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## *Chapter 1*

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# Ophir – A Tangled Tale

**O**n Wednesday, July 20, 2016 an infamous anti-Herbert W. Armstrong group has posted an article discussing a tangled tale of a new group from the Philippines who came out from the Philadelphia Church of God to revive the legacy of the end time Elijah in Jerusalem. Here's an excerpt from their post:

Now, let's look at another group that has also dedicated the same dirt pile to Herbert Armstrong. This is a group out of the Philippines, who at one time halfway endorsed Flurry, but now consider him a liar and a heretic. That group is called the **A.R.K of God Foundation**. The long version is this:

*Armstrong Remembrancers and Keepers of God Foundation is an independent community foundation dedicated to reviving the legacy of the late Herbert W. Armstrong in Jerusalem and in the whole world through an approach centered on remembering his teachings on God's give way of life that will bring about peace among the peoples of different races, ethnicity or belief; and also to keep the covenant that God made with him.*

This is another group that feels that the legacy of Herbert Armstrong is not being preserved and that it is their duty to do so. To them, Gerald Flurry and the PCG are apostate, Irish dancing, heretics.

They too have paid to have their name engraved on another price of marble and installed on the wall of the dirt pile.

*Source: COG's Battle Over Children's Playground At Liberty Bell Park In Jerusalem*

While this story as posted in their website may have been about another breakaway which has become the name of the game among the several Church of God groups following the demise of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, yet this breakaway, "A.R.K. folks" as the writer called them have a unique story behind them, that is, they chose Jerusalem which the Eternal has chosen. These "A.R.K. folks" are also filled with so much hope and vision which is evidently lacking in those people behind such an anti-Armstrong website that offers no hope nor vision, but only bitterness and hatred in their hearts. Right now these kind of people who once knew the God of Elijah together with the other COG groups out there, they are all perishing spiritually because they don't have God's vision with them (Proverbs 29:18).

## **A TANGLED TALE**

The story of this breakaway group from the Philippines can be considered as one of the most controversial narrative ever to land

in the pages of the human course of events involving God and His people and this tale would definitely generate several questions such as the following:

- What made this Gentile nation from the FAR EAST to think that they will be used by God to do His Work?
- Who do they think they are to be able to continue God's Work in this last end? Are they of the tribe of Israel to begin with?
- Is there any prophecy written in the Bible that foretell about these Gentiles?

And so the question will go on and on because God's own people are not used to seeing brown skin toned complexion doing God's work, much more so, **leading God's work in His chosen city, Jerusalem, even to prepare it for the return of the Messiah.**

To be able to find the answers to all the questions that may be generated, let us begin our quest for the truth with this news clip:

### **Work of ancient goldsmiths of the Philippines on display in New York**

by **New York Times News Service**

September 25, 2015 (updated)

NEW YORK — More than half a millennium before Ferdinand Magellan reached the archipelago now called the Philippines in 1521, a number of related societies thrived there. Little is known about them. They left no enduring architecture, monuments or literature. One thing is certain, however: They were astoundingly skillful goldsmiths.

A generous sample of those underknown peoples' work in gold is presented in "Philippine Gold:

Treasures of Forgotten Kingdoms,” a gorgeous and historically intriguing exhibition of about 120 pieces from the 10th through the 13th centuries.

Organized by the Asia Society’s Adriana Proser and, as consulting curator, Florina Capistrano-Baker of the Ayala Museum, to which most of the items on view belong, the show includes bracelets, bangles, necklaces, pendants, pectorals, collars, finger rings, dishes, bowls, a balance scale made entirely of gold and triangular pieces with rounded corners called “chastity covers” designed to be worn by women over their genitals...

The star of the show and the biggest piece is a gleaming sash that could be mistaken for a futuristic ammunition belt. Made of myriad gold beads, it’s designed to be worn over one shoulder, across the chest and to the hip where one end threads through a loop and concludes with the setting for a now lost finial. Nearly 5 feet long and square sectioned (about 1 inch on a side), it weighs about 9 pounds...

*How was it that knowledge of a culture — or collection of cultures — capable of such exquisite and sophisticated metalworking was forgotten and left without a name? That is a tangled tale.*

*Gold was always plentiful in the Philippines, readily collected by panning. Today the country is said to have the world’s second richest gold deposits. When the Spanish landed, they found natives sporting much gold jewelry and regalia. Illustrations in a book from around 1590 called “**The Boxer Codex**,” on view in the exhibition, depict indigenous people wearing ostentatious gold adornments over flowing, colorful garments. But the Spanish colonizers wasted little time in decimating the native cultures and making off with their gold, which they melted down for their own purposes.*



**BOXER CODEX:** The Boxer Codex is a manuscript written c. 1590, which contains illustrations of ethnic groups in the Philippines at the time of their initial contact with the Spaniards. Aside from a description of, and historical allusions to what is now the Philippines and various other Far Eastern countries, the codex also contains seventy-five coloured drawings of the inhabitants of these regions and their distinctive costume. At least fifteen illustrations deal with the inhabitants of the Philippine Archipelago.



Tagalog royalty and his wife, wearing the distinctive color of class (red)



Tagalog maginoo (noble) his wife, wearing the distinctive color of class (blue)



Visayan kadatuan (royal) couple



Tagalog royal couple



Visayan kadatuan (royal) and his wife, wearing the distinctive color of his class (red)



Chinese couple popularly known in the colonial Philippines as "Sangleys."



Japanese couple of the samurai caste in yukata



Ethnic Vietnamese couple from Caupchy



Thai (Siamese) couple



Chinese General in pre-colonial Philippines

The first modern discoveries of precolonial gold were made by French explorer Alfred Marche, who, in 1881, uncovered about 10 pieces in wooden coffins and Chinese export jars in burial sites on the island of Marinduque. (By carbon dating the ceramic vessels that gold pieces were regularly found buried in, archaeologists later determined that most of the gold that has come to light was produced from the 10th through the 13th centuries.) *More gold artifacts turned up here and there over the ensuing decades, but it was not until a hundred years later that the*

*next major find occurred.* One day in April 1981, a heavy machinery operator named Edilberto Morales was working on an irrigation project in Surigao del Sur province in the island of Mindanao when he accidentally unearthed a metal bowl, which turned out to be made of gold. That partly dented, elegantly simple vessel is in the exhibition. During the rest of the day, Morales uncovered many more gold pieces — 22 pounds' worth — of what came to be known as the Surigao Treasure.

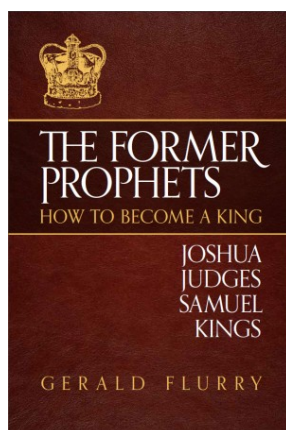
*Read more at :* <http://www.mb.com.ph/work-of-ancient-goldsmiths-of-the-philippines-on-display-in-new-york/#jPqY46jK18Wj2hXl.99>

The writer was a bit perplexed as to “*How was it that knowledge of a culture — or collection of cultures — capable of such exquisite and sophisticated metalworking was forgotten and left without a name? That is a TANGLED TALE.*” In this article we will unveil the knowledge of *THAT CULTURE* that is “*capable of such exquisite and sophisticated metalworking*” and how it relates to our *Work in this last end and even to our future in God’s Kingdom*. Now to be able to uncover the mystery of *THAT CULTURE*, let us first consider what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about the significance of *HISTORY*.

**HISTORY WAS BOTH MEMORY AND PROPHECY.** It provided the counsel and the solace of the *LONG VIEW* both to the past and to the future... “(H)istory followed great cycles: the same themes recurred, again and again, the same drama was played out, from age to age; and as men had somehow survived the vicissitudes of the past there was ground to hope that they might survive those of the present and the future... Manfred Weidhorn, in his book *Sword and Pen*, said this about Winston Churchill: “In attempting to assess the ultimate significance of events, Churchill grapples with the

problem of historical perspective. Incidents have one meaning at the time of their occurrence and another when they have become part of history.” Many people have called Mr. Churchill a prophet. Here is the main reason: He tried “to ASSESS THE ULTIMATE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENTS” IN A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE. All human beings are weak in this area, but WE MUST STRIVE TO SEE NOT JUST THE PRESENT, BUT ALSO THE PAST AND THE FUTURE. Mr. Churchill also said that THE FURTHER YOU SEE INTO THE PAST, THE FURTHER YOU CAN SEE INTO THE FUTURE. What we really need is God’s perspective. We should avoid human reasoning (2 Corinthians 10:5). Instead, we should reason with God (Isaiah 1:18). Source: (p. 284-286, *The Former Prophets: How to Become a King*)

For emphasis, “HISTORY WAS BOTH MEMORY AND PROPHECY” wherein as defined in the dictionary, MEMORY is the instance of remembering, recalling and recollecting the past; while PROPHECY is a revealing God’s will. So it is really very important to know one’s history in God’s perspective. And for us to be able to understand the reason behind **Gentiles working in Jerusalem**, we need to ASSESS THE ULTIMATE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENTS IN A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE. WE MUST STRIVE TO SEE NOT JUST THE PRESENT, BUT ALSO THE PAST AND THE FUTURE. Now let us dig deeper into the past of this Gentile nation to be able to see what lies ahead into their future, because as Mr. Churchill said that, “THE FURTHER YOU SEE INTO THE PAST, THE FURTHER YOU CAN SEE INTO THE FUTURE.” Let us consider briefly what has been written about the history of the



### Philippines:

*When the Spanish ruled the Philippines, they purposely **destroyed books and other documents** on History of the Filipinos so that they can easily Christianize the people and make them forget their belief.* The old books that were not destroyed by the Spaniards were the Tarsillas of the Muslim, the Book of Datu Sumakwel (which was the History of Panay) and that of Datu Kalantiaw.

Source: p. 43, PHILIPPINES 2 MILLENNIUM HISTORY” by Luzano Pancho Canlas

Why did the Spaniards PURPOSELY DESTROYED the books and other documents on HISTORY of the Filipinos? When we look at God’s perspective, it is actually instigated by Satan the devil because he wanted the TRUE IDENTITY of this nation to be blotted out. But why? The reason behind that will astound every one even in God’s own Church. Why did God used the Gentiles to write His **Book of Remembrance**? It’s all about God educating us through HISTORY or the real version of HIS STORY (or God’s story):

God is trying to educate us to teach the whole world and to work at headquarters with Jesus Christ for all eternity. That is why we were *chosen* to do this Work! That is a *towering* responsibility – one we must be *educated* to fulfill. “Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a *book of remembrance* was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name” (Malachi 3:16). ***Even this will be somewhat of a history book that God has for those who remembered what God taught through them.***

Source: p. 9, *The Former Prophets: How to Become a King*

The **Book of Remembrance** according to Mr. Flurry is “*somewhat of a history book that God has for those who remembered what God taught through them.*” And truly, it is a HISTORY BOOK and you can easily prove it. As Mr. Churchill said that THE FURTHER YOU SEE INTO THE PAST, THE FURTHER YOU CAN SEE INTO THE FUTURE. Now to better understand and SEE OUR FUTURE, let’s go FURTHER INTO THE PAST. We may have heard of several prophecies concerning the land Ophir because it was where King Solomon got the gold which he used to garnish the temple with ornaments of gold from this place. Who is Ophir? And where is that Ophir today?

## THE LAND OF OPHIR

Let us begin the narrative of the past in Genesis chapter 10 where the name Ophir has first been mentioned:

The children of **Shem**; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram. And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat Eber. And unto **Eber** were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother’s name was Joktan. And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba, And **Ophir**, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan. And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar **a mount of the east.** (Genesis 10:22-30)

**Ophir went to a mount of the EAST.** So in order to find where the descendants of Ophir settled, one has to consider the EAST. The land of Ophir became famous because it was where the gold that King Solomon used in building God’s temple in Jerusalem. He even made navy of ships to send his servants to fetch those precious metal from that place in the east.

And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the Lord, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the Lord. So he finished the house. And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Eziongeber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom. And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. *And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.* (1 Kings 9:25- 28)

But where in the world can we find the land of the Biblical Ophir? Let us consider some resources:

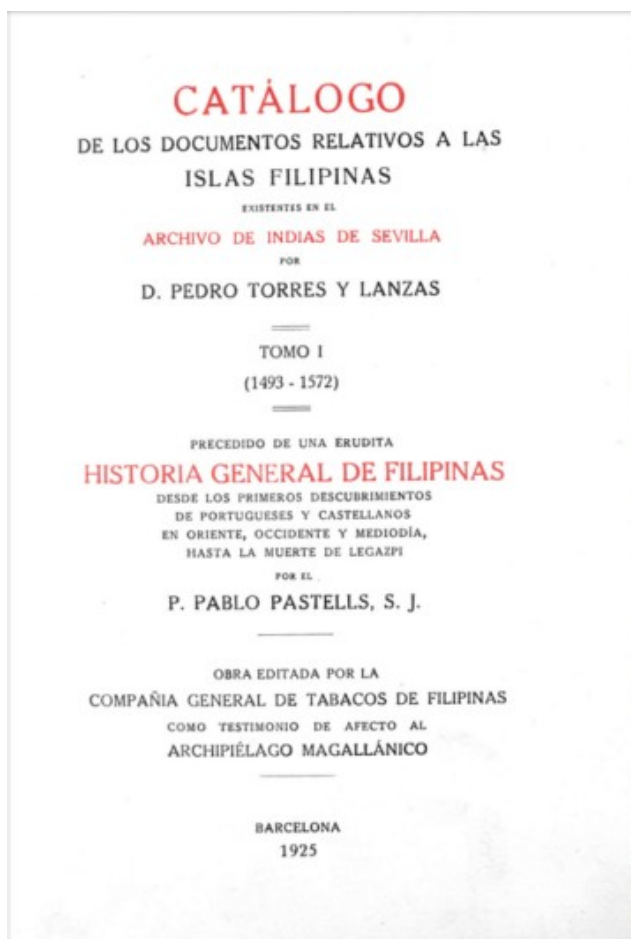
### **Ophir- Ancient name of *Islas del Oriente* – The Philippine Islands**

#### *What the Spaniards believed*

After the death of King Solomon, Ophir was abandoned and soon forgotten. After the passage of hundreds of years nobody would know where or what is Ophir. The other word associated with Ophir is the word “Tarshish.” Nobody also knew what it meant. In old translations of the Bible it was supposed also to be a place. However, in new translations of the Bible, it is used to refer to the fleet that went to Ophir. What happened to the Hebrew or Jewish settlements that were established to process the gold before they were shipped back to King Solomon? Nobody also knew. However, we knew that because of their religious beliefs the Hebrews tend to survive as a separate enclave wherever they settled.

