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Chapter 1

Sons of Korah

In reading Psalms 48, we can remember a hymn of this song from the PCG's Bible hymnal on page 38 entitled "Mt. Zion Stands Most Beautiful." Haphazardly, we may just think that it was there without any prophetic significance, and yet as we shall clearly see that it is actually a prophecy for our time in this last end. Let's begin our careful examination with the description of this chapter in Psalms:

"A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah."

Notice here that this particular song and psalm is dedicated specifically FOR the sons of Korah. But who are the sons of Korah? Why does God inspire a song to be written FOR them. It is transliterated as *qorach* (H7141) in *Strong's Concordance*:

From H7139; ice; Korach, the name of two **Edomites** and three Israelites

Now let us go even further and consider the root word, *qarach* (H7139)

A primitive root; to *depilate*: – make (self) bald

From *Briggs-Driver-Brown (BDB)* definition: Korah – BALD

1. son of Izhar, grandson of Kohath, great grandson of Levi and leader of rebellion of the Israelites against Moses and Aaron while in the wilderness; punished and died by an earthquake and flames of fire
2. the 3rd son of Esau by Aholibamah and one of the dukes of Edom
3. son of Eliphaz by Adah, duke of Edom

While the *BDB* defines the root word H7139 this way:

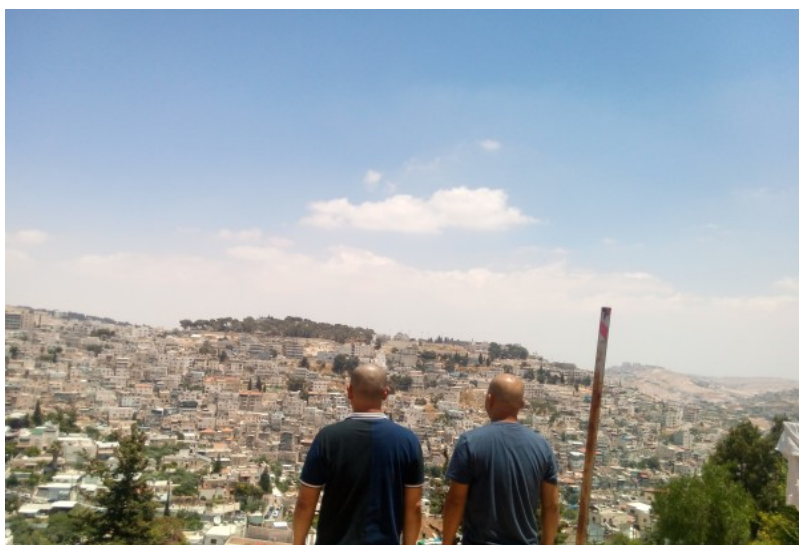
To be bald, make bald

1. (Qal) to make bald, make a baldness
2. (Niphal) to make oneself bald
3. (Hiphil) to make oneself bald
4. (Haphal) to make bald

For emphasis, Korah was a Levite, so the fulfillment of this prophecy has to do with God's own ministers; and another view is that, these same ministers became spiritual descendants of Edom **who DESTROYED the Jerusalem work**. Clearly, with just the name of Korah being defined, this psalm is already taking shape to be directly associated to the spiritual Edomites in this last end, which we have explained **here to be inside the Philadelphia Church of God**.

God ordained a strange work and commanded His servants to make themselves BALD as a symbol of His great displeasure with these spiritual Edomites inside His own Church:

“Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.” (Jeremiah 7:29-30; see also Isaiah 22:12; Micah 1:16; Ezekiel 5; Obadiah 1:21).



(the REMEMBRANCERS looking down on the valley of Jehoshaphat from Mount Zion)

This spiritual children of Judah who have set their abominations in God's house is the same prophecy written in Psalm 48 which is directly connected with the JUDGMENT on the sons of Korah or the children of EDOM.

Beginning in verse 1, we can already know where the sons of Korah (or **the children of Edom**) have gone wrong:

“GREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God, in the mountain of his
holiness. (Psalms 48: 1)

God is emphasizing His greatness and might here and He highlights the fact of the importance of praising Him in His OWN city, which is Jerusalem, “in the mountain of His holiness.” This is a PARAMOUNT SIN that these last end sons of Korah or **children of Edom** have committed against the Almighty God – of forgetting their eternal inheritance, Jerusalem which He has chosen above all the cities of this world and exchanging it for a bowl of soup.

