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*This book is dedicated
to the memory of Gerald Flurry's wife,
Barbara Jeanne Flurry, who died on
September 5, 2004.*

In the 8th chapter of the book of Daniel, God's prophet had seen a vision which was all about *the evening and the morning* during *the last end*. So great was the vision that the prophet even fainted and became sick for several days. He was so astonished at the vision, yet he did not understand what he saw – and so were God's own people today.

But why?

God through the prophet Habakkuk gives us the answer: “For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.”

In His appointed time, God shall reveal what has transpired in *the last end* inside His very own Church and it will be written in what the prophet Malachi called *a book of remembrance*.

Now, that time has come...

How This Book Came to Be

WHY DID I WRITE THIS BOOK? I myself cannot answer that question, for I am no writer nor was I trained to be like one. I was just compelled to do this task that was given me. And just like the prophet Jonah, I also tried to run away from this duty, but to no avail. Who do you think gave that task to me? You will know once you read this book. But when did it all started?

As long as I can remember, I had three dreams which happened on the latter part of March 2004. When I woke up one morning, I was so bothered by a mysterious dream which to this date is still so vividly clear to my mind. In that dream, I was driving my car through a long highway on a clear, fine day without any signs of a foul weather brewing at that time, when all of a sudden, two lightnings came out of the sky in front of me from a not so distant location. The appearance of those two lightnings was so strange and a bit odd – imagine bolting out from the atmosphere two straight lightnings from the east side of the sky descending to the west side in a point blank lightning speed. Those two lightnings struck something on the ground, so I followed and searched for it until I found myself in front of a very beautiful lush green garden clothed with bright colored flowers everywhere and it was enclosed and surrounded by a chest high wall. And as I gazed upon that wall, I realized that it was the one which was stricken by those two straight lightnings; there in front of me, was a seemingly coded message written on that wall which I cannot understand – for the message has been written in the Hebrew language.

After a day or two, came another dream, this time I was standing on the top of a hill as the sun was setting on the horizon. From there, as I looked down, I saw a very bright cloud hovering on a nearby valley. To my utter amazement, I was brought down that valley in the very midst of that bright cloud. And as I looked up that radiant cloud, dazzling rays of light

emanated from it; and as its rays touched the grass, it produced an amazing rainbow colored brilliance encompassing me.

Now, here comes the third dream that I had after just a few days from that second one. In this dream, it was dusk, and in every corner I put my eyes on seem to be pitch black and gloomy, when all of a sudden, an enormous display of lightning burst out from a distance. That massive lightning struck two gigantic mountains in front me and it lit the sky by a bit. I cautiously surveyed my periphery, and little did I know that I was actually standing in a very wide open field. And as I looked back, I saw a great multitude of people - all of them have locked their eyes on me, then it rained. So, I decided to walk to my right side and saw another man waiting for me. He then joined me, and as we walked together, I decided to stare at the thick dark clouds in the sky above us - and on the spur of the moment, the rain has stopped and those thick clouds parted ways on their opposite sides giving way to a great light that emanated from sun.

After those three consecutive dreams that I had on March 2004, came at a later time the full understanding about my dreams. Bit by bit, year by year, as I waited for the understanding of the significance of all my dreams (if there is any), I found the interpretation written in the Song of Songs 4:16; 5:1, Ezekiel chapter 4, Zechariah 10:1, Zechariah chapter 4, Isaiah chapter 29 and many other scriptural passages which later translated into an understanding of the LAST END. I believe the writing on the wall in my dream can now be fully understood in this BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.

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Chapter 1

The Last Hour Betrayal

During this *last end*, God revealed to Mr. Flurry, the CENTRAL THEME of what shall be the *prevailing spirit* within a small window of time in what the Apostle John called “*the last hour*”:

“On May 5, 2001, God signaled the beginning of a new phase in this rapidly fading age of man. This new phase is described in vivid detail by the Apostle John in his epistles. You need to understand this deeply to know how imminent Christ’s return truly is...

“1 John 2:18 in the Revised Standard Version (RSV) reads, ‘Children, it is the last hour! As you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. From this we know that it is the last hour.’ *Last hour* is the correct translation of the Greek in that verse, rather than *last time*, as it reads in the King James Version.” (*The Last Hour* booklet, p. 1-2)

Again, how can we know if we are in the *last hour*?

“JOHN IS TELLING US HOW TO KNOW IT IS THE LAST HOUR. We know the last hour is here when we see ‘many antichrists’. Most of God’s own people, at least in spirit, are fighting against Christ. Don’t overlook this extremely critical point.

“He continued, ‘They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us...’ (1 John 2:19 RSV) The antichrists went out ‘from us,’ he said. If they were of us, they would have continued – they would have gone right on doing the work of God...

“This is a shocking revelation. The spirit of antichrist is rampant in this *world*. For years, we thought this was the essential understanding about antichrists. But now God has revealed, through John’s epistles, that *the primary warning* about antichrists is *within* God’s own Church! ‘They went out from us’ – this is prophecy for *the last hour*” (p.4, *ibid.*)

SO THE CONTEXT OF THE LAST HOUR IS ALL ABOUT THE PREVAILING SPIRIT OF “THAT ANTICHRIST” AND THE “MANY ANTICHRISTS”.

The last hour could then pertain to the latter period of reign of the antichrists as prophesied in Dan. 8:23: “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.” (KJV)

The *New International Version* renders verse 23 this way: “In the latter part of their reign, *when rebels have become completely wicked*, a stern-faced king, a master of intrigue, will arise.”

How can these transgressors come to the full or *become completely wicked*? *By becoming antichrists!* How and why did they become antichrists? It will be explained in detail later.

Now, how can we discern who are these antichrists? Are they pertaining only to the group that the PCG had battled in the courts? Or are they still prevailing even in our midst?

Mr. Flurry explains in his article in the *Royal Vision*:

DISCERNING THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH AND THE SPIRIT OF ERROR

The tests of the members of the first century Church are being repeated for us today. God, through the Apostle John, takes us into some of the most profound truth in the Bible.

We have to let the Apostle John prepare us for this last hour. John prepared the Ephesus era for intense persecution, but keep in mind that his writings are designed primarily to prepare us for what is ahead in this end time.

John wrote, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” (1 John 4:1).

How do we “try the spirits”? John continues: “Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is [coming] in the flesh is of God” (verse 2). The Spirit of God is active – it *is coming* in the flesh of God’s true servants. Jesus Christ is manifest in them. God says that is the monumental difference between false prophets and true prophets.

How can you tell the difference? We have to be spiritually sharp to recognize it. The people of God know when Jesus Christ is coming the flesh. We understand it, and we are continually learning to understand it profoundly. ...

Consider 2 John 7: “For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.” John was battling these deceivers in the first century, and these deceivers have deeply infiltrated God’s Church in this end time. (*March/April 2013* issue, p. 1, - *The True History of God’s Church – Part 4*)

Is it possible that these antichrists have also infiltrated the *Philadelphia Church of God*? Let’s use Christ’s mind in us to *try the spirits*. We must remember what Mr. Flurry wrote in *Malachi’s Message*:

Individuals go astray. Churches go astray. CHRIST NEVER GOES ASTRAY! A man is not the trunk of the tree. An organization is not the trunk of the tree. God’s Word is the trunk of the tree. And what Christ established through Mr. Armstrong for over 50 years is a big part of the tree trunk. Anybody who has been loyal to God’s Church for very long is used to change. But not all change is good. The Laodicean Church is prophesied to change. But that change is AWAY FROM THE PHILADELPHIA STANDARD—not a good change. The Laodiceans are prophesied to turn away from the trunk of the tree. God warns us to be vigilant. (p. 9)

Are we vigilant enough to know if something is not right? If something has been changed? We ought to know! Our eternal lives are at stake. The Apostle Paul even exhorted us: “Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” (1 Thes. 5:20-21)

THE SON OF PERDITION

There are only two instances in the Bible where *the son of perdition* is mentioned, and those are found in John 17:12 and 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

In John 17:12, this title was referred to *Judas Iscariot*: “While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but *the son of perdition*; that the scripture might be fulfilled.”

Whereas in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 it refers to his end time counterpart: “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, *the son of perdition*.”

How did Judas Iscariot gain the title of “the son of perdition”? – *By destroying God’s work through his betrayal of Jesus Christ!*

Let’s read the account in Matthew 26:14; “Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.”

Judas’s greed and covetousness made him betray Jesus Christ. He wanted material increase through somebody’s demise and destruction. The same is true with his end-time counterpart as prophesied in Habakkuk 2:6; “Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!”

“Here is a man trying to increase what is not his. ...This evil rebel has already been judged by God. How could he try to increase what’s not his except through the courts? He couldn’t come and forcibly take *Mystery of the Ages* from us – he needs the help of the court.” (p.15, *Habakkuk* booklet)

Through the course of the court case, that *son of perdition* had put forth his influence in the courts to gain what is not his. But in actual fact, it was *Satan in the flesh through that son of perdition* whom the Church had battled through the courts. *Satan through the last end son of perdition* is prophesied yet to exert his last ditch effort and final attempt to try to destroy God’s work by his cunning deceit and subtle wickedness through friendly persuasive counsel while seeking his own gain.

Considering again Amos 7:10, we read; “Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.”

“Bethel means ‘house of God.’ So here is a priest of God’s house. The Anchor Bible says: ‘The title is unique. It points to a head priest of a specific shrine. No other Israelite priest is so named, not for any temple or city’ This is the most important priest in a sinful Church of God. He is the priest of God’s house. There is a modern counterpart to this priest of Bethel.” (p. 38, *The Lion Has Roared*)

If we shall look closely, there shall be an end-time fulfillment of Amaziah – and he is a *minister in the house of God*! Could this prophecy also be referring to an end-time fulfillment of Diotrephes inside God’s Church? Indeed it could - even in the Philadelphia Church of God!

As Mr. Gerald Flurry told the ministry during the *2011 Ministerial Conference (Lecture #5)* that “*we are going to have Diotrephes in our midst – it’s prophesied!*” That this end-time Diotrephes “*wants to put himself on the spotlight; he loves preeminence and wants to have authority over the others; and that he wants to run the show*”, Mr. Flurry added. Further on, quoting from *The Last Hour* booklet, he said:

DIOTREPHESES

“I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not” (3 John 9). Here is an example diametrically opposite that of Gaius. ***Diotrephes was a minister, a regional director.*** The Greek here shows that “he loves to be first.” Gaius loved to do anything he could to help the men who were serving John. Gaius put God’s servants and work first. Diotrephes just loved to put HIMSELF first! When everything was falling apart in God’s Church, he loved to be first! That attitude consumed him. And he probably lost his eternal life. He was eaten alive by vanity and that vulgar desire to be number one....

“Interestingly, the name Diotrephes means ‘nourished by Zeus.’ Does that give you a clue about what was happening to this man? He was just like a man in God’s end-time Church. **AND MOST PEOPLE TODAY THINK THIS MAN OF SIN HAS SO MUCH LOVE! THEY THINK HE SETS A MARVELOUS EXAMPLE OF LOVE BECAUSE HE TALKS ABOUT IT**

ALL THE TIME! – AS HE BUTCHERS GOD’S LAW OF LOVE. Diotrephes was a type of the end-time antichrist. His big problem wasn’t in rejecting doctrine. He lusted for power. His big problem was that he wanted the top office! That is exactly what Satan’s problem was! This evil man operates in the spirit of Satan. He may have been possessed by the devil.” (pp. 110-111)

Continuing in verses 11-13: “For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land. Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court.”

Why then would a priest like Amaziah tell a prophet like Amos to go to Judah? Is it because that he himself being a priest in Bethel (God’s house) emphasizes an exclusive dominion over “the king's chapel”, and “the king's court”? That he himself thinks that he is more royal than the prophet basing his thoughts on his superior genealogy over that of Amos’ lineage – through which reasons Amaziah was reluctant to support Amos’ prophecy. In the *Amos* booklet, Mr. Flurry wrote about the prophet:

“Here is what the Anchor Bible Dictionary says about Amos and these different words: ‘He was variously described as *anoqed*, ‘shepherd’ (1:1), a *bôqer*, ‘cattleman’ (7:14), and a *bôles*, ‘gouger [of sycamore figs]’ (7:14). ...“Thus, we would argue that Amos was not a *royal or cultic figure*...*He had no religious credentials*—“I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet’s son” (verse 14). But he was ready to be God’s prophet. He had some dynamic, God-given revelation to proclaim” (pp. 45, 49)

And just like Diotrephes, Amaziah wants preeminence and does not want to receive God’s messenger. Amaziah seeing an unknown prophet in front of him prophesying in Bethel was something that he could not allow - for he presumed greater eminence, an exalted rank above that of Amos. As Mr. Flurry put it, describing Diotrephes, **“His big problem wasn’t in rejecting doctrine. He lusted for power. His big problem was that he wanted the top office!”**

Looking at it closely, this end-time Diotrephes is a totally different person from the one that the PCG has encountered at first during the court battle over Mr. Armstrong’s literature – *the former end-time son of perdition has a problem with*

God's doctrine. BUT TAKE A VERY CAREFUL NOTE THAT THIS LATTER LAST-END SON OF PERDITION HAS NO PROBLEM IN REJECTING DOCTRINE; HE ONLY WANTS MORE POWER AND THE TOP OFFICE!
And he is in all likelihood inside the *Philadelphia Church of God!*

Going back to Amaziah: his thoughts were in everything royalty – even insinuating it in Amos' mind. "But prophesy not again any more at Beth-el: for it is the *king's* sanctuary, and it is a *royal* house." (Amos 7:13, RSV). One commentary says that Amaziah was both "a prince and a priest". He could be thinking that he should have to be the appropriate one to proclaim God's messages because of his great lineage.

As the Apostle Paul, reminded Timothy about such mindset; "that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, *neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies*, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do" (1 Timothy 1:3-4)

According to Mr. Flurry there shall be one last overturn before Christ returns as indicated in Isaiah 16:5. Could this end-time Amaziah thinks of himself as being the last overturn king upon consideration of his own genealogy?

But the prophet humbly reasoned: "Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit:" (v. 14)

Amos was not a "professional" prophet as compared to others who have gone to the school of the prophets. He was not related to any of the prophets nor was his *genealogy* descended from any of the royal family, but was only a common man used by God to deliver His warning message to His people. (vv. 14-16).

"Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there:" (v. 12). Let us consider some bible commentaries regarding this verse. Let's read what is written on *Clarke's Commentary*:

"O thou seer - He pretends kindness to the prophet, and counsels him to go into Judea, and prophesy there and be safe, even in the time that he had accused him of high treason against Jeroboam. Hireling priests of this kind have ever been the great enemies of the true prophets of God; and when they could bring no charge of false doctrine or immorality against them, have accused them of conspiring against the government"

Read that again. This priest of Bethel (God's house), Amaziah "*pretends kindness to the prophet, and counsels him to go into Judea, and prophesy there and be safe*". *Counsel*, according to the dictionary means; "give advice to, something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action." So Amaziah the priest gave an advice to Amos the prophet to take a course of action while pretending to just being kind to him. That's subtlety! This Amaziah only PRETENDS and DISGUISES himself kindness to Amos while in actual fact the opposite is true. The *JFB Commentary* echo the same insight regarding Amos 7:12

"Also — Besides informing the king against Amos ...***Amaziah urges the troublesome prophet himself to go back to his own land Judah, pretending to advise him in friendliness...***

"there eat bread — You can earn a livelihood there, whereas remaining here you will be ruined. He judges of Amos by his own selfishness, as if regard to one's own safety and livelihood are the paramount considerations. So the false prophets (Ezekiel 13:19) were ready to say whatever pleased their hearers, however false, for "handfuls of barley and pieces of bread."

Considering those commentaries above in light of its prophetic end-time fulfillment, *it does seem to look like that this end-time Amaziah was the one who subtly gives the advice to this end-time Amos to take a course of action to deviate from God's purpose for him to warn Israel but rather gave counsel to go back to his roots (i.e., to where he came from or his genealogy) and there prophesy and be safe - "pretending to advise him in friendliness."* Amaziah even pretended to have acknowledged Amos' office of being a prophet ("O, thou seer") to purportedly feed on the prophet's ego. *But all this delusive show of concern to Amos was only done to primarily protect Amaziah's own source of livelihood, for he is a hireling priest.*

Could it be that this end-time Amaziah also pretends to be kind and seemingly concerned of the prophet's safety, yet, he is to be used or already being used by Satan to provide a direction or to give an advice as to what decision or course of action to take, CONTRARY to the end-time Amos' God given commission? Is this not the spirit of the antichrist which could destroy the very work of God?

This *spirit of the antichrist* is the same principle behind the account written in Matthew 16: "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. ***Then Peter took him, and***

began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.” (vv. 21-23) Let’s read what *Clarke’s Commentary* wrote concerning verse 23:

Get thee behind me, Satan -. Get behind me, thou *adversary*. This is the proper translation of the Hebrew word Satan, from which the Greek word is taken.

Thou art an offense unto me - Thou art a *stumbling-block* in my (Christ’s) way, to impede me (Christ) in the accomplishment of the *great design*.

Now from *Barne’s Commentary* regarding the latter part of verse 23:

Thou savourest not - Literally, thou thinkest not upon; or your language and spirit are not such as spring from a supreme regard to the will of God, or from proper views of him, but such as spring from the common views entertained by people. *You think that those things should not be done which God wishes to be done.* You judge of this matter as people do who are desirous of honor; and not as God, who sees it best that I (Christ) should die, to promote the great interests of mankind.

Christ has come in the flesh to fulfill what has been written by the prophets which must be fulfilled. Even for a brief moment of time, Peter had that *spirit of the antichrist* or the *adversary* which means that even a Christian who would go against God’s will and plan could become an antichrist. We are all vulnerable to this “RULING SPIRITS OF THE UNIVERSE” if we don’t use God’s Spirit! We are prone to this *spirit of the antichrist* if we ourselves are puffed up and have ample amount of vanity in us.

How did Peter arrive into that situation wherein *Satan came in the flesh* through him to try to thwart God’s plan? Let’s read what happened in the prior verses:

In verse 1, Christ was being asked by the Pharisees and the Sadducees to show them a sign from heaven. Christ instead gave them a sign of the prophet Jonah (v. 4). Christ then went on to warn His disciples about the “leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees” (v. 6, 11).

Jesus Christ then asked His disciples in verse 13, “Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?” and He again asked in verse 14, “But whom say ye that I am?”

“And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God” (v. 16).

Now notice carefully the progressive revelation that Peter received after giving that answer to Christ:

1. “And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.” (v. 17)
2. “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (v. 18)
3. “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” (v. 19)
4. “Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.” (v. 20)

Peter and the other disciples have just received through God the Father’s revelation that the SIGN FROM HEAVEN which the Pharisees and the Sadducees were seeking was Jesus Christ Himself –THE HEAVENLY FATHER’S VERY OWN SON who came in the flesh right in front of them! ***And that is a heaven and earth shaking revelation!***

Since Peter and the disciples have not yet received God’s Holy Spirit at that time, they are still very much carnal and very much prone to ***vanity***, thus the proclivity of being ***puffed up***. Remember that Christ warned them previously of the “***leaven***” of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees, in whom Christ gave only the sign of the prophet Jonah.

While as for His disciples, He has shown them what shall take place, even the fulfillment of the *sign of Jonah*.

“From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and ***be killed, and be raised again the third day.***” (v. 21)

Now when we consider what Christ has given to those Pharisees, that is, *the sign of the prophet Jonah*, even that specific prophecy has been opposed with Peter’s interference. Here is what *Matthew Henry Commentary* noted:

The offence which Peter took at this he said, *Be it far from thee, Lord*: probably he spake the sense of the rest of the disciples, as before, for he was chief speaker. He took him, and began to rebuke him. ***Perhaps Peter was a little***

elevated with the great things Christ had how said unto him, which made him more bold with Christ than did become him; so hard is it to keep the spirit low and humble in the midst of great advancements!

Notice that in just a very brief moment, Satan was already able to come in to Peter to inject his very thoughts in order to provide a direction or give an advice as to a decision or course of action to take, CONTRARY to what has already been written by God through His prophets.

Why? Because as the above commentary noticed that “***Peter was a little elevated with the great things Christ had how said unto him***” – he became vain and puffed up! The presence of the “leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees” was evident, which became an avenue for Satan to come in!

And even though Peter’s concern may seem to be a valid ***friendly concern*** in man’s eyes, yet in God’s eyes, it was contrary to what He has been planning all along which has been written through His prophets. Consider what *Barnes’ Commentary* wrote about verse 22:

Then Peter took him - This may mean either that he interrupted him, or that he took him aside, or that *he took him by the hand as a friend*.

This latter is probably the true meaning. Peter was strongly attached to him. He could not bear to think of Jesus’ death. He expected, moreover, that he would be the triumphant Messiah. In his ardor, and confidence, and strong attachment, he seized him by the hand as a friend, and said, “Be it far from thee.” This phrase might have been translated, “God be merciful to thee; this shall not be unto thee.” It expressed Peter’s strong desire that it might not be. The word “rebuke” here means to admonish or earnestly to entreat, as in Luke 17:3.

The lesson we could extract from this is that we must not go against what has already been written by God through His prophets - that which was written must be fulfilled according to His will and plan, and not to be interfered by any man or Satan, else we become an antichrist - an adversary. God wants us to see that He is in full control of the situation concerning His Family plan even sending Jesus Christ in the flesh - the SIGN FROM HEAVEN - in front of Peter and the other disciples! Jesus Christ is coming in the flesh in this end time to make sure that His Father’s will and plan will be fulfilled no matter what men or Satan shall do to interfere.

Again this is the same principle as what the end-time Amaziah the priest is prophesied to do to the end-time Amos –“***pretending to advise him in friendliness***”

(*op. cit.*). It may appear to be a friendly advice, but the intention and outcome could be a deviation from God's commission and plan.

We must remember that Amaziah is a priest of Bethel – a *prominent minister* in God's house – just like Diotrephes who was a *regional director*, thus making this prophecy ever more mind-boggling!

Moving on, during Christ's last Passover supper, He gave His disciples a *sign* of who shall betray Him: "*He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me*"

"Now when the even was come, he (Jesus) sat down with the twelve. And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? And he answered and said, *He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me*" (Matthew 26:20-23). According to *Clarke's Commentary*:

"He that dippeth his hand" - As the Jews ate the passover a whole family together, it was not convenient for them all to dip their bread in the same dish; they therefore had several little dishes or plates, in which was the juice of the bitter herbs, mentioned in Exodus 12:8, on different parts of the table; and those who were nigh one of these, dipped their bread in it. As Judas is represented as dipping in the same dish with Christ, it shows that he was either near or opposite to him."

Christ said in a parallel verse in John 13:18, "I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me." This passage came from Psalm 41:9 "*Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.*"

With just the recent Church history as our reference, Mr. Joseph Tkach Sr. did eat spiritual bread with Christ through Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong during the Philadelphia era, yet when he succeeded as the next leader of the Church, *he lifted up his heel against Christ through betrayal*- like Judas, the first century son of perdition. Would history repeat itself one last time? Would this latter *son of perdition* be eating spiritual bread with Christ *once again* on the same spiritual table as what had happened during the WCG's recent history when Mr. Armstrong was about to be *removed* or *taken away* by God? (2 Thes. 2:7)

Let us go back to 2 Thessalonians 2:3 - “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, *the son of perdition*.”

Could it be possible that there is a *duality* in the fulfillment of this falling away in two separate circumstances? - The first one has happened after Mr. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986, which started the *last end* and the other one WILL happen in the latter part of that *last end*.” That “man of sin” has already been revealed through the court case battle between the *Philadelphia Church of God* and the *Worldwide Church of God* which was written and documented in the *Raising the Ruins* book by Mr. Stephen Flurry. But, how about this latter “son of perdition”?

One thing is sure though: Just as the *former son of perdition*, Judas Iscariot did betray Christ before; a *latter son of perdition* will again betray *Christ, who comes in the flesh through That Prophet*, and that betrayal would eventually result in his eventual *removal*.

“In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be *removed*, and be *cut down*, and *fall*; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it.” (Isa. 22:25)

According to *Strong’s Concordance*, the Hebrew word for *remove* is *muwsh* (4185); to withdraw:--cease, depart, go back, remove, *take away*.

The Hebrew word for *cut down* is *gada'* (1438); a prim. root; *to fell a tree*; gen. *to destroy anything*:--cut (asunder, in sunder, down, off), hew down. (Since Mr. Flurry is the other *olive tree* being depicted in Zechariah 4, he is pictured here in this verse as *a tree to be cut down*)

And the Hebrew word for *fall* is *naphal* (5307); a prim. root; to fall, cast (down, out), cease, *die*, fail, fugitive, be judged by mistake, overthrow, overwhelm, *perish*, *slay*, *smite out*, throw down.

Just like Christ at the end of His earthly ministry, the result of Judas’s betrayal was His *removal*, *destruction* that led ultimately to His *death*. So shall the fate of *That Prophet* in the hands of the end-time *son of perdition*.

WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR

Let’s read the account of Christ’s last hour *before the betrayal of Judas* in Matthew 26: “Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. *Then saith he unto*

them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.” (vv. 35-39)

There is one thing to consider though, Christ found His disciples SLEEPING while they were instructed to *stay put* and *watch* with him.

“And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, WHAT, COULD YE NOT WATCH WITH ME ONE HOUR?” (v. 40)

Could it also be true in this end time that even Christ’s own ministers won’t be able to watch with Him during the climax of the last hour with the appearance of the son of perdition?

Jesus Christ emphasized what that *last hour* really is all about – THE LAST HOUR PERTAINS TO THE SPECIFIC TIME OF THE EMERGENCE OF THE ANTICHRIST (THE SON OF PERDITION) AND THE MANY ANTICHRISTS!

“BEHOLD, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: **BEHOLD**, he is at hand that doth betray me. And while he yet spake, **LO, JUDAS, one of the twelve, CAME, and WITH HIM A GREAT MULTITUDE with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.**” (vv. 45-47)

Notice carefully, what Christ said *three times* in *three* consecutive verses (the number 3 denotes *finality*): **BEHOLD, BEHOLD, LO!** (In *Strong’s* it also means, SEE). At the end of that **ONE HOUR**, Jesus Christ wanted His disciples to **SEE THE COMING OF THE ANTICHRIST FROM ONE OF THEM AND THE MANY ANTICHRISTS WITH HIM!** Again for emphasis, as Mr. Flurry wrote in *The Last Hour* booklet:

1 John 2:18 in the Revised Standard Version (RSV) reads, **“Children, it is the last hour! As you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. From this we know that it is the last hour”**...

JOHN IS TELLING US HOW TO KNOW IT IS THE LAST HOUR. We know the last hour is here when we **SEE** ‘many antichrists’. Most of God’s own people, at least in spirit, are fighting against Christ. Don’t overlook this extremely critical point. (*op. cit*)

Mr. Flurry reiterated for us not to “overlook this extremely critical point.” And now, in this end time, have we listened intently to Christ’s instruction in Matthew 26 to

STAY PUT and WATCH with Him ONE HOUR – especially during this LAST HOUR? Christ admonishes us in verse 41: “***Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.***”

This ONE HOUR Christ was talking about to his disciples is indeed referring to the LAST HOUR *before* the betrayal of the *son of perdition* as the above verses indicate.

The *culmination of the last hour* in Christ’s earthly ministry was the *betrayal* of Judas Iscariot – *the son of perdition!*

How about the pinnacle of the *last hour* that the Apostle John has mentioned in his epistle?

There could be no doubt that there’s a *duality* in the fulfillment of the *last hour* in Christ’s time with respect to the *last hour* prophesied by the Apostle John; they both have a common denominator - the *son of perdition*.

THE CONCLUSION OF THE LAST HOUR WOULD BE THE FINAL BETRAYAL OF THAT ANTICHRIST (*the son of perdition*) TO THE ONE WHOM CHRIST COMES IN THE FLESH WITH! And with him are the MANY ANTICHRISTS – “*the chief priests and elders of the people*”!

What immediately follows is the prophesied famine of the word in Amos 8:11, which is the same prophesied spiritual drought in Jeremiah 14:1.

Chapter 2

The House of the Spiritual Jews

Mr. Armstrong was emphatic when he wrote in his book, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* about the master key in unlocking Bible prophecies:

One might ask, were not biblical prophecies closed and sealed? Indeed they were—until now! And even now they can be understood only by those who possess the master key to unlock them. ...And the one central master key to prophecy as a whole is the identity of the United States and the British nations in these prophecies for today! (, pp. 9, 13)

That central master key is the identity of physical Israel – the United States and the British nations, even including the modern Jewish nation. But could there be a spiritual counterpart to that master key, i.e., the identity of spiritual Israel and spiritual Judah?

To answer that, let us read what Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Royal Vision* about the identity of spiritual Judah:

THE KEY OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID

Isaiah 22:20-25 contain an end-time prophecy that God has revealed a great deal about to us – about Eliakim. Verse 21 says the man who fulfills this role “shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.” There is a spiritual and physical application to these scriptures, but we look mainly at the spiritual today.

The “house of Judah” here is the faithful Church of God. You could say it is “the house of the Jews.” **WE ARE JEWS – SPIRITUAL JEWS!** And this man is a father to Judah.” (*July-August 2012 issue*, p.6)

MR. FLURRY EMPHASIZED THAT THE “HOUSE OF JUDAH” IN SPIRITUAL APPLICATION TO SCRIPTURES IS INDEED REFERRING TO THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD!

So when we read of the *house of Judah* in scriptures concerning prophecies in this end time, we can apply it directly to the *Philadelphia Church of God, spiritually speaking!*

For better understanding, let us consider what Mr. Armstrong wrote about the distinction between the house of Israel and the house of Judah:

CHILDREN OF ISRAEL BECOME TWO NATIONS

The house of Israel is not Jewish! Those who constitute it are not Jews, and never were! That fact we shall now see conclusively, beyond refute. ...No place in all the Bible does the term “Israel” refer to the Jews exclusively. When the sense is not national but individual, the term “Israel” alone, or “children of Israel,” or “men of Israel” may, and sometimes does refer to or include the Jews...

Jews are Israelites, just as Californians are Americans. But most Israelites are not Jews, just as most Americans are not Californians. *The Jews are the house of Judah only*, a part of the Israelites. But when these people are spoken of as nations, rather than as collective individuals, the term “Israel” never refers to the Jews. “House of Israel” never means “Jews.” (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, pp. 63, 69)

Mr. Armstrong continues:

The average conception today seems to be that the tribe of Judah which remained carried the title “Israel.” Most people seem to think of the 10 tribes as merely certain tribes driven out from the nation Israel.

But it is Israel which now sets up its kingdom under the Ephraimite Jeroboam, in the land of Samaria, north of Jerusalem. ***It is not Israel, but Judah***—a mere three tribes broken off from Israel—***which is left behind in Jerusalem.***

The 10 tribes were not broken off from Israel. ***Israel did not remain in Jerusalem. Instead, Judah was broken off from Israel.*** (*ibid.*, p. 66)



Map distinguishes the separate kingdoms
of Judah and Israel

“Israel did not remain in Jerusalem. Instead, Judah was broken off from Israel”- Have we heard of such news in recent modern history about a group of spiritual Jews that remained and stood by spiritual Jerusalem and eventually broke off from spiritual Israel? (Read *Raising the Ruins* book)

In this end time, could there be a duality in the fulfillment of such a division, this time between that of the spiritual house of Israel and of spiritual house of Judah?

Well, the CHURCH SPLIT between the Worldwide Church of God and the Philadelphia Church of God could very well fit in to be the spiritual counterpart of that DIVISION in this end time! (Read *Malachi's Message* under the chapter *Church Division*, p. 114)

Mr. Armstrong then further discussed that division between Israel and Judah:

From any exhaustive concordance you can learn that the first time in all the Bible that the word “Jew” occurs is in 2 Kings 16:6. Nowhere in all the Bible before this does the name “Jew” appear. Notice it!...