*Historical facts*

In Spain there is a book called Coleccion General de Documentos Relativos a las Islas Filipinas. It is found in the Archivos de Indias de Sevilla. It was reprinted in 1920 in Barcelona, Spain by the Compania General de Tabaccos de Filipinas. Its Tomo III (1519-1522), pages 112-138, contains Document No. 98 describing how to locate the land of Ophir.



This same volume also contains the official documents regarding the voyage of Ferdinand Magellan. It also contains the logbook of Francisco Albo, the chief pilot of the ship Victoria. This logbook is also one of the main references regarding the voyage of Ferdinand Magellan.

Since this book contains important documents, we can discern that the Spaniards did not really believe that Ophir was in India. In fact the Cabot expedition that left Spain on April 3, 1526 had a secret mission, “to search for a route to Tarsis, **OPHIR**, Oriental Cathay (China), and Japan.”

Document No. 98 describes how to locate the land of Ophir. The travel guide started from the Cape of Good Hope in Africa to India, to Burma, to Sumatra, to Moluccas, to Borneo, to Sulu, to China, then finally Ophir.

Ophir was “...in front of China towards the sea, of many islands where the Moluccans, Chinese, and Lequios met to trade...”

This group of islands could not be Japan because the Moluccans did not get there. It could not be Taiwan because it is not “of many islands.” Only the present day Philippines could satisfy the description.

Source:<http://addiebantug.blogspot.com/2012/08/ophir-ancient-name-of-islas-del-orient.html>

The land of Ophir has been given a new name after the King of Spain, King Felipe and it has been observed even by a Jesuit historian then about the “**mystery and obscurities of the Hebrew language**” that can be found in the native language spoken in that land.

### **OPHIR: The Ancient-Name of the Islands of the Philippines**

*The western writers and ocean navigators called the*



*islands Ophir before the Western people arrived and re-named it as **Felipinas** from the name of King Felipe of Spain.* When the first European historian set their foot in the land of Ophir, it was written by historian Gregorio F. Zaide in page 2 and page 24 of History of the Filipino people, that Padre Chirino an eminent Jesuit historian found in Tagalog language that **“it has the mystery and obscurities of the Hebrew language”** Therefore in the island of Ophir the people speaks ancient Hebrew language.

The Tagalog language has 30,000 root words, 700 affixes, and the root words which are famous about 5,000 words from Spanish, 3,200 from Malay-Indonesia, 1,500 words from Hebrew, 1,300 from English, 300 from Sanskrit, 250 words from Arabic and very few words Persian, Japanese and Russian.

Ever wonder why the Philippine anthem was titled “Lupang Hinirang” (The Promised Land) by our heroes over a century ago? *Filipino heroes know about our identity.* When Dr. Jose Rizal penned the famous expression, “Ang hindi magmahal sa sariling wika, daig pa ang hayop at mabahong isda” (He who does not love his own language is worse than an animal and stinky fish). Let’s ask ourselves this question, “Of all the languages around the world and all the knowledge that Rizal was able to acquire, why would he don’t want the Filipino people to FORGET about the LANGUAGE?”

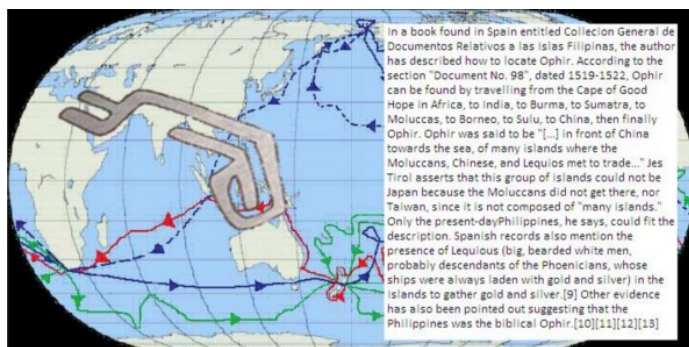
Source:<https://www.scribd.com/doc/78713593/Philippines-is-Ophir>

Here’s another source on how the Spaniards were able to locate the land of Ophir:

In a book found in Spain entitled *Coleccion General de Documentos Relativos a las Islas Filipinas*, the author has described how to locate Ophir. According

to the section “Document No. 98”, dated 1519-1522, Ophir can be found by travelling from the Cape of Good Hope in Africa, to India, to Burma, to Sumatra, to Moluccas, to Borneo, to Sulu, to China, then finally Ophir. Ophir was said to be “[...] in front of China towards the sea, of many islands where the Moluccans, Chinese, and Lequios met to trade...” Jes Tirol asserts that this group of islands could not be Japan because the Moluccans did not get there, nor Taiwan, since it is not composed of “many islands.” Only the present-day **Philippines**, he says, could fit the description. Spanish records also mention the presence of Lequios (big, bearded white men, probably descendants of the **Phoenicians**, whose ships were always laden with gold and silver) in the Islands to gather gold and silver. Other evidence has also been pointed out suggesting that the Philippines was the biblical Ophir.

Source: **Philippines is Ancient Ophir**



Former Prime Minister Pedro A. Paterno said in one of his works on conjectural anthropology that the land of **Ophir is the Philippines**

**Ophir** (Hebrew: אֹפִיר) is a region of islands mentioned in the Bible, most famous for its wealth.

Accounts mention that King Solomon received the riches of the region every three years. At the emergence of the hydrography of Spanish colonies in Asia in the early 17th century, Dominican Gregorio García wrote that *Ophir* was indeed located in the Moluccas and the Philippines. In 1609, Juan de Pineda wrote a diverse collection of literature relating Biblical accounts of Solomon, Ophir and the islands. *Former Prime Minister Pedro A. Paterno said in one of his works on conjectural anthropology that Ophir is the Philippines* because the scented wood Solomon received from Ophir also exists in the Islands. This notion was however, later dismissed by modern historians as merely alluding and comparing the Philippines' position to the Spanish economy with that of Ophir to Solomon's kingdom—the sudden discovery and colonisation of the Islands bringing wealth and prosperity to the realm.

Source:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Name\\_of\\_the\\_Philippines](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Name_of_the_Philippines)

## *Chapter 2*

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# The Lost Tribe of Levi

**A**nother gripping story that must be told is about the tribe of Levi. We may already have heard or read about the Lost 10 tribes of Israel which Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has already covered in his book, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. But how about those sons of Levi – **Gershon, Kohath, and Merari** (1 Chronicles 6:1)?

In Joshua 21:1-8 and 1 Chronicles 6:63-81 we can read how the three sons of Levi, were distributed to each tribe.

Then came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the

tribes of the children of Israel; And they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The Lord commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle. And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the Lord, these cities and their suburbs. And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, which were of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities. And the rest of the children of Kohath had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities. And the children of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. The children of Merari by their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses. (Joshua 21:1-8)

- Reuben – Merari
- Simeon – Kohath
- Judah – Kohath
- Dan – Kohath
- Naphtali – Gershon
- Gad – Merari
- Asher – Gershon
- Issachar – Gershon
- Zebulun – Merari
- Ephraim – Kohath
- Manasseh – Gershon / Kohath
- Benjamin – Kohath

Yet something happened when Jeroboam became the king of the house of Israel – he ordained his own priesthood from among the lowest of the people which were not of the tribe of Levi.

If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah. Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan. And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. *And he (Jeroboam) made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were NOT of the sons of Levi.* (1 Kings 12:27-31)

Again, what does this verse mean? It means that the Levites that were assigned to the 10 tribes were of no more of use to the house of Israel under King Jeroboam. So what happened to them?

And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their coasts. *For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the Lord:* And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made. And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the Lord God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the Lord God of their fathers. *So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and*

*Solomon. (2 Chronicles 11:13-17)*

Notice carefully that the displaced Levites from the kingdom of Israel led by king Jeroboam went to Judah and Jerusalem and they joined with the kingdom of Judah only for **THREE YEARS**. Then what? Read the shocking truth in chapter 20 of 2 Chronicles that only the children of the Kohathites were found performing the priestly functions.

And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshipping the Lord. And the Levites, of the *children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites*, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high. (2 Chronicles 20:18-19)

So where did the children of **Gershon and Merari** went? Did they go back to the kingdom of Israel? Did they become part of those that were carried away out of their own land?

For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; Until the Lord removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day. (2 Kings 17:22-23)

We must remember that after **every three years** the ships of Tarshish went to Ophir to get gold and silver (2 Chronicles 9:21-22). Is it possible that the children of Gershon, Merari and few descendants of Kohath reached the island of Ophir? The answer would definitely surprise every one including God's own people. And it has been prophesied in the book of Isaiah. More on that later.

At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put

them in the ark...*At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day. Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the Lord is his inheritance, according as the Lord thy God promised him.* (Deuteronomy 10:1-2, 8-9)

Notice that Levi HAS NO PART NOR INHERITANCE WITH HIS BRETHREN. If the tribes of Israel led by America and Britain are prosperous, can we expect the tribe of Levi to be prosperous as his other brothers? No! As prophesied, God would be his ONLY INHERITANCE and it is in His purpose to separate the tribe of Levi to bear the Ark of the Covenant on their shoulders. Can we find any tradition from among the nations of this world which is similar to this?

### **Trivia : “Bayanihan”- The Best of Filipino Traditions**

*The picture of Filipino men carrying a house on their shoulders* in this “More fun in the Philippines” picture **might seem odd to other nationalities** and the younger Pinoy generations. But in the olden days this is actually how houses are moved or how people “change address” as the caption of the pictures says. And Yes! this is really fun with much bantering during the lifting and moving of the house. This is called Bayanihan.

What is Bayanihan?

This is a description of Bayanihan. “Bayanihan” is commonly a term applied to a group of neighbors helping another neighbor in need of help for a work to be done which requires group effort. This is normally done by the neighbors without any monetary compensation. In the olden days, when most of the houses were made of bamboo, wood and palm or grass roofs (thatched roofs), *it is common to*



*transfer houses of such materials from one location to another by lifting the whole house atop wood beams. The group effort of lifting and transferring the house is called “bayanihan” or the “spirit of bayanihan”. The picture below is the iconic cultural image of “bayanihan”( see picture below). The term can also be applied to other group endeavors such as the planting and harvesting of rice, helping victims of disasters like typhoon, earthquake and flood. To these days, specially in the provinces, you can still see the people transferring houses the bayanihan way.*



Definition : Bayanihan is a Filipino term taken from the word “**bayan**,” referring to a **nation**, town or community. The whole term bayanihan refers to a spirit of communal unity or effort to achieve a particular objective.

Where in the world could the Filipinos have acquired the

tradition of bearing a house on its shoulders as they transfer it to another location?

And the children of the Levites **bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon**, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD. (1 Chronicles 15:15; see also 2 Chronicles 35:3)

*The Ark of the Covenant has to be carried on the shoulders of the Levites.* That is the where the Filipinos acquired that tradition of Bayanihan. And how about the skills of mixing gold with wood and other metals, where did the forefathers of the Filipinos got it?

### ***Jewelry, Metal Work and Mining***

Mines dating back to at least 1,000 BC have been found in the Philippines. When the Spanish arrived the Filipinos worked various mines of gold, silver, copper and iron. They also seemed to have worked in brass using tin that was likely imported from the Malay Peninsula. The iron work in particular was said to be of very high quality in some cases, and occasionally in some areas, even better than that found in Europe. When the Spanish arrived, the Philippines were so gilded with gold that most of the gold mines had been neglected...

Pigafetta wrote:

“On the island of Butuan where the king came to the ship, pieces of gold as large as walnut or eggs are to be found, by sifting the earth. All the dishes of the king are of gold, and his whole house is very well set up”

Pigafetta goes on to describe the huge gold ornaments, gold dagger handles, tooth plating and **even GOLD WAS USED TO DECORATE THE OUTSIDE HOUSES!** *On the gold work of the Filipinos is this description: “they possess great*

*skill in mixing it (gold) with other metals. They give it an outside appearance so natural and perfect, and so fine a ring that unless it is melted they can deceive all men, even the best of silversmiths”*

Source:<https://www.scribd.com/doc/77975262/Filipinos-Are-Among-the-Lost-Tribes-of-Israel>

Notice the striking resemblance of the technology and skill given by God to make the Ark of the Covenant.

And they shall make **an ark of shittim wood**: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt **overlay it with pure gold**, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt **make upon it a crown of gold round about**. And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. And thou shalt make **staves of shittim wood**, and **overlay them with gold**. (Exodus 25:10-13; see also Exodus 37)

Who has been given by God the knowledge and the skill in overlaying gold to the shittim wood? The ancient Filipinos have that same kind of technology and skill. The question is WHERE have they learned about it?

Another tradition being practiced by the Filipinos in olden times was that of CIRCUMCISION which traces its roots to the covenant made by God to Abraham and his descendants. (Genesis 17:12-14).

Yet if we will assess it historically, are those traditions being mentioned enough proof that some (if not all) Filipinos could have descended from the Lost Tribe of Levi particularly, from the bloodline of Gershon and Merari? Moreover, it is already a known fact in history that **Jews** have also settled in the Philippines even before the Spaniards came.

## *Chapter 3*

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# **Bring God's Sons from Afar**

**T**he Laguna Copperplate Inscription (900 AD) proves that even before the Spaniards came in 1521, there was already a civilized society that practices jubilee.