“If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy. Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.” (Psalms 137:5-7)

As explained in a previous article, that by forgetting and abandoning the Jerusalem work, Stephen Flurry and the rest of his fellows became the fulfillment of “the children of Edom.” For a clear explanation of this very plain truth, let us first define the word “raze” which in the dictionary means:

TO DESTROY SOMETHING COMPLETELY

While the word “raze” in Strong’s Concordance can also mean:

- DEMOLISH
- LEAVE DESTITUTE

With the above definitions, compare it now with the recent Philadelphia Church of God history: WHO HAS DESTROYED AND DEMOLISHED THE WORK OF GOD IN JERUSALEM COMPLETELY? WHO HAS LEFT JERUSALEM DESTITUTE BECAUSE HE FEELS HE HAS NO MORE NEED FOR IT NOR A

DESIRE FOR IT?

IT IS NONE OTHER THAN STEPHEN FLURRY AND HIS MINIONS!

So those who are following the path being trodden by Stephen Flurry of leaving the city of Jerusalem which the Eternal has chosen; and those who supports the Edstone work is being marked by God as **THE CHILDREN OF EDM!** (emphasis mine in bold)

In other collaboration, the foundation has contributed to the preservation of Liberty Bell Park in Jerusalem in memory of Teddy Kollek and Herbert W. Armstrong. The late mayor of Jerusalem and Mr. Armstrong worked together to build the park, which features a replica of Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and was dedicated on July 4, 1978. **The donation is part of the college's ongoing efforts to revive the humanitarian legacy of Herbert Armstrong and his support for Jerusalem.** Under Mr. Armstrong, Ambassador College sent hundreds of students to assist Benjamin Mazar, the late grandfather of Eilat Mazar, in his Temple Mount excavations in the 1970s.

Source:<https://www.armstrongauditorium.org/about/jerusalem-archaeological-project/>

Witness a very good example of how literal this destruction and desolation is to God's reputation in His own city, Jerusalem. As they say, a picture paints a thousand words, so just take a good look at what happened to Mr. Armstrong's legacy in Jerusalem. The PCG has LEFT the Liberty Bell Park Children's Playground in Jerusalem DESTITUTE! It is in TOTAL RUINS! They are indeed the children of Edom – so far, they have been successful in DESTROYING IT COMPLETELY THROUGH THEIR UTTER NEGLECT!



(Children's Playground in Liberty Bell Park in Jerusalem)



Stephen Flurry and his fellows have sold their birthright for a bowl of soup with the Edstone work. They have totally forgotten Jerusalem, but God will give them no excuse of not warning them. They have been warned through the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. God has used His REMEMBRANCERS to remind them of what they have done to Him and His city.

The greatest danger is in forgetting what we have learned. So Jude admonishes us to

remember (verses 5, 17)... **God is teaching us to remember forever. We must reach the point where we will NEVER forget! If you look at the history of God's Church and national Israel, this was their big sin.** They didn't love God's truth enough to remember it. (pp. 1-2, Jude: The Most Urgent Prophecy Yet for This End Time! by Gerald Flurry)

Again, let us read the highlighted thought for emphasis; "God is teaching us to remember forever. We must reach the point where we will never forget!" Have we reached that point already? Only God's remembrancers can

KORAH AND HIS FELLOWS

Now let us go back to the story of Korah from the end-time Elijah's perspective. Take careful notice of the highlights surrounding "Korah and his fellows" as Mr. Armstrong used to call this group and its spiritual relevance then and now (emphasis mine in bold):

Then there was Korah. He and others associated with him in a rebellion had been raised to high position in the nation Israel – a nation emigrating from Egypt with 2 1/2 or more million people (600,000 men age 20 and above plus women and children).

There was real organization within that nomadic nation, but none equal to Moses in top authority under God – and no No.2 men in authority over all except Moses.

Yet Korah and his fellow dissidents were not satisfied with their already lofty positions – they wanted to GET – take to themselves more **AUTHORITY, EQUAL TO MOSES.** God caused the earth to swallow them up...

But then my second son came along, “prepared” in all the evils of enlisted men in the U.S. Navy, and (this was MY mistake, not yet then realizing God has never used a No.2 man in authority). **I delegated a considerable authority to Ted.**

But he went way beyond what I delegated and assumed TOTAL AUTHORITY, trying to cut me off completely – which meant also cutting off all above him (which meant cutting off Jesus Christ and God Almighty). There were others who were either POWER hungry or money hungry (probably mostly the former).

I came to LOVE, TO ENTRUST AUTHORITY to, to honor and respect Albert Portune, David Antion, C. Wayne Cole, Raymond Cole, Ron Dart – **all men once high in God’s Work today, as Korah and his fellows were in Moses’ day.** And now WHERE ARE THEY? All are trying to DESTROY the very WORK OF GOD they once sought to support, as they climbed the ladder of success! (p. 1, Worldwide News, June 25, 1979, WHAT GOD NEVER DID – NEVER WILL – ALLOW TO HAPPEN by Herbert W. Armstrong)

History is repeating itself, just like what Mr. Armstrong had done, Mr. Gerald Flurry delegated a considerable authority to his son, Stephen. What do you think would be the result? The same Korah and his fellows or more appropriately, Joshua and his fellows will end in DESTRUCTION!

