spiritual Jacob. That work in Jerusalem which the Remembrancers took from the PCG will lead to the fulfillment of Revelation 14 when all of the 144,000 saints would be resurrected and accompany Jesus Christ in Mount Zion. The prophecy in Revelation chapter 14 is actually telling us of the same story written by the prophet Obadiah. Notice the following verses from both Revelations and Obadiah and see the similarity.

If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the **grapegatherers** came to thee, would

they not leave some grapes? (Obadiah 1:5)

In Obadiah it speaks of grapegatherers while in the book of Revelation it discusses about the same story of gathering the clusters of the vine

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

(Revelation 14:15-19)

The spiritual Edomites are likened unto grapes that are fully ripe ready to be cast into the great winepress of the wrath of God. Look at how Obadiah describes what awaits them.

And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. (Obadiah 1:9)

This is the same as what the prophet Isaiah saw as well concerning the spiritual Edomites in God's Church who yearn for Petra in Jordan as the Place of Safety.

For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it

shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the Lord hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea... For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion. (Isaiah 34:5-6, 8)

This is all in the context of the CONTROVERSY OF ZION which the Remembrancers are drawing out in Jerusalem. That's why the prophecy of the saviors coming up in Mount Zion will lead to the fulfillment of Revelation chapter 14

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the MOUNT ZION, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. (Revelation 14:1)

We have already proven that this 144,000 are the same people written in the FAITH chapter (Hebrews 11) with the addition of a great multitude of Gentile converts who became spiritual

Israelites. This verse 1 of Revelation chapter 14 clearly indicates that Jesus Christ, the Lamb, shall begin with the establishment of His kingdom in Mount Zion. That's why in Obadiah 1:21 it says there that "the kingdom shall be the Lord's" in the context of saviors coming up in Mount Zion because it will lead to the completion of the 144,000 saints who followed Jesus Christ wherever He went! (Revelation 14:4)

One may ask: But why did God used the Gentiles to finish His work in Jerusalem?

I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin... I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, FOR TO PROVOKE THEM TO JEALOUSY... For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this MYSTERY, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. (Romans 11:1, 11, 25)

There is a reason why God is provoking His own people to jealousy by using Gentiles to finish His work.

They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. And when

the Lord saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. (Deuteronomy 32:16-21)

The Philadelphia Church of God is provoking God with their strange gods such as, Baal, Molech and Astarte through Irish Dance, Cremation and Mother's Day. What has God done? He hid His face from them through the work of His two witnesses from a foolish nation.

They became spiritually blind so that the FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES may come in and this is the MYSTERY THAT OUGHT TO BE FINISHED as written in Revelation chapter 10:

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. (Revelation 10:7)

This mystery of God that should be finished is in the context of the second woe which is during the time period of the two witnesses (Revelation 11:7-14). As Moses prophesied, that when God uses a foolish nation, it means that He is hiding His face from His own Church. That's why God clothed His two witnesses in sackcloth to hide them from His own people (Revelation 11:3; Habakkuk 3:4).

Most of God's people will not accept that idea, but is it really prophesied that the Gentiles will finish God's work?

Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. (Acts 13:46-48)

Why did the apostle Paul arrived in such a decision to turn to the Gentiles?

Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you. (Acts 13:41)

The apostle Paul turned his eyes on the Gentiles because the Jews "spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming" (verse 45). This historical account is connected with Habakkuk's prophecy

Behold ye among the heathen (Gentiles), and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days which ye will not believe, though it be told you. (Habakkuk 1:5)

That's the context of the DOUBLE WONDER which the apostle Paul associated with the Gentiles. But are those Gentiles qualified to do God's work?

As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shallthey be called the children of the

living God. (Romans 9:25-26)

The more God's people will say that the Gentiles are illegitimate the more they become legitimate in God's eyes.

Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: (Romans 9:27)

How will that remnant be saved (i.e., the 10% and the 7,000 men of Revelation 11)?