### **Laguna Copperplate Inscription** *Discovery*

The Laguna Copperplate Inscription was found in 1989 near the mouth of the Lumbang River near Laguna de Bay, by a man who was dredging sand to turn into concrete. Suspecting that the artifact might

have some value, the man sold it to an antique dealer who, having found no buyers, eventually sold it to the National Museum of the Philippines, where it was assigned to Alfredo E. Evangelista, head of its Anthropology Department.

A year later, Antoon Postma noted that the inscription was similar to the ancient Indonesian script of Kawi. Postma translated the script and found the document dated itself to the Saka year 822, an old Hindu calendar date which approximately corresponds to 900 CE. This meant that the document pre-dated the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan in 1521 and is from about the same time as the mention of Philippines in the official Chinese **Song dynasty *History of Song*** for the year 972.

### *Significance*

**The Laguna Copperplate Inscription**, among other recent finds such as the Golden Tara of Butuan and 14th century pottery and gold jewellery in Cebu, *is highly important in revising the ancient Philippine history*, which was until then considered by some Western historians to be culturally isolated from the rest of Asia, as no evident pre-Hispanic written records were found at the time. Philippine historian William Henry Scott debunked these theories in 1968 with his *Prehispanic Source materials for the Study of Philippine History* which was subsequently published in 1984.

**The inscription is a document demonstrative of pre-Hispanic literacy and culture**, and is considered to be a national treasure. It is currently deposited at the National Museum of the Philippines in Manila.

Source:[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laguna\\_Copper\\_plate\\_Inscription](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laguna_Copper_plate_Inscription)

So even before the Spaniards came to the Philippines, there was already an established culture “capable of such exquisite and sophisticated metalworking” and the people are literate unlike what the Spaniards would like the people to believe otherwise.

As proof of such a culture that “possess great skill in mixing it (gold) with other metals. They give it an outside appearance so natural and perfect, and so fine a ring that unless it is melted they can deceive all men, even the best of silversmiths”; recent discoveries show that gold jewelry of Philippine origin was even found in Egypt near the beginning of the era. These finds are mentioned in Laszlo Legaza’s “Tantric elements in pre-Hispanic Philippines Gold Art,” – from *Arts of Asia* 1981, no. 4, p. 54

Current studies even prove that the Philippines is rich in gold and other precious metals; one of the world’s largest producer of gold, copper, and other precious metals and elements. The total value of metals that can be mine in the Philippines is USD 4.3 trillion.

Other recent discoveries would put the Philippines in the spotlight. In fact, the deposits of this methane ice in Benham Rise are believed to be so huge, it could make the Philippines one of the richest countries in the world.

### **Benham Rise: Philippines’s ‘new territory’**

The Philippines has gained a “new territory” through the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)’s ruling on the 13 million-hectare Benham Rise...

The awarding of Benham Rise to the Philippines brought to 43 million hectares the total land area of the country – from 30 million hectares.

Benham Rise has been part of ancient Filipino culture. Ancient Catanduanes (Bicol region, to Benham’s south) people fished and roamed the area long before colonial times, Wikipedia noted.

In recent years, several scientific surveys have been conducted on Benham Rise.

The Philippine government has also been exploring the possibility of mapping new gas fields on the ridge.

Aside from the expansion of territory, the Philippines will also benefit from mineral and gas deposits in the region.

Initial research findings have shown that there are massive mineral and gas deposits in the plateau. Furthermore, solidified methane was found during mapping operations. Hence, the region is believed to have vast oil deposits.

Source:<http://www.philstar.com/headlines/2016/05/18/1584439/benham-rise-philippines-new-territory>

Other wealth of the sea that were found just lying in the depths of the ocean is Deuterium:

### **Deuterium deposits make Philippines “The Richest Country in the world”**

What is DEUTERIUM? Deuterium is HEAVY WATER or HYDROGEN WATER without oxygen. This is obtained from the deep trenches of the World and the WORLD’S LARGEST DEPOSIT OF DEUTERIUM IS IN THE PHILIPPINES – A big deposit of 868 miles long, 52 miles at widest point, and 3 miles at deepest point, replenished by nature 24 hours a day after Deuterium traveled more than 12,000 kilometers from Central America to the Philippines through the span of the Pacific Ocean when Planet Earth turns on its axis from West to East in unending perpetual motion.

### **USES OF DEUTERIUM**

Deuterium is used in the production of (Hydrogen) Li-Hy Fuel now used in Canada, America , Germany

and some parts of Sweden to provide fuel for cars, trucks, jet planes, etc. including solid Hydrogen for Spacecrafts Challenger and Columbia . Deuterium can replace gasoline, LPG, LNG, Avgas, etc. in powering all types of internal combustion engines. It does not emit pollutants or any harmful carbon monoxide and does not cause any environmental problems because it is in the water family as emissions are nothing but water vapor or steam. Deuterium as Hydrogen Fuel can be used for cooking, lighting, heating, and as Heavy Water fuel for Reactors in electric power generation...

### **BENEFITS TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FILIPINO PEOPLE**

At 12 million barrels per day capacity priced at US\$7.00 per barrel, this is US\$84 million per day or US\$30.66 billion per year, enough to wipe out all existing foreign debts of the Government in one year, revenue-wise in Foreign Exchange.

Public works, private construction, economic and financial booms are expected to happen in the Philippines in the same manner as those which happened in the Middle East and financial centers of the world from 1974 to 1984, with everybody earning their respective comfortable livelihood, while pricing basic prime necessities at reasonable and affordable levels.

Deuterium and Hydrogen Fuel is the final and lasting hope of the Filipino People and the Government to be great again. This untapped source of energy supply will make the Philippines one of the richest country in the world.

Source: <http://newsgru.com/deuterium-deposits-make-philippines-the-riches-country-in-the-world/>



These news about the wealth in the seas is just part of the fulfillment of the prophecy written by the prophet Isaiah whose name means “*‘The Lord is salvation.’ The work of the great prophet was to turn the Jews to the Lord as the only hope of their salvation.*” This is actually connected to several prophecies concerning God’s salvation of the spiritual Jews in this last end through a short Gentile work in the context of a *Book of Remembrance* (Malachi 3:16-18; Daniel 12; Revelation 11:2-13; Acts 13:41, 46-47; Habakkuk 1:5; Isaiah 29:14; Romans 10:19-20; Deuteronomy 32:21; Romans 11:26; Obadiah 1:21; Revelation 14:1-4; Romans 9:25-33; Isaiah 1:9; Isaiah 40:3-9; Isaiah 42:6; Isaiah 45; Isaiah 49:6, Isaiah 60; Isaiah 62, etc.)

The Gentiles finishing God’s last end work is a far fetched idea that no one in God’s Church will ever believe (Habakkuk 1:5). But how can anyone of them be able to explain what Isaiah described in the 60th chapter concerning the abundance and wealth of the sea?

Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because **the abundance of the sea** shall be converted unto thee, **the forces (wealth) of the Gentiles** shall come unto thee. (Isaiah 60:5)

And how about its conclusion in verse 22? Will they be able to have the understanding to expound its intended realization?

A little one shall become a thousand, and **a small one a strong nation**: I the Lord will hasten it in his time. (Isaiah 60:22)

This **little insignificant group** who was given the honor to finish God’s last end work is directly connected to a small Gentile island nation from the far east becoming strong and as God promised, He will personally hasten its fulfillment as He prophesied it.

Surely the isles shall wait for me, and **the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their**

**silver and their gold with them**, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. (Isaiah 60:9)

We can read here in verse 9, an irrefutable proof of where the Lost Tribe of Levi went. First we need to have the key to understanding this prophecy by knowing the identity of Tarshish.

*Tarshish in Fausset's Bible Dictionary* Tartessus (as Asshur became Athur, Bashan, Batanoea), **a Phoenician city South of Spain; the portion of Spain known to the Hebrew** (Psalm 72:10).

*Tarshish in Smiths Bible Dictionary* established). 1. **Probably Tartessus, a city and emporium of the Phoenicians in the south of Spain**, represented as one of the sons of Javan. Ge 10:4; 1Ki 10:22; 1Ch 1:7; Ps 48:7; Isa 2:16; Jer 10:9; Eze 27:12,25; Jon 1:3; 4:2

*Tarshish in Easton's Bible Dictionary* a Sanscrit or Aryan word, meaning "the sea coast." (1.) One of the "sons" of Javan (Gen. 10:4; 1 Chr. 1:7). (2.) The name of a place which first comes into notice in the days of Solomon. The question as to the locality of Tarshish has given rise to not a little discussion. Some think there was a Tarshish in the East, on the Indian coast, seeing that "ships of Tarshish" sailed from Eziongeber, on the Red Sea (1 Kings 9:26; 22:48; 2 Chr. 9:21). Some, again, argue that Carthage was the place so named. **There can be little doubt, however, that this is the name of a Phoenician port in Spain**, between the two mouths of the Guadalquivir (the name given to the river by the Arabs, and meaning "the great wady" or water-course).

Source:[http://www.bible-history.com/links.php?cat=40&sub=695&cat\\_name=Bible+Cities&subcat\\_name=Tarshish](http://www.bible-history.com/links.php?cat=40&sub=695&cat_name=Bible+Cities&subcat_name=Tarshish)

So the identity of Tarshish in Isaiah's prophecy is referring to Spain. Notice how the prophecy in verse 9 has been fulfilled physically and how it transpired (emphasis mine):

The first Catholic mass in the Philippines was on Easter Sunday of March 31, 1521 officiated by Father Pedro de Valderrama in the shore of a town islet named as Limasawa in the tip of Southern Leyte. ***Limasawa** is dubbed as the birthplace of Roman Catholicism in the Philippines...*

On March 31, 1521, an Easter Sunday, Magellan ordered a mass to be celebrated which was officiated by Father Pedro Valderrama, the Andalusian chaplain of the fleet, the only priest then. Conducted near the **SEA** shores of the island, the Holy First Mass marked the birth of Roman Catholicism in the Philippines. Rajah Colambu and Rajah Siaiu were the first natives of the archipelago, which was not yet named "Philippines" until the expedition of Ruy Lopez de Villalobos in 1543, to attend the mass among other native inhabitants.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First\\_Mass\\_in\\_the\\_Philippines](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Mass_in_the_Philippines)

Notice here that there were already royalties among the people – TWO KINGS for this instance, they were Rajah Colambu and Rajah Siaiu. Let's consider the eye-witness account of this historical event from the pen of Antonio Pigafetta, an Italian scholar and explorer from the Republic of Venice who traveled with Ferdinand Magellan.

On the last day of March, [March 31, 1521 is Sunday which was] Easter, the Captain General had the priest prepare to say mass, and through the interpreter he sent a message to the king that he

would not come ashore to dine with him, but to hear mass...

Then he had a cross brought with the nails and the crown, and at once they made a deep reverence. And through the interpreter they were told that this standard had been given to them by their lord the emperor. And for this reason everywhere they went they set up this sign...

*Again the Captain had them asked if they were Moors or pagans, and what they believed in.*

*They replied that they did not worship in any other way than by RAISING THEIR JOINED HANDS TO THE SKY AND CALLING ON THEIR GOD ABBA. For which thing the Captain was overjoyed. And seeing this the THE FIRST KING RAISED HIS JOINED HANDS TO THE SKY...*

Source: From the Journal of Antonio Pigafetta:

Is this NOT also a description of a people in the prophecy written in Daniel 12:7?

And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he **held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven**, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. (Daniel 12:7)

Even anciently, the pre-colonial people of the Philippines don't worship MEN nor any IDOLS, they only worship their God, Abba by raising their joined hands to the sky!

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, **Abba, Father**. (Galatians 4:6; Romans 8:15; Mark 14:36)

These pre-colonial ancestors most likely knew about this prophecy in Isaiah chapter 60 and they thought that it was the

Spaniards whom God sent. This could be the reason they readily accepted the Roman Catholic religion.

*Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. (Isaiah 60:9)*

God has to fulfill this prophecy in Isaiah chapter 60. The people in the island of Ophir knew that the ships of Tarshish or of the Spaniards has to come first in the order of time sequence. And these people were described by the prophet to be associated with silver and gold (emphasis mine).

The *Lequios* is a group of Hebrews who settled around Ophir, which the Spaniards considered the Philippine islands to be, before its colonization.

In Spain there is a 16th Century Book entitled **“Coleccion General de Documentos Relativos a las Islas Filipinas.”** It is found in the Archivos de Indias de Sevilla. It was reprinted in 1920 in Barcelona, Spain by the Compania General de Tabaccos de Filipinas. Its Tomo III (1519-1522), pages 112-138, contains **Document No. 98** describing how to locate the land of Ophir...

Ophir was “...in front of China towards the sea, of many islands where the Moluccans, Chinese, and Lequios met to trade...”

Along the route described by Document No. 98 are locations of old Jewish settlements...

Also, according to Documents 98, the Lequios were big, bearded, and white men. They were only interested in GOLD and SILVER when trading at Ophir. Okinawans, Koreans, and Vietnamese people are not big nor are they white. Their beards are just small goatees and could not satisfy the word “bearded”. Therefore, they were not the Lequios.

The Lequios were thus deemed to be the remnants of Hebrews and Phoenicians who have made enclaves in their trade with Ophir proper.<sup>[2]</sup>

**These Lequios were scattered among the islands of the Philippines.** Eventually, they too were converted to Christianity: along with the Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Animists of the Pre-Hispanic Philippine states after active Hispanic settlement via the Americas became uninterrupted in the 333 years of Spanish colonization.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lequios>

As Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong taught us that God always use the principle of duality in implementing His plan. Considering the duality in this prophecy in verse 9, i.e., there is actually a physical and a spiritual aspect to it, which further prove where this prophecy in Isaiah chapter 60 is being fulfilled:

### **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): *Barnes Commentary*

{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, PROPEROUS 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.

Source: <https://lightofthegentiles.com/2015/06/27/mount-zion-stands-most-beautiful/>

So again, this time another ships of Tarshish in this last end has been sent to to bring God's sons from far, and with them is far more precious than silver and gold – they have God's WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING.