Yet there is still good news at the end as Mr. Armstrong emphasized: “God never yet has let one through whom He **STARTED** a great project turn wrong – and He has never yet let such an appointed leader of His ***die until the job was FINISHED!***”

God will AWAKEN Mr. Gerald Flurry as indicated in Revelations 11:1 “to measure by a FIXED STANDARD” (as

defined by *Strong's*) all of God's people around the world who has forgotten Jerusalem, yet he will not be allowed by God to include those who abide by Jerusalem. This is the STANDARD by which we should all be FIXED on because the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem.

Korah divided Israel. Many leaders today have divided God's Church. So what kind of penalty can they expect? Here is a summary of the account of Korah from the Interpreter's Bible: "Korah was the leader of a group of malcontents who 'became arrogant and took their stand before Moses.' They 'gathered in a body against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "Enough of you; for all the community are holy ... since the Lord is in their midst; why then do you exalt yourselves above the Lord's assembly? ..."' Moses then induced Israel to move away from 'the tents of these wicked men' and the ground under their tents 'opened its mouth and swallowed them up ... and all the men who belonged to Korah. ... So they ... descended into Sheol alive ... and they perished from the community' (Numbers 16:1-34, *passim*, Amer. Trans.)."

Korah and his rebels thought they were as righteous as Moses and God's government. Today the Laodiceans "have need of nothing." They think they are more righteous than God's chosen government.

Are they going to perish in the "gainsaying of [Korah]"? Jude is prophesying of the greatest rebellion ever in God's Church, in terms of numbers. And it's all about rejecting God's government. They are against any man who teaches God's law as Moses and Mr. Armstrong did!

Never has mankind lived in a time when God has revealed so much truth. And God is going to hold us accountable for every word! At the same time, it appears many of God's people follow a Satan-possessed man! (Write for a free copy of Malachi's Message for more information.)

How can such people ever survive spiritually? How "blind" the Laodiceans are! Jude piles on one scathing rebuke after another.

Korah and his self-righteous group were killed. If we commit such sins, we must understand what our fate will be!

The examples of Cain, Balaam and Korah are about rebelling against God's government. They are some of the most prominent rebels in the Bible. These are examples of towering sins! And how did they end up? Cain was cursed, Balaam was slain and Korah was swallowed up in an earthquake.

We only have a short time to wake up. To this point, Jude is the most urgent warning in the Bible. (pp. 26-27, Jude: The Most Urgent Prophecy Yet for This End Time! by Gerald Flurry)

We must remember that Korah was a Levite, which corresponds to a minister in this end time. So as Mr. Armstrong noted that "Korah and his fellow dissidents were not satisfied with their already lofty positions – they wanted to GET – take to themselves more **AUTHORITY, EQUAL TO MOSES.**"

Look at what Stephen Flurry did during the **October 8, 2014 Feast of Tabernacles opening night message** – he grabbed that responsibility from his own father, the same way he did in **presenting the Key of David in Britain**. He is just repeating the

same mistake Garner Ted Armstrong committed. History indeed has repeated itself.

In this last end, there is a very subtle way of being a Korah, that is, through PERSUASION. Stephen Flurry being “delegated a considerable authority” (just like Garner Ted) by his own father, was able to persuade and esteemed him as a potter’s clay in his hands. Stephen was the one responsible of convincing his father to move the last phase of the work from Jerusalem to England / Ireland, yet it was actually God Himself, whom Stephen and his fellows are rebelling against with. That decision caused God’s Church to be deeply divided in this last end, thus, a need to revive the Jerusalem work through a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE was ordained by God.

JERUSALEM IS GOD’S OWN CITY! He has chosen the city of Jerusalem over New York, Paris, London and that includes Edstone in Warwickshire, England! The mountain of His holiness is in Jerusalem! We ought to be preparing Jerusalem for the coming in supernatural power and glory of our Messiah, Jesus Christ. It is only through archaeology by digging up the dirt and the rubbles that we can physically do that as Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has emphasized in his December 10, 1968 co-worker letter (emphasis mine in parenthesis):

**HOW are we Preparing the way for Christ’s
Messianic coming? In three ways.**

- 1) by proclaiming and publishing worldwide the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD (Matthew 24:14; Mark 13:10). (This has been done through the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE and LIGHT OF THE GENTILES websites with the emphasis on witnessing and warning our brethren around the world)
- 2) by MAKING READY A PEOPLE for His coming! These are “THE ELECT” (Matthew 24:21-22) for whose sake God will save humanity alive!... (the last end Cyrus preparing

the Bride of Jesus Christ)

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 (done through the 2015 Mount Zion archaeological excavation).