For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha. (Romans 9:28-29)

God will finish the work through the fullness of the Gentiles which will complete the great multitude of Gentile converts in the midst of the 144,000 saints. How can we be sure that the Gentiles are the ones who will do the short work that God is doing today?

What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of

righteousness. (Romans 9:30-31)

Those Gentiles have attained the righteousness which is of faith that is comparable to Noah's (Hebrews 11:7). The Philadelphia Church of God could have finished God's work of preparing Jerusalem for its King yet what have they done?

Wherefore? Because **they sought it not by faith**, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. (Romans 9:32-33)

The PCG chose another work to replace what they were doing there in Jerusalem because they have not sought God's righteousness by faith. And what was God's response to them? He had to use the Gentiles in their midst to serve as a stumbling stone and a rock of offence. He even literally put those Gentiles to a literal Mount Zion – He put them there in Jerusalem to prepare it for its King through the Mount Zion dig and the Children's Playground! This is the mystery that ought to be finished in this last end! God has been revealing so much of that mystery to His Remembrancers.

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* to search out a matter. (Proverbs 25:2)

All of the mysteries which God has concealed in all of the ages through His apostles and prophets are being openly shown now to the Gentiles including this new revelation about the great multitude of Gentile converts among the 144,000 saints. All they have done was to search out a matter. They don't just believed any person including the ministers, they have

searched and proven everything from the Bible and because of that, they are being given by God the honor of kings, that is, they will become a part of the 144,000 KINGS and priests.

The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the (Gentiles). He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (Psalms 98:2-3)

The word "show" in verse 2 can also be defined as "reveal" in *Strong's Concordance*. It means that all the mysteries of God that should be finished has been OPENLY REVEALED in the sight of the Gentiles. He has given His Remembrancers a thousand year worth of revelations in this last end. God has also made known to them His salvation that's why they can be seen in Mount Zion viewed by God as SAVIORS, yet He will remember His mercy toward the house of Israel or the Laodiceans being led by the Philadelphia Church of God ONLY IF they will repent toward Him.

O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. (Psalms 98:1)

This new song is the same prophecy written in the context of the 144,000 resurrected saints in Mount Zion.

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads... And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. (Revelation 14:1, 3)

Jesus Christ together with His 144,000 firstfruits in Mount Zion singing a new song is the victory that God the Father is seeing right now through this short Gentile work that is about to be finished. Will you be included in that glorious future ahead of us?

3 THE KINGDOM SHALL BE THE LORD'S

The ARK of God Foundation and the Jerusalem Foundation has signed an agreement last March 15, 2017 to rehabilitate the Children's Playground in Liberty Bell Park in Jerusalem. Ms. Ariella Bernstein of Jerusalem Foundation then sent a proposal for the theme to be considered for that playground:

From: Ariella Bernstein

Date: Mon, Apr 24, 2017 at 4:30 PM

Subject: Update

To: Nicanor Antonio

Dear Nicanor,

I hope that all is well with you and that we all enjoyed the spring holiday season. Just to let you know, we received the first payment here in Israel. Many thanks once again for all of your support for our capital city.

I wanted to touch base with you regarding the statues for the Park. Attached is a photo of the elements that will be going to the Municipal Statue Approval committee and I wanted you to see them before hand and understand what they are.

These are elements designed by the artist Sue Ela as we discussed previously. The theme relates to the concept of a "kingdom," since Jerusalem is

related biblically as a kingdom, as it says in Jeremiah, "At that time, they will call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord." In order to make this concept attractive to children, these pieces were designed to touch on the theme of "kingdom" in a way that speak to children and to their playful imagination.

The larger two elements in the center of the photo are akin to a king and queen, **4 meters** in size and will offer children the opportunity to climb up and slide down these statues. They will be quite colorful. There are also two seated areas (they look like benches) but are shaped like crowns, again drawing on the theme of a kingdom. And the four smaller pieces in the front are designed to look like clothes of royalty, where children can place their hands and head to play and take pictures.