The first place in Scripture where the name Jew appears, ***the Jews were at war against Israel!*** They are of a different national together. They are, individually, children of Israel. But they do not have that national title—house of Israel. (*ibid.*, pp. 67-68)

In this end time, spiritual Jews (Philadelphia Church of God) were also at war with spiritual Israel (Worldwide Church of God)! A strange coincidence? Not at all! Mr. Armstrong often said that the fulfillment of Bible prophecy is DUAL. In his book, *Transformed by Truth*, Mr. Joseph Tkach Jr. wrote:

In February 1997 we filed suit against the Philadelphia Church of God – one of our splinter groups headquartered in Edmond, Oklahoma – to block the republication of *Mystery of the Ages*. The Worldwide Church of God still holds the copyright to this book, and we contend that no one else has the right to publish it. We feel it is our Christian duty to keep this book out of print... (p. 203)

What followed was a grueling six year court battle between the two Churches of God – *Worldwide Church of God vs. Philadelphia Church of God*. Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Habakkuk* booklet:

The Philadelphia Church of God (PCG) has been involved in a court battle with the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) for well over five years now. We have been restricted from printing Mystery of the Ages and any other material by Herbert W. Armstrong for over a year. (Habakkuk Reveals the Outcome of Our Court Case, p. 1)

Now, Mr. Armstrong even emphasized that the distinction between the house of Israel and the house of Judah is vital in understanding prophecy:

For many generations Israel and Judah remained as separate nations, in adjoining territories, having their own separate kings. Why should ministers and professed Bible students be in ignorance of this, when four whole books of the

Bible, 1 and 2Kings and 1 and 2 Chronicles, are devoted to explaining it and recording the history of these separate, rival kingdoms? Look at the maps in the back of your Bible. There you will see the territory of each nation plainly shown.

Judah retained the city of Jerusalem, its capital, and the territory known as Judea. Israel occupied the territory north of Judea. Samaria became its capital city, and the house of Israel often is called “Samaria” in prophecy. This, too, is a vital “key” to understanding prophecy. “Samaria” never refers to the Jews in prophecy—but always the 10 tribes, the house of Israel.

We want to impress, here, that Israel and Judah are not two names for the same nation. They were, and still are, and shall be till the Second Coming of Christ, two separate nations. ***The “house of Judah” always means “Jew.” This distinction is vital, if we are to understand prophecy. Because most so-called Bible students are in ignorance of this basic distinction, they are unable to rightly understand prophecy!*** (*ibid.*, pp. 69-70)

Do we get it? According to Mr. Armstrong, we will only be able to rightly understand prophecy, if we shall see the ***vital distinction between the house of Judah and the house of Israel.***

So in principle, we could also apply this spiritually as Mr. Flurry did in his *Royal Vision* article referring to the *Philadelphia Church of God* as the house of Judah or simply the spiritual Jews, while as for the *Worldwide Church of God* and the other splinter groups, it would then refer to the house of spiritual Israel in Bible prophecy for this last end.

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant *Eliakim* the son of Hilkiah: And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and *he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.* (Isa. 22:20-21)

Again as Mr. Flurry being the fulfillment of the end-time Eliakim, “shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah,” that is, to the PCG Headquarters and the PCG membership around the world. Now, notice this striking parallelism:

In this *end time*, God revealed to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong the key of David, which is the identity of *physical* Israel and *physical* Judah – America, Britain and the Jews of the Middle East. It is a master key to understanding of the *end time* Bible prophecies.

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath *the key of David*, he that openeth, and no man shutteth, and shutteth, and no man openeth.” (Rev. 3:7)

While in this *last end*, God has also given Mr. Gerald R. Flurry the key of the house of David which is the identity of *spiritual* Israel and *spiritual* Judah – the Laodiceans (Worldwide Church of God and its splinter groups), and the Philadelphians (Philadelphia Church of God). It is a master key to understanding of the *last end* Bible prophecies.

“And *the key of the house of David* will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.” (Isa. 22:22)

From here on, we may now be able to understand Bible prophecies pertaining to *the last end* because of this key that God gave to Mr. Flurry.

Chapter 3

The Last End

The END of the last hour could also be the END of the Laodicean era as it seems to indicate in Daniel 8:23; “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.”

The *Laodicean antichrists* led by *that antichrist* shall conclude the Laodicean era with the betrayal of Christ – “the transgressors are come to the full.” And notice that at the latter end of their reign will stand up “a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences.”

“And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.” (v.24)

“There is a far greater power here than just a physical being. Satan is behind this man. As we have taught in the past, this verse *does* refer to a Satan-inspired man leading the great false church to rally a united Europe. In type, this verse applies to that Hitler-type leader. He will be the leader of the Holy Roman Empire.” (*Daniel-Unsealed at Last!*, p.31)

If we take careful notice, there are two personalities being discussed here – a

Satan-inspired man leading the great false church and a Hitler-type leader who shall be in charge of the Holy Roman Empire.

The *former* has come on the scene during this *latter time of their kingdom* - the Laodicean era, (though the physical aspect of this phrase also pertains to the Holy Roman Empire's latter reign, so this prophecy is dual – physically and spiritually). On March 13, 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio (who became Pope Francis) was elected pope after Pope Benedict XVI. - Thus fulfilling the first part of the prophecy. (This is also the “little horn” of Daniel 7:8). The *latter* one, an *aggressive* leader in Europe shall arise on the world scene at the *end of the last hour* – shortly before the Great Tribulation. He will be the one to *hijack* the European Union, together with the 10 leaders (Rev. 17:12).

“Now as he was speaking with me,” Daniel wrote of Gabriel the archangel, “I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in *the last end of the indignation*: for at the time appointed the end shall be.” (vv. 18-19)

The original Hebrew word for *last end* is the same as that in verse 23, (“the *latter time* of their kingdom”) hence the meaning in Strong's Concordance: (last, latter) end (time), hinder (utter) -most, length,

And the Hebrew word for *indignation* is *za'am*, (2195); *STRICTLY FROTH AT THE MOUTH*, i.e. (fig.) *fury (ESPECIALLY OF GOD'S DISPLEASURE WITH SIN)*:--angry, indignation, rage.

The “last end of the indignation” refers to a little window of time – *the latter time of their kingdom* – from the time Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986 up to the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire culminating in the appearance of this king of fierce countenance standing up to take on the leadership of the 10 EU nations (v. 23) and shall begin to bring great havoc upon “the mighty and the holy people” - physical and spiritual Israel (v. 24). Let's read some excerpts from *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*:

The Wall Comes Down

Ever since the Communist stranglehold on Eastern Europe loosened, and then finally let go during the late '80s and early '90s, fascists have been clamoring to fill the power vacuum. Nothing hastened this power changeover more than when the Berlin Wall fell on November 9, 1989, exactly 66 years after Hitler was arrested for his famous beer hall putsch. Almost overnight, a neo-Nazi revival was underway in the Fatherland. They had been dwelling underground long

enough. *The Beast Reawakens*, as the title plainly suggests, reveals the insidious details of this sinister revival. ***The chronology of events, coupled with some alarming statistics since the wall came down in November 1989, should serve as warning enough that Nazi Germany is storming back, and with a vengeance.*** (p. 4)

The seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire began in earnest when the Berlin Wall came down – “Almost overnight, a neo-Nazi revival was underway in the Fatherland.” This Berlin Wall episode is indeed a great symbolic event clearly connected to the rise of the “latter time of their kingdom” prophecy discussed by the prophet Daniel.

On the contrary, prior to this *unification* event in East and West Germany, there has been a wall that was being built – that of the Laodicean wall – to *separate* the Philadelphians from the Laodiceans: “Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a *wall*, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar” (Ezekiel 13:10). From *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet* we read:

The Wall

Ezekiel 13:10 discusses the building of a wall. ...God’s own people are being seduced just before the Great Tribulation. Their spiritual seduction is directly connected to the building of a “wall.” This wall is “without the camp”—which means it is not within the camp in which they have built in the past! These false prophets are building outside of God’s spiritual camp. ...God is discussing a spiritual wall that will be rent by a “stormy wind.” ...The PCG warning message of truth is breaking through the Laodicean wall. Members are leaving and coming to the PCG. “Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it? Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it” (verses 12-13). God’s destruction of the wall is broken into three parts: 1) a strong wind in God’s fury, 2) an overflowing shower in God’s anger, and 3) great hailstones in God’s fury to consume it (p. 68-69)

While the Berlin Wall fell on November 9, 1989, the Laodiceans built a wall outside of God’s spiritual camp which could have been completed on March 11, 1989

– the same time God revealed Malachi’s Message to Mr. Flurry (1,150 days from the time Mr. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986). The separation then happened on December 7, 1989 when Mr. Gerald Flurry and his assistant, Mr. John Amos were summoned to Pasadena where they “were summarily fired from the ministry and excommunicated from the Worldwide Church of God because of Malachi’s Message.” (*Daniel- Unsealed at Last*, p.27)

Notice carefully, that the king of fierce countenance shall only stand up “*when the transgressors are come to the full*”- the rise of the king of fierce countenance is anchored on the Laodiceans’ final act: It will *make God strictly froth at the mouth of His displeasure with the sin of the Laodiceans!* GOD IS FOAMING MAD WITH THE LAODICEANS AT THE END OF THE LAST HOUR! Why?

Because *50 percent of the Laodiceans became antichrists* – they follow *that antichrist* in betraying Christ, just like the former son of perdition did – AND THAT BETRAYAL SHALL LEAD TO THE DEATH OF THAT PROPHET!

Even physical Israel (led by America) shall not be spared of God’s indignation because of what they shall do to His prophet and His Church. AT THE END OF THE LAST HOUR WHEN THE NAIL IN THE SURE PLACE IS REMOVED AND CUT OFF, AND FALL (Isa. 22:25); THUS, CONCLUDE THE LAST END OF THE INDIGNATION IN DANIEL 8:19!

Again as prophesied in Hosea 1:4, the death of *That Prophet* (prophetic Jezreel) will signal the end of the Laodicean era (spiritual Israel) and the birthright nations US and Britain (physical Israel). God “*will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel*” – this is “the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full.” This is the reason why *That Prophet* is to be a SIGN in this last end. (It will be explained in chapter 11)

The *removal of the nail in a sure place* is to be done in a manner least expected by the people inside the *Philadelphia Church of God*. The word “remove” means *to get rid of something by using force*, as a carpenter would do to remove a nail from a wood.

God’s prophet would most probably be removed by FORCE! Do you think it sounds a bit odd and a remote possibility to happen? Well, consider the fate of God’s prophets ever since, and this is what Christ has to say to those who have killed His prophets:

“Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous

bloodshed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!” (Matt. 23:33-37)

Would such a scene not generate God’s indignation? (*Indignation* in the dictionary means; ANGER AT UNFAIRNESS: ANGER BECAUSE SOMETHING SEEMS UNFAIR OR UNREASONABLE). The PCG and *That Prophet* would suffer yet again another INJUSTICE – this time from the ruler of the land: And this is the direct result of the son of perdition’s treachery and lies. The removal of *That Prophet* would trigger and unleash God’s wrath against physical and spiritual Israel – “the mighty and the holy people.”

“For we know the one who said, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay.’ And again, ‘The Lord will judge his people.’” (Heb. 10:30, RSV)

The prophet Jeremiah vividly described “the last end of the indignation” against physical and spiritual Israel in the book of *Lamentations*: “How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, and cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger!... And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden: he hath destroyed his places of the assembly: the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger *the king and the priest*” (Lam. 2:1, 6).

The king and the priest being mentioned here could be the same king and the same priest that will *betray* God’s prophet (Amos 7:10). This is a tandem to watch for in this *last end*.

And God’s punishment to the Edomite Laodiceans will be greater than that of the sin of Sodom (Lam. 4:6)

The power of those *antichrists* and the other 50 percent of the Laodiceans will be completely *shattered* by the Satan-inspired man leading the Holy Roman Empire (v. 24, 12:7). God shall use the beast power to fulfill the last end of the indignation by destroying “the mighty and the holy people.”

“O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread

them down like the mire of the streets” (Isa. 10:5-6). (For further understanding about God’s worst anger, read the *Lamentations* booklet by Mr. Gerald Flurry.)

THE OFFSPRING AND THE ISSUE

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah: ...And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, *the offspring and the issue*, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.” (Isa. 22:20, 23-24)

Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Isaiah* booklet regarding the offspring and the issue:

The “offspring and the issue” refer to two groups: the Jacobite Laodiceans and the Edomite Laodiceans (see Malachi 1:1-3; request our Obadiah booklet for a detailed explanation). Both groups are rebelling. One is called “offspring.” This group will repent in the Tribulation and be born into God’s Family. But the others—the “issue”—are so far gone, God calls them spiritual dung! That’s all they are to God now! They have no future. (pp. 57-58, *Isaiah’s End-Time Vision*)

The *offspring* and the *issue* refer to the *Jacobite* and the *Edomite* Laodiceans. Therefore, the entire duration of the Laodicean era lies upon the shoulder of the end time Eliakim. Very much like the end time Zerubbabel’s commission.

“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.” (Zech. 4:9)

Mr. Armstrong STARTED AND FINISHED AN ERA that ‘restored all things’. HE STARTED IT AND FINISHED IT before he died, with the power of God’s Holy Spirit (Zech. 4:6). His hands laid the foundation and his hands FINISHED THE HOUSE – the Philadelphia era.

Mr. Armstrong wrote a letter to the Church on March 19, 1981. Here is an excerpt from that letter: ...‘God has never removed a man called to a specific leadership assignment or commission until his commission is COMPLETED.’

Did Mr. Armstrong complete his mission? ...He most certainly did! (*Malachi's Message*, p.56-57)

God did reveal to Mr. Gerald Flurry all about the Laodicean era – *the apostasy and the falling away*. From the death of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong on January 16, 1986 up to March 11, 1989 – a total of *1150 days* (a period of time prophesied in Dan. 8:14) -from henceforth, God began to reveal to him the prophecies regarding the Laodicean era which has been written in the book of Malachi.

And as indicated in the prophecy in Isaiah 22, God did hang upon the end time Eliakim, the entire duration of the Laodicean era: “And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; ...And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, *the offspring and the issue*.”

Just as Mr. Armstrong did start and finish the Philadelphia era, the same is true with Mr. Flurry to the Laodicean era. The *offspring* and the *issue* – the *Jacobite* and the *Edomite* Laodiceans - hang upon the *nail in a sure place*.

As prophesied also in Hosea 1:4 “And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and *I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel*.”

Jezreel's death (Mr. Gerald Flurry's) will be end of the Laodicean era (spiritual Israel) and the birthright nations US and Britain (physical Israel). God “*will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel*.”

HOW LONG?

“The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see. O LORD, *how long* shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save! Why dost thou show me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up *strife and contention*.” (Hab. 1:1-3, 2:6)

Look at Habakkuk's attitude. In chapter 2 he said, ‘I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd.’ (verse 1). Some commentaries believe Habakkuk didn't have a good attitude here. In fact, he had a *great* attitude! Habakkuk went to his tower to see what God would say. He wanted to be reprov'd by God...

THIS IS THE KIND OF ATTITUDE THAT WE MUST HAVE FOR MIRACLES TO FLOW. THEN GOD SPEAKS TO HIS CHURCH THROUGH NEW REVELATION. ...Each individual has the responsibility to prepare himself for God's revelation as Habakkuk did. It is a *rare* person who will receive and love God's revelation.

"And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it" (verse 2). God answered Habakkuk. Where is God revealing His answers today? We don't have to guess. We must not guess! ...God promised to reveal His answers in this end time. Where are those answers? You are reading some of them. The PCG has beseeched God for revelation, and now we are writing this vision down. God commands us to make the vision plain, and we are. People can now read it and run – they can become urgent in this *last hour*. It is a time not to walk, but run spiritually! (pp.10-12, *Habakkuk* booklet)

The vision in Habakkuk's prophecy is all about the STRIFE AND CONTENTION between the WICKED and the RIGHTEOUS – between the LAODICEANS and the PHILADELPHIANS (Hab. 1:4). (Read *Habakkuk* booklet). Habakkuk in his time (and in this end time, *That Prophet*) asked God, *How long will this go on?*

GOD'S ANSWER IS IN THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE JOHN – WE ARE IN THE *LAST HOUR*! "Children, it is the *last hour*! As you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. From this we know that it is the *last hour*." (1 John 2:18, RSV). God gave a specific time frame – HE GAVE ONE FINAL HOUR for the *strife and contention* between the Laodiceans and the Philadelphians to be FINISHED; and at the end of it is the rise of the Holy Roman Empire on the world scene with its king of fierce countenance. Thus, shall the Great Tribulation begins! (Hab. 1:6)

"A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth. O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid..." (Hab. 3:1-2). When Habakkuk heard God's answer, he was terrified. And who would not be? That is the reason God instructed him to write the vision and make it plain so that all those who can read it may run. (Hab. 2:2)

In this end time, Mr. Flurry did write the vision and made it plain for the whole Church through the *Last Hour* booklet, *Habakkuk* booklet, and everything written during this *last hour*. He "make it plain upon *tablets*" – plural. All we need to do is just "*Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.*" (John 6:12)

IN THE MIDST OF THE YEARS MAKE KNOWN

When Habakkuk heard God's answer to his "*how long?*" query, he uttered a very *passionately emotional* prayer of petition to God: "O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy" (Hab. 3:1-2). ("Upon *Shigionoth*" – according to *Strong's Concordance*; a *dithyramb* or rambling poem. And according to *Webster's Dictionary*, a *dithyramb* means a *fervent speech*: a *passionately emotional* speech or piece of writing.)

Take careful notice of how Habakkuk *dissected* the time element that God revealed unto him: in HALF– in the MIDST! "The phrase 'in the midst' is used twice in verse 2. *Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon* says that phrase means 'the interior, midst of a thing; in the middle.'" (*Habakkuk* booklet, p. 3)

So looking at it in the context of *the last hour of strife and contention* between the wicked and the righteous; God divided the time element into two – in the middle. In the *first half* of that time element, Habakkuk asked God to revive His Work – the PHYSICAL aspect; while in the *middle* of that time – the *second half*, God "make(s) known"- this could only refer to the SPIRITUAL aspect – His wife! "Make known, Habakkuk says, means to *really know* God. That is a euphemism for sexual intercourse!" (*Royal Vision* Sept-Oct 2002, p. 13). In other words, *spiritual intercourse!*

In this *midst* we ought to strive to *really know* God! - To even *embrace* Him, as the name Habakkuk implies. MAKE KNOWN is the same expression as CHRIST COMING IN THE FLESH AND BEING IN THE BOSOM OF THE FATHER! (1 John 4:2, John 1:18) The epistles of the Apostle John show us how to *really know* God – how to *make known* of God in the midst of the years – by *Christ coming in our flesh leading us to the bosom of the Father!*

We can have the most personal relationship with our Father. JOHN RELATED IN HIS GOSPEL THAT CHRIST WOULD LEAD US INTO THE "BOSOM OF THE FATHER" (John 1:18). NOTHING IN THIS WORLD COMES NEAR THAT LEVEL OF INTIMACY. Being in the bosom of the Father is the ultimate love for our Father. There is no closeness in the universe so intimate as this relationship! ...Each one of us needs to grow richer in this fellowship with the Father and the Son. *Only* Jesus Christ can lead us into 'the bosom of the Father'. This is the deepest kind of family fellowship. What a powerful word – *bosom!* Christ is in the bosom of the Father and is leading us into that same rich,

deep Family relationship. This word describes the depth of our love for the Father and the Son. Could any word describe our God Family love better than *bosom*? (*The Last Hour* booklet, pp. 54-55)

The *Last Hour* booklet contains God's speech to Habakkuk! (Hab. 3: 1-2) The epistles of John show us how to REALLY KNOW God – MAKE KNOWN – how to be in the BOSOM of the Father as Christ is!

“Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down. Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men. So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.” (Ezek. 24:15-18)

The wife of *That Prophet*, Mrs. Barbara Flurry became critically ill due to *congestive heart failure* in the midst of the years – after the court case victory against the WCG. God used Ezekiel's wife anciently and Mr. Armstrong's wife in the recent past to picture the condition of the sanctuary (the Church, v. 19) – so has God also used Mrs. Flurry to picture the spiritual condition of the Church in that same manner - this is why Habakkuk prayed: “*in the midst of the years make known.*”

Since the phrase “make known” does refer to Christ's wife – (“Make known, Habakkuk says, means to *really know* God. That is a *euphemism* for SEXUAL INTERCOURSE!” - *op. cit.*) – Hence God used Mrs. Flurry *metaphorically* to emphasize His thoughts about the Church – to the Philadelphians and to the Laodiceans as well!

The death of Mrs. Barbara Flurry on September 5, 2004, could very well be considered IN THE MIDST OF THE CRISIS YEARS. Again, let's consider what the *Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon* says about the phrase “in the midst”: it means “the interior, midst of a thing; in the middle.”

“IN THE MIDST OF THE YEARS MAKE KNOWN” – could mean, “*in the middle of the crisis years* strive to *really know* God and let *Christ comes in the flesh* to lead you into the *bosom* of the Father.” Yet in the process, God has given us a physical sign for us “to really know God”, and for the Laodiceans to see their failure to do so, by allowing the PCG to build Him a house - IN THE MIDST OF THE YEARS!

God's house (*Armstrong Auditorium*) in Edmond, Oklahoma was inaugurated on September 5, 2010 – EXACTLY 6 years after Mrs. Barbara Flurry died to that very date on September 5, 2004. Was it a mere coincidence? Definitely NOT! The death of

That Prophet's wife is also connected to the fulfillment of Ezekiel 24:16-27 which points to the coming siege of Jerusalem – it is IN THE MIDST OF THE CRISIS YEARS.

Further proof that God has been personally involved with His Church (“make known”) is found in the book of Haggai. In his booklet, Mr. Flurry wrote:

I AM WITH YOU

“Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts” (Haggai 2:4).

God says to His end-time people, *Be strong, because I am with you!* God is with us, and that will make us strong. “According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not” (verse 5)....

The *Anchor Bible Commentary* says *my spirit* can also refer to ***God's presence, or a manifestation thereof. It can also mean God's potent presence, which provides protection, indeed allows human fear to be removed....***

So verse 5 can refer to God's very potent presence, just as it did in verse 1 of the ninth chapter of Amos. (Haggai- God Has Begun to Shake the Nations, pp. 6-7)

(In the succeeding topic, you can find the specific fulfillment of this prophecy which was also found in Zechariah 1:7-21 “a man standing among the myrtle trees”) As Mr. Flurry wrote in his Haggai booklet, “GOD’S HOUSE IN EDMOND IS A SIGN OF WHEN GOD BEGAN TO SHAKE THE NATIONS!” (p. 12)

Here are ***seven points*** on how the physical house of God sends a message to this world:

- 1. It is a sign that God has begun to shake the nations.***
- 2. It is a sign that the Laodiceans failed to sustain God's house in Pasadena. Look how sin destroyed it spiritually!***
- 3. It is a sign that the Philadelphians have reestablished God's message of peace in this world.***
- 4. It sends the message that this is a work of faith. Haggai 2:9 and Zechariah 5:11 are prophecies that God's house would be built in this***

Laodicean era. God did not reveal either of those verses until we stepped out on faith to build the house. God rewards and blesses faith!

5. *It shows we are builders forever.* We are universe construction workers! Don't despise the day of small beginnings (Zechariah 4:9-10).

6. *It will be the only physical house on Earth where God dwells.* (He will be present in spirit.)

7. *It is the last physical house of God ever to be built in the age of man.*
(p. 16)

Please read Mr. Flurry's *Haggai* booklet for further proof that God's house is a SIGN – and that we are indeed IN THE MIDST OF THE CRISIS YEARS.

IN WRATH REMEMBER MERCY

In the latter part of verse 2 in Habakkuk's fervent prayer to God in chapter 3: "in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy" – we can notice that the latter expression "in wrath remember mercy" is separated by a semi-colon from the former thought. Why?

Because the two phrases have a relationship with each other – they are both connected to the spiritual aspect – Christ's wife! They may be related altogether but they convey a separate message: The phrase "in the midst of the years make known" applies to the righteous Philadelphians, while the expression "in wrath, remember mercy" refers to the rebellious Laodiceans. The latter phrase could only specifically pertain to the Laodiceans because at the end of the last hour, is also the *end* of what the prophet Daniel called *the last end of the indignation*, and God shall punish all of them – and Habakkuk did appeal to God for them: "*in wrath, remember mercy.*"

God's anger towards the Laodiceans is even prophesied in Ezekiel 24, which is still in the context of the death of *That Prophet's* wife: "And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so? Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.

"...Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters," (vv. 19-21, 25).

All of the Laodiceans shall fall into the hands of the beast power and eventually die – physically; and 50 percent of them shall die for all eternity! What an ignoble future! And what caused God’s *wrath* or *indignation*?

In the last hour, antichrists appear on the scene – people who knew God the Father, then turned away and are now FIGHTING CHRIST! The problem began with *that antichrist* – singular. But then there were ‘many antichrists’ – numerous dissenting groups from our mother Church...

John was trying to wake people up and alert them to the war raging *inside the Church*. That is where the problems were. That is where Satan always attacks first. John sincerely believed he was in the last hour, and Christ lets him think that for a short while. When the Church ought to have been really serving God and getting the message out, many of them were turning away and becoming, of all things, *antichrist*!

That is exactly the situation God’s Church faces today. ...We are being attacked by self-righteous antichrists, spiritual barbarians, from among God’s own people! We may be witnessing the *worst hour ever* in God’s work.” (p. 2, *ibid.*)

The prophecy in Ezekiel 24 is the same prophecy in Daniel 8 regarding the *last end of the indignation* (v.19) which would probably happen at the latter time of the Laodicean era (v.23), – and that made the prophet Habakkuk to utter: “*in wrath, remember mercy.*”

One specific event happened last February 10, 2009 – through which the prophecy about Zechariah 1:7 was given on February 18, 2009:

Upon learning of the three tornadoes that struck Oklahoma last February 10, 2009, one can’t help but wonder about what those meant. Did those occur by happenstance – ‘the unseasonable February storm’? Or was it even prophesied? First, let’s read some news excerpt about it from the PCG website:

Storm recovery begins

February 12, 2009

EDMOND—Houses and businesses in north Oklahoma County and south Logan County were shredded and strewn across miles of roads and fields when three tornadic storms struck the north Edmond area February 10 in the afternoon hours. The next morning revealed shingle

fragments, plywood roof decking, shards of vinyl siding and severed tree limbs covering scenes close to the PCG campus.

The National Weather Service reported yesterday, "The [first] tornado tracked northeast across portions of northwest Oklahoma City and northwest Edmond causing significant damage. ...with the most intense damage occurring in northwest Edmond." Two more tornados followed...

Cresting the hill, only one mile from the PCG campus, what had been a small business district composed of metal sheds and pole barns became assorted piles of warped structural steel contrasted against fluffy pink and yellow insulation scattered across the ground, in the trees and floating through the air like wisps from a massive dandelion...

"We watched the whole thing from under the awning of the Field House," marketing director Shane Granger said. "We saw the funnel form and get closer and closer. All of a sudden the winds hit us and stuff started falling from the sky. It was headed right for us." Miraculously, the funnel lifted just before crossing Bryant Avenue and plowing into faculty homes and perhaps the church's mail processing facility.

The devastation drew national attention, with NBC, Fox News and CNN all covering the unseasonable February storm, also reporting that the third tornado in the area took at least nine lives in the southern Oklahoma community of Lone Grove. Gov. Brad Henry responded by declaring a state of emergency for a total of 17 counties. Edmond church pastor Wayne Turgeon said the damage to the community was worse than he expected, adding, "It was a miracle that no one from Edmond got killed."...

A map of the Edmond tornado's path shows it chewing up Kelly Road and moving northeast toward the campus but swinging just wide of the property line before making a sharper turn toward the mail processing facility before the funnel lifted back up into the sky.

"God performed a miracle," Mr. Turgeon said, adding that in his almost exactly 18 years in Oklahoma, this is the closest he has been to a twister...

Writing Mr. Turgeon, Rees Architect Patrick Bumpas said that the storm had missed their firm by 60 to 100 yards and had sucked up a

tornado siren. Mr. Turgeon reassured him that the campus had not been hit by the storm and that the subject of his inquiry, the job site of the PCG's new auditorium, was completely spared from damage.

Upon viewing a map of the path of the storm, pastor general Gerald Flurry said, "God certainly intervened and protected us."

Those tornadoes or whirlwind has some prophetic significance: Again, one might ask, why the UNSEASONABLE FEBRUARY STORM? Was it coincidental that those three tornadoes struck a day after this news?

Auditorium takes shape

February 9, 2009

EDMOND—Construction on Armstrong Auditorium moves ahead on schedule as the structural steel continues to rise out of the ground, giving a clear picture of the final size and shape of the auditorium. Crews have completed installing approximately half of the structural steel for the building. This includes all of the steel for the front lobby as well as the large trusses that support the balcony seating and the balcony lobby area. One of the largest pieces of steel was installed in early January, weighing over 5 U.S. tons...

Temperature at the end of December dropped, which delayed the fireproofing. This delay affected several of the other trades as well, making the coordination of work on the job site even more of a challenge. A break in the weather came at the beginning of January, and the fireproofing contractor was willing to work over the public holiday in order to keep the job moving forward.

What does the Bible has to say about *tornadoes or whirlwind*? What does it represent? In chapter 2 of *2 Kings* we can read:

“And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.” (v. 1)

In verses 11 through 12 we can understand what it represents: “And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a *chariot of fire, and horses of fire*, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a *whirlwind* into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my

father, *the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof*. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.”

The WHIRLWIND represents God’s HORSEMEN!

There is even a specific prophecy written in Zechariah 1 about some particular horsemen, but first let me quote some backgrounder about the prophet Zechariah.

According to a number of commentaries, they say that the prophet Zechariah was both a prophet and a poet (just like the prophet Amos). His name means “God remembers”. Here is what *JFB Commentary* further wrote:

Zechariah entered early on his prophetic functions (Zechariah 2:4) two months later than Haggai, in the second year of Darius' reign, 520 B.C. The design of both prophets was to encourage the people and their religious and civil leaders, Joshua and Zerubbabel, in their work of rebuilding the temple, after the interruption caused by the Samaritans...

Zechariah was to encourage the people in their work of rebuilding the temple. Since the PCG did have a parallel rebuilding project in Edmond, Oklahoma, so it does clearly indicate that the prophecy of Zechariah do apply to us today!

“Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,” (Zechariah 1:7)

God dated the following vision that he revealed to Zechariah – it was on the 24th day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat (Shevat)! Consider its equivalent in the illustration below:

#11 - Shevat 5769

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Jan. - Feb. 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	26	27	28	28	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24				

The 24th day of Shevat fell on February 18, 2009! Was it a mere coincidence? (Again, the letter about Zechariah 1:7 was sent to Mr. Flurry on that very date - February 18, 2009)

“I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be.” (vv. 8-9)

Zechariah saw “a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees” and that man was with THREE OTHER HORSEMEN with their horses having the color of red, speckled and white.

According to several commentaries, the man standing among the myrtle trees is Jesus Christ (*Matthew Henry Commentary, JFB Commentary, etc.*). Well it could be true considering the account in the book of Joshua when he met the *captain of the Lord of Hosts – Jesus Christ Himself!* (Joshua 5:13-15). Upon meeting the man in front of him, Joshua asked: “Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?”

We might also ask, are those horsemen in Zechariah 1 for us or our adversaries? The answer is very obvious, they are for us!

“Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be.”

As we have read in 2 Kings verses 1, 11 and 12, those whirlwind are God’s horsemen – and the same should be true in Zechariah’s vision in chapter 1! And if that is true, then the three tornadoes (whirlwinds) that struck Oklahoma are the three horsemen in Zechariah’s vision in chapter 1.

“And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.” (v. 10) As for the myrtle trees, here is what *JFB Commentary* wrote:

among the myrtle trees--symbol of the Jewish Church: not a stately cedar, but a lowly, though fragrant, myrtle. It was its depressed state that caused the Jews to despond; this vision is designed to cheer them with better hopes.

The myrtle trees represent God’s Church and “a man riding upon a red horse” is standing among the myrtle trees. *The captain of the Lord of Hosts, Jesus*

Christ is standing among the PCG Headquarters! And the three horsemen reported directly to Him:

“And the men on the horses answered the Angel of the Lord Who stood among the myrtle trees and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth [patrolling it] and behold, all the earth sits at rest [in peaceful security].” (v. 11, *Amplified Bible*)

That could be the reason that one of the three tornadoes (horsemen) could only get as close as one mile from the PCG Headquarters because he has to report to Jesus Christ (who is also riding a red horse) standing in the midst of it.

Since the prophet Zechariah is also a poet, he could have written the meaning behind the colors of the horses in an inverted word order like a chiasmus, thus:

Red	• represent God’s exceeding displeasure with the heathen that are at ease • “For a while I was angry at the nations, but now I am furious, because they have made things worse for Jerusalem and are not the least bit concerned.” (v. 15, <i>Contemporary English Version</i>)
Speckled	• represent God’s great zealousness for His Church • “So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.” (v. 14, “<i>jealous</i>” in Strong’s is “<i>zealous</i>”)
White	• represent God’s mercy on Jerusalem and on Judah • “Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?” (v. 12)

The angel riding in the ***red horse*** could have reported that the nations around the world are at ease while physical Israel (America, Britain, Canada, Middle East Jews, etc.) is suffering from severe financial crisis, yet these heathen nations do nothing to help them, instead they help forward the affliction. The angel riding in the ***speckled horse*** could have reported that God’s people around the world are zealously supporting the building of His house despite the

financial turmoil surrounding them.