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. Do you not suppose it will be in the very spot He chose for DAVID'S THRONE? Jesus is TO SIT ON DAVID'S THRONE! Where was David's throne? It was on this VERY SPOT WHERE WE ARE NOW CLEANING UP AND HAULING OFF THE RUBBLE OF CENTURY AFTER CENTURY OF ACCUMULATION! And even David is to be resurrected! That is the spot we are cleaning up! 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).



(Ambassador Diggers 1970)

Yes, the Philadelphia Church of God has gone on the same track of participating in the archaeological dig in Jerusalem with Dr. Eilat Mazar

HOPE FOR JERUSALEM

Similar to the other societies of modern-day Israel, people in the Jewish state largely ignore world events and carry on with their daily activities as if everything will be fine tomorrow. Seeing how much this nation is asleep has shown us the need for the message of warning and hope to reach the people of Judah.

We are very grateful for having had the opportunity to volunteer and know it was an honor to be part of this project. We saw the Mount of Olives every day, reminding us that the most significant event in the universe is about to take place. It was sad to witness the current situation in Israel but inspiring to know that Jesus Christ will soon return to bring the only kingdom of peace to this Earth, starting right here in Jerusalem. (p. 16, Royal Vision, May-June 2007)



(PCG Ophel Excavation 2013)

Although the PCG was able to restore the Jerusalem archaeological excavation with the crystal clear vision of Jesus Christ's imminent return on the Mount of Olives, yet where are they now? They have now settled in the TERRITORY OF WICKEDNESS in Edstone, Warwickshire, England! But what has God done so far? He sent **His REMEMBRANCERS** to revive the Jerusalem work of PHYSICALLY PREPARING it for our Messiah's coming!

Many will ask why Mount Zion this time? Let us go back in Psalms 48:1

“GREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God, in the mountain of his
holiness. (Psalms 48: 1)



(2015 Mount Zion Excavation in Jerusalem with the REMEMBRANCERS)

Apparently, Zion or God's Church has lost its holiness when it

went in the **TERRITORY OF WICKEDNESS in Warwickshire, England**. So God has to deliver His own people and bring back their holiness even using the physical Mount Zion to do just that:

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

The spiritual house of Jacob (**His remembrancers**) has taken the birthright from the spiritual children of Edom (Esau). God sent saviours to **WORK** on Mount Zion to judge the spiritual Edomites and to let them know that our Lord does not delay His coming – His **KINGDOM OF GOD** will be established with Christ’s return on the Mount of Olives while He is facing Mount Zion – “the mountain of His holiness.”

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

Let us look at the prophecy in verse 2 in another perspective:

“Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.”



(View of Mount Zion from the Mount of Olives)

Notice the word “sides” in *Strong’s Concordance*, it can also mean *border, quarter*. Here is the meaning in the dictionary:

Border – an outer part or edge

Quarter – a division or district of a town or city; an assigned station or post. Synonymous to NEIGHBORHOOD.

While the word “north” (H6828) is defined this way:

From H6845; properly *hidden*, that is *dark*

Getting the meaning of its root word H6845 we have:

A primitive root to hide (by covering over); hidden one, hide self, keep secret.

God has provided His HIDDEN ONES a beautiful elevated spot for viewing the Temple Mount, the City of David, Mount of Olives, the valley of Jehoshaphat where the final climactic battle will happen. It is perfectly situated even at the outer edge of the Mount Zion and in the quarters or neighborhood of the Palestinians – there is where you can find the *flooring* of the great King who do His work in austerity.



View from the balcony looking down to the valley of Jehoshaphat (Kidron valley) with Silwan neighborhood



Aerial view of the Mount Zion Excavation (Street border: on the right is Jerusalem area; to the left is Palestinian neighborhood where the REMEMBRANCERS reside)



(Panoramic view from the balcony of where the REMEMBRANCERS reside)

From this elevated place in Mount Zion, God will be able to fulfill this specific prophecy:

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall

bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the (Gentiles); and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.” (Isaiah 52:7-10)

Chapter 2

Mount Zion Stands Most Beautiful

There is little known significance among God's Church in this end time why Mount Zion stands most beautiful and joy of all the earth as it says in the psalms. We will prove here several reasons why this is so and it was actually inspired to be written in just one verse:

“For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.” (Psalms 48:4)

We usually sing a song found on page 38 of our Bible hymnals

which is entitled “Mt. Zion Stands Most Beautiful” and yet do we know the real reason behind it? In verse 4, it actually fulfilled several prophecies that transpired specifically on Mount Zion, those are the reasons why God inspired it to be called, “the mountain of His holiness.” Below are the list of those significant events that happened on Mount Zion, and to help us better understand, we will take the different meanings associated with the original Hebrew word “assemble” and “passed by”

•The place of the New testament Passover

Strong's:

“assemble” – to meet at a stated time, gather selves

“passed by” – to pass over, perish, set apart, turn away

“For behold ***Christ and His disciples*** (the kings) ***gathered themselves to meet at a stated time*** (were assembled) in the upper room in Mount Zion and they ***conduct passover***(passed by) together.”