*Happy is the man that findeth WISDOM, and the man that getteth UNDERSTANDING. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of SILVER, and the gain thereof than fine GOLD. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. (Proverbs 3:13-15)*

With the spiritual ship of Tarshish (Edstone) already on the scene, God is now bringing His sons from the land of Ophir with spiritual silver and gold with them – the *Book of Remembrance* and the overflowing revelations in this last end (Malachi 3:16-18; Zechariah 10:1).

## Chapter 4

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# The Two Messiah Tradition

**A**mong the Jewish rabbis, there has been an established tradition of the two Messiahs, which they identified as *Moshiach ben Yosef* and *Moshiach ben David* (Messiah son of Joseph and Messiah son of David). But there is another version of the two Messiah tradition which has been preserved in the writings found in the Dead Sea Scrolls. Whatever the case may be, one thing is common – there is indeed the Jewish expectations of two Messiahs.

### THE TRADITION OF TWO MESSIAHS

Within Judaism, however, there is another way of

approaching the anticipation of Messiah that deserves special attention. This idea is not simply messianic in principle, but is a way of explaining descriptions of the great King Messiah that is deeply rooted in the Jewish Scriptures. **An often repeated concept within the tradition of Israel is that there is not one Messiah but TWO: Moshiach ben Yosef and Moshiach ben David** (Messiah son of Joseph and Messiah son of David).

Like the kippah and the candles we've already mentioned, this is a tradition established by the rabbis a long ago and a matter we shall examine in closer detail. **Pick up almost any Jewish dictionary or encyclopedia, look up the word *messiah*, and you will find references to not one messianic figure but TWO: Messiah ben Joseph and Messiah ben David.**

Source: page 9, *The Jewish Tradition of Two Messiahs*

Yet there is another view of this two Messiah tradition which was discussed in an article written by one of the Mount Zion Dig directors, Dr. James Tabor (emphasis mine):

### **Essays on John the Baptist: Messianic Expectations (Part 2)**

By Dr. James Tabor  
Posted on June 12, 2015

The Qumran group has been emphasized as a breakaway movement of priests from the Essenes. They moved to the desert and set up a community along the shores of the Dead Sea, possibly following the doctrine of separation and preparing the way in the wilderness philosophy set forward in Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1. Fortunately, scholars have been

able to recover some writings of this community dubbed “The Dead Sea Scrolls.” *One important piece of this puzzle of their views on apocalypticism and messianic material is the Community Rule (1QS). Column VIII instructs its members to separate from ungodly men and go into the wilderness to prepare the way of Him. Column IX states, “this is the time for the preparation of the way in the wilderness.” Both these phrases reflect the groups awaiting of a coming messiah and following the words of Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3...*

*This Qumran TWO MESSIAH TRADITION is visible in Column VII when it speaks of Israel submitting to Levi and through Judah (priest and king) because it is from them salvation will come. PLURAL MESSIAH ARE IMPLIED HERE. One of the most fascinating finds was a copy of Malachi from Qumran that differs from modern day texts. In chapter 3, the text is talking of God sending a messenger to prepare the way and in verse 2 states, “BUT WHO CAN ENDURE THEM, THEY COME.” Present day texts state “who can endure the day of his coming.” HERE WE HAVE A FIRST CENTURY BCE TEXT NOT AFFECTED BY TIME OR TRANSLATION, SHOWING A PLURAL MESSIAH TRADITION. What can be said of the Qumran group at this point? They appropriated messianic materials of the Hebrew Bible in such a way as to transform their way of life. **First by moving to the desert and preparing the way Isaiah 40:3 for the coming messiahs.***

For emphasis, the Qumran group was responsible for the writings found as the Dead Sea Scrolls, which is “A FIRST CENTURY BCE TEXT NOT AFFECTED BY TIME OR TRANSLATION, SHOWING A PLURAL MESSIAH TRADITION “contained in the prophecy written in Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3. As Dr. Tabor pointed out, **“This Qumran TWO MESSIAH TRADITION...speaks of Israel submitting to**

**Levi and through Judah (priest and king) because it is from them salvation will come. PLURAL MESSIAH ARE IMPLIED HERE.”**

This is also connected to the prophecy written by Zechariah regarding A PRIEST (of Levi) and A KING (of Judah):

And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The Branch; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be **a priest upon his throne**: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. (Zechariah 6:12-13)

Imagine A PRIEST sitting on a THRONE? This just indicates that two Messiah concept is actually unified through the BRANCH, Jesus Christ (read Hebrews 4:14; Hebrews 5:5; Revelation 19:16) – the counsel of peace shall be between the **TWOFOLD: (According to Mr. Armstrong, there are actually TWO THRONES – the throne of David and the throne of Satan into which Christ shall sit upon.)**

As for the Hebrew word “messiah,” it actually means “anointed; usually a consecrated person (as a king, priest)

The Branch, Jesus Christ is prophesied in Zechariah chapter 6 to build the spiritual temple of God, and He did it by coming in the flesh through an end-time Zerubbabel, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong who has laid the foundation of that spiritual temple as prophesied in the 4th chapter of the book of 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)

Then who will continue the BUILDING process after Mr. Armstrong was taken away by God? “His HANDS shall also finish it” – The TWO HANDS of Zerubbabel, the two Messiahs

or the TWO ANOINTED ONES are those who will finish that spiritual temple to which Christ shall return into. Christ coming in the flesh through the TWO OLIVE BRANCHES, or the TWO ANOINTED ONES or the TWO MESSIAHS will finish the temple of God in this last end – “and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” (Zechariah 6:13)

And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these **two olive branches** which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then said he, **These are the two anointed ones**, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth. (Zechariah 4:12-14)

The prophecy in Zechariah 4:9 is actually the same prophecy written in Malachi chapter 3:

Behold, I will send **my messenger**, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, **even the messenger of the covenant**, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 3:1)

We know that the phrase “my messenger” being referred to here in this verse is none other than the end-time type of John the Baptist, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. Well how about this “messenger of the covenant”? What is the identity of this character?

The Dead Sea Scrolls can shed a great deal of light into this prophecy as written by Dr. Tabor (emphasis mine): “*One of the most fascinating finds was a copy of Malachi from Qumran that differs from modern day texts. In chapter 3, the text is talking of God sending a messenger to prepare the way and in verse 2 states, ‘BUT WHO CAN ENDURE THEM, THEY COME.’ Present day texts state ‘who can endure the day of his coming.’* HERE WE HAVE A FIRST CENTURY BCE TEXT NOT AFFECTED BY TIME OR TRANSLATION, SHOWING A

## PLURAL MESSIAH TRADITION.”

The copy of the book of Malachi that the Qumran group preserved have a SINGULAR MESSENGER to prepare the way, while “the messenger of the covenant” have a PLURAL MESSIAH concept as indicated in verse 2 – “*but who can endure THEM, THEY come*” (Modern day translation: *who can endure the day of his coming*)

**“But who can endure THEM, THEY come” – there ought to be at least TWO PERSONAGES to be able to show a plural Messiah and it directly relates to the TWO HANDS of Zerubbabel (Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong)! Notice the job description of the TWO MESSENGERS OF THE COVENANT:**

*Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law... I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and **give thee for a covenant of the people**, for a light of the Gentiles; (Isaiah 42:1-6)*

Here is the other MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT:

*Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name... And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will **ALSO give thee for a light to the Gentiles**, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth...*



Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and ***give thee for a covenant of the people***, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; (Isaiah 49:1, 6-8)

Now notice carefully the distinction between the two entities in Isaiah 42 and Isaiah 49 when God inspired in verse 6 the word “ALSO” (which means, IN ADDITION). So the description in chapter 49 is IN ADDITION to the MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT in Isaiah 42. And those two chapters in Isaiah clearly explained the TWO MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT as written in the Dead Sea Scroll copy of Malachi which was “NOT AFFECTED BY TIME OR TRANSLATION, SHOWING A PLURAL MESSIAH TRADITION.” And what will those TWO MESSIAHS do according to prophecy?

And he (or the two messiahs) shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and *he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver...* (Malachi 3:3)

So this is a very strong scriptural proof that the REMEMBRANCERS are indeed the SONS OF LEVI being discussed here! God cannot lie. Although the physical features suggest otherwise, yet as God is revealing it now, we are the SONS OF LEVI! Notice carefully the two identities and their association to each other as mentioned in Malachi chapter 3: (1) **THE TWO MESSENGERS OF THE COVENANT who do the purification;** (2) **THE SONS OF LEVI who shall be purified and purged AS COMPARED TO GOLD AND SILVER.** Now let us compare that with the prophecy in Isaiah chapter 60:

Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring *thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them...* (Isaiah 60:9)

In this prophecy, GOD’S SONS FROM FAR is associated also

with their SILVER AND their GOLD with them.

Malachi 3:1, 3	Isaiah 60:9
(1) THE TWO MESSENGERS OF THE COVENANT who do the purification;	GOD'S SONS FROM FAR
(2) THE SONS OF LEVI who shall be purified and purged AS COMPARED TO GOLD AND SILVER	with their SILVER and their GOLD with them

So if we will connect those two prophecies, the SONS OF LEVI are actually GOD'S SPIRITUAL SILVER AND GOLD that can be found in the island of Ophir!

And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. *The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.* The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts. (Haggai 2:7-9; read also Zechariah 6:11)

God is already making HIS JEWELS in this last end in the context of the *Book of Remembrance* (Malachi 3:16-17). It is HIS OWN PERSONAL POSSESSION – “The SILVER IS MINE, and the GOLD IS MINE saith the Lord of hosts.” God through His two messengers of the covenant purifies and purges His treasured possession “*that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness*” (Malachi 3:3). That is how the spiritual temple is being **finished** by the TWO HANDS of Zerubbabel in this last end (Zechariah 4:9).

For he will **finish the work**, and **cut it short in righteousness**: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth... What shall we say then? ***That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.*** (Romans 9:28, 30)

This is the commission of God's TWO WITNESSES as

MESSINGER OF THE COVENANT – TO FINISH GOD’S WORK. But if we will look closely, this MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT is actually Jesus Christ coming in the flesh through His TWO WITNESSES! And again their main job is to ***“purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.”*** And to what end?

Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. (Malachi 3:4)

The purpose would be, so that the work of the PCG members around the world and of the PCG Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma shall become acceptable in God’s eyes again, that is, upon their repentance of their vanity, idolatry and paganism. Well, how about those who won’t repent?

And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 3:5)

But God through his TWO ANOINTED ONES will become a SWIFT WITNESS against the Edomites ministers who support the Edstone work which is situated in the *Kingdom of the Hwicce* (SORCERER). God calls this people ADULTERERS because *they would rather choose HORUS, the winged sun god of Egypt over Jesus Christ their Husband.*

They are also described as FALSE SWEARERS by God. How? Just one example would suffice: On October 6, 2015 right after the Feast of Tabernacles, the PCG’s official Twitter account posted this caption -“Hope you had an inspiring #PCGFOT!... Next year, in Jerusalem...” and they even linked it to the *AirPano website* showcasing the panoramic view of Jerusalem with its Holy places.



But if we will look at their latest Feast Planner, we can not find Jerusalem being listed as one of the feast sites for 2016. They are indeed LIARS! And God further described these people in specific detail: *They “oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right” and most especially, they don’t fear God, they only fear men!* All the more that *Malachi’s Message* would be very much applicable today to the PCG ministers than to the WCG ministers then.

<b>2016 Feast site</b>	<b>Members</b>
Edmond, OK	700
Lexington KY	650
Palm Harbor, FL	600
Ogden, UT	300
Bellingham, WA	225
Huntsville, Ontario, Canada	200
Invermere, BC, Canada	200
St. Lucia, Caribbean	150
Enfield, Ireland	275
Tweed Heads, Australia	350
Clark, Philippines	350
Limpopo, South Africa	125
Medellin-Guatape, Colombia	60
Huanchaco, Peru	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,210</b>

**And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will**

corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces,  
even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall  
take you away with it. (Malachi 2:1-3)

God said that He will spread dung upon their faces in the context of their solemn feasts. Just recently in his 2016 Pentecost sermon, Mr. Gerald Flurry gave a “new revelation” on the Book of Ruth, that is, she was an Israelite and not a Moabite as written in the Bible. Any child who was told about the story of Ruth would be quite shocked to hear that. Even if we read from any Bible translations, lexicons and concordances, each of them will tell us that Ruth was indeed a Moabite (Ruth 1:4, 22; 2:21; 4:5, 10). And as always, they would make another musical based on that Book of Ruth and the “new revelation.”

For the sake of argument, let’s say that Ruth was an Israelite and not a Moabite (a Gentile) according to them, that would change the plan of God of NOT INCLUDING the Gentiles into salvation. The apostle Paul would not have been called in the first place and that would make all of the 14 books that he has written would be of no effect because it is addressed to the Gentiles and for this reason, he knew that his calling was to become an the apostle to the Gentiles (Ephesians 3). With the PCG’s so called “new revelation” from the Book of Ruth, they are actually shutting the door on the Gentiles’ face that we do not have a part in God’s soon coming Family Kingdom.

Well, what just happened during that Pentecost sermon is that, the prophecy in Malachi chapter 2 has come to pass as prophesied – God has spread dung upon their faces even during THEIR solemn feast because God is no longer with them. And if we consider the phrase “one shall take you away with it,” it is translated in the RSV as “I will put you out of my presence,” which further reinforce the idea of God’s absence in their midst. Notice the continuation of the thought on verse 4:

And ye shall know that I have sent this  
commandment unto you, **that my covenant might  
be with Levi**, saith the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 2:4)

God has already sent *Malachi's Message* during the Laodicean era, the main recipient of the message is the Philadelphia Church of God ministry. Now God once again has to straighten out the mess His own ministers made using the MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT – His TWO ANOINTED ONES. Even looking at the context of the whole *chapter 3 of Malachi* where we can find the prophecy about this MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT (verse 1), we can also find in that very same chapter the prophecy about the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE (verse 16), which means that the MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT was the one who wrote the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. They even use that book to purify the sons of Levi (verse 3) and it serves as a “swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.” (verse 5)

And God is doing all these things through those true blooded Levites from the island of Ophir. Here is what *Clarke Commentary* wrote regarding the latter part of verse 4:

*That my covenant might be with Levi*] I gave the priesthood and the service of my altar to that tribe.