There is no such design or elements in *any* park in Jerusalem and it is quite unique. These elements gracefully yet playfully give voice to the concept of a kingdom while also attracting children in a most interesting way. The photo is without color but these elements will be colorful. I hope that this meets with your approval.

Separately, when you return this summer with your archeological dig group, I thought you might enjoy a visit to the Kishle in the Tower of David with the archeologist, Amit Re'em. It is an amazing sight that is not really open to the public with archeological finds even from the First Temple period. Do you want me to arrange a tour there for

your group? Here is a link in English to the location and the site:

https://www.tod.org.il/en/museum/the-kishle/

Best

Ariella

AGREEMENT OF CHARITABLE PLEDGE

This agreement dated as of Murch 15, 2017, between the Hurbert W. Armstrong. Remembrancers and Keepers of God Foundation Inc., (herein - the "Dunor") whose address for the purpose of this agreement is P.O. Box 268, Ayala Akabang Village Post Office, 1799 Muntinilupe, Philippines, (Company Reg No. CN201515678, Corregary TIN 009-102-708) and the Jerusalem Foundation, (herein - the "Foundation") having an office at 11 Rivks Street, PO Box 1312, Jerusalem 91012, Israel Nos-for-Profit Organization No. 58-001-280-5, agreen that:

3/27/2017

WHEREAS: The Donor wishes to pledge to the Foundation the sum of \$144,000

(herein - the "Donation") for one or more artistic statues (herein the "Statue") in he placed in the playground originally called Children's Playground in Liberty Bell Park as delineated in Exhibit

A (berein - the "Site"); and

WHEREAS: The Site is on land that is owned by the Jerusalem Municipality.

WHEREAS: The Foundation accepts the Donation for the Statue as part of the landscape development planned for the Site by the Jerusslem

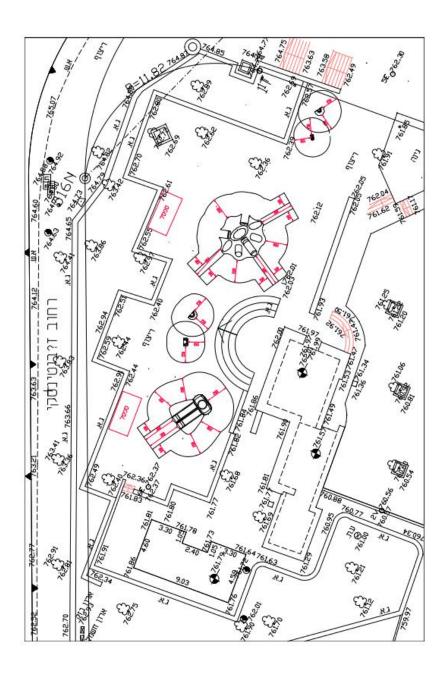
Municipality (herein - the "Renovation").

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The preamble and Exhibits are part of this agreement.
- 2. The Donor hereby pledges to the Foundation the sum of the Donation for the Statue according to all conditions as detailed in this agreement and the Donor agrees to pay the full amount of the Donation, according to the psyment schedule attached to this agreement as Exhibit B (herein the "Payment Schedule").
- The Statte will be designed and created by an artist approved by the Jerusalem Municipality's Committee on Statues, the Donor and the Foundation. The cost of the Statue will be funded by the Donation.
- 4. It is hereby clarified that the parties will not choose a Statuse whose cost exceeds the amount of the Donation. However, if the cost of the Statuse is less than the full amount of the Donation, the parties agree that the remaining amount of the Donation will be used towards funding part of the Renovation.







According to our signed contract agreement, the production of the KINGDOM THEME play structure will commence on October 2017 and will be completed and installed on December 2017. The total cost of our project to rehabilitate the Children's Playground in Liberty Bell Park Jerusalem is \$144,000 and we have already made our first payment. The next one is scheduled this September 2017. (For those who wish to join us in this project you may email: nicanorvantonio@arkofthecovenantfoundation.net)





It is no coincidence that Ms. Bernstein quoted in her email the kingdom theme which came from Jeremiah chapter 3 that says:

At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil

heart. (Jeremiah 3:10)

The context of this prophecy is written in verse 1 which is about God's Church that turned into a harlot.