<p>► Old Jerusalem</p> <p>Overview:</p> <p>The site is the traditional location of the upper room of the “Last supper” (“Coenaculum” - dining room). The “Last supper” is one of these most important events in the life of Jesus, which happened in the upper room of a building in Jerusalem. Jesus and his disciples held a Passover dinner, on the night before Jesus was captured by the Romans, trialed and crucified.</p> <p>The hall of the Last supper is a 12th C Crusader structure, built on the upper level above the traditional place of the tomb of King David. The archaeological evidence on the lower floor, which revealed an Early Roman level, supports the possibility that this area was indeed the location of the room of the Last Supper.</p> <p>Location:</p> <p>The site is located on Mount Zion, outside of the old city walls and 100M south-west to Zion gate. It is easily accessed from the parking lot near the Zion gate; Walk through the alley towards Dormition abbey, and on its corner turn to the left side.</p>	<p>* Muslim Biblical Refs Etymology Links</p>	 <p><i>Mark 15:15: "where I shall eat the Passover with my disciples? And he will show you a large upper room furnished and prepared"</i></p>
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<http://www.biblewalks.com/Sites/LastSupper.html>

•The trial area of Jesus Christ before His crucifixion

Strong's:

“assemble” – to summon to trial

“passed by” – alienate, escape, go away, turn away

“For behold, Christ (the king) **was summoned to trial** yet out of fear, His disciples **alienate** themselves, **turned away** and denied Him (passed by) together”

place to which Jesus was conducted. But the tradition which is most generally accepted is that which places the palace of Annas on Mount Zion near the palace of Caiaphas. It is believed by many that these two men, who were related, Annas being the father-in-law of Caiaphas, occupied different apartments in the same place. But these questions are mere matters of conjecture and have no real bearing upon the present discussion, except to show, in a general way, the length of time probably required to conduct Jesus from Gethsemane to Annas; from Annas to Caiaphas, if the latter was the one who privately examined Jesus; and thence to the meeting of the Sanhedrin. It is reasonable to suppose that at least two hours were thus consumed, which would bring Jesus to the palace of Caiaphas between two and three o'clock, if the arrest in the garden took place between twelve and one o'clock. But here, again, a difference of one or two hours would not affect the merit of the proposition stated in Point IV. For it is beyond dispute that the first trial before the Sanhedrin was had at night, which was forbidden by law.

Source:

The Trial of Jesus from a Lawyer's Standpoint: The Hebrew Trial and The Roman Trial (Complete)

•The original location of Christ's crucifixion (Golgotha)

Strong's:

“assemble” – fix upon by agreement or appointment

“passed by” – perish, turn away

Here is how the dictionary defines the word “fix”;

to attach (something) in such a way that it will not move; to connect or join (things) physically

“For behold **Jesus Christ** (melek – the king) was **fixed upon** (was assembled) in a stake of a timber **to perish** while His disciples **turn away** from Him. This was a direct result of the **agreement** between

Judas Iscariot and the chief priests as they ***transgress***(passed by) together”

Source:

Macphail’s Edinburgh ecclesiastical journal and literary review

•**The site where God gave His Holy Spirit to His disciples during the Pentecost of 31 A.D.**

Strong’s:

“assemble” – to engage for marriage, assemble selves, betroth (to promise to marry; to give in marriage), set a time

“passed by” – set apart, transition

“For behold, Christ’s disciples (the kings) ***were assembled*** in one place to be ***engaged for marriage*** to Christ at a ***set time*** after counting fifty (50) days beginning on the Sabbath after the first New Testament Passover, they ***were set apart*** (passed by) together”

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with ***one accord*** in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.” (Acts 2:1-2)

On June 17, 31 A.D., Feast of Pentecost, God gave His Holy Spirit to His disciples who were all with ***one accord*** in the upper room in Mount Zion as they ***transition*** to become His Church – an ***assembly*** of God’s called out ones which He ***set apart*** for holy use. (Acts 2)

Sources:

Where in Jerusalem Were the Disciples Assembled

On Pentecost?/ Church of the Apostles found on
Mount Zion

What happened to those people involved in the fulfillment of those prophecies?