Well there goes another scriptural proof of the true identity of the Remembrancers from the land of Ophir. God is fulfilling His covenant to his end-time spiritual Levi (Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong); moreover, He is also fulfilling his covenant to the physical Levi. The Remembrancers are the descendants of the tribe of Levi and it is the PLAIN TRUTH from God whether people in this world will accept it or not! As far as God is concerned, He is now fulfilling His covenant to physical and spiritual Levi through us! Just as God revealed to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong where the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel went as written in the *United States and Britain in Prophecy*; in this last end, He has now revealed to us where the Lost Tribe of Levi can be found! They have settled in the island of Ophir in the far east and God is now bringing them out! (Isaiah 60:9)

# *Chapter 5*

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## **The Covenant with Levi**

**G**od made a covenant with Levi as mentioned in the message given by the prophet Malachi, yet Bible scholars can't find any reference in the Old Testament scriptures about that covenant being mentioned or given to him directly. Here is what one bible commentator wrote concerning this:

Chapter two of Malachi begins with an appeal to a covenant that has scholars digging through the Old Testament. *The covenant with Levi (Malachi 2:4) does not seem to appear anywhere else in scriptures leaving scholars to debate the nature of the covenant and when it was initiated. References to covenants*



*both with the nation of Israel and the priestly line abound leaving scholars to wonder if perhaps the covenant with Levi is really just tied up in semantics.*

Source: *The Covenant with Levi Mentioned in Malachi*

These so called scholars of this world are quite at a lost when dealing with what the prophet Malachi mentioned of the covenant that was made by God with Levi

And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, **that my covenant might be with Levi**, saith the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 2:4)

There are several aspects of this covenant that these scholars may have used to search for previous references in scriptures concerning the covenant that God made with Levi. Another commentator even noted:

*Another possible setting for the exclusive covenant with Levi is found in Num 3:5-13. After reminding Israel of the special sanctity of the first offspring based upon the Passover event, the Lord commanded Moses to number all the firstborn males among the Levites (Num 3:15). A second census was taken of the first male offspring among the other tribes (Num 3:40). The two totals were nearly identical. Then a momentous decision was announced: (ibid.)*

But do these scriptures describe the covenant of God with Levi? Where can we find that covenant of God with Levi? Even Nehemiah mentioned it during his second visit to Jerusalem in 408 B.C.?

Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the **covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites** (Nehemiah 13:29)

What is this covenant?

*My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared*

me, and was afraid before my name. (Malachi 2:5)

Where can we find that **covenant of life and peace** that God made with the tribe of Levi? We may not be able to read about God directly giving the covenant to Levi but we can actually read about this **covenant of life** being recorded in Exodus 32 and the **covenant of peace** in Numbers 25.

**The COVENANT OF LIFE:** shortly after Moses came down from the mountain carrying the Ten Commandments, he addressed a rebellious congregation. *Moses immediately called for a volunteer army of executioners to purge the evil from the camp.* Guess who immediately came into his aid? *Without delay the tribe of Levi stepped up to the challenge and Moses commanded them,*

then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, "Who is on the Lord's side? Come to me." *And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.* And he said to them, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel, 'Put every man his sword on his side, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.'" And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses; and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. And Moses said, "*Today you have ordained yourselves for the service of the Lord, each one at the cost of his son and of his brother,* that he may bestow a blessing upon you this day." Exodus 32:26-29 (RSV)

**The COVENANT OF PEACE:** We already know the story of Phinehas the grandson of Aaron and son of Eleazar, the High Priests (Exodus 6:25). He was displeased with the immorality with which the Moabites and Midianites had successfully tempted the Israelites (Numbers 25:1-9) to inter-marry and to worship Baal-peor, so he personally executed an Israelite man and a Midianite woman while they were together in the man's tent, running a javelin or spear through the man and the belly of

the woman. His action brought an end to a plague said to have been sent by God to punish the Israelites for sexually intermingling with the Midianites.

And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor. And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman *in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel*, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. (Numbers 25: 5-6)

As it turned out, the judges whom Moses commanded to implement God's judgment to turn away His wrath were a RESPECTER OF PERSONS. They did turn a blind eye on a high ranking official committing the same sin as the others that were previously slain. (vv. 14-15). Notice that Moses had seen a high ranking official being joined unto Baalpeor, yet he kept silent. The same is true in this last end, another Moses (in the person of Mr. Gerald Flurry), is seeing several abominations including the worship of Baal through Irish dance in the PCG yet he is turning a blind eye because high ranking officials led by his son Stephen are committing those abominations.

Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore say, *Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.* (Numbers 25:11-13)

For emphasis, the **covenant of life** given by God with the tribe of Levi occurred at the foot of Sinai soon after the deliverance from Egypt, the other **covenant of peace** was given in the plains of Moab, just as Israel was about to enter into the Promised

Land. Notice that both passages record a rebellion against God which manifested itself in **idolatry and immorality**. The first was associated with the episode of the **Golden Calf and the other with the Baal of Peor**.

In this last end, another man from the tribe of Levi also stood for God in the midst of a massive rebellion inside God's own Church. And for what reason did God mention about this covenant of life and peace made with Levi? The answer is in verse 5

The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. *For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.* (Malachi 2:5-7)

This is referring to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong – *he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts as prophesied in Malachi 3:1 who prepared the way before Christ's Second Coming. He is also the spiritual end time Levi being discussed here.*

### **Who Is Levi ?**

There is very little in the Bible about Levi. Still, the Bible says he had a great fear of God (Malachi 2:4-5). God used Levi to symbolize godly fear in the Levitical priesthood.

*God is working with us spiritually today. The Bible talks about "Jews" (Revelation 3:9), and the Church applies it spiritually.*

The Sardis Church is "dead" spiritually (Revelation 3:1), not physically.

The Laodiceans are "blind" and "naked" (Revelation 3:17) spiritually. We have always applied these words spiritually.

*And so it is with Levi, who was the father of the physical Levites (or ministers). The priests and the*

*Levites ministered in the tabernacle and the temple.*

*We know that most prophecy is dual. And we know the main fulfillment of the book of Malachi is in the end time (Malachi 4:5-6).*

What is the meaning of Levi that God is trying to tell us today? The temple today is spiritual—God’s Church (John 2:21; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16). So who is the spiritual father of the ministers today? Mr. Armstrong said repeatedly that spiritually he was the father of all of us—either directly or indirectly. Just as Paul was the spiritual father of those he brought into the Church (1 Corinthians 4:15).

God is working with us spiritually today (Zechariah 4:6).

“Levi” is a code word to help us understand—if we apply these verses spiritually. Mr. Armstrong often talked about the Bible being a coded book.

*When Malachi delivered his message, Levi was dead. So it is today. This message is mainly for God’s Church after Mr. Armstrong’s death. Anyone who knew Mr. Armstrong knows he would not tolerate priests who “caused” people to “stumble at the law” (Malachi 2:8)—at least not for long. Now God wants to see if His other ministers have the same zeal.*

*Do they fear God as Mr. Armstrong and Levi did? If the priests, or ministers, don’t heed the message of Malachi, God will curse them (Malachi 2:2) and make them “contemptible and base before all the people” (verse 9)...*

*The spiritual sons of Levi are to be purified (Malachi 3:3).*

The Levites of old were not offered salvation. But

*the Levites, or ministers, of Malachi are offered salvation—or ashes! (Malachi 4:1).*

God says dung is to be spread on the faces of the guilty (Malachi 2:3). Severe humiliation—if they don't repent.

Levi turned many from iniquity (Malachi 2:6). The Laodicean ministry causes many to stumble at the law (Malachi 2:8).

Source: Page 51, *Malachi's Message*

Mr. Armstrong is the end-time type of Levi as written in *Malachi's Message*. He is the “messenger of the Lord of hosts” (Malachi 3:1). And if we will examine closely, the real successor to the “messenger of the Lord of hosts,” Mr. Armstrong would be Christ coming in the flesh through the TWO “messenger of the covenant.” These two anointed ones from the islands of Ophir STOOD BY and waited on God's appointed time (Zechariah 4:14; Daniel 12:12) The messenger of the covenant will confirm the covenant made by God to physical and spiritual Levi.

And he shall **confirm the covenant** with many for one week: (Daniel 9:27)

**Christ's earthly ministry was cut short in the midst of the week (for 3 and ½ years) – the other half of the one week is covered by the work of the TWO WITNESSES! That's why in the book of Isaiah, these two are given as a COVENANT OF THE PEOPLE.**

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and **give thee for a covenant of the people**, for a light of the Gentiles; (Isaiah 42:6)

Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and **give thee for a covenant of the people**, to establish the earth, to

cause to inherit the desolate heritages; (Isaiah 49:8)

They are the messenger of the covenant, but those two would still need to uphold on those things which God gave to Mr. Gerald Flurry (a type of Moses) before he was led astray by his son, Stephen.

Remember ye the law of Moses my servant (Mr. Flurry), which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet (Mr. Armstrong) before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. (Malachi 4:4-6)

The word “fathers” should be singular. Even in *Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon* it reads “of God as father of His people.” If we will read it with using the singular form:

And he shall turn the heart of THE FATHER to the children, and the heart of the children to their FATHER, lest I come and smite the earth with THE CURSE.

It is all about the GOD THE FATHER. What is the LAW in the end time Levi’s (Mr. Armstrong’s) mouth? It’s about THE FATHER! The end-time Elijah wanted to turn the heart of GOD THE FATHER to His begotten children by preparing the way for His Son Jesus Christ’s return. (Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: – Malachi 3:1)

Mr. Armstrong always wanted God’s people to focus their full attention unto GOD THE FATHER always.

### ***They Ignore God the Father... Do You?***

In the first sermon Peter spoke to gentiles, he said, “The word [Gospel] which God sent. . . preaching

peace by Jesus Christ. . .” (Acts 10:36).

That message from God the Father was not proclaimed to the world from the middle of the first century, when it was suppressed, until the middle of the 20th century. Then, after going to the United States coast to coast, it began, January 7, 1953, reaching all Europe.

What has been proclaimed? MAN’S “gospel” about the Person of the Messenger, but omitting His MESSAGE, which came from God the Father.

Now how else do they ignore God the Father?

They preach Christ—but Him only...

The penalty of SIN is death. Sin IS the transgression of God’s LAW (I John 3:4). There is ONE Lawgiver. NOT Jesus, but God the Father! When we sin we are CUT OFF FROM GOD THE FATHER! That is what modern “Christianity” ignores. All have sinned. All have put an impassable WALL between themselves and God the Father. We must be reconciled to God first, for it is HE who has eternal life to give!

How may we be reconciled to God the Father? By REAL REPENTANCE. Repentance is toward GOD the Father, and faith is toward Jesus (Acts 20:21).

Once we truly REPENT, which means a complete change of ATTITUDE, way of life and purpose, then our faith in Jesus Christ and His shed blood for payment of the penalty of our sins, destroys that impassable WALL between us and GOD the Father...

Of course, traditional Christianity has lost sight of GOD’S LAW and of what constitutes SIN. **They ignore the fact we must be first reconciled to God THE FATHER!**



None can come to Jesus for eternal salvation, except God the Father first draws him! Jesus said plainly in John 6:44: “**NO MAN CAN come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him.**”

It is God the Father who decides whom He shall call. It is God the Father from whom we have cut ourselves off by transgressing His Law. It is the Father who has the Holy Spirit to give...

The KINGDOM OF GOD is the divine born FAMILY OF GOD, of which God the FATHER is Father of the entire Family...

In a word, by ignoring God the Father, they make the life, Gospel, death and resurrection of JESUS CHRIST utterly MEANINGLESS!

Source: by Herbert W. Armstrong, page 33 *Plain Truth* May 1980

That is how God viewed Mr. Armstrong. He always focuses on the FATHER and NOT on the woman, just like what the PCG is doing, they have their eyes on “the Church, the Church, the Church” as prophesied in Jeremiah chapter 7. The tangible proof we can see from them is their love for the celebration of Mother’s Day every year. Now going back to what God prophesied through Moses about the tribe of Levi?

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... And of Levi he said, Let thy **Thummim** and thy **Urim** be with **thy holy one**... (Deuteronomy 33:1,2, 8)

In *Strong’s Concordance* we can read:

*Thummim* (H8550)

- **Perfections**, that is, (technically) one of the epithets of the objects in the high priest's breastplate as an emblem of **complete truth**

This means that only from the tribe of Levi can we find PERFECTION and the COMPLETE TRUTH of God.

*Urim* (H224)

- **Lights**

This is the same description of the messenger of the covenant being **LIGHT of the Gentiles** in Isaiah chapters 42 and 49 which is also connected to the prophecy in chapter 60:

Arise, shine; **for thy light is come**, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And **the Gentiles shall come to thy light**, and kings to the brightness of thy rising... Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, **to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold** with them, (Isaiah 60:1-3, 9)

Paraphrase: "And of Levi he (Moses) said, Let your PERFECTION and your LIGHT be with God" God has given us the COMPLETE TRUTH – THE MYSTERY OF GOD being FINISHED or COMPLETED with His LIGHT in us.

Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: *for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant.* (Deuteronomy 33:9)

**Only TRUE LEVITES will observe God's word and keep His covenant.**

They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar. Bless, Lord, his substance, and accept the work of his hands; smite

through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again. (Deuteronomy 33:10-11)

*Deuteronomy 33:8-11 indicates that the tribe of Levi was blessed by God because of their singularity of purpose in defending truth and zeal for the Lord even at the cost of personal relationships. Especially noteworthy is the phrase, "For they observed your word and kept your covenant."*

*It is important to note that here Levi was considered the tribe that would always be zealously faithful to God even when others were not. The actions of the Levites recorded in Exodus affirms this (Exodus 32:26-29).*

Here is what Keil & Delitzsch commented on Deuteronomy 33:9:

*The words, "who says to his father," etc., relate to the event narrated in Ex. 32:26-29, where the Levites draw their swords against the Israelites their brethren, at the command of Moses, after the worship of the golden calf, and execute judgment upon the nation without respect of person. this we may add Num. 25:8, where Phinehas interposes with his sword in defence of the honour of the Lord against the shameless prostitution with the daughters of Moab. On these occasions the Levites manifested the spirit which Moses predicates here of all the tribe.*

*It was the **faithfulness of the tribe of Levi to God's covenant** with the whole nation that they earned the right and privilege of the priesthood.*

The covenant of Levi referred to in Malachi 2 is a reference to Deuteronomy 33 and the historical character of the tribe of Levi in being guardians of the covenant with God. Jeremiah even wrote of that covenant which cannot be broken like what God promised with David and his throne.

For thus saith the Lord; *David shall never want*

*(LACK) a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; (Jeremiah 33:17)*

We already knew through the end-time Elijah's book, *US&BIP* that this prophecy has been fulfilled by God through the sitting monarch in England, Queen Elizabeth II who came from the House of David – in his lineage. But there is another part of the equation here as we can read in verse 18:

*Neither shall the priests the Levites want (LACK) a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually. (Jeremiah 33:18)*

Does this mean that there should also be true blooded Levites from the tribe of Levi who would continue to do God's work until Christ's return? This verse is a clear proof that those people doing the CONTINUAL in this last end are from the tribe of Levi, just as Queen Elizabeth II from the House of David is sitting on the throne of the House of Israel.

Now, have you noticed that Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote a book entitled, "The Former Prophets: **How to Become a King.**" Yes, this is a very helpful tool on how to become a king in God's Kingdom. But, how, about a book on "**HOW TO BECOME A PRIEST**"? Remember that Christ said in Revelation 1

**And hath made us kings and priests** unto God and his Father (Revelation 1:6)

So there must a book that God has given in this last end that teaches us on "**HOW TO BECOME A PRIEST**"? Yes, God has not left us without an AID. And what did God gave in this last end? **He gave us the Book of Remembrance!** That is our textbook on how to become a priest for God and it revolves around REMEMBERING!

If we will examine closely, the real successor to the "messenger of the Lord of hosts," Mr. Armstrong would be Christ coming in the flesh through the TWO "messenger of the covenant." These two anointed ones from the islands of Ophir STOOD BY and waited on God's appointed time (Zechariah 4:14). To further

prove this, let's consider what Mr. Armstrong's wrote in his March 19, 1981 co-worker letter:

(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 far-future 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!*

...

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 19, 1981 co-worker letter

This mean that in God’s eyes, Mr. Armstrong was indeed the TRUE end time Zerubbabel who has laid the foundation of His spiritual building and NO ONE else from any Church of God groups in this last end could get in between that prophetic statement – NOBODY WILL RULE THE CHURCH AFTER MR. ARMSTRONG, not even Mr. Gerald Flurry! As clearly stated also in Malachi chapter 3– it speaks ONLY of **God’s messenger** (Mr. Armstrong) who shall prepare the way for Christ’s Second Coming **AND the messenger of the covenant**, (the two witnesses): no other Church leader in between. And these two anointed ones are the same hands of Zerubbabel who will finish the spiritual temple of God (Zechariah 4:8-9, 14).

Mr. Armstrong said to Mr. Tkach just before his death, “*I have gone to world leaders, now it’s time to bring the Church together.*” It seems that more was finished by Mr. Armstrong than we have realized.

Source: From *Malachi’s Message*, page 55

Mr. Armstrong knew that the next stage of God’s Work after his death would be to **PREPARE THE CHURCH** for Christ’s Second Coming. And we all know that there is a physical and a spiritual preparation for it which involves the dig in Jerusalem that God has allowed His Remembrancers to participate in and a partnership with Jerusalem Foundation to beautify the Children’s Playground in Liberty Bell Park.

God is already making up HIS JEWELS in this last end in the context of the *Book of Remembrance* (Malachi 3:16-17). It is

HIS OWN PERSONAL POSSESSION – “The SILVER IS MINE, and the GOLD IS MINE saith the Lord of hosts.” (Haggai 2:8)

And the Lord said to Moses, “Number all the first-born males of the people of Israel, from a month old and upward, taking their number by names. *And you shall take the Levites for me— I am the Lord— instead of all the first-born among the people of Israel,* and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the people of Israel.” So Moses numbered all the first-born among the people of Israel, as the Lord commanded him. And all the first-born males, according to the number of names, from a month old and upward as numbered were twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three. (Numbers 3:40-43, NIV)

*Instead of disrupting the family solidarity of Israelite society, the Levites could serve God as the proxy firstborn.* God took possession of the Levites. They are His possession.

And the Lord said to Moses, “*Take the Levites instead of all the first-born among the people of Israel,* and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; **AND THE LEVITES SHALL BE MINE: I am the Lord.** (Numbers 3:44-45, NIV)

The Levites belong to God according to these scriptures. In His eyes, they are His FIRSTBORN. And God through His two messengers of the covenant purifies and purges His treasured possession “that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness” (Malachi 3:3). That is how the spiritual temple is being finished by the TWO HANDS of Zerubbabel in this last end (Zechariah 4:9). And the SPIRITUAL SILVER AND GOLD being used in God’s spiritual temple are coming from from island of Ophir

Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, **to bring thy sons from far, their**

**silver and their gold with them**, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. (Isaiah 60:9)

Again let's look at the principle of duality in this prophecy:

- the SHIPS OF TARSHISH refer to the SPANIARDS (this is the physical fulfillment)
- as for the spiritual SHIPS OF TARSHISH (which means, REGION OF THE STONE), it refers to the tribe of DAN (or those ministers who are of Irish or British descent who support the ED-STONE work) as Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in the *US&BIP*, 1945 edition

Let's read once more some Philippine history about those "ships of Tarshish" who purposely destroyed our own identity as a nation.

*When the Spanish ruled the Philippines, they purposely destroyed books and other documents on History of the Filipinos so that they can easily Christianize the people and make them forget their belief.*

Source: page 43, "PHILIPPINES 2 MILLENNIUM HISTORY" by Luzano Pancho Canlas)

Just like what Mr. Churchill did, were we able to ASSESS THE ULTIMATE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENTS IN A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE? Have WE STRIVEN TO SEE NOT JUST THE PRESENT, BUT ALSO THE PAST AND THE FUTURE? Because as Mr. Churchill said that, "THE FURTHER YOU SEE INTO THE PAST, THE FURTHER YOU CAN SEE INTO THE FUTURE."

With all these evidences from secular history and the Bible laid on our faces, can we now see the real reason why Satan through the Spaniards (ships of Tarshish) BLOTTED OUT THE TRUE IDENTITY OF OUR NATION BEING THE LAND OF OPHIR? The same is true in this last end, another SHIPS OF



TARSHISH, spiritually speaking, has tried to PURPOSELY DESTROY OUR IDENTITY AS A PEOPLE. **The Celtic Macdonalds** have tried to ANNIHILATE US FILIPINOS. Our BAYANIHAN or BROTHERHOOD spirit has been trampled upon by another ships of Tarshish. There would be several stories to tell of how *Satan coming in the flesh through John Macdonald* and his fleet also tried to ERASE EVEN OUR OWN LANGUAGE which is of Hebrew origin. He used to say, "SPEAK ENGLISH PLEASE."

He basically ransacked all the spiritual GOLD OF OPHIR and he left desolate so many people's lives. The same story can be told among the PCG members around the world who suffered in the hands of their ministers. We need not to worry now because God is CORRECTING the situation in this last end through the *Book of Remembrance* to "*discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.*" (Malachi 3:16-18)

God said that you will be able to discern between the righteous and the wicked if you have the *Book of Remembrance*. But if you are one of those who cannot understand that book, here is what the prophet Daniel wrote:

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and *none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.* (Daniel 12:10)

And part of the understanding revolves around the prophecy written by Jeremiah concerning the covenant God made with the Levites:

For thus saith the Lord; David shall never want (LACK) a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; *Neither shall the priests the Levites want (LACK) a man before me* to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually. And the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah, saying, *Thus saith the Lord; If ye can*

*break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.*  
(Jeremiah 33:17-22)

This prophecy is very simple to understand: if we believe that God has fulfilled His promise of the continuation of the bloodline from David's descendants to be sitting on the throne of Israel through Queen Elizabeth II, then we will also have to believe that there would be a bloodline from the tribe of Levi that will minister unto Him even until this last end. Only if anyone can break the covenant of the day and the night can this prophecy be of no effect. So there has to be a true Levite working for God in this last end, that is, of the lineage of the physical and spiritual Levi. That in itself is a MYSTERY that has now been made plain for every member in God's Church to see.

## *Chapter 6*

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# **The Great Tribulation**

**M**any in the so called mainstream Christianity describes the Great Tribulation as a time for World War III wherein there will cataclysmic chaos around the globe. That was what we have believed at first too. But when we consider deeply what God really meant with that thought, His answer will definitely shock every member of God's Church in this last end. To begin with let's understand what Mr. Armstrong taught about it.

**The Great Tribulation is really caused by Satan's wrath, but the Day of the Lord will come upon us**

**as a result of God's wrath on Satan and the people that are following his way.** Sermon Transcript — *Revelation 12*, April 18, 1981

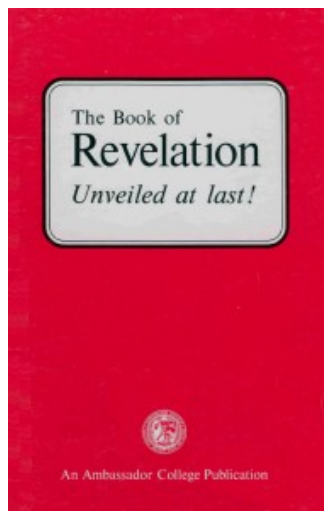
Now here is how Mr. Armstrong further described the Great Tribulation (emphasis mine):

**“Notice that! Here is the Great TRIBULATION! And this FIFTH SEAL pictures it as a time of martyrdom of saints—of truly converted, begotten children of God!”** (p. 26, *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last!*)

Got it? The GREAT TRIBULATION has everything to do with the MARTYRDOM OF THE SAINTS – OF TRULY CONVERTED, BEGOTTEN CHILDREN OF GOD! It has to happen WITHIN God's Church where the truly converted, begotten children of God are! According to Mr. Armstrong the GREAT TRIBULATION is a result of *Satan's wrath*.

Now consider this: When Mr. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986, Mr. Flurry said that Revelation 12:7-13 has been fulfilled. Satan ATTACKED the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) – “he persecuted the woman which brought forth the **MAN CHILD**.” Through Satan's relentless persecution, the WCG caved in and the Philadelphia Church of God (PCG) was born. (For a detailed explanation, you may read the prophesied little book, *Malachi's Message*). But Satan continued to persecute **THE WOMAN who is clothed with the SUN** and he waged

another WAR and this time it's in the COURT ROOM over the right to publish Mr. Armstrong's book *Mystery of the Ages* and his other writings. Since he has been successful in conquering the WCG, he then used it to pursue his main agenda which



resulted in a grueling six year court battle that concluded in VICTORY for the PCG on January 16, 2003.

Now in order to protect the Philadelphia Church of God from Satan's further attack, Mr. Gerald Flurry implemented the *NO CONTACT POLICY whose outcome is the prophesied IRON WALL of the Ezekiel 4 siege*. During this same time period when the NO CONTACT POLICY was being introduced, his wife Barbara became ill with a congestive heart failure which led to her eventual death on September 5, 2004. But unlike Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Flurry DID NOT acknowledge the SPIRITUAL implication of her ailment and death in connection with the SPIRITUAL CONDITION of the whole Church. From that moment on, the GREAT TRIBULATION which is actually THE MARTYRDOM OF THE SAINTS started to emerge and took its toll. Well some may contest: Surely we are not yet in the midst of the Great Tribulation because we have been taught that it has no precedence and nothing to be compared from:

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” (Matthew 24:21)

Now let's honestly ask ourselves this question: Is there any event in the past history of God's Church from the Ephesus era in 31 A.D. up to our time right now during the Laodicean era, wherein GOD'S VERY OWN MINISTERS were the ones who afflicted the members; who caused great suffering in the context of the 9 books; who annoyed with persistent or urgent approaches making the members to suffer extreme pain, distress, or anxiety; who destroyed and ruined God's people using God's government?

**Is there ANY precedence for the NO CONTACT POLICY? There's NONE like it!** Well, just consider another unprecedented decision concerning the NO CONTACT POLICY that came out from the PCG Headquarters in Oklahoma last July 2016, that unbaptized children of PCG members will now have to be kicked out of the house. On top of that, PCG spouses who are no longer attending will also have to

go. What kind of a policy is that? Is there anything like it? The other COG splinter groups around the world have hated the PCG so badly because of their abuse of God's government – "and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." (The word "name" implies "authority or government"). Has this not happened in our time? Any COG group out there would advise each other that they can go to any of the splinter groups but NEVER to the PCG. They hated the PCG so much because of its abuse of God's government with the **NO CONTACT POLICY!** (For a more thorough explanation on this subject, see booklet : (Satan's Great Wrath : The Great Tribulation Part IV & article The Great Tribulation - Martyrdom of the Saints)

What should the PCG have done? Have they really been commissioned by God to do the same exact work that Mr. Armstrong had done in going to world leaders which they thought at first?

Mr. Armstrong said to Mr. Tkach just before his death, ***"I have gone to world leaders, now it's time to bring the Church together."*** It seems that more was finished by Mr. Armstrong than we have realized.

Source: From *Malachi's Message*, page 55

God has to finish His work which the PCG had abandoned in preparing the Church. *We should all have been preparing Jerusalem for its King. We should have all been shouting: Behold your God! But where have they gone now?*

***For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness:*** because a short work will the Lord



make upon the earth...What shall we say then? ***That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.*** (Romans 9:28, 30)

God will finish His work and He will do it through a SHORT WORK which the Gentiles (who are actually Levites) from the island of Ophir will accomplish. And their work in this last end is being compared by God with Noah who became heir of the righteousness through faith.