They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the Lord. (Jeremiah 3:1)

Here is what *Adam Clarke Commentary* wrote regarding verse 1:

Verse 1

If a man put away his wife — It was ever understood, by the law and practice of the country, that if a woman were divorced by her husband, and became the wife of another man, the first husband could never take her again. Now Israel had been married unto the Lord; joined in solemn covenant to him to worship and serve him only. Israel turned from following him, and became idolatrous. On this ground, considering idolatry as a spiritual whoredom, and the precept and practice of the law to illustrate this case, Israel could never more

be restored to the Divine favor: but God, this first husband, in the plenitude of his mercy, is willing to receive this adulterous spouse, if she will abandon her idolatries and return unto him. And this and the following chapters are spent in affectionate remonstrances and loving exhortations addressed to these sinful people, to make them sensible of their own sin, and God's tender mercy in offering to receive

them again into favor.

God is extending His mercy to His idolatrous Church in this last end, from the leader of the Laodicean era, which is the Philadelphia Church of God who turned into a whore when they left the Jerusalem work, even unto the other COG groups who once knew the God of the end-time Elijah, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong through this project in Liberty Bell Park, Jerusalem.

Everyone in God's Church in this last end ought to return unto God and repent toward Him and become as little children. That Children's Playground is actually a symbol of hope for all of God's people around the world.

Again the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be

full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. (Zechariah 8:1-5)

Is this not a prophecy of the Children's Playground? Indeed, it is!

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts. (Zechariah 8:6)

Remnant – H7611 sheeriyth, in *Strong's Concordance*: a remainder or residual (surviving, final) portion: that had escaped

This is referring to the Remembrancers, the REMAINING SURVIVING FINAL PORTION that had escaped the Ezekiel 4 siege.

It says here that "If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remaining surviving FINAL PORTION that had escaped the Ezekiel 4 siege in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts."

If we think that the Mount Zion Dig and the Children's Playground is MARVELOUS in our eyes, in fact a DOUBLE WONDER, then God says here in this verse that it is also MARVELOUS in His eyes!

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; (Zechariah 8:7)

Notice carefully the time sequence here: God started saving His people from where? From the EAST COUNTRY first, then from the WEST COUNTRY. That's the sequence. Has that happened in our lifetime? Have we not seen this prophecy come alive before our eyes? Our project to rehabilitate the Children's Playground is directly connected to saving God's people from the EAST COUNTRY even from the WEST COUNTRY.

And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness. (Zechariah 8:8)

All the people around the world who will be joining us to finish God's DOUBLE WONDER in Jerusalem will become God's people, whether Jews or Gentiles. God is not a respecter of persons. This is an open invitation from God. Notice that it will be God who will BRING His people beginning in the EAST COUNTRY (that's the Remembrancers) then from the WEST COUNTRY.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built. (Zechariah 8:9)

The 144,000 prophecy is all about God's spiritual temple and it is now in the completion stage. Will you be included in it? And who will finish building it?

Those who are now far away will come and do reconstruction work in the Temple of the Lord. Then you will know that the Lord of the Heavenly Armies has sent me to you. This will come about if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God. (Zechariah 6:15, International Standard Version)

Then those who are far away will come and build the temple of the Lord so that you may know that the Lord who rules over all has sent me to you. This will all come to pass if you completely obey the voice of the Lord your God. (New English Translation)

Men who live far away will come and help to

rebuild the Temple of the Lord. And when it is rebuilt, you will know that the Lord Almighty sent me to you. This will all happen if you fully obey the commands of the Lord your God. (Good News

Translation)

People from far away will come and build the Lord's temple so you might know that the Lord of heavenly forces has sent me to you. It will happen if you truly obey the voice of the Lord your God. (Common English Bible)