“They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away. Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.”
(Psalms 48:5-6)

Do you now know why Mount Zion is called the MOUNTAIN OF GOD’S HOLINESS? (Psalms 48: 1). The most important events that transpired in all the history of the universe were all within the borders of Mount Zion. Did you know that when Christ returns He will set his feet on the Mount of Olives on the east, yet He will be facing Mount Zion on the west?

Chapter 3

Breaking the Ships of Tarshish

For the first time in the history of God's Church, we will be able to understand a very unusual prophecy concerning the subject, "the ships of Tarshish." Now, God has given us His revealed truth about it.

"Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind." (Psalms 48:7)

Here is what *Barnes Commentary* wrote about this verse:

Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish – On the

ships of Tarshish, see the notes on Isa_2:16. The allusion to these ships here may have been to illustrate the power of God; the ease with which he destroys that which man has made. The ships so strong – the ships made to navigate distant seas, and to encounter waves and storms – are broken to pieces with infinite ease when God causes the wind to sweep over the ocean. With so much ease God overthrows the most mighty armies, and scatters them. His power in the one case is strikingly illustrated by the other. It is not necessary, therefore, to suppose that there was any actual occurrence of this kind particularly in the eye of the psalmist; but it is an interesting fact that such a disaster did befall the navy of Jehoshaphat himself, 1 Kings 22:48 : “Jehoshaphat made “ships of Tarshish” to go to Ophir for gold; but they went not: “for the ships were broken” at Ezion-geber.” Compare 2 Chronicles 20:36-37. This coincidence would seem to render it not improbable that the discomfiture of the enemies of Jehoshaphat was particularly referred to in this psalm, and that the overthrow of his enemies when Jerusalem was threatened ***called to remembrance*** an important event in his own history, when the power of God was illustrated in a manner not less unexpected and remarkable. ***If this was the allusion, may not the reference to the “breaking of the ships of Tarshish” have been designed to show to Jehoshaphat, and to the dwellers in Zion, that they should not be proud and self-confident, by reminding them of the ease with which God had scattered and broken their own mighty navy, and by showing them that what he had done to their enemies he could do to them also, notwithstanding the strength of their city, and that their “real” defense was not in walls and***

bulwarks reared by human hand, anymore than it could be in the natural strength of their position only, but in God.

Zion in Bible prophecy refers to God's own Church. Notice carefully what *Barnes Commentary* had noted, that this "breaking of the ships of Tarshish" is a symbolism of God's displeasure with so much pride and self-confidence among his ministers. He is reminding His own people through His remembrancers that He can easily scatter and break their own mighty organization and that their real defense was not in the Ezekiel 4 wall (NO CONTACT POLICY) reared by their own human hand. Now God's remembrancers are in the high place of Mount Zion in front of the Valley of Jehoshaphat to JUDGE those spiritual Korahs (Edomites) in His own Church – the Philadelphia Church of God.

How can we be sure that it is speaking of the PCG? Let us consider the prophecy in Isaiah 2:16 concerning this same thought about *Tarshish* (emphasis mine in bold):

Tarshish – Tartessus in southwest Spain, at the mouth of the Guadalquivir, near Gibraltar. It includes the adjoining region: a Phoenician colony; ***hence its connection with Palestine and the Bible*** (2 Chronicles 9:21). The name was also used in a wide sense for the farthest west, as our our West Indies (Isaiah 66:19; Psalms 48:7; Psalms 72:10). ***"Ship of Tarshish" became a phrase for richly laden and far-voyaging vessels. The judgment shall be on all that minister to man's luxury*** (compare Rev. 18:17-19) – *Barnes Commentary*:

What Church of God group in this last end has **A CONNECTION WITH PALESTINE (i.e., Jerusalem) and THE BIBLE?** Who among the Church of God group has left the Jerusalem work and traveled into the West wherein Spain is situated geographically, which is in the European continent?

What does the word “ships” imply? The original Hebrew word of “ships” in *Brown-Driver-Briggs* tells us that it originated from H590 which means: “fleet.” Here is the meaning of “fleet” in the dictionary:

a group of military ships that are controlled by one leader.

In this last end, who has a group of spiritual military men that are being controlled by one leader? It’s none other than JOSHUA AND HIS FELLOWS (Zechariah 3:8) – the same 25 men of Ezekiel 8 who has turned their backs on God by travelling to the WEST like a fleet.

It is even noted in the book written by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* (1945 edition) that the ships of Tarshish is specifically referring to Dan (Ireland).

“And David declared of Dan, “He breaketh (driveth) the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. An east wind travels west.”