The angel riding in the **white horse** could have asked about God's mercy to be given to His people – physical and spiritual Israel, which is directly connected to the prophet Daniel's *understanding* of Jeremiah's *70 years*:

“In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish *seventy years* in the desolations of Jerusalem.” (Dan. 9:2).

Seventy years after Solomon's temple was destroyed and the nation of Judah enslaved by Babylon, God stirred up the mind of a carnal leader to allow the building of the second temple. A group of Jews returned to Jerusalem to begin this construction project. The history of this phase of Judah's past shifts from Isaiah and Jeremiah to several books of the Bible known by the scholars of this world as the minor prophets. (*Ezra and Nehemiah – Building God's Temple*, p. 5)

The prophet Daniel was given the answer to the query: “LORD All-Powerful, *for seventy years* you have been angry with Jerusalem and the towns of Judah. When are you ever going to have mercy on them?”

“Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. *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.” (Daniel 9:21-24)

God gave a *seventy week* decree on top of the 70 years – this is what the prophet Daniel *understood*! (See chapter 12 for the explanation of the *70 weeks* prophecy). And here is what the prophet Zechariah further wrote regarding it:

“And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words. So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that

are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. Therefore thus saith the LORD; *I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies*: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem. (Zechariah 1:13-17)

Even though America, Britain, and the Middle East Jews are currently suffering severe financial turmoil, God said He will have pity on them and will yet make them prosper again. How will God fulfill it? Through the *measuring line* in verse 16: “Therefore thus says the LORD, ‘I will return to Jerusalem with compassion; My house will be built in it,’ declares the LORD of hosts, ‘and a **measuring line** will be stretched over Jerusalem.’” (*New American Standard Bible*)

And what is that MEASURING LINE all about? The answer is in Zechariah’s next vision: THE FOUR CARPENTERS and THE FOUR HORNS.

“Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. And the LORD shewed me four carpenters. Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.” (vv. 18-21)

According to several commentaries, the HORN symbolizes *Gentile powers* that wanted to destroy physical Israel – America, Britain and specifically, the Middle East Jews. Furthermore, in Strong’s Concordance, the word “fray” in verse 21 could also mean “to terrify”; while the word “cast out” means “to throw down”

Ever since the state of modern Israel became a nation officially, they had been in constant conflict with the Middle East Arabs:

On May 14, 1948 the state of Israel declared independence and this was followed by a war with the surrounding Arab states, which refused to accept the plan. The Israelis were subsequently victorious in a series of wars confirming their independence and expanding the borders of the Jewish state beyond those in the UN Partition Plan. Since then, Israel

has been in conflict with many of the neighboring Arab countries, resulting in several major wars and decades of violence that continue to this day. Since its foundation, Israel's boundaries and the State's right to exist have been subject to dispute, especially among its Arab neighbors and their many Palestinian refugees. Israel has signed peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, though efforts for a long-lasting peace with the Palestinians have so far been unsuccessful (*Wikipedia*, Link: Israel)

These Arab states are the Gentile power (horn) that was terrified and thrown down by the Islamic Iran (the carpenter) which is King of the South. In the table illustration, we can see that Iran then becomes the horn and Germany becomes the carpenter, and so on and so forth. And that will be so until Jesus Christ – the FINAL CARPENTER – terrifies and throws down the FINAL HORN. Notice that it is in successive order like a CONNECTING CORD.

That is so, because in the original Hebrew, the word “line” in verse 16 means: “a cord (as connecting)” – “a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem”! God will use a Gentile power to measure and punish the other. This is the same as what the prophet Zechariah wrote in chapter 12: “And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.” (v. 3; see also chapter 14:1-3)

The vision of THE FOUR HORNS and THE FOUR CARPENTERS is THE MEASURING LINE! And now God has already made plain where we are in that *measuring line*. At the end of the measuring line God says, “I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts.” And as what the name of Zechariah meant: *God remembers - MERCY!*

Those three tornadoes that struck Oklahoma last February 10, 2009 were FOR us and not against us, so that we will know that GOD REMEMBERS MERCY... Mr. Flurry even said, "God certainly intervened and protected us."

(End of February 18, 2009 letter)

Was the revelation regarding Zechariah 1:7 that fell EXACTLY on the 24th day of Shevat which is February 18, 2009 just a mere coincidence? No, this is the day God revealed the specific fulfillment of Haggai 2:4-5, “and be strong, all ye people of the

land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts: According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.” - Which again as described in the *Haggai* booklet,

“God’s presence, or a manifestation thereof. It can also mean God’s potent presence, which provides protection, indeed allows human fear to be removed. ...‘So verse 5 can refer to God’s very potent presence, just as it did in verse 1 of the ninth chapter of Amos’” (pp. 6-7).

God reminds us by saying “I AM with you” – the great “*I am*” is with us so we are not to fear those *tornadoes or whirlwind* because they were FOR us and not against us.

Is it then another coincidence that *Armstrong Auditorium* was inaugurated on September 5, 2010, which is EXACTLY 6 years after Mrs. Barbara Flurry died on the very same day, September 5, 2004?

The answer again is a big NO! The death of *That Prophet’s wife* is the fulfillment of Habakkuk’s prophecy of the second “*in the midst of the years*” thought in Habakkuk 3:2 – “*in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.*”

God’s house in Edmond, Oklahoma has a dual spiritual purpose – “*make known*” is for the Philadelphians; “*in wrath remember mercy*” is for the Laodiceans. God wants to know who truly the Philadelphians are whom He is *making known* and those who are not, through that house (*Armstrong Auditorium*).

THE MEASURING LINE AND THE PLUMBLINE

Now, could there really be a connection with the construction of God’s house (*Armstrong Auditorium*) and the MEASURING LINE or the vision of THE FOUR HORNS and THE FOUR CARPENTERS? This is the same prophecy as what God has shown the prophet Amos about a PLUMBLINE:

“Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a *plumbline*, with a *plumbline* in his hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A *plumbline*. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a *plumbline* in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more.” (Amos 7:7-8)

A PLUMBLINE is used for BUILDING MEASUREMENT to make sure that constructions are *plumb* or *vertical*. And as what the prophet Amos had seen; God was standing beside a WALL holding a PLUMBLINE and measuring it. And after measuring the *wall* with the *plumbline*, God then set this *plumbline* in the midst of His people Israel and He said, “*I will not again pass by them any more.*” This could be the fulfillment of Mr. Flurry’s prophecy about the modern nations of Israel – America, Britain and Israel of the Middle East having reached the POINT OF NO RETURN in the context of the *construction of God’s house* – the *Armstrong Auditorium*.

As we will clearly see, this prophesied PLUMBLINE of Amos chapter 7 and the MEASURING LINE of Zechariah chapter 1 are very much connected with the construction of God’s house which according to Mr. Flurry is a SIGN of when God has begun to shake the nations (Hag. 2:7-9). Now notice where this shaking of the nations will lead to:

“And again the word of the Lord came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying, Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, *I will shake the heavens and the earth*; And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the Lord, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord of hosts.” (Hag. 2:20-23)

The FOURTH CARPENTER (Jesus Christ) in the *measuring line* of Zechariah shall begin to intervene in the world stage by *shaking the heavens and the earth* – this specific event is actually the SIXTH SEAL - the introduction to the *Day of the Lord*: “And I beheld when he had opened the *sixth seal*, and, lo, there was a *great earthquake*; and *the sun became black as sackcloth of hair*, and *the moon became as blood*; And *the stars of heaven fell unto the earth*, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And *the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together*; and *every mountain and island were moved out of their places*. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: *For the great day of his wrath is come*; and who shall be able to stand?” (Rev. 6:12-17)

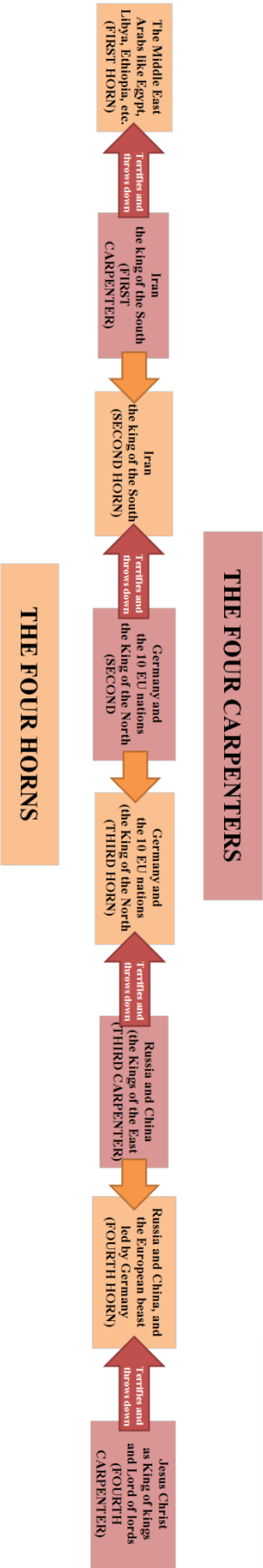
THE MEASURING LINE AND THE PLUMBLINE

(Isaiah 28:17; Psalm 94:14-15)

Thus he shewed me; and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more: (Amos 7:7-8)



The Last End



Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. And the LORD shewed me four carpenters. Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it. (Zechariah 1:18-21)

This is how the prophet Habakkuk's "*in wrath, remember mercy*" prophecy is going to be fulfilled - through the SIXTH SEAL – i.e., when the 144,000 *Jacobite Laodiceans* shall be sealed before the *Day of the Lord* because *God remembered mercy* seeing they have repented toward God and finally accepted the *signet* - Mr. Armstrong being the end-time Zerubbabel.

As the *measuring line* spoken of by the prophet Zechariah come to its final stages as judgment to God's enemies, the *plummet* in the hand of Zerubbabel (Zech. 4:10) shall then be used by God to measure the righteousness of His people, specifically the repentant Laodiceans: "Judgment also will I lay to the *line*, and righteousness to the *plummet*: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place" (Isa. 28:17). At that precise time during the SIXTH SEAL, *God remembers mercy*. (This will be explained in detail on chapter 12)

"For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. But *judgment shall return unto righteousness*: and all the upright in heart shall follow it." (Psa. 94:14-15)

And at the end of that *measuring line*, God's Temple shall be built in Jerusalem as prophesied by the prophet Zechariah: "*I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies*: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts" (Zech. 1:16). Notice carefully, that the *measuring line* began with God's house (*Armstrong Auditorium*) in Edmond, Oklahoma and culminates with God's house in Jerusalem. The name Zechariah actually means "*God has remembered*" - and God prophesied through him that He will return to Jerusalem with *mercies*. (In chapter 12, it will be explained how *God remembers*). Did you notice the connection between Habakkuk's "*in wrath remember mercy*" prophecy and Zechariah's prophecy?

In verse 12, the prophet Zechariah actually gave us a timeline which he got from Jeremiah's *70 years prophecy*: "For thus saith the Lord, That *after seventy years be accomplished* at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place." (Jer. 29:10; see also Jer. 25:8-11; 2 Chr. 36:21). This utterance of Zechariah in verses 12 is actually aimed at the duality of the *70 years prophecy* of Jeremiah for the modern nations of Israel (America, Britain and Middle East Jews). Even most commentaries noted that these 70 years had already been fulfilled when Zechariah gave this prophecy, so they were a bit confused about it. Why? Because it's for our time right now!

As *Clarke's Commentary* wrote: "This cannot mean the duration of the captivity for that was nearly twenty years past," while *Barnes Commentary* noted:

Yet there seems to have been a SECOND FULFILLMENT ...Such DOUBLE FULFILLMENTS of prophecy are not like alternative fulfillments.

Could this SECOND FULFILLMENT of the *70 years prophecy* of Jeremiah be referring to the duration from the 1948 birth of the modern nation of Israel up to the fulfillment of the Zechariah 1:16 prophecy? That “*after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I (God) will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place*” – i.e., all of physical Israel will be able to go back to their homeland in Jerusalem?

If that would be the case, then the *measuring line* spoken of by the prophet Zechariah would be consummated after the *70 years* has transpired.

To fully understand the timeline, read *Libya & Ethiopia in Prophecy* by Mr. Gerald Flurry to see for your yourself the actual fulfillment of the FIRST CARPENTER of Zechariah chapter 1 (vv. 19-21, see also the illustration. Further reading of *Zechariah – The Sign of Christ’s Imminent Return*)

Now, these *70 years* seem to square in with what the prophet Daniel wrote in chapter 9 of his book:

“In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish **seventy years** in the desolations of Jerusalem.” (v. 2)

The prophet Daniel understood that the *70 years prophecy* of Jeremiah the prophet, which as we shall see has even reflected on the prophecy which he wrote in the latter part of his book:

“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, *How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?* 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 12:4-7)

Now, this “***time, times, and an half***” could be dual in its fulfillment. Let us consider:

- 1 time cycle - 19 years
- Holy people - Israel
- 1948 - Birth of the nation of Israel

“***...it shall be for a time...***” – 19 years

- 1967 - East of Jerusalem was annexed:

“***...times...***” – 38 years

- 1986 / 1987 - *first* Palestinian intifada; Israel nuclear capability was revealed; Israel withdrew from Lebanon
- 2005 - *second* Palestinian intifada; Ahmadinejad became president of Iran who want Israel wiped off the map; Pope Benedict replaced Pope John Paul 2; Israel withdrew from Gaza strip

“***...and a half...***” – 9.5 years

- 2014 / 2015 - *third* and final Palestinian intifada? Half of Jerusalem taken? “Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and *half of the city shall go forth into captivity*, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.” (Zech. 14:1-2)
- Brotherhood between America and Israel (Jews of the Middle East) to be broken: “Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, *that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.*” (Zech. 11:14)

Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote about these verses:

Christ prophesied that He would “gather all nations” to battle Him in Jerusalem. Then He makes what might appear to be a strange statement. One half of Jerusalem is to be taken captive. That crisis triggers a series of events that leads to the return of Jesus Christ! ***One half of Jerusalem being taken captive is like the first domino to fall, leading to Christ’s return and the battle against all nations in Jerusalem! It all begins and ends in Jerusalem. But what a glorious end!*** (Zechariah - The Sign of Christ’s Imminent Return, p.79)

“...and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.”

Now let us further consider:

- 19 years x 3.5 = 66 years and 6 months...

Plus 3.5 years = **70 years!**

Is this a dual fulfillment of Jeremiah's 70 years prophecy or is it just a coincidence?

WORK ...WHILE IT IS DAY

Jesus Christ together with His disciples saw a blind man from birth. In preparation to healing that *blind* man, Christ spoke in John chapter 9: “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” (vv. 4-5)

God and His work has been the light of this world (Matt. 5:14; John 8:12). In this end time, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong brought the *dawn* of a new era in God’s Work– the Philadelphia era. God gave *spiritual sight* to many people through the end time Elijah– *Christ came in the flesh through Mr. Armstrong.* . He “restored all things” through him.

“...In actual fact, JESUS CHRIST was the end-time Elijah, THROUGH Mr. Armstrong! That is what it amounts to. That is Christ coming in the flesh and directly leading His Church. God works through a man.” (*ibid.* p.18)

“As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” (v. 5)

Christ began to radiate His light, as a sun during daybreak, through the end-time Elijah when Mr. Armstrong gave his first sermon during the 1920’s (p.363-365, *Autobiography of HWA*). At that precise moment in time, Christ then came in the flesh and began to “restore all things” through Mr. Armstrong. That wonderful moment in the history of God’s Church was the beginning of a new day for God’s Work and the world – because Christ came in the flesh through a human being to introduce “the light of the world”. Hence, a NEW DAY DAWNS!

God reckons a single day by dividing the light from darkness – In Genesis 1, Moses wrote; “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” (vv. 3-5)

Christ even quantified *how many hours* there are in daylight: “Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for

he sees by this world's light. It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light.” (John 11: 9-10, *NIV*).

(Of course, there are also twelve hours during night time that makes up a 24 hour day)

Here is what *Jamieson-Faussett-Brown Commentary* has to say regarding John 9:4;

I must work the work of him that sent me - a most interesting statement from the mouth of Christ; intimating, (1) that He had a precise work to do upon the earth, with every particular of it arranged and laid out to Him; (2) that all He did upon the earth was just “the works of God”- particularly “going about doing good,” though not exclusively by miracles; (3) that each work had its *precise time and place in His programme of instructions, so to speak; hence, (4) that as His period for work had definite termination, so by letting any one service pass by its allotted time, the whole would be disarranged, marred, and driven beyond its destined period for completion;*

There seems to be some kind of a coded message as to how long shall God’s Work will last in this end time: starting from the time when Christ came in the flesh through Mr. Armstrong – when “the light of the world”(Jesus Christ) radiated its first rays through the end-time Elijah in his first sermon during 1928 (i.e., like the *daybreak*, which is the first appearance of light in the sky as the sun rises at the beginning of a *new day*) – up to the time of the removal of the “the nail in the sure place.” Again as stated above: “*He (God) had a precise work to do upon the earth; (and) that each work had its precise time and place in His programme of instructions*” – so shall it be in this end time.

Since there are twelve hours in the day (light) and another twelve hours in the night (darkness) – Christ could be speaking of a duration of time in which He pertains to God’s Work in this end time wherein He gave a twelve hour countdown before darkness (night) comes. Darkness which is equivalent to the Great Tribulation - “...the night cometh, when no man can work.” Indeed, when the Great Tribulation strikes, no man can work except the two witnesses through whom Christ shall come in the flesh. (The Philadelphians during this time are already preparing for the Millennium in the place of safety.)

And as God the Father revealed to *That Prophet* from the epistle of the Apostle John that WE ARE IN THE LAST HOUR and that is to say, before darkness (Great Tribulation) engulf the entire world!

This *last hour* from the epistle of John could most probably be related to the *twelve hour daylight* that Jesus Christ uttered in John 11:9. If that would be the case, then after this *last hour*, the sun will set and there shall be an absence of light – the darkness of night will encompass the whole world. This could mean only one thing: when God’s Work through *That Prophet* is finished, the Great Tribulation begins. The work of the two witnesses commences.

Prior to the John 11:9 expression of Jesus Christ regarding the twelve hour day, His disciples said to Him in verse 8; “‘But Rabbi,’ they said, ‘a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?’” (NIV)

Jesus’ reply was very unusual, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight?” This pronouncement could mean, that it is not yet time for Him to suffer severe persecution for He has yet to finish His earthly ministry before something like that would happen. The same is true in this end time, God the Father would not yet allow the world to severely persecute His Church unless the Work is finished – while it is day. But we are now in the *last hour* of the day. After this hour, the night comes.

So like Christ, God’s Church *ought* to finish God’s Work while there is still “the light of the world” *through That Prophet*, because the sun is about to set and it has to *hide its power* (“And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the *hiding of his power*.” [Hab. 3:4]). Henceforth, God’s Church is exhorted in John 9:4; “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”

IT WILL NOT DELAY LONGER

“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.” (Hab. 2:3)

The vision God gave to the prophet Habakkuk regarding the strife and contention between the righteous and the wicked – between the Philadelphians and the Laodiceans – has a definite time table, and we are now in the *last hour* of it. And even though to a mere observer, it seems, that events in God’s Church, specifically the strife and contention between the righteous and the wicked has come and gone, yet at the *end of the last hour* something *definitely* will happen: the final betrayal of *the son of*

perdition. Satan through this very evil man spends the last minutes of the last hour planning to destroy God's Church one last time in a very subtle way.

"At the *end of their rule*, when the transgressions have reached their full measure, a king of bold countenance shall arise, skilled in intrigue." (Dan. 8:23, RSV)

Looking at it spiritually, at the *end of the last hour*, the *son of perdition* or an impostor in God's Church shall arise and create *a very intriguing deception* which will make God's people and *That Prophet* to transgress against God and provoke Him to anger. This *son of perdition* shall go to the extremes, even going to a strange land to *machinate* some lies and vanity which is considered to be *treachery* against God and His Church.

"See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright - but the righteous will live by his faith--indeed, wine betrays him; he is arrogant and never at rest. Because he is as greedy as the grave and like death is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples. Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying, 'Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on?'" (Hab. 2:4-6, NIV)

The son of perdition is arrogant and never at rest (as the NIV renders it). His last final act of treachery against God's Church and *That Prophet* will signal the beginning of darkness – when "the light of the world" shall be hidden from view and the night comes. In a sense, "he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples." As God views it, he is responsible for the death and the captivity of all the people.

"Will not your debtors suddenly arise? Will they not wake up and make you tremble? Then you will become their victim. Because you have plundered many nations, the peoples who are left will plunder you. For you have shed man's blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them. Woe to him who builds his realm by unjust gain to set his nest on high, to escape the clutches of ruin! You have plotted the ruin of many peoples, shaming your own house and forfeiting your life." (vv. 7-10, NIV)

Some of the Laodiceans will suddenly arise and fight against this very proud man and the main stimulus that probably prods these Laodiceans to take such a stand is due to THAT PROPHET's demise.

"And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot *stand* (or *continue* in Strong's)." (Mark 3:24) – This could be the reason why the Laodicean era shall come to an end. – In the latter time of their kingdom; they shall be divided into *two groups* – one group will be the Jacobite Laodiceans and the other, the Edomite

Laodiceans – one will become the offspring and the other, the issue - *thus ending that era*.

Also in Hosea 1:4, it is written that Jezreel (Mr. Gerald Flurry) shall truly die: “And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.” And when this happens, the physical (America and Britain) and the spiritual (the Laodiceans) kingdom of the house of Israel will cease, so says God.

Verse 8 of Habakkuk 2 also seems to indicate that because of the son of perdition’s *treacherous act*, he is then responsible for the death of one man’s blood – the blood of *That Prophet*. This could be the fulfillment of the Isaiah 22:25 prophecy, “In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place *be removed, and be cut down, and fall.*”

When “the nail in the sure place is removed”, God reminds His people in verse 20; “But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.” When the work of *That Prophet* is finished, God’s people should remember that “the LORD is in his holy temple.”

“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”

Here is how the *New International Version* renders verse 3 of Habakkuk chapter 2:

“For the revelation awaits an appointed time; ***it speaks of the end and will not prove false.*** Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.”

So the fulfillment of the prophecy regarding the evil haughty man of Habakkuk 2 shall come to pass even though it seems to linger a bit – “wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.” According to *Barnes Commentary*:

For the vision is yet for an (the) appointed time - Not for the present, but to develop itself in the course of time, down to a season which God only knows; as it is subsequently repeated ... “for the vision is yet for the days Dan. 8:26...yet it should haste toward the end, toward its fulfillment, so that, if it is not at once fulfilled, it should be surely waited for. ... ‘It shall certainly be; not in vain hath it been shewn, but as certainly to be. For whatever hath been shown to come and to be, will come and be.’

But at the end it shall speak - (or it breatheth, hasteth to the end), not simply ‘to its own fulfillment,’ but to that time of the end which should close the period

assigned to it, during which it should continually be putting itself forth, it should come true in part or in shadow, gleams of it should here and then part the clouds, which, until the end, should surround and envelop it.

Being God's truth, he speaks of it as an animate living thing, not a dead letter, but running, hasting on its course, and accomplishing on its way that for which it was sent. The will and purpose of God hasteth on, though to man it seemeth to tarry; it can neither be hurried on, nor doth it linger; before 'the appointed time' it cometh not; yet it hasteth toward it, and 'will not be behindhand' when the time comes. It does not lie, either by failing to come, or failing, when come, of any jot or tittle. 'Though it tarry or linger', continually appearing, giving signs of itself, yet continually delaying its coming, 'wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not be behindhand'”

Some of the prophecy in Habakkuk 2 has already been fulfilled during the court case but some of it still awaits its ultimate fruition; though its fulfillment seems to linger, it will certainly come and will not tarry or delay longer. This vision of Habakkuk in chapter 2 speaks of the end:

Could this *end* be in any way related to *the last end* of the prophet Daniel in chapter 8, and *the last hour* of the Apostle John? They most certainly are related to each other! They all speak of the end - the *conclusion* of God's Work before the Great Tribulation – before the night comes when no man can work except the two witnesses. And it will not lie because it is God's message – it is His prophecies delivered THROUGH Habakkuk, Daniel, John and *That Prophet*. Christ is coming in the flesh!

What then is the DELAY that the prophet Habakkuk was telling us that we should wait for? That DELAY is very much connected to the death of *That Prophet's wife* on **September 5, 2004** – in the midst of the crisis years! As we progress, this very date will keep on surfacing until God's Church finally get His message.

THE VISION OF THE EVENINGS AND THE MORNINGS

“And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.” (Dan. 8:26)

The prophet Daniel was told by the archangel Gabriel to seal up the vision of the evening and morning (sacrifices) because it concerns God's Work in this end time, particularly *the last end*. The prophet Habakkuk even wrote; “For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie”

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

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

"Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." (v. 13-14)

The King James is not the best translation for this verse. The Revised Standard Version says, 'For two thousand three hundred *evenings and mornings*' (see margin of KJV). Not 2,300 days – 2300 evening and mornings. Verse 26 even calls this the vision of the 'evening and the morning.' Leviticus 6:9 and 12 show that the daily sacrifice was offered in the evening and in the morning. The meaning of this prophecy is clear: The daily was to stop, because of sin, for 2,300 evening and morning sacrifices. (*Daniel Unsealed At Last*, p.24)

Since the sacrifices are done *twice* daily, so the 2,300 evenings and mornings is equal to 1,150 days. And according to Mr. Flurry in his *Daniel* booklet, this prophecy has come to pass and it did refer to a 1,150 day period after Mr. Armstrong's death on

January 16, 1986 – before Malachi’s Message was revealed to him on March 11, 1989. The *daily* was stopped for 1,150 days, and at the end of it, the sanctuary was cleansed starting initially with Mr. Flurry.

But notice very carefully: Ancient Israel was commanded by God to offer sacrifices on the altar on a *daily* basis, TWO LAMBS that are a year old – one in the morning and another one in the evening. This account is written in Exodus 29:38-42; “Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar; *two lambs of the first year day by day continually. The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even:* And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink offering. And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat offering of the morning, and according to the drink offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD. This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.”

These verses suggest that the fulfillment of the 1,150 day period is DUAL – which is indeed 2,300 evenings and mornings!–*1,150 EVENINGS* and *1,150 MORNINGS*: “AND THE OTHER LAMB THOU SHALT OFFER AT EVEN, AND SHALT DO THERETO ACCORDING TO THE MEAT OFFERING OF THE MORNING.”

The *two olive branches* (Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Flurry) are more like a *type* of the two lambs that were offered in the *continual* in God’s temple - “*The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even.*”

TAKE CAREFUL NOTICE again of the vision of the evening and the morning in Daniel 8; it *does* refer to the LAST END (v. 26). What other possible description could one substitute to this word, except it means what it says – the *uttermost limit* or *boundary* - and there could be no more next to it – this is the last end! “*The last end of the indignation*”, “*the latter time of their kingdom*” (vv. 19, 23): these phrases could only in all possibility apply to the Laodiceans, *spiritually* (though these verses could also be applied *physically* to physical Israel and the last resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire respectively).

Notice also that it is not only the *daily* that is concerned in this vision but also “the transgression of desolation” - “How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, AND *the transgression of desolation...*?” This relates to verse 23; “when the transgressors are come to the full.”

So the 2,300 evenings and mornings could most probably be referring to a TWO-1,150 day time period. The fulfillment of the 1,150 day prophecy could be DUAL, which amounts to a total of 2,300 evenings and mornings. But this time, the *other* 1,150 day concerns the 50 percent of the Laodiceans that must be cleansed, and they are to be trodden under foot – *physically* – *after* this time period!

The FORMER 1,150 day period was applied *spiritually* to the Philadelphians *prior* to the cleansing – and they were *spiritually* trodden under foot. After this time period, the Philadelphians were separated from the Laodiceans.

The same thing shall happen after the SECOND 1,150 day time period, God shall BEGIN to separate the *offspring* from the *issue* – the *Jacobite* Laodiceans from the *Edomite* Laodiceans – the 50 percent *repentant* Laodiceans from the wicked *antichrists*. And from henceforth, Habakkuk 2:7 shall be fulfilled: “Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?” (The main reason these repentant Laodiceans rise up against the *son of perdition* is primarily because of the *DEATH of That Prophet* – they could probably be awakened by it.)

Those 50 percent repentant Laodiceans shall be cleansed and turned back once again to God’s righteousness by going through the Great Tribulation. They are to be sealed and martyred (Rev. 6:9-11; 7:3-4; 12:11). And during that martyrdom, they shall be trodden under foot by the beast power (Dan. 8:23-24; Rev. 11:2). *The vision of the evening and the morning INCLUDES the repentant Laodiceans who shall be cleansed through the Great Tribulation* – “to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot.” The *last end of the indignation* is precisely designed by God the Father to *bring about repentance toward Him* by the Laodiceans: To spiritually save and revive 50 percent of them! The other 50 percent is beyond help because “THEY BECAME VILE ANTICHRISTS BY ACTIVELY SUPPORTING SATAN THE DEVIL – THE ULTIMATE SIN!” (*The Last Hour*, p.5)

In God’s last end of indignation, He shall remember mercy! In fact, the mere presence of the two witnesses during the Great Tribulation is God’s way of remembering His mercy towards the repentant Laodiceans – and yet they still have to DIE to prove their conviction to 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” (Rev. 6:11).

The vision of the evening and the morning concerns two groups of people – the Philadelphians, and the repentant Laodiceans. (The 50 percent of the Laodiceans that

repented toward God are still part of the sanctuary as indicated in Revelation 6:9; “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.”)

The Philadelphians were cleansed and trodden under foot *spiritually* during the SPIRITUAL ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, while the repentant Laodiceans are to be cleansed and to be trodden under foot *physically* during the PHYSICAL ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION.

Scriptures indicate: These martyrs shall support the work of the two witnesses (*the two candlesticks*) during the Great Tribulation (Rev. 12:17). While the other 50 percent of the Laodiceans continue to become part of the “the transgression of desolation” – they continue to become *antichrists*! The Philadelphians, on the other hand, go to a place of safety because they supported the work of the *two olive branches*.

When 50 percent of the Laodiceans do repent and shall be cleansed during the Great Tribulation, they shall thus be called THE ELECT (Matt. 24:22) – apart from the Philadelphians who are called THE VERY ELECT (v. 24).

“And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; Therefore seal up the vision, For it refers to many days in the future.” (Dan. 8:26, NKJV).

“And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it” (v. 27). The vision of the evening and the morning made the prophet Daniel faint and sick for several days: He was astonished at the vision -he was dumbfounded - it took his breath away, so to speak. But even he himself did not understand that vision because it is for *the last end*. In the *Daniel - Unsealed at Last* booklet, Mr. Flurry wrote:

“Now as he was speaking with me,” Daniel wrote, “I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: *for at the time appointed the end shall be*” (vv. 18-19). This all unfolds in the “last end” – end of the end time, as we have often said. We are in that time! Notice it says, ‘for at the time appointed the end shall be.’ The time appointed at the ‘last end’ means the 1,150 days” (p. 30-31).

Read that again! **THE TIME APPOINTED AT THE “LAST END” MEANS THE 1,150 DAYS!** There is indeed a dual fulfillment of the 1,150 days! We cannot

fully understand the last end of the indignation until the other part of the 1,150 days is fulfilled. And we are in the midst of it!

To reinforce our understanding regarding the fulfillment of the duality of the 1,150 days, let's consider the vision in Zechariah 5: "Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll. And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits." (vv. 1-2)

According to Mr. Flurry, in *Zechariah: The Sign of Christ's Imminent Return*; this *flying scroll* pertains to the little book, *Malachi's Message* (revealed to Mr. Flurry after 1,150 days from Mr. Armstrong's death). While in the latter part of the chapter it discusses yet another vision – that of building a house for God in the land of Shinar, (i.e. to say, in Edmond, Oklahoma)

"Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth. And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth. And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah. **And he said, This is wickedness.** And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof." (Zech. 5:5-8)

The "talent of lead," according to *Clarke's Commentary*, means GOD'S DISPLEASURE WITH WICKEDNESS, which is the same terminology with that found in Daniel 8:19's word "indignation": GOD'S DISPLEASURE WITH SIN. And notice very carefully, that this "talent of lead" is connected to "a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah" – the Church (symbolized by the woman) is being measured.