People living far away will come and build the Lord's Temple. Then you will know for sure that the Lord All-Powerful sent me to you people. All these things will happen if you do what the Lord your God says. (Easy-to-Read Version)

People living far away will come and build the Temple of the Lord. Then you will know the Lord All-Powerful has sent me to you. This will happen if you completely obey the Lord your God." (New Century Version)

Several Bible translations tell us that God has called His people from a distant land to come and to finish building His temple. Will you believe your Bibles? And can we prove the veracity of Zechariah's prophecy? To prove that, let's consider a *youtube*video entitled "*The True Site of the Holy Temple in*

Jerusalem" which was posted on September 26, 2016. The producer of that video would like its viewers to consider the possibility of Mount Zion to be the true location of the first and second temples.



Upon watching that video, let's pose a couple of questions: Is there any weight on their arguments? Does it really square in to Zechariah's prophecy? Before we give our answers, let's consider what Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote concerning a prophecy involving the temple:

(T)he former temple of Solomon was then as nothing compared to its original physical glory. God commands Zerubbabel to be strong and work to build the temple (verse 4). Verse 6 goes into a farfuture prophecy of a time just before Christ's Second Coming, when God will shake the earth and shake all nations, and the GLORY OF THIS LATTER HOUSE SHALL BE GREATER THAN OF THE FORMER" (verse 9). The temple Zerubbabel built of stone, wood and physical materials was nowhere near as glorious as the former temple of Solomon!

This is a PROPHECY speaking about the temple to which Christ shall come the second time, in supreme POWER and GLORY—a temple far more

glorious than Solomon's!

To WHAT temple will Christ come very soon now? Are the Jews going to demolish the Moslem temple, Dome of the Rock, which stands on that site now, and build a new super-glorious new temple? NO!

Turn to Ephesians 2:19-22. The Church at Ephesus was composed of FORMER GENTILES. THEY ARE NO LONGER FOREIGN GENTILES, BUT FELLOW-CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS — a spiritual NATION. They are also a FAMILY—of the "household" of GOD—the GOD FAMILY. As a BUILDING they are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being chief cornerstone. As a BUILDING, they are fitly framed together (in UNIFIED ORGANIZATION) growing into a HOLY TEMPLE!...

Source: Herbert W. Armstrong, March 1981 coworker letter

Mr. Armstrong emphasized that Jesus Christ will come the second time to a spiritual temple composed of former Gentiles who became fellow citizens with the saints who jointly will become the spiritual nation of Israel. These are the same 144,000 firstfruits, that is, the great multitude of Gentile converts with the other saints who are fitly framed together that will become the HOLY TEMPLE.

For emphasis, Mr. Armstrong wrote, "As a BUILDING they are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being chief cornerstone."

Now where did the apostles founded the Church or the spiritual temple? Where else but in Mount Zion! The introduction of the new Passover ceremony by Jesus Christ and the first Pentecost that happened after 50 days from His resurrection both transpired on top of Mount Zion! It was there in Mount Zion that God gave His Holy Spirit to those who were present. The apostle Peter gave his first sermon on top of Mount Zion during the foundation of the spiritual temple on that Feast of Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-4, 14)

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Acts 2:16-21

Now notice here that it was the **Feast of Pentecost** yet the context of Peter's sermon was the **Day of the Lord**. The BIG QUESTION IS WHY? To better understand the connection

between that Pentecost message with that of Joel's prophecy involving the heavenly signs, let's read it from Joel chapter 2:

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord

shall call. (Joel 2:32)

Let's read that verse in the *Amplified Bible Translation*:

"And it shall come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Will be saved [from the coming judgment] For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the Lord has said, Even among the remnant [of survivors] whom the Lord calls.

Have you noticed that? There will be people who will escape from the coming judgment! That is the context of the prophecy of Joel concerning the Day of the Lord being mentioned even early on during that first Pentecost message given by the apostle Peter! That prophecy is actually pertaining to God's Remembrancers. But there is another group that God mentions here – "Even among the remnant [of survivors] whom the Lord calls." This is referring to the 10% and the 7,000 men of Revelation chapter 11 at the end of the second woe (Revelation 11:13).