Notice that this thought has been removed by the PCG in their latter version of the book. Notwithstanding, God has now revealed this group of people in His Church who have descended from the tribe of Dan (Irish descent) to a **RICHLY LADEN AND FAR-VOYAGING VESSELS TRAVELING TO THE WEST** – the fulfillment of the “*ships of Tarshish*” in prophecy! He even associated this people with the name EDSTONE – a RICH, PROSPEROUS RULER. And according to *Barnes Commentary*, the phrase “*the ship of Tarshish*” is an apt description of “**THE JUDGMENT ON ALL THAT MINISTER TO MAN’S LUXURY.**”

How can we be so sure that the prophecy about TARSHISH really does pertain to EDSTONE? Let us look it up in the original Hebrew meaning from *Strong’s Concordance*:

Tarshish (H8659): (as **the region of the stone**, or

the reverse)

Did you get it? **Tarshish** means the **REGION OF THE STONE!** It does refer to **EDSTONE** in Warwickshire, England! The *ships of Tarshish* can also refer in modern times to the **FLEET OF EDSTONE**, which points us directly to the last end Joshua, Stephen Flurry and his fellows, and to those Church members who support the work in Edstone. Look closely at how Stephen Flurry chose Edstone over Jerusalem (emphasis mine in bold)

Dean of Students on First Semester at Edstone

Lighter moments from the Work in Britain

By Albert Clarke

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EDMOND—As I sit at a kitchen table in a well-decorated Edmond home, I can't help but think of the years of Church history seen by the man sitting across from me. He could write volumes of the battles, the trials, the struggles, the triumphs, the elation, the bitter endings and the bright new beginnings. In fact, he has already written a volume on that history: *Raising the Ruins*. But today, dean of students Stephen Flurry is talking to me about another new beginning for the Philadelphia Church of God, a special one: Edstone.

"It represents a massive step forward," Mr. Flurry said.

As the first semester drew to a close, Mr. Flurry related everyday experiences from his new life in the months since he and his family moved to the Church's new campus in Warwickshire in January to help with the large expansion of the PCG regional office in England.

Of Edstone, Mr. Flurry said that the environment is

similar to a previous start-up operation in many ways: the archaeological excavations in Jerusalem. Mr. Flurry and his family lived in Jerusalem for approximately seven months with 17 students and alumni working under renowned archaeologist Dr. Eilat Mazar. At Edstone, the group of 10 students and alumni plus a handful of staff is even smaller than the 62 students and dozens of staff in Edmond.

“It’s more like a dormitory-type environment,” he said, “more noise, more activity, more fellowshipping.”

On the other hand, the lush, spacious, secluded environment is more akin to the Edmond campus than to the noisy, packed neighborhoods of the German Colony in Jerusalem, Mr. Flurry added.

Source: <https://www.pcog.org/articles/1625/dean-of-students-on-first-semester-at-edstone>

“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: **for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh**” (Luke 6:45). Out of the abundance of Stephen’s heart, he spoke of choosing Edstone mainly due to the **“the lush, spacious, secluded environment is more akin to the Edmond campus than to the noisy, packed neighborhoods of the German Colony in Jerusalem” – HE MINISTERS TO HIS OWN LUXURY!** Truly, he and his fellows perfectly fit the prophetic phrase of the **“ship of Tarshish”** being described as such **“for richly laden and far-voyaging vessels.”** Look at the example below at how this “ship of Tarshish” prophecy is being fulfilled literally even to the letter showing the **“SHIPPING CONTAINER WITH SUPPLIES FROM HEADQUARTERS ARRIVES AT EDSTONE”** on April 16, 2015! Oh how rich and prosperous Stephen is with the Edstone Hall estate at his disposal!

APRIL 16

Shipping container with supplies from headquarters arrives at Edstone (below).



This group of people shall be included in the JUDGMENT of God and will bring them all in the Valley of Jehoshaphat when He comes to this earth and gathers all the nations to battle Him in Jerusalem. He will break the ships of Tarshish – He will break Joshua and his fellows in the coming Day of the Lord!

“For *the day of the LORD of hosts* shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up, And upon

every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,
 And ***upon all the ships of Tarshish***, and upon all
 pleasant pictures. And the loftiness of man shall
 be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men
 shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be
 exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly
 abolish. (Isaiah 2:12-18)

Are you one of those who are so proud and lofty? God shall bring you low. Are you one of those that support the work of turning away from Jerusalem, which God has chosen? You will be included in the outpouring of His great wrath, the Day of the Lord. How will God do that?

“Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.” (Psalms 48:7)

God has been breaking the ships of Tarshish through His **STORMY WIND from the EAST**. He has ordained a very strange work of calling to remembrance His own people to return to the Jerusalem work of preparing for the coming Messiah. God even calls this small insignificant group, **His REMEMBRANCERS whose lamp shines brightly on Mount Zion**. Now what will God’s own people feel when the ships of Tarshish has begun to sink?