"Let's look at how God measured the woman. "And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof"(Zechariah 5:8). God finds wickedness in this church. God is very displeased with this measurement." (p.52, *op. cit.*)

Have we seen a woman in this end-time that was emphatically used by God to show His views about His Church being measured, even after only about 20 months from the court case victory on January 16, 2003? From the *Philadelphia News*, Nov/Dec 2004, we read:

September 5 marked a dramatic day in the history of God's Church. On that day – 40 months after the beginning of the 'last hour' – Barbara Jeanne Flurry died. ...I believe my wife was, in a sense, a MARTYR. Five years ago, God revealed more to me about the book of Ezekiel, now contained in Ezekiel – The End-Time Prophet. This booklet explained how Ezekiel's prophecies are specifically about OUR WORK TODAY. ...

Ezekiel 24:16 reads, 'Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.' ...

In verse 19, the people asked Ezekiel what it all meant. He responded with God's message: 'Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall FALL BY THE SWORD (verses 20-21)...

My wife GLORIFIED God in her death. She witnessed for Him. Let's now examine ourselves and see how urgent we are. How much are we giving our lives for this Work? Time is rapidly running out! (pp. 1, 8;)

Indeed! Mrs. Flurry's death is both a witness to the Philadelphians and to the Laodiceans in the midst of the crisis years – "O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, *revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.*" (Hab. 3:2). Her death still continues to resonate through the completion of God's house on September 5, 2010!

Continuing from Zechariah 5 we read: "Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base." (vv. 9-11) Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote on the *Zechariah* booklet:

TWO WOMEN ON AN EPHAH

"What is an *ephah*? An ephah is used 27 times in the Bible as a technical device for measuring. However ...a *woman* is being measured. We know that a woman in the Bible is a symbol for a church – whether it's true or false. God's Church is

being measured here. ...God finds wickedness in this church. God is very displeased with this measurement” (*ibid*, p.52).

Further on, Mr. Flurry said that the two women here pertain to the Church division – the WCG and the PCG (p. 53).

Notice in verse 9 that there is a colon, which means that there are two separate thoughts in two different time sequence, yet connected with each other. That after the two women came out of the ephah, “they had wings like the wings of a stork:” – this is the prophecy for the Church division. While the thought “and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven” – pertains to another time sequence after the Church division thought.

And while that is true, and the subject here is about wickedness (v. 8), yet, since the split has taken place well over 20 years ago, God is showing us through this prophecy in Zechariah 5 that the two women (the symbol for the Philadelphians and the Laodiceans) were both carrying and transporting the *ephah* in the context of a construction of a physical house in Shinar.

Zechariah 5 Vision		
Verses 1 to 4	Verses 5 to 9	Verses 9 to 11
- “Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a <i>flying scroll</i>” - the <i>little book of Revelation 10</i> - “<i>Malachi’s Message</i>”	- “And behold there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah ... And he cast it into the midst of the ephah ... and, behold, there came out two (2) women...” - <i>Church division</i>	- “...and they (the two women) lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven ... To build it an house in the land of Shinar” - “<i>Armstrong Auditorium</i>”

That after the house (Armstrong Auditorium) is to be *established or completed*, then those two women shall *set the ephah* inside the house, thus the SECOND measuring commences. (The FIRST measuring was in the context of a *flying scroll* or *Malachi’s Message*.)

The final verse in Zechariah 5 is thrilling. In verse 10, Zechariah asks, *Where are they taking the ephah?* The answer is in verse 11: He said to me, ‘To the land of Shinar, to build a house for it; and when this is prepared, they will set the ephah down there on its base’ (Revised Standard Version). ...*The Companion Bible* says it shall be established “for that ephah, and it’s going to be prepared for it, and it will be set there or fixed or *settled*. It relates how the base equals a fixed resting place.” (pp. 58, 60, *ibid*)

Notice again that the house shall be built FOR the ephah – BUT, REMEMBER ALSO THAT THE TWO WOMEN **BOTH** CARRIED THE EPDAH; AND THEY ALSO **BOTH** TRANSPORTED IT TO ITS HOUSE ONCE IT WAS COMPLETED.

Both women have wings like storks—a symbol of God’s power. Each woman has access to God’s power, but only the Philadelphian woman is using that power before the Tribulation. Both women are carrying the ephah because each one of them must be measured before she can enter God’s Kingdom. (pp. 56-57, *ibid*)

Therefore, it is clearly indicated in this prophecy that *the Philadelphians and the Laodiceans* shall co-exist even inside God’s house. *Is this not the wickedness which the angel has shown to the prophet Zechariah?* So that when it is already *settled* (or *the house is completed*), God shall then begin to completely measure and extract the remaining Laodicean antichrists led by the last-end son of perdition FROM WITHIN the Philadelphia Church of God – “*then shall the sanctuary be cleansed*” as the prophet Daniel wrote in chapter 8. According to *JFB Commentary* regarding the final verse of Zechariah 5:

“*set ...upon her own base — fixed there as in its proper place. “Wickedness” being cast out of Judah, shall for ever dwell with the antichristian apostates (of whom Babylon is the type), who shall reap the fruit of it, which they deserve.*”

These “*antichristian apostates*” “*shall reap the fruit of it (wickedness), which they deserve*” – “they shall be as though they had not been.” (Obadiah 1:16; read also the *Obadiah* booklet).

God’s house is the last physical sign that God gives before he pours out His indignation at the conclusion of the last hour of the last end to permanently and

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completely purge out wickedness from His Church. *The vision here in Zechariah 5 is the same vision of the evening and the morning sacrifice which is also very much linked to that of Jonah's 3 days and 3 nights in the fish's belly.*



The *completion* of this physical structure would then trigger the SECOND 1,150 days (*for the transgression of desolation*). After this time period, God shall BEGIN to separate the *offspring* from the *issue* – the *Jacobite* Laodiceans from the *Edomite* Laodiceans– the 50 percent *repentant* Laodiceans from the wicked *antichrists*. It could be that at the end of this 1,150 days, the *end-time Diotrefes who is the last-end son of perdition* shall arise and betray *The Last End Apostle*. God shall extract even the Laodiceans among the Philadelphians inside the PCG. That could most probably be the reason why the angel that talked with Zechariah said, “*This is wickedness*” (v. 8).

Now let's consider: Is it then just a mere happenstance, that after only over a year of God's house being completed, Mr. Flurry already noticed this *wickedness* even inside the Philadelphia Church of God? He even emphasized in his co-worker letter dated Nov. 21, 2011:

THIS deeply concerns me. It is a strong spiritual indicator that SOMETHING is not right with too many people in this Church. Let's be honest! Isn't that what Laodiceanism and lukewarmness is like?

He further emphasized in his sermon, “**SOMETHING IS WRONG!**” Is this not the same as what the *angel* that talked with Zechariah has shown him? “Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, *there came out two women*” (v. 9) Mr. Flurry is also seeing *the two women coming out* and being measured inside God's house, just like what the angel has shown to Zechariah! *Indeed it is wickedness!* He wrote in his *Zechariah* booklet,

The vision in Zechariah 5 has everything to do with judgment in God's temple, or house. It has everything to do with the Work of God and His ministry! (p. 47, op. cit)

When Mr. Flurry said that the vision in Zechariah 5 has everything to do with the Work of God and His ministry- Does it mean that there are Philadelphian ministers and Laodicean ministers working even inside the Philadelphia Church of God since BOTH WOMEN CARRIED THE EPHAH? If it does, then indeed it is wickedness!

“And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.”(Dan. 8:26)

“For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.” (Hab. 2:3, NIV)

To fully understand the vision of *the last end of indignation* in Daniel 8:19, (“*for at the time appointed the end shall be*”); the prophecy in Zechariah 5 regarding the construction of God's house in Edmond, Oklahoma HAS to take place *first* before the fulfillment of the SECOND 1,150 days.

Again, as Mr. Flurry said, “**THE TIME APPOINTED AT THE ‘LAST END’ MEANS THE 1,150 DAYS!**” (p. 31, *op.cit*). The construction of God's house in Edmond is the **DELAY** which the prophet Habakkuk had foretold, before God reveals the full understanding of the last end of indignation – and after God has revealed it, ***no one can prove it false. Can you?***

When shall this *second* 1,150 day period begin? It began when the *house of God* (Armstrong Auditorium) was COMPLETED and inaugurated on September 5, 2010 – which coincided with the 6th year death anniversary of the wife of *That Prophet*. The

construction and completion of the *Armstrong Auditorium* in Edmond, Oklahoma is to be a *specific sign* for the SECOND fulfillment of 1,150 days— the evening sacrifice.

There are **TWO INTERTWINED MESSAGES** that God wants to convey to His Church since *the Philadelphians and the Laodiceans* shall co-exist even **INSIDE** God's house (see also Zechariah 11:14). And as mentioned earlier that the death of *That Prophet's wife* is the fulfillment of Habakkuk's prophecy of the second "*in the midst of the years*" thought in Habakkuk 3:2 —"*in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.*" God's house in Edmond, Oklahoma has a dual spiritual purpose — "*make known*" is for the Philadelphians; "*in wrath remember mercy*" is for the Laodiceans — and we must remember that it's all in the context of the death of Mr. Flurry's wife.

Mr. Flurry explained the vision God gave the prophet Daniel about the evening and the morning — which comprise *the last end*:

Daniel didn't understand this vision God was giving him. God sent the archangel Gabriel to Daniel to explain (verses 15-16). "Understand, O son of man," Gabriel said, "for at the time of the end shall be the vision" (verse 17)...

In verse 26 of chapter 8, Daniel writes, "And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days." *Today we are right in the midst of it. This is happening in God's temple. This whole vision is about God's Church right now—the last end. Daniel is trying to get us to see the kind of warfare going on behind the scenes.*

This is the only time of salvation for those members called into the Church of God today. Judgment is now on us. If we fail this time, there is no second chance.

God gets very specific with this prophecy. It's carefully planned to the very day! What a loving God we have. If God did so much to help Daniel fight against Satan while this was being revealed, what kind of battle do you think we will face as God opens our minds to actually understand and proclaim this message? Satan is raging mad right now. He's been cast down to this Earth and his sight is fixed on you—your faith. How will you respond to his attack? Will you be like so many Laodiceans who have caved in to the pressure? Or will you respond as Daniel did?

"And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it"

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(verse 27). *He was astonished and he didn't even understand it! Now that you understand, how astonished are you?* (*Daniel Unsealed At Last!*, p. 30)

Do you understand? If you do, then how astonished are you?

Chapter 4

A Prepared Deception

During a Bible study, there is *one* verse that was asked by a PCG minister in Jeremiah 4:15 which reads; “For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.” (From Mr. Flurry’s sermon titled “*Revelation 12*”, dated December 08, 2012). *Dan* here according to Mr. Flurry is *Southern Ireland*.

Prior to that sermon, even during the Feast of Tabernacles in 2012, Mr. Flurry already discussed the possibility of having an archeological dig in Ireland and also of finding the Ark of the Covenant there. He also mentioned the “*Annals of the Four Masters*.” But here are some comments regarding Ireland:

Ireland is a country with countless tales of myth and folklore”- (www.ireland-now/myths.html). “***Ireland’s long history is riddled with ancient mythology and folklore***. Ireland’s ancient societies, the *Druids* and the *Celtics*, believed in the power of magic and many of these beliefs spread to modern day legends told again and again in the country.” (www.toptenz.net/top-10-irish-myths-and-legends.php)

But what does the Apostle Paul say regarding myths and folklore? “As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they *teach no other doctrine, neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions*, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.” (1 Tim. 1:3-4) According to *Clarke’s Commentary*:

“Neither give heed to fables - Idle fancies; things of no moment; doctrines and opinions unauthenticated; silly legends, of which no people ever possessed a greater stock than the Jews...

“Endless genealogies - I suppose the apostle to mean those genealogies which were uncertain - that never could be made out, either in the ascending or descending line; and, principally, such as referred to the great promise of the Messiah, and to the priesthood. The Jews had scrupulously preserved their genealogical tables till the advent of Christ and the evangelists had recourse to them, and appealed to them in reference to our Lord’s descent from the house of David”

Mr. Wik Heerma, a PCG Headquarters pastor, asked a QUESTION regarding Jeremiah 4:15, which Mr. Flurry said he himself had some questions about it. But during his sermon, he mentioned that this particular verse gives an indication that a work has to be done in Ireland even emphasizing the possibility of finding the *Ark of the Covenant* in it. And he also said that the PCG shall be having a feast site in Ireland by 2013.

The Apostle Paul reminded us through Timothy to *“teach no other doctrine, neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions.”* And while it is a common knowledge that Ireland is a country whose history was built upon myths, legends, folklore and endless genealogies of their ancestors - giving heed to myths and endless genealogies should not have been entertained in the first place, because it is also another doctrine and it promote controversies and mere speculations rather than God’s work which is by faith.

“As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men **not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God’s work--which is by faith.**” (NIV)

Even Mr. Armstrong noted in his book, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, about Ireland’s ancient history being *“colored with some legend”*:

ANCIENT ANNALS OF IRELAND

Now briefly let us consider what is found in the ancient annals, legends, and history of Ireland, and we shall have the scene of Jeremiah’s ‘planting’ and the present location of “lost” Israel. ***The real ancient history of Ireland is very extensive, though colored with some legend.*** But with the facts of biblical

history and prophecy in mind, one can easily sift out the legend from the true history in studying ancient Irish annals. (p. 103)

Why did the Apostle Paul admonish Timothy not to give heed to fables and endless genealogies? The Apostle Paul said that it will only promote controversies and mere speculations that would eventually pervert the Work of God which is by faith based on the written Word of God.

As Mr. Armstrong wrote, “The real ancient history of Ireland is very extensive, though colored with some legend. ***But with the facts of biblical history and prophecy in mind***, one can easily sift out the legend from the true history in studying ancient Irish annals.” But what if there is someone who has a different biblical perspective and prophetic view in mind, what could possibly happen? Can he easily sift out the legend from the truth in studying ancient Irish annals? Or could that open a window of opportunity for Satan to subtly creep in and introduce his perverse thoughts? Consider what Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Royal Vision Nov-Dec 2012*:

Twenty five or so years later, look what was happening in the Church. Paul wrote in Galatians 1:6; “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you.” Paul was writing to people who had been called into God’s Church and who had the Spirit of God – yet in just a short period of time, they had been turned from “the grace of Christ unto another gospel.” Verse 7 shows that there were people who were working to ‘pervert the gospel of Christ.’ (pp. 1-2, *The True History of God’s Church, Part 2*)

Reading Galatians 1:6-7 from the *Revised Standard Version*, “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel--not that there is another gospel, *but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.*”

What does “pervert” mean? In the dictionary it says: “to divert to a wrong end or purpose”; “to cause to turn aside or away from what is generally done or accepted”

Again, “to pervert” means “to divert to a wrong end” and “to cause to turn away from what is generally done.” Is the decision to have an archeological dig in Ireland a diversion to a wrong end or gospel? Or is it a cause to turn away from what is generally done in preaching the gospel?

But what again is the gospel of Christ? God’s people know that it is the soon coming Kingdom of God. And what comprises a kingdom? A ruler, a government, set

of laws, subject and *territory*. And what territory are we talking about when we say the Kingdom of God, does it not concern Jerusalem only?

We support an archeological project in Jerusalem today, sending some of our Herbert W. Armstrong College students over there to dig in the dirt. Why? BECAUSE THE ETERNAL HAS CHOSEN JERUSALEM! We are preparing for Christ's return to Jerusalem, where He will rule with His Bride. Then for 1,000years, we will prepare for the Father's coming to Jerusalem to rule His Family from there forever.” (p. 37, *Zechariah* booklet)

The Eternal has chosen Jerusalem! But who has chosen Ireland for the archeological dig? And why Ireland? Is this not a perversion of Christ's gospel? The gospel of God involves only Jerusalem – “**BECAUSE THE ETERNAL HAS CHOSEN JERUSALEM!**” Is there any reference in the Bible which says that God has chosen Ireland or any other place? (There has been a plan to put up an archeological dig in Ireland. There is even a planned a feast site in it for the year 2013.)



THE PHILADELPHIAN SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

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Here are the lists of the PCG feast sites for 2013. Notice that is no feast site in Jerusalem for this particular year, yet there is one in Enfield, Ireland. Previously, the PCG Headquarters has put up a feast site in Jerusalem.

Is this a “gospel OF men” or a “gospel OF Christ?” The “gospel of men” usually comes from *fables, myths and legends*, while the “gospel of Christ” comes from the *Word of God in print - the Bible*.

NEW JERUSALEM IS THE CRUX OF REVELATION 3:12. God’s Philadelphians are infused with a strong vision of new Jerusalem. Our Father wants His vision of new Jerusalem to consume the minds of His people. ...The Eternal has chosen Jerusalem: God is showing us that the Laodiceans got into serious trouble because they stopped focusing on new Jerusalem. They quit thinking like God. God’s mind is continually set on new Jerusalem: His entire plan is built around new Jerusalem. But Joshua and his followers allowed their minds to stray from God’s vision of new Jerusalem. That led to what is probably the worst disaster ever in God’s Church.” (p. 31, 34 *ibid.*)

GOD HAS GREATLY DECEIVED

There seems to be some kind of a strong delusion as we can read in Jeremiah 4:10, “Then said I, **Ah, Lord GOD! surely THOU HAST GREATLY DECEIVED** this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.” *Lange’s Commentary* has this to say about the verse:

“And I said: Ah Lord Jehovah, Surely thou hast **prepared deception** for this people and Jerusalem, Saying : ye shall have peace, And yet the sword reacheth even to the soul...”

The prophet here declares what impression was made by the *denunciatory prophecy* upon himself ...This *denunciatory prophecy* does not at all harmonize with that earlier and exceedingly glorious one in chapter 3:12-25 ...(V)ery many commentators refer **PREPARED DECEPTION** to the false prophets ...But is it conceivable that a true prophet like Jeremiah would have traced back false prophecy so directly to the Lord? Comparison with 1 Peter 1:11 renders it conceivable that *Jeremiah may himself have been deceived as to the difference of the times*.

The prophet Jeremiah received a “*denunciatory prophecy upon himself*” (*denunciatory means a rebuke, a condemnation*) and he later found out that God has

sent a “strong delusion” (just like in 2 Thessalonians 2:11). This is what the *JFB Commentary* wrote regarding the subject:

“thou hast ... deceived — God, having even the false prophets in His hands, is here said to do that which for inscrutable purposes He permits them to do (Exo. 9:12; 2 Thes. 2:11; compare Jer. 8:15; which passage shows that *the dupes of error were self-prepared for it*, and that God’s predestination did not destroy their moral freedom as voluntary agents). *The false prophets foretold “peace,” and the Jews believed them; God overruled this to His purposes* (Jer. 5:12; Jer. 14:13; Ezek.14:9).”

Even Jeremiah himself at some point in time thought that he has been deceived by God; “O Lord, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived; thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.” (Jer. 20:7)

What could be the reason God uses another strong delusion in this last end? Let us find the answer in Mr. Flurry’s book, *Malachi’s Message*:

GOD SENDS “STRONG DELUSION”

Many of God’s people will be captured by Satan’s deceit, if they don’t wake up! God is allowing and sending ‘the full force of evil’s delusion’ (2 Thessalonians 2:11, Phillips) and “powerful heresies among them” (Norlie) ...God is sending “strong delusion” to people who have the truth! His very own people! And most of them are perishing spiritually. Why? Because they don’t love God’s truth! It’s God’s way of testing how much we love His truth. Soon, many will understand that the Laodicean leaders are going in the wrong direction ...God says He will send ‘strong delusion’ to test His people. *God wants to know if they love Him and His truth more than a man, a church, or even their own lives* (Luke14:26). That is what 2 Thessalonians 2 is all about! (pp. 88-90)

At the conclusion of the last end, this “*strong delusion*” could most likely involve the search for the *Ark of the Covenant* (in chapter 3:16) in Ireland (Dan, chapter 4:15). God has allowed this *strong delusion* which is probably brought about by an end-time type of Amaziah, a chief priest in God’s house – through his paying attention to *fables and endless genealogies* (1 Timothy 1:3-4) - in which Ireland itself is so full of. One example is a reference to the “*Annals of the Four Masters*” even during the 2012 Feast of Tabernacles. Is this not the same as preaching another Jesus?

“For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, *as the serpent beguiled Eve* through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive *another spirit*, which ye have not received, or *another gospel*, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (2 Cor. 11:2-4)

Let’s see **HOW** the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety: “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, *Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?* (Genesis 3:1). Notice carefully that Satan beguiled Eve through a seemingly minor **QUESTION**: “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” Is this the very same strategy that Satan is doing or has already done to beguile spiritual Eve (God’s Church)? (This was the *same strategy* that was used in introducing the Jeremiah 4:15 thought to Mr. Flurry regarding Ireland – through a seemingly minor QUESTION)

Could it also be that the *serpent (Satan)* once again beguiled *Eve (God’s Church)* through his subtlety by substituting *God’s word (Jesus Christ in print)* with *fables and endless genealogies (Annals of the Four Masters)*? Is it just a coincidence that even the place where the next planned archaeological dig would be in Ireland, which is actually the tribe of Dan and is symbolized as a **SERPENT**?

It is also interesting to note that the tribe of Dan (and Ephraim as well) is not even mentioned among the 144,000 in Revelation 7:4-8. The big question is, WHY?

Let’s have a little background on the tribe of Dan: (From the PCG’s *Personal Correspondence Department*)

Thank you for your recent inquiry. You asked why the tribe of Dan is not mentioned in the 144,000 described in Revelation 7.

“It is interesting to note that Dan is also left out of the genealogies of I Chronicles 1-9. This historical point of interest helps explain why Dan was not mentioned in Revelation 7:5-8.

The tribe of Dan as a whole was guilty of IDOLATRY -- even to the point of stealing the idols they used to practice their religion (Judges 18:14-31). Theirs was the first organized idolatry in ancient Israel, and the longest in duration. It continued “until the day of the captivity of the land,” nearly 500 years later (Judges 18:30). Jewish tradition says that Dan was the first tribe to follow

Jeroboam into his sin of idolatry. ***In their literature, the term ‘Dan’ is often used to represent idolatry.***

From this summarized history of the tribe of Dan, it becomes obvious why Dan would not be among the 144,000 ‘servants of God’ described in Revelation 7:1-4. ***Dan thoroughly rejected God’s true religion for thousands of years, substituting a continuous tradition of idolatry.*** The descendants of Dan say, “I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord” (Gen. 49:1, 18). The vast majority of Danites must wait for salvation until AFTER the sealing of the 144,000.

It is reassuring to know that Dan and all the other tribes of ancient Israel WILL be saved. In fact, Dan is mentioned FIRST in the apportionments of land in the soon-coming Millennium (Ezek. 48:1). The Bible records, “ALL Israel shall be saved” (Rom. 11:26). The 144,000 are only a very small portion of the people of all nations who will eventually be saved.

Now let’s consider for a moment Jacob’s prophecy for his son Dan (which is Denmark and Ireland) in Genesis 49:17 -“Dan shall be *a snake* by the roadside, *a viper* along the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its rider falls backward.” (RSV) From *Clarke’s Commentary* we read concerning Genesis 49:17:

Dan shall be a serpent - The original word is *nachash*, and we have seen on Genesis 3 that this has a great variety of significations. It is probable that a serpent is here intended, but of what kind we know not; ***yet as the principal reference in the text is to guile, cunning, etc., the same creature may be intended as in Genesis 3.***

Indeed it is intended as in Genesis 3:1-7 and the one being discussed by the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:2-4! And when we speak of serpents, in the Bible they are connected to *Satan, sin, and judgment*. Here is what the *JFB Commentary* further wrote regarding the subject:

a serpent ... an adder- A serpent, an adder, implies ***subtlety and stratagem***

Below are the meanings of those words according to the dictionary:

subtlety – the quality or state of being *subtle*

stratagem - an artifice or trick in war for *deceiving* and *outwitting* the enemy

To further define the word *subtlety*, we go to its root word, *subtle*:

subtle – operating in a hidden, usually injurious way; *insidious* (*awaiting a chance to entrap*)

And from the *Strong's Concordance* we find the word “adder” in the original Hebrew word:

shephiyphon, shef-ee-fone'; from an unused root mean. the same as H7779; *a kind of serpent (as snapping)*, prob. the cerastes or horned adder:--adder.

Looking at the words that were defined, we can see that it describes *a snare or a trap* that was set-up by the *great serpent Satan the devil* which would snap out of our faces! The serpent is once again beguiling Eve! And God is allowing it to happen!

The end-time type of Amaziah most likely gave a *friendly counsel* or advise to *That Prophet*: “O thou seer, go, flee thee away into *the land of Judah*, and there eat bread, and prophesy there.” And it could be to this effect: “O *That Prophet*, go back to where the prophet Jeremiah has transplanted a descendant of Judah there in Ireland and do a work there say, an archeological dig perhaps to get the ark of the covenant, but before that, establish first an office in England where a nearby Jew is sitting on King David's throne; have a feast site there in Ireland, and might as well prophesy of that. You don't have to worry a bit; anyway, it's all about the LAND of Judah, right?”

Look at the great deception there, this end-time type of Amaziah pretends to give a FRIENDLY COUNSEL concerning the land of Judah which he may have included Ireland and England referring to Jeremiah 4:15, when in real fact, it was only done to mislead *That Prophet* from his original commission. We must always REMEMBER what Mr. Armstrong wrote:

Do you think that same wily Satan could not deceive people in God's Church today? Of all the people on earth, WE are the very ones he wants most to deceive. He has the rest of the world deceived already. And remember a deceived person does not know he is deceived - else he would not *BE* deceived! (*The Worldwide News*, Nov. 16, 1981)

Could God allow the whole Church be deceived again, even the Philadelphia Church of God, as what the end-time Elijah has also gone through in the 1970's?

A VOICE AND KEEPERS OF THE FIELD

In Jeremiah 4:15 we read: “For *a voice* declareth from Dan, and publisheth *affliction* from mount Ephraim.”

The word “affliction” in *Strong’s Concordance* is from the original Hebrew word ‘*aven*’:

From an unused root perhaps meaning properly *to pant* (hence to ***exert oneself, usually in vain***; to come to nought); *strictly nothingness*; also trouble, *vanity*, wickedness; specifically an idol: affliction, evil, false, idol, mischief, mourners (-ing), naught, sorrow, unjust, unrighteous, vain, vanity, wicked (-ness)

The word “*pant*” from the dictionary means – *to long eagerly, yearn*.

While as for “*mount Ephraim*”, it was the historical name for the central mountainous district of Israel once occupied by the *tribe of Ephraim* (Josh. 17:15; 19:50; 20:7) - *Wikipedia*

Could it be that someone from the tribe of Ephraim or a British descent man will lead a work in Ireland (Dan), and while *he yearns and eagerly long to proclaim his vanity there*, he will exert himself as someone he is not, for he is an *impostor*. Thus, could it also be the voice of this Ephraimite leader which shall be heard in Dan and who will also publish nothingness? (This same Hebrew word, ‘*aven*’ is used in Zechariah 10:2; “For the idols have spoken *vanity*.”)

We must remember that even King Jeroboam who led the house of Israel to idolatry was himself an Ephraimite. Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote regarding Ephraim:

Did you notice that it is now the 10-tribed kingdom (headed by the Ephraim-Manasseh tribes with an *Ephraimite as their king*)... Most people seem to think of the 10 tribes as merely certain tribes driven out from the nation Israel. But it is Israel which now sets up its kingdom under the *Ephraimite Jeroboam*, in the land of Samaria, north of Jerusalem... (T)he 10-tribed people called Israel, often prophetically spoken of as Ephraim, are not Jews and never were Jews! (*United States and Britain in Prophecy*, p.)

Now, if we will examine carefully; there is also an obvious difference here of *whose voice it is coming from* if we compare it with Isaiah 40:3, “**THE VOICE** of him

that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” “**A voice**” in Jeremiah 4:15 could be **a voice of Satan coming in the flesh through his man**, while “**the voice**” in Isaiah 40:3 is **the voice of Christ coming in the flesh through His prophet**.

How is it so? We can understand their difference when we look in the next verse: “Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.” (v. 16) Looking at the original Hebrew word for “Make ye mention” in Strong’s:

“2142. zakar; a prim. root; prop. *to mark (so as to be recognized)*, i.e. *to remember*; by impl. *to mention*; ...*(make) mention (of), be mindful, recount, record (-er), remember, make to be remembered, call to remembrance*”

Upon consideration, it could be more appropriate to substitute these words: **to mark so as to be recognized to remember, be mindful, call to remembrance**. Even *Lange’s Commentary* noted:

Vers. 16 and 17. ...verbally: cause to the nations, that is, cause that these reflecting upon it are deeply impressed by the significance of the fact. From the meaning, to penetrate, to bore in ...is developed the meaning of **to remember**, which is the common one, **to consider, to reflect** (Lam. 1:9; Ps. 103:14; Job 7:7).

But why remember? Is it because that “a voice from Dan” has been followed instead of “the voice from Jerusalem”? Is another Jesus being preached? Is another spirit being received? Is another gospel being accepted? (2 Cor. 11:2-4) - That there would be a dire **NEED** for a **call to remembrance**?

GOD WILL PERSONALLY SEND STRONG DELUSION! But WHY? Why would God send strong delusion to His own people? Does He want us to fail? Of course not. This is God’s way of testing who “received not the love of the truth” (2 Thessalonians 2:10). God wants to know how much you love Him and His Word. It’s not possible to deceive God’s very elect (Matthew 24:24). Paul is not talking about normal delusion being sent to God’s people—it is “strong delusion.” (Matthew 24:24). ...We all think we love God. God requires that we have the depth of love necessary to withstand strong delusion. God sends

“strong delusion” to His Church to determine who will be His very elect. God wants to know who loves the truth—and who just has it. With a wrong attitude, some are going to die for all eternity! (2 Thessalonians 2:10). God is deadly serious about our calling. ...**God sends strong delusion to see if His people are Philadelphian or Laodicean.** (p. 10-11, *A Call to Remembrance*, *ibid.*)

Furthermore, Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Haggai* booklet:

The book of Haggai is also about the Laodicean era and **Zerubbabel as a signet**. That means Mr. Armstrong is dead when Zechariah and Haggai are fulfilled, but the God who restored all things through him is very much alive. **And He expects us to build on what Mr. Armstrong taught.** (p. 4, *Haggai: God Has Begun to Shake the Nations*)

Mr. Armstrong being God's signet has restored all things, yet, if he would be resurrected today, would he be able to *recognize* a work in Ireland? Do we have any prior instance of such where we can go back and look into the Work of God through the end-time Elijah being involved in an archeological dig in Ireland? Or will he see another Jesus being preached, another spirit being received, and another gospel being accepted? **God expects us to build on what Mr. Armstrong taught.** Let's consider the original Hebrew word for “against” in Jeremiah 4:16, in *Strong's*:

“5921. 'al, al; the same as H5920 used as a prep.-above, according to, (as) against, among, because of, beside (the rest of), by reason of, concerning for, throughout, touching.”

“H5920. 'al, al; the top; specifically the Highest (i.e. God); also to Jehovah:--above, high, most High.

Also take note of the word “nations” which could also mean “Gentiles.” Considering the meanings from the words above, we can clearly understand that there is a dire need to choose which work is to be done: a work in Dan (Ireland) and in Ephraim (Britain) or a work in Jerusalem and in Judah? It's like Eve choosing which tree to eat from – the Tree of Life or the Tree of Death?

The Most High God through the prophet Jeremiah gives us His answer and He is saying something like this to the PCG HQ ministry (spiritual Jerusalem): **“REMEMBER THE GENTILES in God's Church all over the world** because they

also regard Jerusalem as their own heritage like Ruth (Ruth 1:16-17). **BEHOLD**, even though they are Gentiles, they **SEE** that that kingdom has to be in Jerusalem of all places in the world, and not in Ireland nor in Britain! Remember that these Gentiles are also spiritual Jews who **REMEMBER** to preach the true gospel **OF** Christ, and has *not forgotten* to proclaim the gospel ‘by reason of’ Jerusalem because ‘**the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem.**’ You really have to *deeply* **CONSIDER** these Gentiles *from a far country* for they are also **WATCHERS** who give out **THEIR VOICE** ‘concerning for’ what is happening in the cities of spiritual Judah regarding the Ezekiel 4 siege, and they are very much a **PART OF THE SPIRITUAL JEWS** who are also accountable *as keepers of God’s field.*”

The business of watchmen, *keepers of a field*, is usually to protect from robbery and violence (*Lange’s Commentary*)

Notice these *keepers of a field* are not there to destroy the field but **to protect from robbery and violence**. But why is God using these Gentile converts as His watchers? - **To provoke Israel to jealousy.**

“Again I ask, Did Israel not understand? [**Did the Jews have no warning that the Gospel was to go forth to the Gentiles, to all the earth?**] First, there is Moses who says, **I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry.** Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, **I have been found by those who did not seek Me; I have shown (revealed) Myself to those who did not [consciously] ask for Me.**” (Rom. 10:19-20, *Amplified Bible*)

It was actually quoted from Deuteronomy 32:21 and in Psalms chapter 98: “The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he **openly (revealed) in the sight of the (Gentiles).**” (v. 2)

And this is the very mystery that the apostle Paul wrote: “For I would not, brethren, **that ye should be ignorant of this mystery**, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, **until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.**” (Rom. 11:25)

These *Gentile keepers of the field* are **WATCHERS** from a far country and they are giving out their voice *concerning for* the cities of spiritual Judah – the PCG congregations around the world.