By faith **Noah**, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and *became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.* (Hebrews 11:7)

Noah condemned the world in his time when he prepared the ark. Now another **ARK** has been prepared by these Gentiles from the land of Ophir to condemn or to give judgment to God's own people around the world.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, (Matthew 24:38)

Notice that everything appears to be normal in the eyes of the people – that is how DRAGON was able to make WAR against

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” (Revelation 12:17)

“And **the dragon was wroth** with the woman” – again this is what Mr. Armstrong said that “**the Great Tribulation is really caused by Satan's wrath.**” And who are the subject of his anger? It's “the remnant of her (woman's) seed,” i.e., God's Church in this last end during the Laodicean era.

What follows is a description that further nails down their identity: Are there any COG groups out there that can fit the characterization of this woman or Church who “keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony (or prophecy) of Jesus Christ”? It’s none other than the Philadelphia Church of God, and notice carefully how Satan has made war against them by looking closely at that word: “WAR.” In *Strong’s Concordance*, it says that it comes from the Greek word “polēmos” (G4171); (emphasis mine):

From pelomai (to **bustle**); *warfare* (literally or figuratively; a single encounter or a series): – battle, fight, war.

In the dictionary here is the meaning of BUSTLE –

- to have a lot of busy activity
- to move briskly and often ostentatiously

OSTENTATION –

- an unnecessary display of wealth, knowledge, etc., that is done to attract attention, admiration, or envy
1. excessive display : pretentiousness
  2. *archaic* : an act of displaying

Look at what Satan had successfully achieved so far – he was able to saturate God’s people with so much activity making themselves SO BUSY that they *don’t have the time anymore to study their Bibles*. The PCG is now even being duped with their so called “new revelation” about Ruth being an Israelite. What happens now to the “Don’t believe me, believe your Bible” scheme? It has now become a “Believe me, don’t believe your Bible” course of action. Read Christ’s own words as He uttered a warning to God’s own people for our generation.

“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with **surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life**, and so that day



come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.” (Luke 21:34-35)

The great tribulation is not about the physical suffering of God’s people wherein it involves a bloody cutting off of their heads, or being subjected to a very painful physical torture, etc. by an external physical power or army of some sort while declaring their faith in Jesus Christ as they die. It has already happened before. The great tribulation being described here has no precedence and it is actually the prophesied **Ezekiel 4 siege involving the NO CONTACT POLICY**. (For a thorough explanation on this subject, refer to booklets Ezekiel 4 Iron Wall, The Fifth Seal and The Book of Remembrance)

## *Chapter 7*

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# **Keeper of the Laodicean Era**

**F**or then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. (Matthew 24:21-22)

And how will the Great Tribulation be shortened? No one in God's Church was able to explain this scripture until now. Well that would be for a good reason because the understanding has been reserved by God for those who will be doing His SHORT WORK in this last end.

For he will finish the work, and cut it short in

righteousness: *because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.* (Romans 9:28)

How did this SHORT WORK able to shorten the Great Tribulation or the Ezekiel 4 siege? Just imagine, if this work does not exist, the Ezekiel 4 siege will continue to produce strange people who worship strange gods which Mr. Armstrong did not know and teach about.

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 9:29)

If God will not intervene on the scene, everyone in God's Church will fall and **worship Baal through the IRISH DANCE**, they don't have a choice but to continue with **Molech worship through CREMATION**, they will have to love the **Astarte worship through MOTHER'S DAY**. And finally, they will have to accept the **protection of the Egyptian winged sun god, Horus through the Hezekiah bulla**. They will eventually become as Sodom and Gomorrha – BURNING HEAP OF RUINS! No flesh will be saved alive and be born into God's Family!

Imagine this: How will Jesus Christ marry His wife? We must remember the condition that Christ will ONLY MARRY A WIFE WITHOUT ANY SPOT, WRINKLE OR BLEMISH.

Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, *That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish...* For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. *This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the*

*church.* (Ephesians 5:24-27, 31-32)

This is the GREAT MYSTERY OF GOD that is included in Revelation chapter 10 which ought to be finished.

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)

And this mystery of God is in the context of the ARK OF THE COVENANT as we can read in Revelation 11 verse 19. CHRIST CAN ONLY BECOME AT ONE WITH HIS WIFE IF SHE HAS NO SPOT, NO WRINKLE AND WITHOUT BLEMISH. This means that those who overcame with Christ in every era from Ephesus to Laodicea ought not to have any SPOT, WRINKLE or BLEMISH. But in this last end, God's own Church, the Philadelphia Church of God as a whole became the SPOT, the WRINKLE and the BLEMISH that must join those saints who have gone before them. So will Christ be able to marry His wife? Not a chance! This is the reason God has to raise up a SHORT WORK (Romans 9:28-33): To "*sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word*" through the *Book of Remembrance*, "*that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*" (Ephesians 5:26-27)

But what could have happened to the PCG? Isn't she a beautiful and glorious Church of God to behold? The answer can be found in the prophetic *Song of Songs* written by King Solomon which the PCG has made an oratorio of. The story in the *Song of Songs* as declared in their website that:

**It portrays a husband calling back his wayward bride, symbolically representing God's relationship with His people.**

Mr. Gerald Flurry may have written a booklet about the *Song of Songs* just like King Solomon did in his time, yet the prophetic understanding has been given to those people who are doing God's SHORT WORK in this last end.

I am **black**, but *comely* (or *beautiful*), O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon. (Song of Songs 1:5)

The word “*black*” is *shachor* in Hebrew (H7838) which means DUSKY; wherein it is defined in the dictionary as:

- having low diffused light; dim or shadowy.
- deficient in brightness:

Let’s also consider the primitive root from H7835 (*shachar*) “rather identical with H7836 through the idea of the duskiness of early dawn”; TO BE DIM (lacking in brightness) or DARK.

In this prophecy, **the PCG became DIM – she is now lacking in brightness**. That is now even becoming obvious because there are no new revelations from God from where they can get the light from. They have forgotten the Father of lights. Instead they remember the **Queen Mother of heaven, Astarte through Mother’s day**. We can see that they are now in DARKNESS, and yet she still thinks that she is very beautiful.

Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother’s children were angry with me; (Song of Songs 1:6)

In this verse, we are being told that we should not look upon their current condition of being in darkness because of the intense persecution they are receiving from time to time. Remember who the mother that is being discussed here refers to the Worldwide Church of God; while those that left that organization were considered as her children just like the Philadelphia Church of God and the other COG groups.

...they made me the keeper of the vineyards

What is the *vineyard* being referred to here?

Let me sing now for my well-beloved A song of my beloved concerning **His vineyard**. My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill. He dug it all around, removed its stones, And planted it with the choicest

vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it And also hewed out a wine vat in it; Then He expected *it* to produce *good* grapes, But it produced *only* worthless ones. “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge between Me and My vineyard... *For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel...*

(Isaiah 5:1-3, 7, *NASB*).

Here the vineyard is plainly said to be the house of Israel or God’s Church. Now this would be aimed at specifically to the PCG since the WCG have already lost their identity – they are now called the *Grace Communion International*; so in this prophecy it is directed to the PCG. In Jeremiah’s prophecy we can clearly see what happened to God’s vineyard:

Again will I build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: again shalt thou deck thy timbrels, and shalt go forth in the dance of them that make merry again shalt thou plant **vineyards** (God’s Church) upon the mountains of **Samaria** (in Edstone) (Jeremiah 31:4, 5),

God’s Church in this last end has been planted upon Edstone which is being symbolized by the mountains of Samaria.

...they made me the keeper of the vineyards;

All of the Churches of God who came out from the WCG have made the PCG the KEEPER of God’s Church in the Laodicean era.

What is a KEEPER?

- a person who keeps something
- a person who owns or operates a business or establishment
- one that has the charge of something;
- someone in charge of other people;

So it appears that the PCG is **keeping the Laodicean spirit** and she has been **made to operate the Laodicean era business** so to speak. She **became in charge of the Laodicean era** through their leadership. She became like Cain who was his **brother's keeper** but turned into a murderer. (Genesis 4:9)

...but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

The PCG's own vineyard has she not kept. *She did not keep and sustain the real meaning behind their name "Philadelphia", that is, brotherly love. She did not keep the Jerusalem work and even dared to move the focus of the whole Church to the mountain of Samaria (Edstone – Jeremiah 31:4, 5). That's the reason why the thought "daughters of Jerusalem" has been inspired early on in just the very first chapter (in verse 5) because we can clearly see what is the very root cause of where she has failed miserably. That is the reason behind the SHORT WORK today – because the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem: we stood by Him and we became the daughters of Jerusalem during that process. While as for the PCG, she has not kept also her first estate like the fallen angels were:*

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but **left their own habitation**, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. (Jude 1:6)

And like those fallen angels, *the PCG has left their own habitation in Jerusalem. They opted for Edstone in Warwickshire, England – the habitation of the children of darkness, Kingdom of witches and Druids. That's the reason they are now in darkness and the Day of the Lord will come to them as a thief in the night.*

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that *the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night*. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall

not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. *Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.* (1 Thessalonians 5:1-7)

So if the PCG became the KEEPER OF THE LAODICEAN ERA, then the PCG now becomes the SPOT, the WRINKLE and the BLEMISH in the midst of Christ's WIFE! Remember that Christ's wife is composed of SAINTS FROM RIGHTEOUS ABEL UP TO THE SAINTS DURING THE LAODICEAN ERA. Now if the PCG became the SPOT or BLEMISH, how will Christ be able to marry the Bride? THERE WILL BE NO MARRIAGE! IF THERE WILL IS NO MARRIAGE, THEN THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN IN THE MILLENNIUM ONWARDS – NO FLESH WILL BE SAVED ALIVE! THERE WILL BE NO FAMILY OF GOD!

That's the importance of God's SHORT WORK today. That's WHY THERE IS A NEED FOR AN ATONEMENT. And ONLY TRUE LEVITES CAN PERFORM SUCH A CEREMONY!

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and **to make reconciliation for iniquity**, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy... **And he shall confirm the covenant** with many for one week: (Daniel 9:24, 27)

Christ's earthly ministry was cut short in the midst of the week – the other half is the work of the TWO WITNESSES! Have you ever wondered that of all the seven annual festivals of God, NOTICE that there are TWO SACRIFICES – the PASSOVER and the DAY OF ATONEMENT.

For it is impossible for those who were once



enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, **If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.** (Hebrews 6:4-6)

Will Jesus Christ come and be physically slaughtered and sacrificed again the second time during the actual fulfillment of the DAY OF ATONEMENT as He did during the Passover of 31.A.D.? God's SHORT WORK in this last end will actually lead to the fulfillment of the DAY OF ATONEMENT. And those true Levites from the land of Ophir will perform the atonement for God!

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. (Matthew 24:21-22)

For the sake of those whom God is using to finish His work, He has shortened the great tribulation through His SHORT WORK so that Jesus Christ can marry His Bride that is without any spot of paganism or any wrinkle of abomination or any blemish of desolation whatsoever. And God has spared these elect because they remembered what God has taught them through an end time Elijah (Malachi 3:16-17).

## Chapter 8

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# Intending to Finish the Task

**W**e have already proven in our article, “*Mystery Babylon the Great, Unveiled at Last!*” the true identity of this great whore of Revelation who shed the blood of God’s servants in this last end.

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged **the great whore**, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath **avenged the blood of his servants at her hand**. (Rev. 19:1-2)

This is connected with the prophecy in Revelation chapter 6:

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long,  
O Lord, holy and true, *dost thou not judge and  
avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*  
(Revelation 6:10)

And who is the real culprit here? The apostle John saw in his vision which he wrote in the Book of Revelation that it's actually THE ALTAR – THE MINISTRY who should be blamed here!

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw ***under the altar*** the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:  
(Revelation 6:9)

The apostle John saw God's people who were **UNDER THE ALTAR** which also means:

- **SUBJECT TO THE MINISTRY**
- **CONTROLLED BY THE MINISTRY**
- **UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MINISTRY**
- **AT THE MERCY OF THE MINISTRY**
- **CONSTRAINED BY THE MINISTRY**
- **SUBORDINATE TO THE MINISTRY**
- **REPORTING TO THE MINISTRY**
- **DIRECTED BY THE MINISTRY**
- **GOVERNED BY THE MINISTRY**
- **SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTRY**

While the word “for” in Greek is “dia” (G1223) in *Thayer's Lexicon* it can also mean: “by the means of” thus the thought “the souls of them that were slain for the word of God” can be read this way:

THE SOULS OF THEM THAT WERE SLAIN WAS  
BY THE MEANS OF THE WORD OF GOD

This prophecy is ALL ABOUT THE NINE BOOKS that the

PCG ministry had been wielding upon the necks of every member of God's Church. This is the same prophecy we can read in Ezekiel 24:21. And those people that were slain BY THE MEANS OF THE WORD OF GOD and God's prophecies, contained in the NINE BOOKS will be avenged by God.

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as *they were*, **should be fulfilled.** (Revelation 6:11)

Notice carefully that the word "were" is in italics so it's not supposed to be included in the thought. While the word "they" in *Thayer's Lexicon* can also be rendered as "**themselves**"; "should" can also mean "**to intend**" whereas, "fulfilled" means "**finish the task**" so verse 11 can be read this way:

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, UNTIL their *fellow servants also and their brethren*, *should be killed themselves AS THEY INTEND TO FINISH THE TASK.*

Who are this fellow servants and their brethren being referred to here? They are none other than the two witnesses of Revelation 11:7-11

And when they shall have *finished their testimony*, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and *shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.* (Revelation 11:7-8)

We used to think that the "great city" being mentioned here in verse 8 is referring to Jerusalem in Israel. But if we will look closely, and let the Bible interpret itself, we will be shocked to know what this verse is really talking about.