“The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?... Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the towers?” (Isaiah 33:14, 18)

All the hypocrites in God’s Church shall be caught by surprise and they will be sore afraid. When the Day of the Lord comes and it hastes greatly, they will remember God’s remembrancers who has been warning them all this time. They will seek for the group behind the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. Yet the ships

of Tarshish will wander from sea to sea to look for God's new revelations yet they will not find it anymore.

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.” (Amos 8:11-12)

Chapter 4

My Delight is in Her

God's people will be looking for His words, the revelations revolving about the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE yet they will not find it. They did not know that God has shown His LIGHT to the GENTILES and only those who REMEMBER in this last end will see God in all His glory when He returns holding a ROYAL CROWN OF GLORY with DIADEM in His hand.

“FOR Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And

the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.” (Isaiah 62:1-4)

As for those who stood by God during this last end, in God’s eyes they are now called spiritual Mount Zion, yet these Gentile spiritual Jews ought not to become proud nor to boast against the natural branches lest they’d be cut off as well:

“Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? 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 11:18-25)

As for those who will repent before the Day of the Lord, they will no longer be termed “Forsaken,” neither shall Jerusalem be called “Desolate” because of His own people who have left it that way.

“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and **the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God:** and I will write upon him my new name.” (Revelation 3:10-12)

God the Father is so gracious to His remembrancers that He even reveals to us right now the new name of Christ’s wife, He is calling us by the name, “**Hephzi-bah**” which means, “**My delight is in her.**” While our land Jerusalem, He will call, “**Beulah**” for He will **MARRY** “the holy city, new Jerusalem” after His Son, Jesus Christ with His Wife returns to Jerusalem and accomplish His great master plan for mankind.

“AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw **the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”

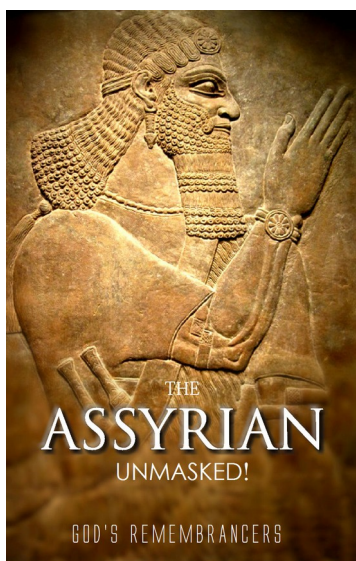
(Revelation 21:1-3)

Oh what a breath-taking vision that is! Mount Zion indeed stands most beautiful today and beyond.

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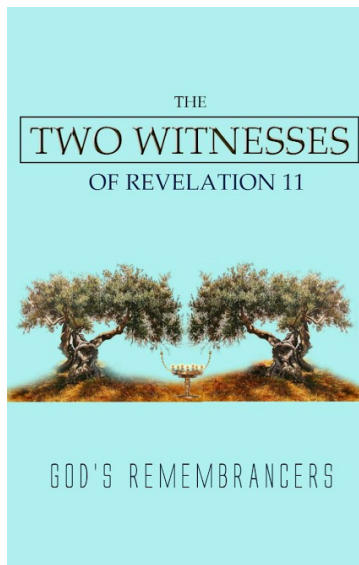
The Assyrian Unmasked!

A great tree from the Cedars of Lebanon is prophesied to rise in power at the later part of the Laodicean Era. This Assyrian is a rod of God's Anger to punish God's own people. Turning to a lukewarm message, the Temple Priests despised God's Government of love with their blatant rebellion of Paganism, Idolatry, the Worship of Ministers and unrighteous judgment. Hearts became calloused - the destruction of Family became a central theme in the Philadelphia Church of God. With little or no compassion and mercy, Priests rejected their own flesh and blood for the *most trivial reasons*, breaking up marriages, betraying friends and families. The Assyrian will surely destroy Spiritual Edom within God's own Church leaving its own rebellious people destitute.



The Two Witnesses of Revelation 11

Two prophets arise in the end time scene just before the return of Jesus Christ. Why did God call them "My Witnesses"? (Isaiah 43:10). A witness plays a very important role in criminal cases, they help in clarifying to the judge, the jury of the crime committed by a party (Deuteronomy 17:6). However, in this end time, these prophets account the iniquity of God's Own Church. The Faithful City turned harlot - Babylon. Offshoots of the Worldwide Church of God have many speculations of these Two Prophets. Now their identity is revealed in Revelation 11 and many other passages of the Bible. You can be sure their testimonies are founded on the revelations already given by God. Now is the time to understand why Laodicea and why the Two Witnesses. Order or download for your free copy.



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