As *Lange’s Commentary* wrote, the *keepers of a field* are usually to protect from robbery and violence. Does it mean that we are once again seeing yet another rebellion even inside God’s own Church? In God’s eyes this is equivalent to treachery. It seems

that there are people in God's Church who has now become guilty themselves of the very prophecies they proclaim against their Laodicean brethren (Mal. 3:8-9). Just like what the prophet Malachi wrote: "***Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.***" (Mal. 2:11)

Dan is known for having strange gods, and now as God views it, we in the PCG are already *married to the daughter of a strange god*. Even in recent sermons, the Garden of Eden is already being given as a description to Bricket Wood, more so, being a type of the Millennium, instead of Jerusalem as such. How foolish have we become?

God's own Church is already listening to A VOICE that declares from Dan (Ireland) and letting an Ephraimite leader to proclaim vanity and wickedness from mount Ephraim (Britain). The ministers are supposedly ***not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, for these things only promote controversies and mere speculations rather than God's work which is by faith*** (1 Tim. 1:3-4, NIV). *This is indeed a very strong delusion!* From the *Ezekiel The End-Time Prophet*, Mr. Flurry wrote:

The Laodiceans have frequently explained how they are building on the foundation laid by Mr. Armstrong. That is false, and God is going to expose them to the whole world! This principle applies to almost any time God's Church turns away from God. The deceivers routinely say they are building on the foundation laid in the past, when they are actually DESTROYING THE FOUNDATION by building a new, but false, work. This is how they deceive God's people. Throughout the Bible, GOD WARNS US OF THIS DANGER. (pp. 70-71)

"Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD, how utterly you have deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, 'It shall be well with you,' even while the sword is at the throat!'" (Jer. 4:10, RSV) – Notice that God has sent strong delusion to "this people" and He longer calls them "His people." This could be referring to the false prophets inside His very own Church – the 25 men of Ezekiel 8. Remember also, that Jerusalem here refers to the PCG Headquarters – the capital of spiritual Judah.

"This people" followed another Jesus by giving heed to "fables and endless genealogies" - they have now turned to the messenger - even the life of the prophet

Jeremiah – rather than the message. It looks like the decision to go and search for the *Ark of the Covenant* in Ireland is a trap that would cause the death of *That Prophet*.

“And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, that **the heart of the king shall perish**, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder”(Jer. 4:9). The leadership in PCG will be utterly shocked of the outcome of their decision to convince *That Prophet* of the archeological dig in Ireland.

And as the *JFB Commentary* puts it: “The wisdom of the most leading men will be utterly at a loss to devise means of relief”

“And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel” (Ezek. 14:9). God shall expose the treacherous act of these leading men through the strong delusion He has sent.

As a result God’s wrath is upon those Laodicean antichrists inside the PCG: “For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for **the fierce anger of the LORD** is not turned back from us” (v. 8). This could very well still be connected to God’s last end of indignation which is very much related to the greatest betrayal of the son of perdition! Reading from *Clarke’s Commentary* regarding Jeremiah 4:8;

Lament and howl - heililu. The aboriginal **Irish** had a **funeral song** called the Caoinian, still continued among their descendants, one part of which is termed the *ulaloo*: this is sung responsively or alternately, and is accompanied with a full chorus of sighs and groans. It has been thought that **Ireland** was originally peopled by the Phoenicians: if so, this will account for the similarity of many words and customs among both these people.

“For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, **Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers**” (v. 31). God’s Church (daughter of Zion) shall be in a terrible agony when God exposes and reveals those leading men as murderers – the son of perdition and the many antichrists in the midst of them!

“**Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain**, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core” (verse 11). *Jude compares the Laodiceans to Cain, the first murderer. They are guilty*

of murder! ...Only God's own saints could be guilty of such massive physical murder. Jude wrote specifically to those in the first century and the last century, the only two centuries in which God's gospel was preached around the world. Satan was able, in time, to destroy both of those works. ...*When God's people became lukewarm, they became guilty of murder on an enormous scale. But those murderers are worse than Cain in another way. They are also guilty of aiding in the eternal destruction of 50 percent of their Laodicean brethren (Matthew 25:1-10). Also, they help to cause the other 50 percent to be plunged into the Great Tribulation. Cain's murderous sin was trivial compared to the guilt of these murderers! These are weighty and dangerous words for the Philadelphia Church of God today!* (p. 25-26, Jude booklet)

“Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?” (Jer. 8:19)

When the *nail in the sure place* is forcibly removed, that antichrist son of perdition and his cohorts antichrists shall surface: “For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.” (Matt. 24:28)

THE 25 MEN

There is a prophecy in Ezekiel wherein God showed him groups of top leading men in His Church who betrayed Him.

“And there stood before them *seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel*, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up” (Ezek. 8:11). In the *Ezekiel* booklet, Mr. Flurry explained these 70 men:

Anciently, 70 elders had meetings with God! The number 70 is God's way of revealing that these end-time elders also had meetings with the true God! But then they betrayed Him and turned their backs on Him. God used this number 70 for a very special reason. HE IS TELLING US THESE ARE HIS OWN MINISTERS GOING ASTRAY! It is a revealing SIGN!...The greater abomination mentioned in Ezekiel 8:6 is referring to the MAJORITY of God's own ministers in the end time leading God's people astray. This is a very ugly abomination! Few horrors could surpass this one! Most of the top leaders in

God's own lukewarm Church are committing abominations in God's Church—the very highest leadership council! (p. 51)

Take a careful notice that these 70 men are “of the house of Israel” while there is another group of 25 men, which is of the “house of Judah”:

“Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into **the inner court of the LORD'S house**, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about **five and twenty men**, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? *Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?* for they have filled the land with violence, and *have returned to provoke me to anger*: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.” (vv. 15-17)

Those 70 men are the top WCG ministers that led the rebellion against God. But, what of the 25 men? These could be a different group apart from the 70 men mentioned earlier since **the 70 men refers to the house of Israel**, while **the 25 men refers to the house of Judah**. **Could the house of Israel be referring to the WCG while the house of Judah to the PCG?** Considering that there was no inner and outer court during the Philadelphia era, and it was only during a Church split was there a distinction between the two – the Philadelphians in the inner court, the Laodiceans in the outer court (Rev. 11: 1-2).

In verse 16, notice that Ezekiel was brought “into the **INNER COURT** of the LORD'S house” and in verse 17, God specifically pointed him to the **house of Judah**. Do these 25 men refer to a group of ministers in the PCG? If so, then they *have returned to provoke God to anger, and in so doing, it's like they are cutting off their very breath of life*. One cannot return to something if it has not been done so the first time (by the 70 men in the WCG). The 70 men surfaced when Mr. Armstrong was “*taken out of the way*” (2 Thes. 2:7). Will the 25 men gather together when “the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall”? (Isa. 22:25). Again as written in Matthew 24: “Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather”. (v. 28, RSV)

“And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about *five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces*

toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.” (v. 16) According to Lange’s Commentary:

It takes place in the inner part of (God’s) house, - thereby placed in contrast with the publicity going before ...with the actings of the elders in verse 7. ...Accordingly there can be no doubt that the persons, the 25 men, - as most expositors ...believe, *the presidents of the 24 orders of the priests (1 Chronicles 24) with the high priest at their head, - represent the priesthood.* ...In this way the abomination to be described is greater than what has hitherto been related of the kind. But then, farther, the description of the posture assumed (compare 1 Kings 14:9; 2 Chr.29:6; the antithesis of their backs and their faces, the contrast of ... ‘toward sunrise’) sets forth what is abominable in the highest degree. The sanctuary of the Eternal is a thing going down behind them; they turn to the new light.

First, let us enumerate the details that were given above:

- It takes place in the inner part of (God’s) house, - thereby placed in contrast with the publicity going before ...with the actings of the elders in verse 7.

Ezekiel was brought to the inner court of God’s house and this was a different place and a different group of people is being mentioned here apart from the 70 elders in verse 7. And notice that the activities of those 70 elders were made public and there was even publicity involved. Apparently, verse 7 did refer to the court case battle between the WCG and PCG which was even publicized and advertized on newspapers and it was also documented through the *Raising the Ruins* book, while these 25 men in verse 16 were found inside God’s house and their activities are not made public – no publicity.

- Accordingly there can be no doubt that the persons, the 25 men, - as most expositors ...believe, *the presidents of the 24 orders of the priests (1 Chronicles 24) with the high priest at their head, - represent the priesthood.*

Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Ezekiel* booklet, “Verse 16 shows those 25 top ministers in the inner court ...God is not addressing the false ministers of this world in these verses – He is discussing ministers who knew God ...The expression ‘between the

porch and the altar' refers to where the ministers prayed to God in the temple (Joel 2:17)" (p. 57).

As *Lange's* commented, these 25 men are high ranking ministers! Could these 25 men also refer to *Joshua and his fellows* in Zechariah 3:8? Notice that Joshua and his fellows' folly seem to revolve around choosing another land more than Jerusalem in verse 3 (*the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem*).

- "...with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east."

Here again is what *Lange's* says regarding this:

In this way the abomination to be described is greater than what has hitherto been related of the kind. But then, farther, the description of the ***posture assumed*** (compare 1 Kings 14:9; 2 Chr.29:6; the antithesis of their backs and their faces, the contrast of ... 'toward sunrise') ***sets forth what is abominable in the highest degree.***

Notice that the abominable thing that has been committed by those 25 men revolve around the posture that they assumed – they have turned their backs on God! Mr. Flurry elaborates further,

The entrance to the temple was on the east side. The HOLY OF HOLIES—where God was located—WAS ON THE WEST SIDE! These ministers commit a wanton affront by turning their backs to God! This is the worst abomination of all! These have to be God's own ministers who knew God intimately and then turned their backs to Him! They knew the great God 'face to face'—and then turned away! This is the most abominable crime in the whole book of Ezekiel! (p. 57, *ibid.*)

Let us then consider and compare what *Lange's* mentioned above like the one in 1 Kings 14:9: "But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, ***and hast cast me behind thy back.***"

While in 2 Chronicles 29:6 we can read, "For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him,

and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs”

Now notice again very carefully -the posture that has been assumed which is the turning of their faces from God’s temple and casting God behind their back is what makes it the worst abomination of all!

Since the PCG did have an archeological dig in Jerusalem where God’s house was built in the past and will be built in the immediate future, “because the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem”, then this could be the representation of God’s temple being discussed in Ezekiel 8:16. What then could make the 25 men to “***turn away their faces from the Eternal God’s future habitation which is Jerusalem, and to cast Him behind their backs”***?

To clearly see the big picture here, let’s define some words in the latter part of verse 16: “...*with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east*; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.”

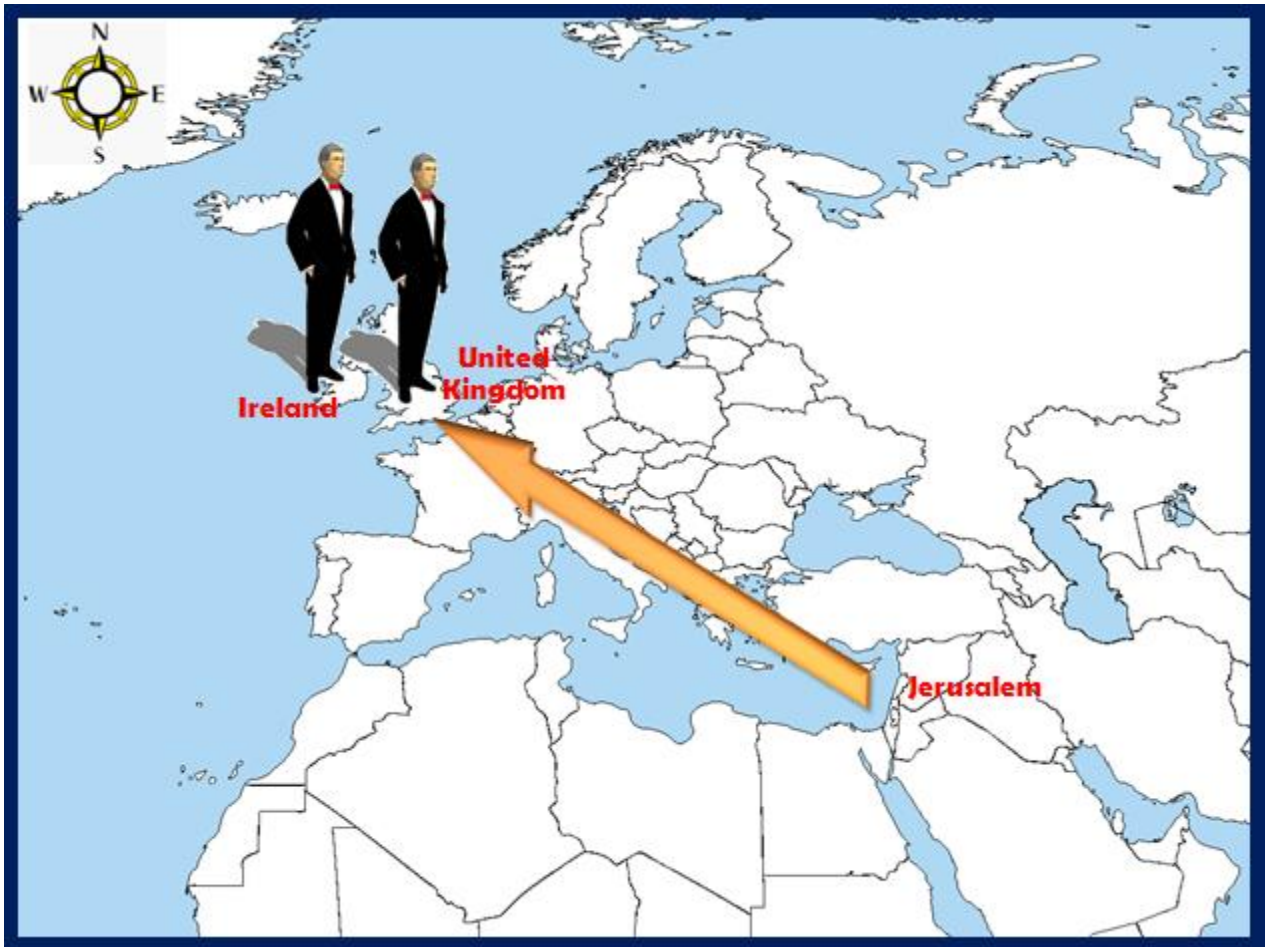
“*Backs*” in *Strong’s Concordance* refers to the hinder part; hence behind, backward; also (***as facing north***) ***the West***: back part, without. Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote about this ***WEST*** of Jerusalem:

After saying, “How shall I give thee up, Ephraim?” the Eternal, speaking through Hosea, says: “[T]hen the children shall tremble from ***the west***” (Hosea 11:8, 10)...

Referring to the house of Israel, not Judah (Isaiah 49:3, 6), God says: “Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from ***the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim***” (Isaiah 49:12). In the Hebrew, the language in which this was originally inspired, there is no word for “***northwest***,” but this term is designated by the phrase, “***the north and the west.***” ***It means, literally, the northwest!*** The Vulgate renders “Sinim” as “Australi,” or “Australia.” So we now have the location ***northwest of Jerusalem*** and even spreading around the world...

So, finally, today, as in Jeremiah’s day, the house of Israel is in the isles, which are “in the sea,” the chief of the nations, ***northwest of Jerusalem***...

Take a map of Europe. ***Lay a line due northwest of Jerusalem*** across the continent of Europe, until you come to the sea, and then to the islands in the sea! ***This line takes you directly to the British Isles!*** (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, p. 98 – 99)



A simple illustration showing the principle by which the 25 men from the house of spiritual Judah (PCG) have employed: They go to the WEST then turned their backs on God by looking to the EAST where Jerusalem is located. And while they are in Ireland they still anticipate the return of Jesus Christ as if waiting for the rising of the sun in the EAST. According to Mr. Flurry, “This is the worst abomination of all!”

If you try to look on a map of Europe which is *northwest of Jerusalem* you can indeed find the British Isles in which *Ireland* is also located! Let us continue: In Ezekiel 8:16, the word “*faces*” in *Strong’s* could also mean “*prospect.*” And “*prospect*” in the dictionary means,

- A place that commands an extensive view: ***look out***
- The act of looking forward: ***anticipation***
- A mental picture of something to come: ***vision***
- ***Something that is awaited or expected***

According to *Strong's* and *Brown-Driver-Briggs' Hebrew definition*, the word “**sun**” could BOTH pertain to sun-rising which is **east of direction**, or sun-setting which is **west of direction**.

“**Depress**” in the dictionary means, “to press down, to cause to sink to a lower position, **to lessen the activity or strength of**”

And the word “**reflexive**” means, “**characterized by, or being a relation that exists between an entity and itself.**”

The word “**worship**” according to *Strong's* means “to depress, i.e. to prostrate especially **reflexive in homage to royalty** or God”

While the decision to go to Ireland (northwest of direction), from the point of origin which is Jerusalem (on the east) would be considered a major step in God's work, even considering it the 3rd phase (as announced in the 2012 Feast of Tabernacles).

Could it be considered then that these 25 men of Ezekiel 8 would rather want to reflect on the relation that exist between themselves and their royal lineage to that of King David in Ireland to the west, and choosing to lessen the strength of the relation that exist between themselves and their royal lineage to that of the Eternal God who has chosen Jerusalem to the east?

And in the process, they **JUSTIFY** their decision to go to Ireland by telling everybody inside the PCG to still look out for Jerusalem and anticipate the return of Jesus Christ, with the vision of “new Jerusalem” in their mind, when on the other hand, having to find a relation that exist between themselves and the royal lineage of King David from Ireland. But what is God's view about such a decision?

THE NEW LIGHT

As *Lange's Commentary* put it, speaking of those 25 men - “*The sanctuary of the Eternal is a thing going down behind them; **they turn to the new light.***”

THEY TURN TO THE NEW LIGHT - It seems that these 25 men HAS TURNED to a supposedly “new light” (in Jeremiah 4:15) in the west where the sun sets, and in so doing, God's work on the Ophel has gone down behind them. It is as if they saw a “new vision” (Zech. 10:2). But, is it God's vision? Is it God's light?

“Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place. Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent

them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: *they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.*”(Jer. 14:13-14)

Where did that “false vision” came from? It’s from “***the deceit of their HEART***”! In the *Royal Vision November-December 2012*, Mr. Flurry wrote:

TRANSFORMED AS ANGELS OF LIGHT

Paul continued by warning about “false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; *for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness*” (2 Cor. 11:13-15). Paul was dealing with this in about A.D. 58 with the Corinthians, who sadly turned away so quickly. Should we marvel that people transformed themselves into the apostles of Christ? It is the same old story that God’s people have had to battle all along. *You see it all the time. ...They come as angels of light.* They can act like they really believe what we are saying, but maybe they don’t. Maybe they are just lying. Satan comes as an angel of light – but he lies. If we use God’s Holy Spirit, we will discern who these liars are! ...We have to hear and understand the Spirit or we will make many mistakes we shouldn’t be making.” (p. 2)

It is most likely *Satan’s light* in the WEST that these 25 men had seen – and they have turned unto it and followed it! Thus in so doing, they have turned their backs on God!

Now, if we shall further expound Ezekiel 8:16, it could be the same as saying something like this – “Since we haven’t found any significant royal archeological artifacts in Jerusalem, even on the Ophel where God’s original temple was located, why don’t we put it aside for awhile and put it behind for some time, and rather go to Ireland in the west and do some work there, because there are some new revelations in the book of Jeremiah regarding Ireland, so why not establish a work there and have a feast site as well. Anyway, we must still have an extensive view of Jerusalem as the focal point and while being there in Ireland, we shall anticipate toward the east, the coming of the *Sun of Righteousness, Jesus Christ* in Jerusalem.” Is this not an abomination to God?

Indeed it is! Again, as Mr. Flurry wrote - “This is the most abominable crime in the whole book of Ezekiel!” (*op. cit*)

“Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and *have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.*” (v. 17) Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Ezekiel* booklet about this verse:

THEY HAVE RETURNED

“Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose” (Ezekiel 8:17). “Provoke me to anger” really should read “provoked to be bitter or rebel against.” *And the older texts correct that last phrase to read “God’s nose.” That’s how it should read. These Laodiceans are taking a branch and sticking it up into God’s nostrils—the area that gives the Church its breath of life. They are trying to cut off the life of God’s Church! ...But notice, they have returned to do this. People rebelled and turned away, and have now returned to try to cut off the very breath of life in God’s Church! Where is that happening? (p. 57)*

Mr. Flurry asked, “Where is that happening?” Take note that it is the *house of Judah* that committed this abomination before God. Could this prophecy be referring to spiritual Judah (PCG)? And is this spiritual Judah really does refer, without a single doubt, to the *Philadelphia Church of God*? Again here is what Mr. Flurry wrote:

The “house of Judah” ...is the faithful Church of God. You could say it is “the house of the Jews” WE ARE JEWS – SPIRITUAL JEWS!” (*Royal Vision, July-August 2012, p.6*)

MR. FLURRY EMPHASIZED THAT THE PCG IN SPIRITUAL APPLICATION IS INDEED THE “HOUSE OF JUDAH”!

So in principle, when we read of the spiritual house of Judah in scriptures concerning prophecy in this end time, we can apply it directly to the PCG who resides in the INNER COURT. While spiritual Israel will have to be the Laodicean groups in the OUTER COURT. But keep in mind also that there are two women inside the PCG (Zech. 5:9-11), so there are also *Laodiceans* among them.

Now notice very carefully in verse 17, that *the house of Judah has returned to provoke God to anger*. Does this mean that there was a prior instance wherein God has been provoked the first time and yet another provocation is happening again during the last end? Well, one can only utter this word “*return*” if there was a former occurrence that has served as a reference point. You can only *return* to a place or condition if you had been there before. For emphasis, let us consider again what Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Ezekiel* booklet about a group of people who is sticking up a branch into God’s nostrils:

*These Laodiceans are taking a branch and sticking it up into God’s nostrils—the area that gives the Church its breath of life. They are trying to cut off the life of God’s Church! ...But notice, **they have returned to do this**. People rebelled and turned away, and have now returned to try to cut off the very breath of life in God’s Church! Where is that happening? (op. cit.)*

Again, remember that this is in the context of a prophecy for the *house of Judah* which in spiritual application refers to the *Philadelphia Church of God*. As being mentioned here that “*these Laodiceans are taking a branch and sticking it up into God’s nostrils*” – so it must only refer to the Laodiceans INSIDE the PCG who is in the INNER COURT where the prophet Ezekiel saw in his vision (Ezek. 8:16). It could not refer to the Laodiceans outside the PCG, because they are not of the house of Judah, spiritually speaking. Mr. Flurry then asked, “*Where is that happening?*”

Now consider this: The **PCG HAS NOW RETURNED** to England where the Ambassador College campus was once situated for 14 years (1960-1974). They wanted to establish a college there and have an office which could also be used for the planned archeological dig in Ireland. Mr. Flurry has already announced that they shall buy (or has already bought) some parts of that real estate for \$6.8 million. The final deal for additional acquisition could probably be sealed around September to October 2013 according to their estimates.

Some thoughts to consider though about the name *Bricket Wood* which is very, very interesting:

Derivation of: **Bricket Wood** – this area was once heavily wooded, indeed vestiges of this ancient wood remain today. Apparently the name is a compound of OE ‘beorht’ (briht), ‘**bright, light**’ and ‘iggoð’, ‘islet’. As the Rivers Ver and Colne lay some distance away, this may refer to the original tiny settlement of

‘Smug Oak’ which in turn may refer to a ‘small, hollowed-out place’, ***secret place***, i.e. an ‘*island*’ homestead carved from the surrounding woodland.

From ‘Park Street’s Past’ by Cyril Martin (1995).

<http://www.riverver.co.uk/memories-pdfs/BricketWood.pdf>

Considering the name *Bricket Wood* from its original derivation, it could also mean: “A BRIGHT LIGHT IN A SECRET PLACE” which connotes a secret plan is being laid in the dark. (See Isa. 29:15; more on this subject later.)

Is the work in Ireland a plan that is being laid in the dark? Has the PCG really turned to the NEW LIGHT? Have they really returned to provoke God to anger? It looks like God’s prophecies are indeed being fulfilled to the letter.

“Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? *Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?*” (v. 17)

One might ask, what’s wrong if the PCG wants to return to England? Would there be any issues? Some might say, “This is a new revelation,” while others may say, “This is the third and final phase of God’s Work” and besides that, it was Mr. Flurry, the last end Apostle of God who has approved of such, so what’s wrong with that? Surely God will back him up since he has the key of David and God’s government.

But, do we remember the reason why Mr. Armstrong closed the Ambassador College campus in Bricket Wood, England in 1974 in the first place?

The answer is, because of REBELLION against God’s government through the end-time Elijah. The liberal ministers did an “about face.” Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote about that incidence:

Sin entered Pasadena leadership. The Church stopped its phenomenal growth. I had to deal with sins near the top in 1971 and 1972. ***In the spring of 1974 a ministerial rebellion***, led to a considerable extent by two top--ranking ministers at Pasadena, resulted in some 30 or more ministers leaving the Church...

Even now at this late date. I learn that this “***about-face***” ...***caused great consternation among loyal ministers and members in Britain ...And the whole Church was deceived!*** (*The Worldwide News*, Vol. 9, No. 19; November 16, 1981: *How Subtly Satan Used MAKEUP to Start the Church Off the Track*)

From that time on, the Bricket Wood campus has never been opened again by Mr. Armstrong until his death on January 16, 1986. Could it be that God has purposed

to reserve this very place for the specific fulfillment of the *prepared deception* for the whole Church during this *last end*?

Now let us consider what kind of activities the village of Bricket Wood has:

1. Morris Dancing

2. **Naturism (Nudism)**

The village of Bricket Wood has been host to at least **six naturist clubs**: Fiveacres Country Club, Spielplatz, The Sun-Folk Society, Gardenia (originally named Silverbirch), Diogenes Sunlight Society (also known as The Phoenix Recreational Society), and The Suncampers.

3. **Wicca (Neopagan religion of Witchcraft)**

In 1954 Gerald Gardner published his book "**Witchcraft Today**" to advance his own practice of Wicca as a modern religion. **He established his first coven at Bricket Wood.** Gerald Gardner operated his coven from Fiveacres Country Club in Bricket Wood.

Source: http://www.princeton.edu/~achaney/tmve/wiki100k/docs/Bricket_Wood.html

Well how about that for a place to establish an office in a village wherein *nakedness* and *witchcraft* are prevalent.

Could it also be one of the main reasons that God saw plus the 1974 **rebellion** which made Him to decide through Mr. Armstrong to close the Bricket Wood campus and never to be re-opened again? God made it so, unlike the Big Sandy campus that was re-opened and closed for quite a number of times during Mr. Armstrong's tenure, but NOT Bricket Wood.

We have one thing to consider though: "**For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft**, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry..." (1 Sam. 15:23)

And that is God's view of Bricket Wood. It is so abominable! But why is the PCG trying to open what God has already closed? Isn't it that God has also given Mr. Flurry the key to open and close a door? This subject will be further discussed in chapter 10. Why does the PCG wanted to return there? What really is God's view about it?

It is part of the **prepared deception** during *the last end* which is prophesied in Jeremiah 4:10 - "Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! **surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem...**"

Remember that during the 1974 rebellion and the great consternation of the ministry and members in Britain, it was in the context of the whole Church being

deceived. And Bricket Wood is very much a part of that history that we should not take lightly.

“Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?” (Ezek. 8:17)

It seems that Laodiceanism inside the Philadelphia Church of God has now taken its toll on the whole Church, thus the prophecy in Revelations chapter 3 clearly applies to us at this very moment. Anyway, it is the prevailing spirit in this last era of God’s Church.

“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;” (Rev. 3:14)

Notice that in this verse that Christ is the one talking here. He is the “faithful and true witness and the beginning of the creation of God.” Now look at what He has to say to us in the PCG:

“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; ***and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*** I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” (vv. 15-18)

Do we in the *Philadelphia Church of God* know that we have already become a Laodicean at best? We became rich and increased with goods and “***knowest not that (we are) wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked***”

Can we individually and collectively admit to ourselves that we have indeed become Laodiceans in God’s eyes? The abundance of proof has been laid by God for all to see! So we ought to repent towards God (v. 19).

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” (v. 22)

IDOL IN THE WALL

Now, let’s consider this article found in *The Key to David’s City* website of the PCG regarding the archeological work and some finds on the Ophel mount in Jerusalem:

The First Bes Discovered in Jerusalem

On October 9, the day after Sukkot, a mysterious, tiny, chalky item fell out of a wall that was carefully being dismantled. The artifact, only about an inch tall, is a necklace pendant depicting ***the ancient Egyptian idol named Bes***.

According to Dr. Eilat Mazar, the white pendant is made out of faience, and was originally green. She said that it was a miracle that the artifact survived after being buried in between dirt and stone. ***It is also the first Bes idol ever to be found in Jerusalem.***

Bes was believed to be ancient Egypt's god of fertility who helped with childbirth and was a protector and entertainer of children. He was often portrayed with a large head, feathered crown, protruding tongue and bowlegs...

Whether or not the ancient pagan god Bes is proven to be exclusively male or that he is sometimes depicted as a male and female couple, it is interesting that this latest revelation and subsequent debate coincides with our discovery of the first Bes idol in Jerusalem.

(<http://www.keytodavidscity.com/the-first-bes-discovered-in-jerusalem/>)

According to the article above, *the ancient Egyptian idol named Bes fell out of a wall* that was carefully being dismantled. Read that again.

That Egyptian idol was found in a wall! And we must remember that that wall is located in the perimeter of King Solomon's First Temple period complex. The Bible pictures a wall, as a symbol for the ministry. Spiritually speaking, does that mean that the ministry has gone back to spiritual Egypt and into idolatry?

While on November 2012, the Ophel Excavation team has also found *several mikvahs* which are actually *purification baths*. But what is a mikvah for? What does it actually represent?

What is a Mikvah?

by Rabbi Mendy Hecht

- A. The word "Mikvah" means "pool," as in a collection or gathering together of something to one place. In Judaism, Mikvah refers to a small pool of water, a ritual bath - usually found on the premises of synagogues or in separate facilities nearby - and the spiritual rituals associated with it.
- B. Water: can't live without it... can't live within it. When you're underwater, you're in a state of limbo, a realm of non-reality. Whomever and whatever

you are—your importance, your achievements—won't help you: you can't breathe down there. You're gonna drown. You lose your ego. You're reduced to a puny, helpless human. But come up for air, and you've left that realm of non-reality. You're something again. You're alive. You're a new person. ***Immersion in a Mikvah is all that. Renewal. Rebirth. A return to your inner, pure, innocent self, and a refreshing restoration of your pristine spirituality. That's the purpose of the Mikvah: restoration of spiritual status.***

The Mikvah is used by a bride on the eve of her wedding day ...

Mikvah is... Renewal. Rebirth. A return to your inner, pure, innocent self, and a refreshing restoration of your pristine spirituality

God seems to have a coded message in here— it is as if the ministry and the people need to be cleansed, purified and renewed spiritually because they have gone back into spiritual Egypt through idolatry. There has to be “***a return to your inner, pure, innocent self, and a refreshing restoration of your pristine spirituality... -- (a) restoration of spiritual status.***”- AS A BRIDE NEEDS ON THE EVE OF HER WEDDING DAY.

“O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, ***revive thy work*** in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.”(Hab. 3:2)

God has specially designed the STRONG DELUSION in Jeremiah 4:10 to reveal and expose the antichrists within His own Church. That's what He did the first time when He cleansed the sanctuary, extract His Philadelphian remnant and revealed the synagogue of Satan which later became the Laodicean era. He will also do the same thing at the conclusion of the *last end* but this time God will again extract His true Philadelphians and will start to separate the Edomite Laodiceans from the Jacobite Laodiceans but He still needs to plunge both of them into the physical abomination of desolation.