From *JFB Commentary*:

**dead bodies** – So Vulgate, Syriac, and ANDREAS. But A, B, C, the oldest manuscripts, and Coptic read the singular, “dead body.” ***The two fallen in one cause are considered as one.***

**the great city** – eight times in the Revelation elsewhere used of BABYLON (Revelation 14:8 , 16:19 , 17:18 , Revelation 18:10 Revelation 18:16 Revelation 18:18 Revelation 18:19 Revelation 18:21 ).

Here are some of the scriptures that prove who this great city is:

And there followed another angel, saying, **Babylon** is fallen, is fallen, **that great city**, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. (Revelation 14:8)

And **the great city** was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and **great Babylon** came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. (Revelation 16:19)

Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas **that great city Babylon**, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come... 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! (Revelation 18:10, 16)

We can see that God described this GREAT CITY THAT WAS CLOTHED IN FINE LINEN which indeed point us to God's Church in this last end who became Babylon who is none other than the Philadelphia Church of God! This description could NOT be the Catholic Church because it never wore a fine linen which is a symbol of righteousness.

Reading the whole chapter 16 of Ezekiel will give undeniable proof that this great city that was clothed in fine linen is indeed

the Philadelphia Church of God, the spiritual Jerusalem:

Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,  
**Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her  
abominations** (Ezekiel 16:1-2)

This chapter is all about the abomination of spiritual Jerusalem in this last end and it will become crystal clear as we continue to read the rest of the chapter.

Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, *I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord God, and thou becamest mine. Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil. I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with FINE LINEN*, and I covered thee with silk. I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head. Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and **thy raiment was of FINE LINEN**, and silk, and brodered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and **thou didst prosper into a kingdom.** (Ezekiel 16:8-13)

The Philadelphia Church of God did prosper into a kingdom which spread through all the earth with its congregations around the world.

*And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God. But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it*

was. And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and *playedst the harlot thereupon*: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so. Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and *madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them*...Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. *Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter, That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?* (Ezekiel 16:14-17, 20-21)

It is a well known fact that the PCG became renowned because of God's miracle in the court case, having built a beautiful house for God. But what happened? They turned away from God and worshiped the creation more than their Creator. They worshiped gods which they knew not – Baal, Molech and Astarte. They even committed spiritual fornication with *the Egyptian winged sun god, Horus through the Hezekiah bulla*.

*Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.* (Ezekiel 16:26)

They have left their Husband Jesus Christ alone in Jerusalem. They played the harlot in Edstone. (To better understand how the PCG became the great whore of the book of Revelation, you can read our article, "***Mystery Babylon the Great, Unveiled At Last!***")

*But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!* They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom. Wherefore, **O harlot**, hear the word of the Lord: (Ezekiel 16:32-33, 35)

Remember again that this prophecy is addressed to spiritual Jerusalem – the PCG Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma! (verse 2)

Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee, saying, *As is the mother (WCG), so is her daughter...* As I live, saith the Lord God, *Sodom thy sister* hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters. Behold, this was the iniquity of *thy sister Sodom*, pride, fulness of bread, and *abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.* (Ezekiel 16:44, 48-49)

In this prophecy, the prophet Ezekiel compared the whorish mother, the WCG to the PCG and even associated her to Sodom and appropriately described what is currently happening right now inside the Church during their NO CONTACT POLICY reign. That is why even the apostle John wrote of this great city being ascribed to spiritual Sodom and Egypt (as attested by **the Egyptian two-winged sun in Hezekiah's bulla**)

And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which *spiritually is called **Sodom and Egypt***, where also our Lord was crucified. (Revelation 11:8)

Even the prophet Isaiah wrote of this transformation of God's Church from being a faithful city then soon afterwards it became a harlot.

Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, **we should have been as Sodom**, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah. Hear the word of the Lord, **ye rulers of Sodom**; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah... **How is the faithful city become an harlot!** it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. (Isaiah 1:9-10, 21)



This verses in Isaiah could never be applicable to the Catholic Church because it has never become a faithful city nor was it associated at any time with judgment and righteousness. It can only be referring to the PCG. And with the new ruling on the NO CONTACT POLICY to include the unbaptized children and spouses, it will definitely add credibility to this prophecy of God's Church turning into murderers. Is this not a good description of the "great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will"? (Matthew 24:21, NASB). This is indeed unprecedented! Nothing could compare to it.

Let's continue from the *JFB Commentary* regarding Revelation 11:8

*It must, therefore, have an anticipatory reference to the mystical Babylon.*

which—Greek, "the which," namely, "the city which."

**spiritually**—in a spiritual sense.

**Sodom**—*The very term applied by Isaiah 1:10 to apostate Jerusalem (compare Ezekiel 16:48).*

**Egypt**—the nation which the Jews' besetting sin was to lean upon.

**where . . . Lord was crucified**—This identifies the city as Jerusalem, though *the Lord was crucified outside of the city.*

*JFB Commentary* noted that Jesus Christ was crucified **OUTSIDE** the walled city of Jerusalem. And we can even read that from the account written by the apostle Paul in Hebrews chapter 13

The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned *outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate* to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, *go to him*

*outside the camp*, bearing the disgrace he bore. (Hebrews 13:11-13, NIV)

Here is what one writer commented regarding chapter 13 of Hebrews:

Of the class of sacrifices to which the Apostle (Paul) refers, and which was not a large class, the sacrifice for the sins of the people on the great day of atonement was the most remarkable and I think there can be no doubt that this sacrifice was directly in his view when he made the statement which we are considering. That sacrifice was not to be used as food: the blood was to be brought into the holy place, which is here equivalent to the holy of holies; and after certain portions had been burnt on the altar, *all the rest was to be taken without (or outside) the camp, without the city*, and there burnt to ashes. Instead of being allowed to be eaten, it was considered as entirely a devoted thing; and he that touched it was not permitted to mingle with the congregation of Israel till he had submitted to certain lustratory rites. Now the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus belongs to this class. When he suffered, it was that by shedding of His blood "He might sanctify the people;" i.e., *expiate the sins of the spiritual Israel of God (God's Church), and fit them for acceptable spiritual intercourse with God*. His sacrifice was a propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of all His people, answering to the sacrifice for the sins of all Israel on the *great day of atonement*. that our Lord's sacrifice was of this character, was marked by His suffering death *without (outside) the gates of Jerusalem*, as the bodies of the victims offered for the sins of the Israelitish people were consumed *without (outside) the camp, or without (outside) the city*

Source: Epistle to the Hebrews by John Brown

We now know that the GREAT CITY is referring to the

Philadelphia Church of God with the emphasis on their Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma. So the “**street of the great city**” will have to pertain to any of the PCG congregations around the world, which is to say, *the spiritual concrete structure that leads the way to the PCG Headquarters*.

To better understand that the phrase “*where also our Lord was crucified*” is not speaking of a specific place in Israel in which Jesus Christ’s crucifixion was located, thus if we will search for the original meaning of the word “where” in *Thayer’s Lexicon* and in *Strong’s Concordance* it can also mean “*whereas*”; and the word “*whereas*” as defined in the dictionary:

- While on the contrary
- but on the other hand
- used to make a statement that describes how two people, groups, etc., are different
- in view of the fact that
- for the reason that

“**Whereas**” is synonymous to the words

- **notwithstanding** – without being prevented by (something)
- **although** – despite the fact that
- **albeit** – conceding the fact that

The word “also” can mean “indeed”

Paraphrasing verse 8 we can have the following:

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the **street of the great city**, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **While on the contrary indeed** of our Lord’s crucifixion.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the **street of the great city**, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **in view of the fact that indeed** our Lord was crucified

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the **street of the great city**, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **for the reason that indeed** our Lord was crucified

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the **street of the great city**, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **despite the fact that indeed** our Lord was crucified.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the **street of the great city**, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **conceding the fact that indeed** our Lord was crucified

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the **street of the great city**, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **without being prevented indeed** of our Lord's sacrifice on the cross.

**This beast** that came out of **the bottomless pit** has not prevented himself from killing the two witnesses **despite the fact** that he knows the scripture in Hebrews chapter 6.

*For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. (Hebrews 6:4-6)*

Just like Jesus Christ, the two witnesses will die OUTSIDE of Jerusalem whether that could be physical or spiritual, yet their death is being associated and linked by God to the PCG.

## *Chapter 9*

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# The Gold from Ophir

**W**e were taught in the past that these verses refer to two Churches of God in the end time that will be working – *one is taken to a place of safety and the other is left.*

Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be **taken**, and the other **left**. (Matthew 24:40)

Yet if we will notice in the next verse that the word “*women*” is in italics, so it should not be there. Therefore, it is not referring to God’s Church.

Two shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. (Matthew 24:41)

The word “**taken**” in *Strong’s Concordance* means, “associate with oneself by analogy **to assume an office**”; while the word “**left**” means “to send forth, **yield up**”

The word “yield” in the dictionary means

- To surrender or relinquish to the physical control of another; hand over possession of
- To surrender or submit oneself to another

So if we will deeply comprehend the meanings of “taken” and “left”, it means that **SOMEONE ASSUMED AN OFFICE** and the **OTHER ONE SUBMITS TO THE AUTHORITY OF IT**.

Now it becomes clear that the **TWO** being mentioned here are **NONE OTHER** than the **TWO WITNESSES**! They are **BOTH** working in the field and **BOTH** are **GRINDING AT THE MILL**. They help each other to **FINISH God’s WORK**!

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if *the goodman of the house* had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. (Matthew 24:42-43)

Mr. Gerald Flurry is the goodman of the house being spoken of here. And Jesus Christ through His two witnesses has come suddenly unto His Church and they are the same people being mentioned as the messenger of the covenant

Behold, I will send my messenger (Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong), and he shall prepare the way before me: *and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.* (Malachi 3:1)

God has used those two to take from God’s Church the Jerusalem work because the drunkards of Ephraim are so intoxicated with their much pride and vanity, thus their house,

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? (Matthew 24:44-45)

Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. (Matthew 24:46-47)

[illegible]

These two grinding at the mill in Matthew chapter 24 is connected with the prophecy written by the prophet Isaiah:

I will make a **MAN** more precious than fine gold;  
even a **MAN** than the golden wedge of Ophir (Isaiah 13:12)

So there are TWO MEN being mentioned here: God making A MAN (H582; “*enosh*”) more precious than fine gold; and ANOTHER MAN (H120; “*adam*”) than the golden wedge of Ophir. This is just another scriptural proof that the land of Ophir is the Philippine Island from where the two witnesses will come from.

Behold, the **day of the Lord** cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it... Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in **the wrath of the Lord of hosts**, and in the day of his fierce anger. (Isaiah 13:9, 13)

The time frame being mentioned here is the Day of the Lord, and to whom is this prophecy directed to?

**A prophecy against Babylon** that Isaiah son of Amoz saw: (Isaiah 13:1, *NIV*)

This chapter is a prophecy against Babylon and we already know **the identity of spiritual Babylon**. So verse 12 is really pertaining to the TWO WITNESSES which God said shall be found in OPHIR! That is another scriptural proof that the Philippines is indeed the island of Ophir – that’s the PLAIN TRUTH God has given us in this last end. Now what is in store for God’s spiritual GOLD from Ophir? We can read of that beautiful vision from the 45th chapter of the book of Psalms concerning Jesus Christ and His Bride.

*My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy*



*lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.*  
(Psalms 45:1-2)

In the *Amplified Bible*, Psalm 45 is described as “A Song Celebrating the King’s Marriage: To the Chief Musician; set to the [tune of] ‘Lilies.’ A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A skillful song, or a didactic or reflective poem. A Song of Love.” While *JFB Commentary* wrote:

Psalms 45:1-17 Shoshannim—literally, “Lilies,” either descriptive of an instrument so shaped, or denoting some tune or air so called, after which *the song of loves, or, of beloved ones* (plural and feminine)— *a conjugal song*. Psalm; that it gives instruction, the song being of allegorical, and not literal, import. *The union and glories of Christ and his Church are described*. He is addressed as a king possessed of all essential graces, as a conqueror exalted on the throne of a righteous and eternal government, and as a bridegroom arrayed in nuptial splendor. *The Church is portrayed in the purity and loveliness of a royally adorned and attended bride, invited to forsake her home and share the honors of her affianced lord. The picture of an Oriental wedding thus opened...* All ancient Jewish and Christian interpreters regarded this Psalm as an allegory of the purport above named. *In the Song of Songs the allegory is carried out more fully.*

It has been noted that the theme of the wedding is of an **Oriental** one. **ORIENTAL** in the dictionary means, “*of, relating to, or from ASIA and ESPECIALLY EASTERN ASIA; of relating to or SITUATED IN ASIA; ASIAN.*” This further proves where Ophir can be found. Now notice very carefully this wonderful vision of Christ’s beautiful Bride:

Kings’ daughters were among thy honourable women: *upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir*. Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people,

and thy father's house; *So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty*: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him. The king's daughter is all glorious within: *her clothing is of wrought gold.* (Psalms 45:9-13)

Let us once again consider what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote concerning HISTORY BECOMING PROPHECY:

Many people have called Mr. Churchill a prophet. Here is the main reason: He tried "to ASSESS THE ULTIMATE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENTS" IN A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE. All human beings are weak in this area, but WE MUST STRIVE TO SEE NOT JUST THE PRESENT, BUT ALSO THE PAST AND THE FUTURE. Mr. Churchill also said that THE FURTHER YOU SEE INTO THE PAST, THE FURTHER YOU CAN SEE INTO THE FUTURE. What we really need is God's perspective. We should avoid human reasoning (2 Corinthians 10:5). Instead, we should reason with God (Isaiah 1:18).

Source: (p. 284-286, *The Former Prophets: How to Become a King*)

As we have ASSESSED THE ULTIMATE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, WE WERE ABLE TO SEE NOT JUST THE PRESENT, BUT ALSO OUR PAST AND OUR IMMEDIATE FUTURE. And the FURTHER we have seen OUR PAST, the FURTHER we have seen OUR FUTURE by looking through God's perspective, because anyway, it is actually **HIS STORY written in PROPHECY.**

I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever. (Psalms 45:17)

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