As God founded the spiritual temple on Mount Zion during the Pentecost of 31 A.D., He will finish that spiritual temple in the context of that same place. That's the reason God brought His Remembrancers from a far away country to go to Mount Zion to fulfill and complete the vision of God's HOLY TEMPLE to

which Jesus Christ will come the second time as seen by the apostle John in Revelation chapter 14 – "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads."

Now, let's ask this question: Can we consider now the possibility of Mount Zion to be the true location of the first and second temples? The answer is YES because it is the fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy (Zechariah 6:15). If that is so, then the very location that the Remembrancers are digging into would be the location of those two temples. As they clear out the rubble and stones from the physical temple, in so doing, they are also preparing themselves as part of the spiritual temple to which Jesus Christ will come into. But to whom did God actually appointed the completion of that spiritual temple?

He used me in building the Philadelphia era of HIS CHURCH – and in proclaiming His Gospel IN ALL THE WORLD!

Now He has brought this Great Commission near its FINISH. Neither I nor you know how much longer will be required completely to finish it!

But as I said at the beginning, some, even in the public press, are beginning to ask, WHO is the "heir apparent," as the newspapers put it? WHO will rule the Church after Mr. Armstrong?

The answer is, NOBODY!

Source: Herbert W. Armstrong, March 1981 coworker letter NOBODY else will finish God's spiritual temple. It will only be through the HANDS of the end time Zerubbabel!

The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. (Zechariah 4:9)

That's the reason our group has been named Herbert W. Armstrong Remembrancers Keepers and of God Foundation because we believe that nobody will spiritual temple finish the except through an end-time Zerubbabel. And the witnesses who come from a



far away land are the prophesied TWO HANDS of that end time Zerubbabel, Mr. Armstrong! You can even scrutinize our logo what that represents.

God the Father gave the work in Mount Zion to prepare His physical and spiritual temple in Jerusalem for the return of His Son, Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. It is there where He will gather His 144,000 firstfruits. God's mysteries will be finished in the context of His work in Jerusalem, and that is, the Mount Zion dig and the Children's Playground – "for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance" (Joel 2:32). It will not be in Edstone nor in any place else. That is the reason why God is seeing His Remembrancers from a distant land as saviors because they are doing the short work of righteousness which is by faith as they complete the number of

the 144,000 firstfruits to become the spiritual temple to which Jesus Christ shall come into.

And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and **the kingdom shall be the Lord's**. (Obadiah 1:21)

That kingdom shall be composed of His 144,000 firstfruits who will stand with God on Mount Zion (Revelation 14:1). That is the conclusion of the short work that God has given to His Remembrancers now. What a marvelous vision Mount Zion is giving us.

ADDITIONAL READING

The A.R.K. of God Foundation produces many informative and interesting publications that you may want to request.

Here are a few you might consider:

GOD'S COMMAND TO DIG AGAIN

Now God has to RAISE UP THE RUINS brought by the last end Joshua and his fellows who turned their backs on God. He will do it through a Gentile work. God will finish His Work and cut it short in the Gentiles' RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS BY FAITH. How will God do it? Through the final fulfillment of the 70 weeks prophecy written by the prophet Daniel. "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the WORK to DIG AGAIN and to SET UP Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." (Daniel 9:25).

MOUNT ZION THUNDERS BEHOLD YOUR GOD

Learn what God has done so far with His Remembrancers: They were not even a year old as an organization, yet He was able to accomplish such a marvelous and a wonderful work in Jerusalem through them with the Mount Zion dig plus a partnership with Jerusalem Foundation to beautify the Children's Playground. The archaeological excavation in Mount Zion is a direct fulfillment of what Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong said, that there should be a PHYSICAL as well as a SPIRITUAL PREPARATION for the Messiah's SOON COMING RETURN to this earth.

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