Chapter 5

Rain in the Time of the Latter Rain

“And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, that I will give the rain of your land in its season, *the former rain and the latter rain*, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.”(Deut. 11:13-14, RSV)

Here is what the *JFB Commentary* wrote concerning “the former rain and the latter rain”:

the first rain and the latter rain — The early rain commenced in autumn, that is, chiefly during the months of *September and October*, while the latter rain fell in the spring of the year, that is, during the months of *March and April*. *It is true that occasional showers fell all the winter*; but, at the autumnal and vernal seasons, they were more frequent, copious, and important; for the early rain was necessary, after a hot and protracted summer, to prepare the soil for receiving the seed; and the latter rain, which shortly preceded the harvest, was of the greatest use in invigorating the languishing powers of vegetation (Jer. 5:24; Joel 2:23; Amos 4:7; Jas. 5:7).

We can also read about the “the former rain and the latter rain” in Joel 2:23: “Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately (*a teacher of righteousness*), and he will cause to come

down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.”

In *The Prophet Joel* booklet, Mr. Flurry expounded this verse regarding “the former rain” and “the latter rain”. He also explained that the phrase, “the former rain moderately” should be correctly read as “a teacher of righteousness.”

And we know that “the former rain” is referring to God’s Spirit which flowed through the “*end-time Elijah*” (Mr. Herbert Armstrong) with all the revelations that God gave to him and poured out during the Philadelphia era, while “the latter rain” refers to God’s Spirit which flowed through “*a teacher of righteousness*” (Mr. Gerald Flurry) with all the revelations which God showered to His people during the Laodicean era. (Read *The Prophet Joel: Christ’s Bride and the Day of the Lord* booklet for more information, under “*A Teacher of Righteousness*”)

But look very carefully at Joel 2:23: “(A)nd he (God) will cause to come down for you *the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain* in the first month.” Notice that there are THREE (3) RAINS mentioned here, namely:

- THE RAIN
- THE FORMER RAIN
- THE LATTER RAIN

If “*the former rain*” refers to God’s revelations through *Mr. Armstrong*, and “*the latter rain*” refers to God’s revelations through *Mr. Flurry*, then there has to be “*the rain*” or another set of revelations from God as specifically written in Joel 2:23.

God will cause to come down for you those three rains! God calls each of those 3 rains “*a teacher of righteousness*” in the respective times when He pours them in to His people. But in actual fact, that “teacher of righteousness” is actually Christ coming in the flesh through those 3 rains in progressive time sequence!

“Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.” (Zech. 10:1)

Notice carefully that this “*rain*” is already being poured out by God even “in the time of *the latter rain*.”

This is what Mr. Flurry wrote in his booklet, *Zechariah, The Sign of Christ’s Imminent Return*:

“Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make

bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field” (Zechariah 10:1). Again we are reminded of the rain, or water—a type of God’s Spirit. If we are going to prosper spiritually, we must use God’s Spirit. We must continually look to God for spiritual power to conquer Satan, this world and our own human nature. Otherwise we become prisoners in a waterless pit. We descend into human reasoning.” (pp. 69-70)

Let us consider the thought “*rain in the time of the latter rain*”: *Rain* as Mr. Flurry said, is a type of God’s Spirit. Since there is already a latter rain, one might ask, why ask for further rain? God’s answer is - “so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to *every one grass in the field*.” To better understand this, let’s go to *Jude* booklet,

Jude says these spiritual terrorists are “feeding themselves” when they should be feeding God’s people. And they are committing all these heinous acts “without fear.” They don’t fear breaking God’s law. They don’t fear God! “[C]louds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots” (Jude 12). *The clouds block out the sun—the light and righteousness of God—and they give no rain. Clarke’s Commentary says, ‘The doctrine of God is compared to the rain, Deuteronomy 32:2, and clouds are the instruments by which the rain is distilled upon the earth. In arid or parched countries the very appearance of a cloud is delightful, because it is a token of refreshing showers; but when sudden winds arise, and disperse these clouds, the hope of the husbandman and shepherd is cut off. These false teachers are represented as clouds; they have the form and office of the teachers of righteousness, and from such appearances pure doctrine may be naturally expected: but these are clouds without water—they distill no refreshing showers because they have none; they are carried away and about by their passions, as those light fleecy clouds are carried by the winds.’”* (pp. 28-29)

Jude says that the spiritual terrorists are feeding themselves. And they are also likened to clouds with no water, no rain. So we can understand now, why Zechariah urged us to ask for rain in the time of the latter rain, because there are no refreshing showers of rain, although we can see clouds in our midst yet “they are without water, carried about of winds.”

Now, compare that with the “bright clouds” in verse 1 (in *Strong’s* it means, a *flash of lightning*:--bright cloud, *lightning*) which indicates new revelations (*lightning*, as Mr. Flurry said, is a symbol for *new revelations*). “So the Lord shall make bright clouds” – it is God who shall make it, it is God’s new revelation! All we have to do is ask for it. And this “bright clouds” is followed by showers of rain unlike those “clouds without water.”

But why did God make “bright clouds”? The answer is in the next verse: “For the idols have spoken vanity...” (v. 2)

In *Strong’s Concordance*, the word “vanity” is from the original Hebrew word *’aven*, which also mean: *wickedness*, affliction, evil, false, idol, iniquity, mischief, unrighteous, vanity. This is the same Hebrew word that was used in Jeremiah 4:15 for the word “affliction”: (“For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth *affliction* from mount Ephraim”). If we substitute the word “*wickedness*” to “*vanity*”, we shall have – “For the idols have spoken *wickedness*” (Zech. 10:2) while, in Jeremiah 4:15; “For a voice declareth from Dan, and publishes *wickedness* from mount Ephraim.”

While according to *Lange’s Commentary*, the word “idol” (*teraphim*) refers to a *household god*, but can also imply to **IMPOSTORS**:

“Teraphim, a kind of household gods ...***The prevalence of impostors***, of the kinds here mentioned, just before the overthrow of Judah, is abundantly established”

According to the dictionary, ***an impostor is one that assumes false identity or title for the purpose of deception.***

In Revelation 3:9 we can read who those *impostors* are: “Behold, I will make them of the *synagogue of Satan*, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie.”

1 John 2:18 in the Revised Standard Version (RSV) reads, ‘Children, it is the last hour! ***As you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come.*** From this we know that it is the last hour.’ *Last hour* is the correct translation of the Greek in that verse, rather than *last time*, as it reads in the King James Version...

This is a shocking revelation. The spirit of antichrist is rampant in this *world*. For years, we thought this was the essential understanding about antichrists. But now God has revealed, through John’s epistles, that ***the primary warning about antichrists is within God’s own Church!***” (p. 1-2, 4, *The Last Hour* booklet)

The “*prevalence of impostors*” or the *prevailing spirit of antichrist* is inside God’s own Church!

Looking carefully, it looks like that the “VOICE” being referred to in Jeremiah 4:15 does COME FROM the same “*idols*” that have *spoken wickedness* in Zechariah 10:2. These “*impostors*” or more appropriately called “*antichrists*” **speak** through which **a voice** comes out from their mouth, and they proclaim deceit and wickedness.

“(A)nd the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their flock, they were troubled, *because there was no shepherd*”(v. 2)

This is the same prophecy as in Jeremiah 4:9: “And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, that *the heart of the king shall perish*, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.” (Read also Jeremiah 8:19)

Again, as the *JFB Commentary* wrote regarding Jeremiah 4:9; “The wisdom of the most leading men will be utterly at a loss to devise means of relief”

Those impostors, diviners (or false prophets), and antichrists shall comfort themselves when they finally realized that they have fallen into God’s STRONG DELUSION (Jer. 4:10). But it would be too late for them. They have already kindled God’s great wrath upon themselves.

“For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for *the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.*” (Jer. 4:8)

“Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the Lord of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle” (verse 3). Two groups are talked about in this verse. First are the shepherds who are actually hard-headed goats—speaking of the Laodicean ministry in God’s own Church. Second are the spiritual Jews whom God has made a goodly horse in battle, or a majestic warhorse. We really are in a war, and God has empowered His covenant people by His Holy Spirit to be a majestic warhorse.” (p. 70, *Zechariah* booklet)

Do we now understand why we need to ask God “rain in the time of the latter rain”? – We need to, because there are *false teachers (clouds without water)* inside God’s own Church –and “these spiritual terrorists are “feeding themselves” when they should be feeding God’s people.” When we ask God for that rain, He shall give us *new understanding (bright clouds - flash of lightning)*, and *His Spirit (showers of rain)* to

prepare us and make us a “goodly horse in the battle” ahead. Why? There shall come a time when the impostors (idols) shall speak deceit and wickedness “because there was no shepherd.”

THE DROUGHT

The prophet Jeremiah prophesied of this coming spiritual drought. We can read it in Jeremiah 14:1 - “The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth.” (*Dearth* according to *Strong’s* means *drought*). *Clarke’s Commentary* has this to say regarding this verse:

“The word - that came - concerning the dearth - This discourse is supposed to have been delivered, after the fourth year of Jehoiakim. ***Concerning the dearth. We have no historic record of any dearth that may fall in with the time of this prophecy, and perhaps it does not refer to any particular dearth: but this was a calamity to which Judea was very liable.***”

Furthermore, *Lange’s Commentary* wrote:

Most commentators following the example of Jeremiah understand this of a future drought, which they believe to be intimated in 2 Kings 25:3. The connection is, however, opposed to deferring the drought to the future, as well as that ***the historical accounts contain no data for the determination of any real time.***

Most commentators “***understand this of a future drought***” and that “***the historical accounts contain no data for the determination of any real time.***” Why was there “***no historic record of any dearth***” that has happened anciently? Even Mr. Flurry has no mention of this chapter in Jeremiah 14 in his book, *Jeremiah and the Greatest Vision in the Bible*. One might ask, WHY? This is very critical since “***this was a calamity to which Judea was very liable.***” Is it because this prophecy is reserved for the *last end* of indignation wherein a future drought, i.e., spiritual in nature will take place when the “nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall”? (Isa. 22:25).

And this is the same prophecy as written in Amos 8:11; “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread,

nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.” (*Dearth* according to the dictionary means *famine*).

And what is real cause of the problem? Why should there be a spiritual drought?

“Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.”(Jer. 14:14)

Notice that this is very much connected to Zechariah 10:1-2, where we are exhorted to “**ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain**”; “For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, **because there was no shepherd.**”

Has the prophecy that the prophets and the priests saw just a lie, a false vision and divination and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart? (v. 14)

“(Y)ea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not” (v. 18). The lie and the false vision revolve around “**A LAND THAT THEY KNOW NOT.**” Could this land be referring to **Ireland**? *Clarke’s Commentary* wrote concerning verse 18:

that the going about of the prophets and priests of the land, is to be understood thus: - “They went trafficking about with their false doctrines and lying predictions, as peddlers do with their wares, *seeking their own gain.*”

That’s why the idols are speaking VANITY – they are seeking their OWN gain (Read also Isa 56:11) and they went to “**A LAND THAT THEY KNOW NOT**”- not even Mr. Armstrong nor God would acknowledge that land!

Are those ministers that gave counsel to *That Prophet* to do a work in Ireland speaks VANITY and seeking their OWN gain? (Their counsel according to the prophet Jeremiah is actually, a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart). This is very much the same prophecy as in Habakkuk 2:4-10 that describes “*a proud man*” that wants to “*increase that which is not his!*” This is also speaking of *the last end son of perdition with his many antichrist impostors!* This is all one vision of the last end of the indignation in Daniel 8 - when the transgressors are come to the full! (v. 23)

“O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?” (v. 8)

Who is the hope of spiritual Israel (the Laodiceans)? Is it not God through spiritual Judah (the Philadelphians)? The prophet Jeremiah then asks, “why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land?” Why should the Church be a stranger in the land? Did God’s Church have a prior work in Ireland that has been done when Mr. Armstrong was alive?

“...(A)nd as a wayfaring man that *turneth aside* to tarry for a night?” In *Strong’s*, the word “turneth aside” come from the word, *natah*:

“H5186. natah; a prim. root; **to stretch** or spread out; by implication to bend away (includ. mor. deflection); used in a great variety of application (as follows):-- + **afternoon**, **extend**, outstretched, **pervert**, **prolong**, put away, spread out, stretch out.”

Verse 8 could be better rendered this way: “O the hope of the Laodiceans, the one who brings the message of salvation from the Great Tribulation, why do you want to travel and be a stranger in the land (of Ireland), like a traveler who wants *to extend, prolong, and stretch the afternoon* before the night (the Great Tribulation) comes? (This sounds like the Matthew 24:48 “*evil servant*” who “*shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming*”). The decision to have an archeological dig in Ireland is a like another way of saying, “*My lord delayeth his coming!*”

“Why shouldest thou be as a man astonished, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.”(v. 9) These people comfort themselves by saying “we are called by thy name” – “we are God’s Church” and that “God will not leave us”, but God does not appear to be saving them from the calamity. Instead, God was the one who sent the *strong delusion!* (Jer. 4:10) From *Clarke’s Commentary* we can read about verse 9:

“Yet thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us - Thy ark, temple, and sacred rites, are all here; and thou thyself, who art everywhere present, art here also: *but alas! thou dost not reveal thyself as the Father of mercies, who forgivest iniquity, transgression, and sin.*”

“Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul lothed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? we looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!”(Jer. 14:19) This is a very sobering prophecy that concerns God’s own people, even the PCG (spiritual Judah), during the

spiritual drought that God shall bring about to be fulfilled. To the prophet Jeremiah, he thought that God has utterly rejected God's own people. Yet, God does these things to extract His faithful very elect from the sanctuary that was profaned by the "idols" – the false prophets and priests in God's house.

God shall bring His very elect to the place of safety once the strong delusion is through, yet those Edomite Laodiceans that were inside the PCG (and even those that were outside) shall suffer His great wrath in "the last end of the indignation." To which purpose the prophet Habakkuk prayed "O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; *in wrath remember mercy.*" (Hab. 3:2)

But there will come a time when God shall instead "remember their iniquity" and not "remember mercy" anymore: "Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; *he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.*" (Jer. 14:10) God "remember their iniquity" because the people "loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet" – they are going to a strange land they know not, even Ireland!

"not refrained ... feet — ***They did not obey God's command; 'withhold thy foot'*** (Jer. 2:25), namely, ***from following after idols.***" – *JFB Commentary*

Because of the strong delusion, God's own people are following the "idols" – the "impostors" in God's own Church - as they speak vanity (Zech 10:2); and these antichrists declare to go to Ireland and they also want to proclaim wickedness in Britain! (Jer. 4:15)

When that time comes, we are no longer encouraged to even pray for these idols and impostors: "Then said the LORD unto me, ***Pray not for this people for their good.***" (v.11)

In the end, there is still good news in here, for God's own people shall repent: "We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee. Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace *the throne of thy glory:*" (v. 20-21)

According to the *JFB Commentary*, the word "*throne of thy glory*" refers to ***Jerusalem*** (see also Jer. 3:17). Thus, when spiritual Judah finally sees where she has been led astray by listening to "a voice" that declares in Ireland – and finally recognized "the voice" which declares that ***the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem***, she then appeals to God by urging Him "that Zion's destruction would disgrace the throne

of the Lord Himself, in so far as Zion in part is the throne of the Lord, and in part conceals Him in its midst” (*Lange’s Commentary*)

“...(R)emember, break not thy covenant with us.” (v. 21) – God will not break His covenant again as what happened when the staff *Beauty* was broken. For He only purposed to break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel – to separate the Philadelphians from the Laodiceans inside God’s house. (This is to be discussed in the next chapter) The prophet Jeremiah prophesied of a terrible spiritual drought (Jer. 14:1), yet God shall make bright clouds and give us showers of rain:

FLASH OF LIGHTNING

“Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds” (Zech. 10:1) Again, the word “bright clouds” come from the Hebrew word:

“chaziyz”; *to glare*; **a flash of lightning**:--bright cloud, lightning.

So “*bright clouds*” could also mean “*a flash of lightning*”. While there is a similar word found in Matthew 24:27: “For as the *lightning* cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” (The word “lightning” here comes from original Greek word “astrape”; from G797 (**to flash as lightning**); lightning; by analogy *glare*:--**lightning**, bright shining. This is the same definition found in Zechariah 10:1 regarding “bright clouds”)

So, the “**flash of lightning**” comes out of the **EAST** and shines even unto the WEST. If this “lightning” in Matthew 24:27 does refer to the same thought in Zechariah 10:1, then the “*bright clouds*” or the “*flash of lightning*” will be coming from the **EAST** as stated in Matthew 24:27.

If the “*bright clouds*” or “*flash of lightning*” would be coming from the “*east*”, could it be the reason why God’s people shall say? - “Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things” (v. 22).

According to *Lange’s Commentary* regarding Zechariah 10:1: “**Lightnings are mentioned as precursor of rain.**” “...(A)nd give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.” In Isaiah 40:6-7, we can read what those “*grass*” symbolize: “The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? **All flesh is grass**, and all the goodness

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thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: ***surely the people is grass.***” (See also 1 Pet. 1:24)

“Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately (*a teacher of righteousness*), and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.”(Joel 2:23)

“The rain shall come down,” here specially opposed to the drought....(So far as this special act may be generalized, it may rather be said that it begets and keeps alive the consciousness that the Giver of all good is AGAIN in the midst of His people) – Lange’s Commentary.

God will cause to come down for God’s Church THE RAIN in the midst of the coming spiritual drought.

Chapter 6

Beauty and Bands

“And I will feed the flock of slaughter, even you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called *Beauty*, and the other I called *Bands*; and I fed the flock.”(Zech. 11:7)

According to Mr. Flurry, this “flock of slaughter” is referring to the *Laodiceans*, while the “poor of the flock” refers to the *Philadelphians*. (pp. 73, 76, *Zechariah* booklet)

The prophet Zechariah is showing us in verse 7, ***two staffs*** or ***two rods*** (see *Strong’s Concordance*). A rod according to Mr. Flurry symbolizes government, and that is, *God’s government* (Rev. 11:1). These ***two rods*** symbolizes the two prominent men in this end-time who were given God’s government – Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Gerald Flurry: “the one I called *Beauty*, and the other I called *Bands*.”

“And I took my staff, even *Beauty*, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.” (verse 10). God BROKE THE COVENANT, because the people rebelled! ...“And it [the covenant] was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the Lord” (Zechariah 11:11). This verse is talking about the faithful Philadelphian remnant—the poor, humble people who wait on God. (pp. 75-76, *ibid.*)

Why did God called Mr. Armstrong as the staff *Beauty*? Well, for several reasons: Mr. Armstrong as the end-time Elijah, restored all things (Matt. 17:11), he preached the gospel of the coming Kingdom of God as a witness unto all nations - to kings, emperors, presidents, prime ministers and other prominent leaders in the world (Matt. 24:14). He gave honor and glory to God by building Him a beautiful house (Hag. 2:9). He built and finished the Philadelphia era (Zech 4:9; Rev 3:7-13). What a beautiful sight in God's eyes was this staff *Beauty*!

Then the staff *Beauty* was "cut asunder": God's government was broken - Mr. Armstrong was taken out of the way (2 Thes. 2:7)! The Philadelphians "knew that it was the word of the Lord" through the book *Malachi's Message*. But notice carefully the reason why the staff has been broken: "And I cut off the three shepherds in one month; for my soul was weary of them, and their soul also loathed me" (v. 8). Here is what Mr. Flurry said about these 3 *shepherds*:

Who are these shepherds? The commentaries don't know. I believe this must be the same "three shepherds"—a mother church and two larger breakaway Laodicean churches—that I wrote about in the Hosea booklet (request your free copy). Hosea dealt with a whorish mother and two illegitimate children. (p. 74, *ibid.*)

Is it also possible that those 3 *shepherds* also refer to *Cain, Balaam, and Korah*? - For they had been a type of those people that destroys God's Church since the first century. *And it seems to indicate here that those three shepherds shall still be involved with the staff Beauty and Bands. The three shepherds epitomize the prevailing spirit during the Ephesian era, and Jude wrote about them for our time!*

"Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core" (Jude 1:11)

"Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another" (v. 9).

- that that dieth, let it die – referring to Cain when he killed his brother Abel
- that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off – referring to Balaam when he cut himself off from God by lusting for material things. He also allowed Israel to be cut off in exchange for a reward.
- and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another – referring to Korah by dividing and ripping apart Israel when he rebelled against Moses. (As *JFB*

Commentary puts it referring to this verse: “Let them madly perish by MUTUAL DISCORDS”)

So God broke the staff *Beauty*; “cut it asunder, that I (God) might break my covenant which I (God) had made with all the people.” God BROKE THE COVENANT, because the people rebelled!

Mr. Armstrong was “taken out of the way” – the rod, God’s government was broken then. After the staff *Beauty* (Mr. Armstrong) was broken, this was what transpired:

In verse 12 we read; “And I said unto them, *If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.*” There was a Judas type betrayal which the staff *Bands* (Mr. Flurry) dealt with: At first, during the court case battle for Mr. Armstrong’s works, the PCG paid money to the WCG in exchange for selling the copyrights. From the *Raising the Ruins* book, it reads:

At a December 18 hearing, as a follow up to her tentative order, the judge said she was wasn’t inclined to change her tentative ruling. Two days after that hearing, the WCG seemed all more eager to settle, lowering its licensing offer to a \$3 million bottom line...

After weighing our options for several days, we reached a final decision on Monday, January 13, 2003: \$2.65 million for the WCG to ‘grant PCG a worldwide, nonexclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, fully paid up, non-royalty-bearing license’ to all 19 works. Under the agreement, the copyright notice would read ‘ c Herbert W. Armstrong’. The next day, to our amazement and shock, the WCG asked us to submit an alternative offer for buying the copyrights outright...

On Thursday morning, January 16 – 17 years to the day after Herbert W. Armstrong’s death – the WCG agreed to sell us all the copyrights for \$3 million. ...Later that day, Mark Helm and the WCG’s attorney conference-called Judge Snyder to tell her that both sides had agreed to terms of settlement. Thus for all intents and purposes, six years of litigation ended afternoon of January 16, 2003.”(p. 325-326)

Was it a mere coincidence that the SETTLEMENT DEAL to pay \$3 MILLION for Mr. Armstrong’s works even fell on his death anniversary on January 16 – when the staff *Beauty* was broken? This is the very specific fulfillment of Zechariah 11:12! -

“If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.” It’s like saying, “if you think it’s a good deal, then pay me up \$3 million for the copyrights to Mr. Armstrong’s works and it will be over.”

THE POTTER IN GOD’S HOUSE

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

This verse in Zechariah was fulfilled when Judas betrayed Christ for thirty pieces of silver:

“Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.” And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. ***Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet***, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value” (Matt. 27:3-9)

But why was Jeremiah mentioned here, while it was Zechariah who wrote about it? Well, there is indeed a coded connection. Let’s start in Jeremiah 18:

“The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.” (vv. 1-6)

The potter here refers to God and we are the clay. And like the potter, God is implying that - “when a lump of clay that he designed to form into one shape either proved too stiff, or had a stone in it, or some way or other came to be marred in his hand, he presently turned it into another shape; if it will not serve for a vessel of

honour, it will serve for a vessel of dishonour, just as seems good to the potter.”
(*Matthew Henry Commentary*)

To better understand this subject, let's further consider the steps in pottery making:

Lessons from ...THE MASTER POTTER

There are seven important steps in pottery making. First, let us briefly examine these seven steps. Then we shall draw the crucial spiritual analogy — how God actually develops spiritual character within the lives of the ‘clay models’ with whom He is directly dealing.

Seven Vital Steps

- (1) The master potter must first **SELECT** the type of clay which he wants to use in making a specific piece of pottery. There are many types and colors of clays — each with its own particular advantages.
- (2) The potter then lets this clay age, weather, or ferment — until it ‘**STINKS**’ and is therefore ready for use.
- (3) Next, the potter **WEDGES** — kneads, beats, treads upon or pummels — the clay to remove lumps, air bubbles, etc., and to make it more pliable.
- (4) The potter is then ready to begin actually shaping and forming the clay into whatever shape or design he has chosen. Throughout this process it is necessary to add **WATER** or **OIL** to keep the clay malleable.
- (5) Once the potter has shaped the clay, he then puts it into a furnace (or kiln) where it is heated until it reaches its "maturing point." This initial **BAKING**, or **FIRING** in the furnace, permanently sets or hardens the vessel in its desired form so that it can never be altered.
- (6) After the first firing of the clay model, it is removed from the fire, let cool, **DECORATED** and finally glazed over. This newly-glazed pottery is then given a second firing to bake these decorations onto the clay model. (There are often several decorations and firings before the pottery vessel reaches its ultimate perfection of beauty. The **FINAL DECORATIVE WORK** may include fine gold, silver or other beautiful and precious metals arrayed in artistic patterns.)
- (7) Finally the potter is ready to **JUDGE** his work. If the clay model hasn't cracked, exploded or become marred in some way during these firings, it

is at last ready to be used in whatever manner the designer and creator may decide.

(From *The Good News*, September-October 1970)

Now that we have mentioned the seven vital steps in pottery making, let's consider what the prophet Zechariah discussed in verse 13 - the "potter in the house of the LORD"; and when we compare it to that of the account in Matthew 27, the thirty pieces of silver was thrown back "to the chief priests and elders" in the temple!

Were those priests and elders, the same people being referred to by Zechariah as the "potter in the house of the Lord"?

Well, as we shall see, they are without a doubt one and the same, since they were responsible for molding and shaping the minds of the people. The priests and the elders were supposed to be God's hands in molding and shaping the spiritual image of the people to conform to that of the image of God Father.

But what have they done? They did just the opposite – they formed and shaped the minds of the people to conform unto THEIR image which is actually SATAN'S. Even Judas Iscariot became conformed to the image of Satan and he was even called the "son of perdition"! While Judas became a *vessel of dishonor*, Jesus Christ formed and shaped the minds of His disciples to conform unto the image of His Father in heaven and they became a *vessel of honor* and were eventually called the "sons of God."

Isa. 45:9 "Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?"

"Hands" in this verse is the same Hebrew word that was used in Zechariah 4:9 and in the Strong's Concordance it means this way:

"a hand - ***the open one indicating power, means, direction, etc., ministry, power***"

The ministers are supposed to be God's hands in doing His Work and of molding and shaping the minds of every member in God's Church to conform unto the image of God the Father.

Now let's see how a mere lump of clay could strive and contend with the Master Potter – in Luke 22 we read: "And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him (Jesus Christ); for they feared the people. ***Then entered Satan into Judas***

surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. ***And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.*** And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.” (vv. 2-6)

Would it also be true today if we say that the **ministry** is responsible for such actions, whether they form a vessel of honor conforming to the image of God or shape a vessel of dishonor conforming to the image of Satan? *Is Christ coming in their flesh or is it Satan coming in their flesh?* Depending on who is coming in their flesh, the resultant product will become a type of which vessel has been made – unto honor or unto dishonor - and God is allowing it as He sees fit in His plan. (2 Tim.2:20-21)

In physical man, made of the dust of the ground, God created the material with which He may mold, shape, form and create the spiritual being. He pictures us as the clay, Himself as the Potter—forming us into the spiritual image of His designing. (*Royal Vision, May-June 2003*)

As the Apostle Paul wrote: “Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory” (Rom. 9:21-23)

“Hath not the potter power over the clay - The apostle continues his answer to the Jew. Hath not God shown, by the parable of the potter, Jer. 18:1, etc., that He may justly dispose of nations, and of the Jews in particular, according as He in his infinite wisdom may judge most right and fitting; even as the potter has a right, out of the same lump of clay, to make one vessel to a more honorable and another to a less honorable use, as his own judgment and skill may direct; for no potter will take pains to make a vessel merely that he may show that he has power to dash it to pieces?” (*Clarke’s Commentary*)

Is it possible then that the ministers in God’s Church could also form and shape an individual’s mind through the use of their own human nature which is actually Satan’s nature, and while in utter ignorance, they are actually molding that individual in conformance to the image of Satan? And if that would be so, then *it is tantamount to*

being called a carved image of Satan, spiritually speaking! A very good example is Judas Iscariot, who is even called “the SON of perdition” - and who is his FATHER? Satan the devil!

Christ even told the Pharisees: “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”(John 8:44)

Again for emphasis, if a so called minister in God’s Church form and shape an individual’s mind through the use of their own *human nature* will eventually be conformed to *the image of Satan*, then that individual shall actually become a spiritual graven image of Satan the devil.

The same is true on the opposite side of it, when a minister in God’s Church form and shape an individual’s mind using *God’s Holy Spirit*, that individual shall be conformed to *the image of God the Father*. That’s why our REPENTANCE MUST BE TOWARDS GOD, so that we shall be converted and conformed unto the image of God.

As we can see from the verses in Zechariah and in Matthew, how important the role of the priests or the ministers is: Being a potter in God’s Church, they are accountable to God for whatever happens to the clay (lay member) once it has taken its final form. The Apostle Paul asks; “Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?” (Rom. 9:21)

THE POTTER’S FIELD

“And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, ***Cast it unto the potter***: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. ***And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.***” (Zech. 11:12- 13)

Again who is the “***potter in the house of the Lord***”? It’s ***the chief priests and the elders!***

“Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and ***brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders***, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. ***And the chief priests took the silver pieces...***” (Matt. 27:3-6).

But what has the *chief priests* done to those 30 silver pieces that was used as payment to betray Christ?

“And they took counsel, and bought with them ***the potter's field***, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, ***The field of blood***, unto this day. ***Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet***, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for ***the potter's field***, as the Lord appointed me.” (vv. 7-10)

What could possibly be the specific prophecy that Matthew is mentioning here about *the potter's field* that Jeremiah has prophesied? Well, it is found in Jeremiah chapter 32: “And Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is thine to buy it. So Hanameel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the Lord, and said unto me, ***Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine; buy it for thyself.*** Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And ***I bought the field*** of Hanameel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver.” (vv. 6-9)

Now as we put the pieces of the puzzle together, the prophet Jeremiah bought the field for “***the right of inheritance and redemption***” – and ***the equivalent of which was the shed BLOOD of Jesus Christ!*** (Heb. 9:14-15) “Wherefore that field was called, ***THE FIELD OF BLOOD***, unto this day.” (Matt. 27:8). But notice that there was a price to pay before that “***right of inheritance and redemption***” has to happen – ***the 30 pieces of silver which is the price of BETRAYAL!***

The chief priests and the elders during the final hours of Christ's life on this earth had bought the same field that Jeremiah bought previously for himself with 30 pieces of silver. For Jeremiah, it was the right of inheritance and redemption, but for the chief priests and the elders, it was the price of BETRAYING their own Creator and eventually becoming the ANTICHRISTS!

Even during Jeremiah's time, there were those who betrayed God – the evil priests who tried to kill His own prophet. The reason Jeremiah bought the field in Anathoth was to show to them that there is ***GREAT HOPE*** at the end of the ***BETRAYAL*** of God's own priests – ***THE RIGHT OF INHERITANCE TO GOD'S KINGDOM AND REDEMPTION FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN THROUGH CHRIST'S***

SHED BLOOD! Now here is what Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Jeremiah* booklet regarding Anathoth:

The evil priests who tried to kill Jeremiah and his message lived in Anathoth.

This was where Jeremiah was born. Today it is a little community called Anata, just outside Jerusalem. I have done a television program from there.

Anathoth was a city of God's own priests. It was assigned to the Levites, a type of God's ministers today. Is there an Anathoth today? God's end-time Work and college were raised up in Pasadena, California, by Herbert W. Armstrong. As far as I know, all of God's ministers received some kind of training there. That is where I got my degree.

I still believe the same message I was taught there. *Mystery of the Ages* was produced from there. We fought in a fierce court battle over that book, against ministers from the same Church that Herbert Armstrong was used to raise up in that same city! ***God gives us ample warning of what would emanate from that city today! God warns His very elect that our worst enemies will come from within God's own Church! It is prophesied to happen. Be vigilant.*** (p. 130, *Jeremiah and the Greatest Vision in the Bible*)

But NOTICE CAREFULLY that although Anathoth was a city of God's own priests in Jeremiah's time, but it was outside Jerusalem, so it was not the *headquarters* then for us to compare it with the Pasadena campus in California. So for a more logical analogy, this *last end Anathoth* could be one of the college campuses apart from that in Pasadena. It could either be one of the two – the Big Sandy Texas campus or the Bricket Wood campus.

Upon consideration of an announcement given to the PCG membership about the prospect of BUYING A FIELD in England, it would therefore perfectly fit in as the fulfillment of the prophesied Anathoth of today. And just like Anathoth in Jeremiah's time, this England campus was also home to God's own ministers for 14 years (1960-1974). Yet it was closed by the end-time Elijah, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, because of its part in the BETRAYAL and REBELLION against God during the 1970's. (This subject will be discussed in detail later)

Notice this very carefully: without a single doubt, the ENGLAND campus is the *last end ANATHOTH* which the *last end Jeremiah* (Mr. Flurry) has purchased. And together with him, *the leading ministers and elders* today of the *Philadelphia Church of God* have bought that same POTTER'S FIELD! Was that a mysterious coincidence?

Not at all! It was carefully and meticulously planned by God Himself! Remember that it is in the context of the GREATEST BETRAYAL and REBELLION OF ALL TIME IN THE HISTORY OF GOD’S TRUE CHURCH! And nothing could be compared to it.

“God gives us ample warning of what would emanate from (England) today! God warns His very elect that our worst enemies will come from within God’s own Church! It is prophesied to happen. Be vigilant.” (op. cit.)

“The evil priests who tried to kill Jeremiah and his message lived in Anathoth.” – Could it also be possible that those evil ministers who would try to kill and remove Mr. Flurry would also be coming from where the *last end Anathoth* is, i.e., from Britain or they are British descent men?

“And the Lord said unto me, ***Cast it unto the potter***: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. ***And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord. Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands***, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. (Zech. 11:13-14)

It is ***the potter in the house of the Lord*** who shall betray the staff of God in this *last end*. Remember that the staff BEAUTY (Mr. Armstrong) has already been “cut asunder” (v. 10) in this *end-time*. While, it is God’s other staff BANDS (Mr. Flurry) who is to be “cut asunder” in this *last end*.

But there is GREAT HOPE at the end of this *last end* BETRAYAL – the ultimate and final fulfillment of **OUR INHERITANCE FROM OUR HEAVENLY FATHER AND OUR MUCH AWAITED REDEMPTION!**

“And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your ***redemption*** draweth nigh.” (Luke 21:27-28)

THE GRAVEN IMAGE

In Habakkuk 2:18 we can read a seeming vague prophecy: “What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?” This is what *Matthew Henry Commentary* wrote regarding verse 18:

“What profits the graven image?...It is so far from profiting them that it puts a cheat upon them, and keeps them under the power of a strong delusion; they

say, It shall teach, but it is a teacher of lies ...***An image is a DOCTRINE of vanities; it is falsehood, and a WORK of errors***, Jer. 10:8, Jer. 10:14, Jer. 10:15.”

There is indeed a STRONG DELUSION and the people in God’s Church believe a TEACHER OF LIES whose doctrines are all vanities, falsehood and errors.

Contrast that “teacher of lies” to that of “teacher of righteousness” in Joel 2:23. It seems that there are indeed two different sets of hands that forms and shapes an image – “*the teacher of lies*” who forms and shapes through their own human nature to conform unto the *image of Satan*; while “*the teacher of righteousness*” who forms and shapes through God’s Holy Spirit to conform unto the *image of God the Father*.

There is somewhat an *intriguing word* in this verse, let’s look at the word “molten”, *in Strong’s*:

H4541. maccekah; from **H5258**; a pouring over, i.e. fusion of metal especially a cast image; *by implication a libation*, i.e. league; a coverlet as if poured out:--covering, molten image, veil.

H5258. nacak; a prim. root; to pour out, *especially a libation*, or to cast metal; *by analogy to anoint a king*:--cover, melt, offer, cause to pour out, set up.

Does this “molten image” spoken of by the prophet Habakkuk could be speaking of an anointing of a king? If that would be the context, then it does seem to indicate here that there is some kind of a ***king-making-scheme*** to which the *priests* are involved in creating. (This could also be *the king and the priest* tandem that is being mentioned in Lamentations 2:6.) This ***king-making-scheme*** being formed and shaped by those *idol priests* could very well be the profit or the benefit of having a *graven image*. But what is that “graven image”?

The “***graven image***” as *Matthew Henry Commentary* suggests: “***is a doctrine of vanities, it is falsehood and a work of errors.***” Could it be referring to the “work in England and in Ireland” by which the very hands of *the idol priests* were responsible for fashioning it? That after they have fashioned it, they will submit to that falsehood and work of errors – the *graven image* which they will give their full trust and confidence. Remember that that “*graven image*” is also *a doctrine of vanities* (see also Jer. 4:15 and Zech. 10:2).

In 1 Kings 12:20 we can read of its *principle*; “And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, *that they sent and called him unto the*

congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.” It was the leaders of the ten tribes of Israel that made Jeroboam their king. A “*molten image*” could also refer to *giving a position* to any man without God’s real anointing and blessings. (See 1 Tim. 5:22; it will also be further explained later)

Could it also be possible that these *idol priests* in God’s Church were the ones who have convinced *That Prophet* that by having the title of an APOSTLE, he could then automatically have the authority to “bind and loose” just like Mr. Armstrong? This seems to be a “*doctrine of falsehood*” as well on their end, which again is equivalent to a “*graven image*.”

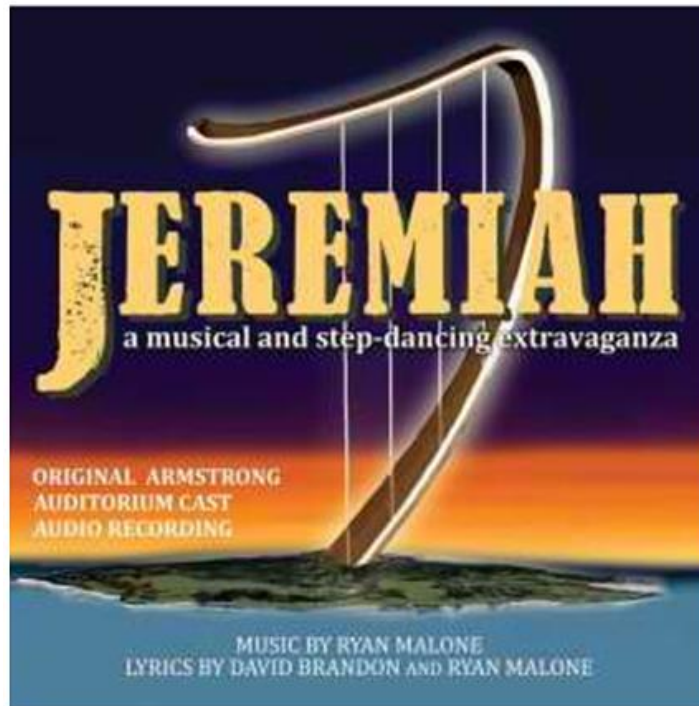
We must remember that it was the Apostle Peter that was given by God the authority to bind and loose since he was the chief apostle (Matt. 16:18-19). The other apostles were NEVER given that same kind of authority as he had, not even John the beloved, the disciple who leaned on Jesus’ bosom. And like the Apostle Peter, Mr. Armstrong in this end time was given the authority to *bind and loose* because God “restored all things” through him – which in actual fact, it was Christ coming in the flesh through him and did the restoration to the Church. Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote:

No minister on Earth today has the authority Mr. Armstrong had. No one else has accomplished what God has done through him. (*Ezra and Nehemiah – Building God’s Temple*, p. 18)

But what could have been the probable reason behind the prodding of these idol priests? So that everything that these *idol priests* will suggest to Mr. Flurry, once he approved of it will have to be binding (or so they thought). Now, look closely at how the *idol priests* have fashioned this “*graven image*”:

“Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it”:

1. They have produced a musical *about the life* of Jeremiah the prophet
2. They have convinced Mr. Flurry to have a feast site in Ireland (2013)
3. They gave a counsel to Mr. Flurry convincing him to re-open the England college campus and establish an office there in England.
4. They plan to have an archeological dig in Ireland to possibly get the Ark of the Covenant



Above is a promotional flyer for the Jeremiah - The Musical, which focuses on the life story of the prophet Jeremiah. The background is supposed to be the harp of King David on top of Ireland

One might ask, has God really approved of such a work in England and also in Ireland? Could Mr. Armstrong's stamp of approval be found in it? Will it be binding? In God's view, He considers it as "dumb idols" or "dumb nothings"! (Hab. 2:18) ***There is only one signet of God and that is the end time Zerubbabel - Mr. Armstrong!***

ZERUBBABEL THE SIGNET

Why does God say He made this end-time Zerubbabel a signet? Unger's Bible Dictionary defines signet as "an impression made that had the same legal validity as an actual signature." The law is what makes a signature valid. People must submit to that law or everything breaks down. So the law and government established through a type of Zerubbabel is like God's own signature today! ...Only those who submit to God's law will understand what the signet is. "Without a seal, no document is considered authentic" (*ibid*). Before any work is authentic, we must have God's rule – His government. Having that government also assures that the other doctrines included in the Zerubbabel signet are not tainted. ***Our work today revolves around what God did through Herbert W. Armstrong, who is now dead. If we are not building on God's Work through***

Mr. Armstrong, we are being deceived. ...The whole idea of the signet is about God and His government. God reveals the signet's meaning only to those who submit to His government. The signet is an emblem or seal of authority. God's authority. ***Zerubbabel is the signet, but he is God's signet. We use that signet or seal to establish what God taught through Mr. Armstrong.*** The only reason you need the signet is if the person in authority is not there. The seal represents God's authority or government. (*Haggai: God Has Begun To Shake The Nations*, pp. 2-3)

As Mr. Flurry wrote that ***“If we are not building on God's Work through Mr. Armstrong, we are being deceived;”*** now one may ask, “Does establishing a work in Ireland has precedence when Mr. Armstrong was alive?” If there's none, then we are being deceived! And this is a very strong delusion indeed! (Jer. 4:10) Mr. Flurry wrote in his book, *Malachi's Message*:

“If we fail to hold on to God's past instructions, we will be easily deceived...”
(p. 19)

Are the ministers in the PCG still holding on to past instructions?

THE MOLTEN IMAGE

Let's consider a very disturbing account - a *glaring* deletion of a sentence from Mr. Armstrong's book, *Mystery of the Ages*:

The sentence we removed from our 2003 version is found on page 245 of the older one, where it said, “No prophets are mentioned as having either administrative, executive or preaching functions in the New Testament Church.” We removed that sentence from the 2003 version, not because we are doing away with Mr. Armstrong's teachings, but because of what God has added to the Church since Mr. Armstrong died—the revealed truth that there is, in fact, a prophet guiding the Church today who also serves an administrative and executive position within the Church. God did not reveal this to Mr. Armstrong before he died, just as He didn't reveal the specifics about the Laodicean rebellion—for obvious reasons...

Now we could have attempted to write another section to be included in *Mystery of the Ages* that would reflect this new revelation, but we felt it best to preserve the text as closely as possible to the original and simply strike that sentence and then let our other literature, like *That Prophet*, reflect the Church's new teaching on the subject. (Stephen Flurry, *PGR*, Oct. 21, 2004, p. 3-4)

Why not instead of making changes by removing a sentence from *Mystery of the Ages*, Mr. Stephen Flurry could have rather used a *footnote* or an *endnote* to explain "what God has added to the Church since Mr. Armstrong died" by pointing the readers to the "*Who Is That Prophet?*" literature?

Not only did the PCG do it once, but has already currently accomplished deleting yet another thought in reference to the position of a prophet. Continuing from the *Pastor General's Report*:

In fact, the next time we print *Mystery of the Ages*, we will also cut a parenthetical phrase found on page 350 – one that we overlooked last year. Again, in reference to the position of prophet, Mr. Armstrong wrote, "of which there are none in God's Church today since the Bible for our time is complete." Again, there is a prophet leading God's Church today. (*ibid.*)

Do these people inside the PCG who make those changes really believe that Christ has come in the flesh of Mr. Armstrong to write *Mystery of the Ages*? - That God sent an end time Elijah to "restore all things"? (Matt. 17:11)

An end time Elijah has already come and gone, and did restore all things to the Church, yet the people in God's own Church has done unto Mr. Armstrong whatsoever that is pleasing unto them (v. 12) - ***even deleting a sentence from Mystery of the Ages is already tantamount to saying that Christ is not coming in the flesh through Mr. Armstrong! And that is a spirit of an antichrist!*** (1 John 4:1-3). What they have deleted is no small thing – it is pivotal! We should not have turned to the right hand or to the left as what Joshua had done.

"Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside there from to the right hand or to the left." (Josh. 23:6)

As indicated in the October 21, 2004 *PGR*, even as early as 2003 perhaps after the court case victory against the WCG, they have already altered and omitted phrases

from Mr. Armstrong's book. This could very well be the reason why Mrs. Barbara Flurry had to die to picture the spiritual condition of the PCG.

From Mr. Flurry's book, *Malachi's Message*, he wrote the importance of the book, *Mystery of the Ages*, and how Mr. Armstrong felt about it:

Read Mr. Armstrong's own words when he introduced *Mystery of the Ages* to God's people in a letter dated September 12, 1985:

Dear Brethren and Co-workers with Christ:

Since last December I have been working diligently on the LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT BOOK OF MY LIFE. **IN REAL FACT I FEEL I MYSELF DID NOT WRITE IT. Rather, I believe God used me in writing it.** I CANDIDLY FEEL IT MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK SINCE THE BIBLE. ...“We want to reach the largest audience possible with this book. I know you will feel the same way when you read it. ...

This new book, *Mystery of the Ages*, unveils all these mysteries. It puts the many different parts of the ‘jigsaw puzzle’ together. It is, in fact, a synopsis of the entire Bible. It is my prayer that you will read it along with your Bible—that it will make your Bible come alive and understandable. And with God's Holy Spirit dwelling in you, I feel sure that it will. I AM NOW IN MY 94TH YEAR, AND I FEEL THAT THIS BOOK IS THE MOST VALUABLE GIFT I COULD POSSIBLY GIVE TO YOU. This book is a partial expression of my thanks and gratitude to you for being a co-laborer with me and with Jesus Christ. With all my heart, I do appreciate and thank God for your part with me in the wonderful Work in these closing days.

Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote in a member and co-worker letter dated November 25, 1985: “With the writing of the new book *Mystery of the Ages* God has helped me this year to DO THE BEST WORK OF MY 93 YEARS OF LIFE!” (*Chapter 2, Hold Fast*, pp. 21-22) In the *Raising the Ruins* book, Mr. Stephen Flurry even wrote:

MR. ARMSTRONG'S REMARKABLE BOOK

When the *Plain Truth* finished its serialized version of *Mystery of the Ages* in November 1986, Mr. Tkach Sr. introduced the last installment by saying it was a “remarkable book” that was “in a very real sense” Mr. Armstrong's “last will

and testament.” He said that Mr. Armstrong did not underestimate the value of the work.

And indeed, whenever Mr. Armstrong talked about the book, he heaped praise upon it. Soon after Mr. Armstrong began work on *Mystery of the Ages* in 1985, he told the church membership that it would probably be the “most important book” he had ever written. In the Author’s Statement of the book, Mr. Armstrong proclaimed, “Time may prove this to be the most important book written in almost 1,900 years.” (Chapter 2, *Legacies*, p. 17)

Moreover, Mr. Stephen Flurry reiterated in the October 21, 2004 PGR:

As we have said so many times before, *Mystery of the Ages* is like a magnificent summary of Mr. Armstrong’s lifelong work and his many teachings. **It’s a MASTERPIECE!** Even during the court case, we insisted that rewriting such a book ourselves would be unacceptable because of the inspiration behind the way that book was put together. (*op. cit.*)

If that book was indeed considered a *masterpiece*, and then someone makes some alterations to it, what could possibly happen to that *masterpiece*? Speaking as a fool: Would someone dare try to alter one of Leonardo Da Vinci’s masterpieces, say, the *Mona Lisa* even with the slightest modification of her smile in the painting and still declare that it’s the original? Will that painting still be considered an original masterpiece, or is it already considered an adulterated version?

Now who would dare try to change the content of the book, *Mystery of the Ages* if Mr. Armstrong himself has believed in his heart that it was in fact written by Christ Himself through him?

Who gave Mr. Stephen Flurry the authority to change what Mr. Armstrong wrote in the *Mystery of the Ages* book even early on 2003? Does he have the same office as that of the Apostle Peter who was given the authority to bind and loose? Does he have the authority like that of the end time Elijah (Mr. Armstrong), who restored all things?

He showed through his action in altering the *Mystery of the Ages* book, that Christ was not coming in the flesh through Mr. Armstrong. Well, he may be saying that Christ is coming in the flesh through his words, yet his deeds showed what was contrary to his declaration. Does he agree now with Mr. Joseph Tkach that *Mystery of the Ages* is indeed riddled with errors? Is there any hypocrisy here?

If there is, then there must be a leaven of the Pharisees in the midst of the PCG!
And it puffs up the entire lump!

Let's consider again Habakkuk 2:18 –“What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?”

Was the October 21, 2004 PGR concerning the changes made in the *Mystery of the Ages* about the deletion of a certain thought regarding the office of a prophet being done in order to create an image to fit in the idol priests' scheme? Could this be considered as a specific fulfillment of Habakkuk 2:18 involving the molten image and a teacher of lies who has made a **graven image** which according to *Matthew Henry Commentary* refer to **a DOCTRINE of vanities, falsehood, and a WORK of errors**? From *Barnes Commentary* we can read of Habakkuk 2:18:

“The molten image and teacher of lies - It is all one whether by ‘teacher of lies’ we understand the idol, or its priest. *For its priest gave it its voice*, as its maker created its form. It could only seem to teach through the idol-priest. Isaiah used the title “teacher of lies,” of the false prophet Isa. 9:14-15. It is all one. Zechariah combines them Zech. 10:2; ‘The teraphim have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have had false dreams.’”

As discussed previously that the “idols” do refer to the “impostors” in God's Church. Here it refers to the “*idol priests*” or the “*teacher of lies*” (in contrast to the “*teacher of righteousness*” in Joel 2:23). These “teacher of lies” was the “VOICE” that was heard in Jeremiah 4:15 - “For a VOICE declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.”

Going back to Habakkuk 2:18 –“What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?” Continuing from *Barne's Commentary*:

“That the maker of his work trusteth therein - This was the special folly of idolatry. The thing made must needs be inferior to its maker. It was one of the corruptions of idolatry that the maker of his own work should trust in what was wholly his own creation, what, not God, but himself created, what had nothing but what it had from himself. He uses the very words which express the relation of man to God, ‘the Framer’ and ‘the thing framed.’ Isa. 29:16, ‘O your perverseness! Shall the framer be accounted as clay, theft the thing made should

say of its Maker, He made me not, and the thing framed say of its Framer, He hath no hands?' *The idol-maker is 'the creator of his creature,' of his god whom he worships. Again the idol-maker makes 'dumb idols' (literally, 'dumb nothings') in themselves nothings, and having no power out of themselves; and what is uttered in their name, are but lies.* And what else are man's idols of wealth, honor, fame, which he makes to himself, the creatures of his own hands or mind, their greatness existing chiefly in his own imagination before which he bows down himself...?"

So if those ministers created an individual after their own image and not after God's image, then those people whom they have spiritually formed and shaped are just like *"'dumb idols' (literally, 'dumb nothings') in themselves nothings, and having no power out of themselves; and what is uttered in their name, are but lies."*

And what else do those idol-making ministers base their judgment on in choosing their own creations for making such idols? – *"wealth, honor, fame, which he makes to himself, the creatures of his own hands or mind, their greatness existing chiefly in his own imagination before which he bows down himself."*

Looks like those idol-making ministers inside God's Church, choose those people who has the wealth, the honor and the fame through which they also make to themselves, and though their greatness exist only in their own imagination yet they succumb to it by which they eventually deceive themselves.

"Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it." (Hab. 2:19)

Even though those people whom the idol-making ministers have taught and at times have ordained to an office do possess all the physical material greatness in them, can they teach righteousness? Can they impart spiritual life? God said "WOE UNTO HIM" for "there is no breath at all in the midst of it." (This is the same as what the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Tim. 5:22 and what the prophet Haggai wrote in Hag. 2:12-13. More on this subject later)

Aside from that, we are guilty of the first two commandments of God if we worship these molten and graven images – these "idols" or "impostors" in God's Church and their doctrine of vanities and work of errors.

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to

them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.” (Exo. 20:3-5)

Verse 19 could also be referring to the planned re-opening of the Bricket Wood college campus in England and a planned archeological dig in Ireland, i.e., the idol-makers wants to give life to it with extravagance even overlaying it with a musical play (*Jeremiah – The Musical*), establishing a feast site in Ireland and now they plan to re-open the Bricket Wood campus which Mr. Armstrong has already closed, with an office to support that dig. They may have spread lavish ornaments on that “graven image”, yet in God’s eyes it has NO LIFE in it because He does not approve such a work to be done in Bricket Wood, England nor in Ireland.

Let’s consider again a specific fulfillment of the Habakkuk 2:19 prophecy: “Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.” Let us consider the word “**awake**” in the dictionary:

1. To rouse from sleep; waken.
2. **To stir the interest of; excite.**
3. **To stir up memories.**

“Woe unto him that saith to the **WOOD, Awake**” - Does this expression refer to the RE-OPENING of the **Bricket WOOD** campus with the **CEDARS of Lebanon** in it that has *stirred the interest* of the *Philadelphia Church of God* with *excitement* which is coupled with *stirred up memories* of it?

Let’s move on to the next expression: “to the **DUMB STONE, Arise**, it shall teach!”

“**Arise**” in the dictionary could also mean, “**to come into being; originate**”

Could the above utterance be referring to the planned **archeological dig** in Ireland and the acquisition of **Jacob’s pillar stone**? Ireland has recently **come into being** and so far, God’s people have been **taught** about the life’s **origin** of the messenger Jeremiah the prophet, Irish step dancing and Irish culture which according to one sermon given by Stephen Flurry would also be **taught** in the Millennium. For emphasis, let us read again what *Matthew Henry Commentary* noted:

What profits the graven image? ...It is so far from profiting them that it puts a cheat upon them, and keeps them under the power of a strong delusion...

This “graven image” is a STRONG DELUSION indeed! ***And it puts a cheat on them!*** Remember that the “graven image” is a **DOCTRINE** of vanities, it is falsehood and a **WORK** of errors.” While the “molten image and a teacher of lies” refer to those **PERSONS** who have been **ordained** hastily in God’s Church who teach lies, vanities, falsehood and errors.

DO NOT ORDAIN ANYONE HASTILY

Going back to the potter in the house of the Lord, in the *Zechariah* booklet, Mr. Flurry wrote:

“And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them” (Zechariah 11:13). Notice what is happening here! Christ is taking this personally. He was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver! “...***And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.***” (p. 76)

Now what shall be the reason why God shall break the staff *Bands*? – There has to be a Judas type betrayal that shall happen again (as discussed in previous chapters). And to better understand the theme surrounding this betrayal, we have to go to the *Jude* booklet:

(Jude) wrote one of the most powerful small books in the Bible. He showed us that we must build the character to rule the universe. That is why we are here. *We must learn to keep and administer God’s law—be executives of God’s government—in the World Tomorrow.* That is what the gospel is all about. *This is what Jude was trying to get God’s own people to fully understand. But his book is primarily prophecy for God’s end-time Church.* Many of God’s people are dying spiritually today, as they were at the time of Jude’s warning. Nothing could be more important for us to comprehend. This book shows us why the angels on this Earth failed and how we can succeed (p. 19)

Mr. Flurry said that *it is important for us to comprehend and fully understand* Jude's warning in his epistle. *And it revolves around keeping and administering God's law and government – God's way!*

"Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities."(Jude 1:8)

Who are these "*filthy dreamers*"? Could they be the same group of people that was discussed in Zechariah 10:2? - "For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told *false dreams*". If these are one and the same, then they are the "idols" and the "impostors" inside God's own Church! They are *the antichrists* that shall betray Christ in the flesh!

To fully understand the context of what Jude is trying to convey to us, let us find the definitions of some of his words that were inspired by God that would describe the prevailing spirit of those that has crept inside God's Church.

"Defile" comes from the original Greek word "miaino" which means; **to sully** or taint, i.e. contaminate:--defile.

"Sully" according to the dictionary means: **"PLACE UNDER SUSPICION OR CAST DOUBT UPON; MAKE DIRTY OR SPOTTY; CHARGE FALSELY OR WITH MALICIOUS INTENT; ATTACK THE GOOD NAME AND REPUTATION OF SOMEONE"**

"Flesh" in *Strong's* is sarx; flesh (as stripped of the skin), i.e. the body (as opposed to the spirit, or as the symbol of what is external, or (by implication) **HUMAN NATURE** (*with its frailties and passions*), or a human being (as such):-**CARNALLY MINDED, FLESHLY.**

Looking at the definitions above, the phrase "defile the flesh" could appropriately mean:

- **PLACE UNDER SUSPICION OR CAST DOUBT UPON another person by being CARNALLY MINDED**
- **CHARGE FALSELY OR WITH MALICIOUS INTENT; ATTACK THE GOOD NAME AND REPUTATION OF SOMEONE using HUMAN NATURE WITH ITS FRAILTIES AND PASSIONS**

"These men are grumblers and FAULT FINDERS; THEY FOLLOW THEIR OWN EVIL DESIRES; THEY BOAST ABOUT THEMSELVES and FLATTER

OTHERS FOR THEIR OWN ADVANTAGE". (Jude 1:16, NIV) What kind of people are they?

Then Jude returns to the subject of the Laodiceans, and the intensity of his message increases. 'But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves' (verse 10). They are like brute beasts—there is no Holy Spirit there guiding them. We must be able to discern that. I am learning more deeply as time goes on that we must look at fruits—we can't measure conversion by sweet smiles. Animals act according to their instincts. These 'brute beast' rebels act according to their natural carnality. God has been pushed out of their lives. ***They were and are guided only by evil human reasoning.*** (p. 25, *ibid.*)

And why is this so? Aren't these men supposed to use God's Spirit in administering God's law and government of LOVE? Why are they doing such atrocious acts?! Indeed they are SPIRITUAL TERRORISTS as Mr. Flurry describes them!

Is it any wonder that Jude aptly described these men as having not the Spirit of God? **AND THESE ARE THE VERY MEN THAT CAUSES DIVISION INSIDE GOD'S CHURCH!** "***These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.***" (Jude 1:19, NIV)

"These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit" (Jude 19). The Companion Bible reads "are separating themselves." These individuals had it and lost it, or they never had it. The RSV reads, "It is these who set up divisions." The *International Critical Commentary* states, "These are they that make separations." They try to divide and conquer God's Church! There will always be a few of these people within the Church, trying to destroy the harmony. (p. 33-34, *ibid.*)

And what is God's view about those men? Well, there's a complementary prophecy in chapter 2 of Haggai:

"In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying, ***If one bear***

holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it become holy? And the priests answered and said, No. Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. Then answered Haggai and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.” (vv. 10-14)

To better understand what God wants to convey through the prophet Haggai let's define each Hebrew word in verse 12:

If : lo! also (as expressing surprise) if: - **behold**

One: *a man as an individual or a male person; steward*

Dictionary –

Steward: In Scripture and theology, *a minister of Christ*, whose duty is to dispense the provisions of the gospel, to preach its doctrines and administer its ordinances.

Bear: to lift, *desire, exalt self, lift self up, raise up*

Dictionary –

Exalt: *to raise in rank and power*; to elevate by praise: glorify

Holy: a sacred place or thing; rarely abstractly sanctity: - consecrated (thing), dedicated (thing), hallowed (thing), holiness, most holy, saint, sanctuary.

Flesh: H1320bâšâr

From H1319; flesh from its freshness; **person**; also by euphemism the pudenda of a man: **self**.

[H1319. to be fresh, i.e. *to announce glad news:-messenger, preach, publish, preach good tidings.*]

Skirt: *an edge or extremity; a pinnacle, overspreading, uttermost part.*

Garment:

From H898; a covering, that is, clothing; also *treachery or pillage*: - apparel, **very treacherous covering**

From Brown-Driver-Briggs Definition *beget*

1. treachery, deceit

[H898:*to cover* with a garment; figuratively, *to act covertly; by implication to pillage:--deal deceitfully, treacherously, unfaithfully, offend, transgress*]

(Just like in Malachi 2:16 wherein the garment is used to conceal violence and treachery: “For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: **for one covereth violence with his garment**, saith the LORD of hosts: **therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.**”)

Dictionary –

covertly means secretly; closely; in private; **insidiously**.

Insidious means awaiting a chance to entrap; **treacherous** (also means, likely to betray trust)

Pillage -

1. **Plunder**; spoil; **that which is taken from another by open force**, particularly and chiefly from enemies in war.
2. The act of looting or plundering.
3. Something taken as booty
4. **To strip of money or goods by open violence**

Touch:

to touch, i.e. **lay the hand upon for any purpose**; euphemism, to lie with a woman; by implication to reach, touch.

With all the definitions stated above, for Haggai 2:12, “If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy?” We can paraphrase it this way:

“Lo! Behold any steward or minister of Christ who desires for himself to become holy or desires for himself to be raised in rank and power to God’s holy office, yet he acts covertly, secretly, even insidiously, while his real intention is to pillage and plunder, to deal deceitfully, treacherously, unfaithfully, to offend and eventually transgress; So while he is in the pinnacle of his deceit, he lay his hand upon God’s work to preach, to publish and carry good tidings, to conduct Passover ceremonies, to baptize people, or to anoint with oil for healing inside God’s own Church. Shall whatsoever his hands lay upon be holy? NO!”

This sounded more like the **Simon Magus-type-men** who has already crept in inside God’s own Church! (This subject will be discussed in detail in chapter 7)

“Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.” (Hag. 2:13)

But what does God meant when He speaks of a *dead body*? The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 8:10; “And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” And here is what Mr. Herbert Armstrong said regarding this verse:

Verse 10: “And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” ***I think a lot of people don't get that. The body is dead. Paul says 'I died' when the truth came and so on. I've tried to explain my own experience of conversion that the self in me had to die. I had to give it up just as if it was dead. My body still kept on breathing and my heart kept pumping, but it didn't live as it had before. It was dead to those things.*** (Tucson Bible Study: Romans 8 given on January 12, 1980)

Further on the Apostle Paul wrote: “*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*” (vv. 6-8, 13)

Therefore, a ***dead body*** spiritually speaking refers to our ***human nature***. And what is human nature? Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote about it:

In a word, the selfishness, hostility, deceitfulness, wickedness, rebellion, etc. that we call ‘Human NATURE’ is actually SATAN’S NATURE. It is Satan’s ATTITUDE. And broadcasting it, surcharging the air with it, Satan actually NOW WORKS IN the unsuspecting all over the world today! That is HOW Satan deceives the whole world today (Rev. 12:9; 20:3). Being invisible, Satan is not seen by people. ...People will feel depressed and won’t realize why. But those unaware of this phenomenon, with this self-centered attitude being broadcast and injected into their unsuspecting minds from earliest childhood, do, to a greater or lesser degree, absorb it until it becomes their normal attitude. It becomes habitual. It does not, of course, exhibit the same degree of effect in all minds - one person will become more evil than another. But the natural tendency is there. They come to have it naturally. It becomes their very NATURE. And we call it ‘human nature.’

All this is an outstanding example of just how subtle Satan is! The finest and most brilliant human minds have been deceived by it. Thus the WHOLE WORLD has been swayed by Satan into what I often term, simply, the ‘GET’ way of life -- the way that has become HABITUAL and NATURAL which we term ‘HUMAN NATURE.’ (*HUMAN NATURE Did God Create It?*1976 edition)

Let’s move to Haggai 2:13: “Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.”

The word “**unclean**” in *Strong’s* means: **defiled, polluted, unclean**. Now we can decipher what God wants to convey through the prophet Haggai: So if a minister in God’s Church uses human nature instead of God’s Holy Spirit in dealing with God’s people and in doing God’s Work, everything that that minister will lay his hands upon shall be *defiled, polluted, unclean!* Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Royal Vision*:

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God is teaching us to know and fear the devil. Mr. Armstrong said, ‘I know Satan is a thousand times stronger than I.’ He really does have power, and if we don’t stay close to God, he’s going to really deal us a death blow. We all have human nature to conquer. ...***We know Simon Magus didn’t even attempt to conquer his evil human nature.*** The Laodiceans don’t want to deal with theirs. But there is a high price to pay for failing to do so.” (p. 8, *November-December 2012* issue)

For emphasis let’s read again what the prophet Haggai asked from the priests concerning the law:

“If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.

“Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.”

Now to better understand, let us again consider the following paraphrase:

“Lo! Behold any steward or minister of Christ who desires for himself to become holy or desires for himself to be raised in rank and power to God’s

holy office, yet he acts covertly, secretly, even insidiously, while his real intention is to pillage and plunder, to deal deceitfully, treacherously, unfaithfully, to offend and eventually transgress; So while he is in the pinnacle of his deceit, he lay his hand upon God's work to preach, to publish and carry good tidings, to conduct Passover ceremonies, to baptize people, or to anoint with oil for healing, inside God's own Church. Shall whatsoever his hands lay upon be holy? NO!"

"And if that man who is defiled by his human nature, lay hands upon any of those, shall God's work become defiled as well? Yes it shall be defiled!"

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."(James 2:10)

"Then answered Haggai, and said, ***So is this people, and so is this nation before me***, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean" (Hag. 2:14). In God's view, His own Church became unclean because of those ministers that defile it.

Considering further, let's read what *Matthew Henry Commentary* wrote regarding Haggai 2:12-13:

God sees there are many among them that spoil this good work, by going about it with unsanctified hearts and hands, and are likely to gain no advantage to themselves by it; these are here convicted, and all are warned thereby to purify the hands they employ in this work, for to the pure only all things are pure, and from the pure only that comes which is pure...

Perhaps Haggai was therefore ordered to consult the priests, that out of their own mouths he might judge both them and the people committed to their charge, and convict them of worse than ceremonial pollution. (See Lev. 10:10-11). Now the rules of the law, in the cases propounded, are:

- (1.) That he that has holy flesh in his clothes cannot by the touch of his clothes communicate holiness...***
- (2.) That he that is ceremonially unclean by the touch of a dead body does by his touch communicate that uncleanness.***

Again for emphasis, as indicated in Haggai 2:12, ***the holiness of an object CANNOT be imparted and transmitted to another object when it is brought into***

contact to that holy object, while the uncleanness of an object CAN be imparted and transmitted to another object when it is brought into contact to that unclean object.

So in a very big way, 1 Timothy 5:22: could very well be a complementary scripture for Haggai 2:12 which says: “Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.” From *Barnes Commentary* regarding 1 Timothy 5:22 we read:

Lay hands suddenly on no man - ...the obvious meaning is to refer it to ordination. It was usual to lay the hands on the heads of those who were ordained to a sacred office, or appointed to perform an important duty...**The idea here is, that Timothy should not be hasty in an act so important as that of introducing people to the ministry...**He should not at once introduce a man to the ministry because he gave evidence of piety, or because he burned with an ardent zeal, or because he thought himself qualified for the work...

While *Clarke's Commentary* states this:

Neither be partaker of other men's sins – **IT IS A SIN FOR ANY IMPROPER PERSON TO THRUST HIMSELF INTO THE SACRED OFFICE; and he partakes of that sin who introduces, helps him forward, or sanctions him in it.**

And *JFB Commentary* has this to say:

neither be partaker of other men's sins — **by negligence in ordaining ungodly candidates, and so becoming in some degree responsible for their sins.**

So just as in Haggai 2:12, the Apostle Paul reminded Timothy that if a minister who is holy will ordain someone in a hasty manner a person who is ungodly, then that minister even though he is holy will be a partaker of the sins of that ungodly person that was ordained –

The holiness of the minister CANNOT be imparted or transmitted to that ungodly person that was ordained, but the uncleanness of that ungodly person once ordained CAN be imparted and transmitted to the holy minister. And anything that they both lay hands upon shall be defiled. And on and on the uncleanness will be transmitted to the others as well, like a very contagious disease. This is the same

principle in Habakkuk 2:18 - “What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?”

If that “molten image” (idol priests or ministers) has created individuals after their own image of being a teacher of lies, and not after God’s image, then those people whom they have spiritually formed and shaped after their own likeness are just considered to be “*dumb idols*.” So what profit does that individual get from it?

Nothing! Just plain *vanity*! (Zech. 10:2) And aside from speaking vanity, these “impostors” wanted to raise their rank like Lucifer (Isa. 14:13-14). They will do everything they can to make it happen through “wealth, honor, fame, which he makes to himself, the creatures of his own hands or mind, their greatness existing chiefly in his own imagination before which he bows down himself” (*Barnes Commentary*)

Now if that is the prevailing spirit of some of the people who do God’s work today, what does God has to say about it? He speaks through the prophet Haggai: “Then answered Haggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.” (Hag. 2:14)

Everything that these idol priests or ministers have touched will become unclean in God’s eyes, and so is God’s own sanctuary! Regarding Haggai 2:14, here is what the *International Critical Commentary* says:

Now, the priests had said that ***uncleanness was contagious***. It is natural, therefore, to expect that the prophet will here make an application of this important fact, and the next clause, yea, ***so with all the work of their hands***, seems to meet this expectation. ...***Thus it came to pass that what they from time to time offered on the altar already erected was unclean***.

It does seem very clear now that God has to cleanse His own sanctuary because it has become unclean and polluted even by the ministers inside His own Church – the PCG! Continuing from *Matthew Henry Commentary* about verse 14:

How it is here applied (v. 14): So is this people, and so is this nation, before me. ***He does not call them his people and his nation (they are unworthy to be owned by him), but this people, and this nation. They have been thus before God; they thought their offering sacrifices on the altar would sanctify them....: ‘No,’ says God, ‘...that if they be profane, and sensual, and morally impure, if***

they have wicked hearts, and live wicked lives, though they work ever so hard at the temple while it is building, and though they offer ever so many and costly sacrifices there when it is built, yet that shall not serve to sanctify their meat and drink to them, and to give them a comfortable use of them; nay, the impurity of their hearts and lives shall make even that work of their hands, and all their offerings, unclean, and an abomination to God.'

GOD NO LONGER calls them “***His people and His nation***” but “***this people and this nation***” because they are already defiled in His sight (see also Jer. 4:10). This prophecy is the same as that written in Ezekiel 24:21 “Thus saith the Lord GOD; ***Behold, I will profane my sanctuary.***” (More on that subject later)

“Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, *How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation*, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?” (Dan. 8:13).

“*The transgression of desolation*” is why there has to be a second fulfillment of 1150 days, but this time for the evening sacrifice –because the sanctuary has become unclean, polluted, and defiled. So after the fulfillment of this time period “then shall the sanctuary be cleansed” AGAIN. (v. 14)

And what shall God do to cleanse His sanctuary and separate the wicked from the righteous?

“Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even *Bands*, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel” (v. 14)

God shall break the staff *Bands* that He might be able to completely separate the *Philadelphians* (Judah) from the *Laodiceans* (Israel). As mentioned earlier, that there are already two women on an ephah that built God’s house in Shinar (Edmond, Oklahoma).

When Mr. Flurry as “the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall” – the rod, God’s government shall be broken again. As Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Royal Vision*:

Think about it: Why would God allow His apostles to die? Surely the people thought, amid all the persecution, that they needed those men! But God responded, *No – YOU NEED ME! You need to know that I AM with you!* In too many cases, the people of God didn’t understand that. We all have the power we need. *Jesus Christ Himself* is leading His Church! But look what happened after

Mr. Armstrong died. The people DIDN'T SEE CHRIST, and everything fell apart. God really does want to know if we truly LOVE His law and government. He wants to see if we can *stand alone with Him* – and without another man.” (p. 8, *September-October 2012* issue)

God simply wants to deeply etch in the minds of all His people throughout all generations that WE NEED HIM and not those puny little men around them. We need to know and clearly understand that God is with us if we truly love His law and government - Because if we put our trust in a mortal man, God considers it already as idolatry, PERIOD!

THE FOOLISH SHEPHERD

“And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.” (Zech. 11:15)

What could probably be the “*instruments*” God wanted the prophet Zechariah to carry with him? The word “instruments” comes from the Hebrew word “kelîy” (ke-lee’) which according to *Strong’s Concordance* could also pertain to a **pot**, or a **weapon** (see Ezekiel 40:42, where the same Hebrew word for “instruments” was used to **kill** or **slaughter** a sacrifice).

Now for a moment, just imagine a shepherd holding a **pot** or a **weapon** (*knife*) – indeed it must be so absurd and so foolish seeing such a shepherd - that instead of holding a staff, he holds **a pot and a knife** in his hands of all things! For proof, let us read verses 4 and 5: “Thus saith the Lord my God; Feed the flock of the **slaughter** (signifying the use of *weapon* or *knife*); Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty: and they that **sell** (connotes the *pot* or *money*) them say, Blessed be the Lord; for I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not.”

To better understand verse 15, let’s consider what the *Geneva Commentary* has to say:

Signifying that they should have a certain type of regiment and outward show of government: but in effect it would be nothing, for they would be wolves, and devouring beasts instead of shepherds.

The word “regiment” in the dictionary means: governmental rule; to force discipline or order on; to put into systematic order; systematize;

Again, as the commentary noted that those foolish shepherds will tend to show to God's people a CERTAIN TYPE OF GOVERNMENTAL RULE that forces discipline or systematic order and an OUTWARD SHOW OF GOVERNMENT which makes God's sheep even more vulnerable to an attack from the shepherds themselves who turns out to be *wolves and devouring beasts*! It seems like these foolish shepherds always say, GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT, as they slaughter and devour God's sheep! It is very evident that they are abusing GOD'S GOVERNMENT. And they are comparable to wolves in sheep's clothing (Matt. 7:15)

“For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall *eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.*” (v. 16)

Again, why does the foolish shepherd holds *a pot and a knife*? TO “EAT THE FLESH OF THE FAT AND TEAR THEIR CLAWS IN PIECES!”

Instead of taking care of God's sheep and protecting them from the wolves and the other wild beasts of the field, it was the shepherds who slaughter and eat up those sheep for food!

This is the same prophecy written in Ezekiel chapter 34 wherein God's sheep became meat to all the beasts of the field and meat for the shepherds (vv. 5, 8, 10). Instead of protecting the sheep, the shepherds drove the sheep away. Notice that even today, this is already happening - some PCG members have been driven away by their shepherds, some were not brought back into the flock nor were they visited, and those who were sick were not healed, instead these shepherds feed themselves with “*the flesh of the fat*” – the choicest part, and ripped altogether the sheep into pieces to become meat to all the beasts in the field. And take note that they are using God's government in fulfilling all of this.

But notice in verse 13, God describes them as a “potter in the house of the Lord,” which means, the instrument that they are holding is a ***pot*** instead of a ***staff***. Just imagine their foolishness – ***a shepherd carrying a pot***? They only think of the sheep as a means of filling their own belly for their own satisfaction! Remember that they have an *outward show of government*, so they cannot be easily detected from the other shepherds.

A ***pot*** implies something being ***cooked for food to be eaten***. And at times a ***pot*** connotes ***money***. This clearly indicates that these shepherds truly love themselves – they are full of VANITY and they speak only VANITY (Zech. 10:2, Jude 1:12)

This foolish shepherd could also be referring to the *last end* Diotrephes who has no problem with doctrine, but only lusts for more power to himself! And according to several commentaries, this foolish shepherd also refers to the ANTICHRIST. Now here is the question: Will this foolish shepherd be the one who shall betray *Christ coming in the flesh through Mr. Flurry*? It seems the purchase of the England campus is just the first stage of this *betrayal*!

Again why is it that the foolish shepherd does not hold a STAFF? Because it looks like that God's staff, BANDS at this point in time has already been broken. So does this mean that after Mr. Flurry dies, a foolish shepherd will take his place? Yes, and he would act as though he has God's government:

Signifying that they should have a certain type of regiment and outward show of government: but in effect it would be nothing, for they would be wolves, and devouring beasts instead of shepherds. (op. cit.)

We must remember that this all happens after the staff BANDS (Mr. Flurry) was “cut asunder” (v. 14). This foolish shepherd does seem to have “***certain type of regiment and outward show of government,***” so we must all BEWARE – He will use it to his advantage when Mr. Flurry is gone. But in actual fact, it is NOT *God's government*, because he do not have *the staff*, what he only has is *a pot and a knife*! Yet he has a “***certain type of regiment***” – which means that he is not alone; he has a group of his own. Could this group of shepherds also be referring to the 25 men of Ezekiel chapter 8? (vv. 16-17). Most certainly! They are one and the same group! But for now, they are still under God's government because Mr. Flurry is still alive. But we all ought to carefully WATCH how they will turn to become ANTICHRISTS at the end of this LAST HOUR!

“Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.” (v. 17) Here is what the *JFB Commentary* wrote regarding the “idol shepherd”:

the idol--The *Hebrew* expresses both *vanity* and *an idol*. Compare ...2 Thessalonians 2:4 ...as to the idolatrous and blasphemous claims of *Antichrist*. The “***idol shepherd that leaveth the flock***” cannot apply to Rome, but to some ruler among the Jews themselves, at first cajoling, then “leaving” them, nay, destroying them.

This looks like a *duality* of the fulfillment of the 2 Thessalonians 2:4 prophecy all over again! That's why we need to remember and digest the little book, *Malachi's Message* even more!

Is this a remote possibility to happen? - A duality of the great falling away in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2? Well, we can argue on this subject for as long as we like but God's word shall be fulfilled no matter what. It does look like that what has happened after Mr. Armstrong died was just a precursor to this final *last end* prophecy. (In chapter 12, we can know and understand how God will deal with those *idol shepherds*)

The "idol shepherds" being mentioned are the same "idols" who have spoken vanity: "For the *idols have spoken vanity*, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was *no shepherd*. (Zech. 10:2)

There will really come a time when the shepherd (Mr. Flurry) will "be taken out of the way" (2 Thes. 2:7) and be "cut asunder" (Zech. 11:14) just like Mr. Armstrong so we ought to be ever more vigilant because the *impostors* in God's own Church are already speaking vanity and they want their voice to be heard in Ireland and they also want to publish vanity and wickedness in Britain. (Jer. 4:15)

Remember that the counterpart of the England campus in this last end is the field in Anathoth which was a city of God's own priests who betrayed God by plotting to kill the prophet Jeremiah. Notice also that Jeremiah's evidence of the purchase of that field was placed in a **pottery**: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an **earthen vessel**, that they may continue many days." (Jer. 32:14)

The word "vessel" here is the same Hebrew word used in Zechariah 11:15 for the word "instruments." This only means that those foolish shepherds who hold the *instrument* or the *vessel* are the same leading ministers who have betrayed Christ through the purchase of a land in this *last end*. The England campus is prophesied to become a field of blood. (Matt. 27:6-8). The purchase of that land is equivalent to the price of a JUDAS-LIKE BETRAYAL!

For now, the idol shepherds speak vanity, have seen a lie and told false dreams. (Zech. 10:2) This is the main reason we all need to ask God for the rain in the time of the latter rain even today: "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. (v. 1)

TREES WHOSE FRUIT WITHERS

“And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD”(Hag. 2:15)

Consider the phrase “...before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD” and the one discussed in Zechariah 5:11 “to build it an house in the land of Shinar” (Edmond, Oklahoma), remember that there were two women who carried the ephah BEFORE the house is built (v. 9). And the ephah, again, is a measuring device for grains. As we read verse 16 of Haggai 2: “Since those days were, when one came to an heap of twenty measures, there were but ten”

(W)hen the husbandman having gathered in his corn, and who was generally a good judge of what it would yield, came to a heap of it on his corn floor, either of sheaves not threshed, or grain not winnowed, and expected it would have produced at least twenty measures, seahs, or bushels; afterward it was threshed and winnowed, to his great disappointment he had but ten out of it; ***there were so much straw and chaff, and so little grain; or when he came to a heap of grain, wheat, or barley, in his granary, where he thought he should have twenty bushels of it; but when he had measured it, proved but ten*** – Gill’s Commentary

And we must remember that the prophets Haggai and Zechariah are talking about God’s temple in this end time which is God’s Church. God showed Haggai and Zechariah those two distinct set of people – the Philadelphians and the Laodiceans. These are the two women grinding at the mills together (Matt. 24:41; Luke 17:35).

“...when one came to the press fat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty.” (v. 16)

There could be a connection here of the fifty (50) vessels with those of the 10,000 saints discussed in Jude 14, and that could have been the expected percentage output considering a 100% yield, yet only 20 vessels were produced out of the 50 vessels that was expected – a trivial 40% were drawn out. But why?

The answer is in the next verse: “I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye turned not to me, saith the LORD.” (v. 17)

The word “blasting” in *Strong’s* also means “blight.” And in the dictionary here is what it means:

BLIGHT, v.t. To affect with blight; to blast; **to prevent growth, and fertility; to frustrate.**

God Himself prevents the growth and it frustrates the ministers, “yet ye turned not to me, saith the LORD”

In Haggai 2:19 we can read the root cause of what is holding back the growth - “Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth.”

The “seed” here could be referring to the Malachi 2:15 “godly seed” (also with the same Hebrew word) and it refer to “*God’s people*”: (“And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a *godly seed*. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.”) The word “yet” in *Strong’s* is:

5750. ode; properly **iteration or continuance; again, repeatedly, still, more:--** again, yet

The word “**iteration**” in the dictionary means: “**Repetition; performance a second time.**” While the word “barn” is interesting, in the original Hebrew word, it is,

“H4035. meguwrah; feminine of H4032; **a fright**; also a granary:--barn, **fear.**”

Even its related word suggests this;

H4032: “**in the sense of fearing; a fright** (objectively or subjectively): - **fear, terror.**”

Looking at the definitions, it can be read as: “Is the seed AGAIN in FRIGHT?” or “REPEATEDLY in TERROR?” It won’t make sense if we shall translate it that way, which could be the reason why the translators chose the word “barn” instead of “fright” or “fear”. But considering the preceding verses prior to this one, we can see that the seed or God’s people are experiencing a repetition or continuance of fright as previously experienced pointing us to Malachi 2:15.

So the correct thought should be: “Are God’s people in FRIGHT AGAIN?” They’d better be! Why? Because they are expecting fruits from those *spiritual fruit bearing trees* (ministers) yet they are FINDING NONE!: “yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, ***hath not brought forth***” – God’s people are expecting the fruits of God’s Holy Spirit from them which are listed in Galatians chapter 5 – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (vv. 22-23). Yet what has been evident are “the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; ...hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife...”(vv. 19-21)

This is the same as written in Jude 12 referring to those SPIRITUAL TERRORISTS, “These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; ***trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit***, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.” This is what Mr. Flurry wrote about *those trees*:

“Regarding the trees whose fruit withered, *Adam Clarke* writes, “Galled or diseased trees ...according to Phavorinus ...a disease (in trees) which causes their fruit to wither; for although there are blossoms, and the fruit shapes or is set, the galls in the trees prevent the proper circulation of the sap, and therefore the fruit never comes to perfection” (*ibid.*). The trees bear no fruit. (p. 29, *Jude* booklet)

Mr. Flurry even admonished the ministry about the result of ABUSE and MISUSE of God’s government:

God’s ministers must be on guard against bringing sadness into our congregations. Sadness in our people could be the result of the *misuse of government*. When a minister begins to go sour, God’s people begin to suffer. Just look at the results of the Laodicean ministers. They have brought deep sadness, misery and tragedy into the lives of many of God’s people through the *abuse of government*. As Malachi prophesied, they are not only sinning, they are also causing God’s people to “stumble at the law” (Malachi 2:8).

Breaking God’s laws and *abusing His government can never bring happiness!* Christ gave ministers ample warning about hurting God’s “little ones.” He said, “But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were

drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matthew 18:6). All ministers must learn to use government properly. (*Ezra and Nehemiah – Building God’s Temple*, p. 24)

Now consider what fruit one can see from one of the accounts that have transpired in PCG Trinidad in recent time using God’s government:

Alex Harrison Threatens Members With Anger and Shouting

March 28, 2013

Regional Director Alex Harrison verbally threatened the remaining members in the Trinidad congregation with being put out of the PCG. He stated that there are “Judas’s” in the congregation, who are giving out information to the ex-members (exposed on ESN). ...Harrison became visibly upset and very emotional as he started to raise his voice very loudly, at times even to the point of shouting, telling them, “Why don’t you (the Judas’s) leave the Church!”

Members became afraid and uneasy as Harrison’s facial appearance/countenance became warped and ridged as a man possessed with rage, anger, hate and bitterness. The atmosphere in the congregation immediately became tensed as Harrison instilled **fear** and intimidation into the **frightened members**. - *Resigned member (Trinidad)*

In an article in the *Royal Vision*, Mr. Flurry even emphasized a very critical point for God’s people to take a careful consideration:

SATAN THE DEVIL HAS ENACTED A GREAT PLOT over the centuries to cover up the history of God’s Church. We need to understand this plot because it is a WARNING to God’s people today. Throughout history, God’s people have had to battle to hang on to the truth. The Apostle Paul repeatedly warned God’s people against turning to another gospel - a gospel of men rather than the gospel of God (2 Corinthians 11:4; Galatians 1:6). Jude spoke of the same danger. ‘Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints’ (Jude 3). ... ‘For there are certain men crept in unawares,’ verse 4 says, ‘turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness,’ or lawlessness. Men who were not converted were creeping into the Church and causing serious problems...

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG SHOWED HOW THESE PROBLEMS IN THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME, WERE LARGELY SIMON MAGUS’S DOING. Mr. Armstrong proved how Simon Magus was at work in the Corinthian church, and how Paul’s, John’s, Jude’s and Peter’s writings show that all these apostles had to battle this man’s influence...

There was a pattern: It was the same group of people basically causing all the problems. This powerful Simon Magus kept right on coming, and rebels kept growing and multiplying and continually causing problems in God’s Church. ...We need to understand this because it makes it so much more clear what God’s Church is dealing with today. MR. ARMSTRONG’S INSTRUCTION IN THIS IS REALLY CRITICAL. (*The True History of God’s Church Part 2*, November-December 2012 issue, page 1)

Would the “godly seed” be not FRIGHTENED AGAIN seeing that that same *Magus-type group* who terrorized God’s people “without fear” – over and over and over again through all the Church eras – are ONCE AGAIN in their midst?

“Jude says these spiritual terrorists are ‘feeding themselves’ when they should be feeding God’s people. And they are committing all these heinous acts “without fear.” They don’t fear breaking God’s law. They don’t fear God!” (*ibid.*)

Do we now understand how can there be growth if God Himself prevented it from happening, and thus no fruits are found in those trees! Now let’s consider another eyewitness account of an incident that happened to one of the members in Australia even during the *Feast* of 2010:

I witnessed an assault on the ***Last Great Day*** at this year's Feast site at Tweed Heads, Australia. It was after services and I saw a group of about seven ministers and deacons, including Max Rumler, the regional director of Australia, follow in quick pursuit of a man going up to his family. The man must've been telling them to get their things because the family started picking up their bags when the group of men came and moved around this man and his family. What followed was a heated exchange between Max Rumler and the man, I didn't get to hear all of what was said but I did hear the man telling Rumler that he had no right in attacking his family and how the members of PCG were

treated, including the youth, was completely wrong, and that he [Rumler] was not a true minister.

I saw Max Rumler getting extremely agitated and red. He then stepped forward grabbing the man's face and spoke angrily into it. The man pushed the hands off him and a minister stepped in and yelled, 'Hey!' The man appeared calm but very direct, but Rumler was very aggressive. By this time I saw heaps of people watching what was going on. Rumler then proceeded to tell the man to get out--him and his family. Every time the man turned to leave Rumler would start at him again. This happened four times before the man and his family could leave. They were then escorted out of the hall.

A lot more was said but I was not close enough to hear. I was wondering if anyone knew who this family was? I heard that they were suspended and a couple of weeks later a few more people from the Brisbane congregation were kicked out. ***Does anyone know why this is happening??***

Though the event has to be validated, would a scene like this one (if this is true) not generate FEAR and TERROR on God's people? Indeed it would! A TERRORISTIC attack on God's seeds by those spiritual trees that bears no fruit would make the seeds REPEATEDLY IN FRIGHT! (Hag. 2:19). And it happened even during the ***Feast!*** This fulfilled prophecy is directly connected with Haggai chapter 2:

"In the *seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month*, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying, ...For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land."(vv. 1, 6)

There was a message about a spiritual shaking that came to the prophet Haggai during the 7th day of the *Feast of Tabernacles!* No wonder *Haggai's* name means, a *festival*. He has a message that REVOLVES around God's festivals. (More on this subject later).

The name *Haggai* is ...usually held to mean *Festive* ...Other explanations are: ***My Feast; Feast of God.*** (*Lange's Commentary*)

As Jude wrote referring to the spiritual terrorists in God's Church: "***These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without***

fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; **trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit**, twice dead, plucked up by the roots”. (v. 12)

God considers these spiritual terrorists as **SPOTS in His feasts** that feed themselves without fear! Consider yet another eyewitness account of one PCG member in South Africa that tried to go over the IRON WALL just to reach *That Prophet*.

Letter #2 to Mr. Gerald Flurry

May 13, 2013

(Mr. Rumler) explained to me that because the costs of the hall etc., in George for the Feast, is normally more than the funds received from the tithe of the tithe monies, he instructed Mrs. Wakelin to add R50 per day to the cost of each cabana for the South African brethren. He told me that they do the same in Australia and in Fiji. He said that the international brethren which attend the feast in George are charged an extra R100 per day for their cabana because the exchange rate for dollars is pretty good, he also said that if a room in the booked cabana is not occupied an additional R100 would be charged per room per day, the reason being that brethren must not think that they can book a cabana only for themselves. *This additional money was imposed on each and every one of those attending the Feast without their knowledge or consent.* ...Some few of the brethren in the Johannesburg congregation noted the Collusion only because the Cabana cost document on the info table was the original document from the Seabreeze establishment and then a month and a half later was replaced with the one which was so painstakingly altered. That was done only because I had voiced a concern to Mrs. Wakelin. ...*Those who noted the huge costing discrepancy chose to keep quiet. Fearful, that if they spoke out, they would be accused of having a government problem and a bad attitude...* (Alex Foster)

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THE SEED IS AGAIN IN FEAR! (Hag. 2:19). We must remember that the prophet *Haggai's* name means, *festival* or *God's feast*, so his message is a festival message directed to His people and mainly to the ministers! (v. 11)

Here is an excerpt of a prior letter that the above PCG member sent to Mr. Flurry regarding the *2012 Feast of Tabernacles* in Seabreeze in South Africa:

The 2012 Seabreeze collusion

One of our brethren is in quite a predicament due to the circumstances. He has

been attending the FOT for 26 years. He is a pensioner and cannot afford the Seabreeze rates; he booked at Herolds bay in George for the FOT which is R3000.00 cheaper than Seabreeze. He has been told that he may not book at Herolds bay. ***He tells me that if he goes to the FOT and resides at Herolds bay he will be in trouble with the ministry, and if he does not attend the FOT due to his inability to afford the exorbitant rates at Seabreeze, he will be in trouble with God.*** (Confusion) This is only but one case, a number of other brethren are in a very similar position. Another of the brethren said ***“I am too afraid to say anything”*** (Fear)

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Haggai 2:19 is very much the same as Habakkuk wrote in chapter 3:17; “Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:”

The supposedly expected “*fruit*” from those fruit bearing trees (ministers) are *withered* and *nowhere to be found*! Instead they instill FEAR among the lay membership. Let us consider another eyewitness account from one of the baffled PCG members:

Fear and Dread in PCG:

May 24, 2013

I felt I must write and speak out on some of the horrible abuses that are happening to members in Ohio.

Here in the North West Region ***there is much fear and suspicion in the congregations.*** I have had more than one member come up to me privately and tell me ***they now dread to come to services. They are so afraid*** of saying the wrong thing or ticking off the wrong busybody or snitch who will run straight to the minister and turn them in. One man came up to me last week and said “If you see Mr. Culpepper come in that door, expect heads to roll.” What kind of Religion is that? What kind of life is that? ***Living in fear of a minister of God? There is a little heel clicking Gestapo-like informer in Cincinnati/Dayton area.***

He is a relative newcomer to the PCG--but by hook or crook has insinuated himself into the sound duties, Spokesman Club, and apparently the good graces of the ministry. He has personally turned several people in to the PCG ministers.

Not only gossip but downright falsehoods and exaggerations. *More than one of his victims was suspended because of this weasel.*

Yes these good Christian informers will smile and shake your hand at services and then turn your posterior in at the soonest opportunity. What about that admonishment that we read about in the Bible? If your brother offend you, go to him in person. Then with a witness. Then go to the minister? (Matthew 18:15-17) Odd how the Bible gets in the way things are done in the PCG.

There have been many in Ohio suspended and disfellowshipped without any hope of coming back. *They have had no counseling, no mercy, no hope.* I know firsthand from some of them that they were told that they are out permanently with no hope of re-admittance. They have tried to talk to Cal Culpepper but he has simply refused to counsel them or even return their calls.

Have any of the victims in Ohio been visited or even called by the ministry? I can tell you that many have not. They told me so. *They are refused any type of mercy or encouragement at all.* The Ministerial Manual states that you should “err on the side of mercy.” Not so with the bloody Jehus that have care of the flock in the North West.

I just pray that God will clean out this mess! -Anonymous PCG member, Cincinnati, Ohio area

Let’s continue reading again what Mr. Flurry wrote about those *trees* in his *Jude* booklet:

Regarding the trees whose fruit withered, *Adam Clarke* writes, “Galled or diseased trees ...according to Phavorinus ...a disease(in trees) which causes their fruit to wither; for although there are blossoms, and the fruit shapes or is set, the galls in the trees prevent the proper circulation of the sap, and therefore the fruit never comes to perfection” (*ibid.*). ***The trees bear no fruit.*** (p. 29)

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is

hewn down, and cast into the fire. **Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**”(Matt. 7:15-20)

And as for those who use God’s name (His authority and government) in vain, God will deny them.

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*”(vv. 21-23)

In Jude 8 we can further understand what these men are doing and have done to God’s people using God’s government: “Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, **despise dominion**, and **speak evil of dignities.**”

Despise- could also mean in *Strong’s*, **bring to nought**

Dominion – also means **government**.

“**Despise dominion**” could also be rendered this way: **Bring to nought God’s government**

How could a minister *bring to nought God’s government*? – By abusing it, they can make God evil in the sight of His people and dragging His name in vain – bringing His government to nothing.

“Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.”(Exo 20:7). *God’s name implies His authority and government. Thus, these ministers are breaking God’s 3rd commandment!* Let’s move to the next phrase: *speak evil of dignities.*

Speak evil of – also means **to vilify** in *Strong’s*. While **vilify** in the dictionary means, **to utter slanderous and abusive statements against; to lower in estimation or importance.**

Who could most probably utter slanderous and **abusive** statements against anyone, except he who has the **power** over the other person? Who could possibly make someone to **lower** in estimation or importance? Is it not those who are **above** the others?

Dignities– could also mean **glorious** and in the New International Version it refers to the **glorious ones**.

“Yet in the same way these dreamers also defile the flesh, reject authority, and slander the **glorious ones.**” (NIV)

The **glorious ones** could refer to the *lay membership of the Church*. As the Apostle Paul wrote in 1Thessalonians 4: ***“That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us His Holy Spirit.”*** (vv. 6-8)

Looking at the context in *Jude’s* writings, Mr. Flurry clearly explained that it is *primarily* aimed at those who execute God’s government – the ministry.

“(Jude) wrote one of the most powerful small books in the Bible. He showed us that we must build the character to rule the universe. That is why we are here. *We must learn to keep and administer God’s law—be executives of God’s government—in the World Tomorrow.* That is what the gospel is all about. *This is what Jude was trying to get God’s own people to fully understand. But his book is primarily prophecy for God’s end-time Church.* Many of God’s people are dying spiritually today, as they were at the time of Jude’s warning. *Nothing could be more important for us to comprehend.* This book shows us why the angels on this Earth failed and how we can succeed (p. 19, *Jude* booklet)

God’s words are like a two-edged sword, so *Jude 8* applies PRIMARILY to the one that administer God’s government and SECONDARILY to the lay membership in God’s Church.

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Heb. 4:12)

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“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 6)

To better understand this, we should go back to where it all originated– Lucifer “*the Shining star of the dawn*”:

“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, **till iniquity was found in thee**. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness**: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.”(Ezek. 28:14-17)

Lawlessness was found in Lucifer “*the bringer of light*” and he became *Satan* “*the adversary*” because of *pride and vanity*. In *Mystery of the Ages*, Mr. Armstrong further explained:

ORIGIN OF DEMONS

Yet this superior being, trained and experienced at the very throne of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over the universe, had resorted to wrong reasoning and made a diabolical perverted decision. He worked on the angels under him until he turned their minds to rebellion also. This, incidentally, might have taken Lucifer millions of years. In all probability he had to begin perverting the minds of his angels one at a time, at first. He had to cause them to feel dissatisfied, wronged by God, and inject into them resentment and bitterness.

When Lucifer allowed thoughts of vanity, jealousy, envy, lust and greed, then resentment and rebellion, to enter and occupy his mind, something happened to his mind! His mind became perverted, distorted, twisted! His thinking became warped. God gave him and the angels control over their own minds. They can never straighten them out—never again think rationally, honestly, rightly. (p. 71)

Lucifer and the fallen angels “kept not their first estate but left their own habitation” - they left Earth and ascended unto heaven to get the throne of God.

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, *I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*”(Isa. 14:12-14)

“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them *in like manner*, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example” (Jude 7) Why did Jude compare the fallen angels with Sodom?

Ezekiel 16 sheds more light on the problem with the people of Sodom. “Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, surfeit of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. They were haughty, and did abominable things before me; therefore I removed them, when I saw it” (vv. 49-50, *Revised Standard*). They were living in great prosperous ease while consumed with *pride and haughtiness*. **They were consumed with SELF!** Sound familiar? (*The Philadelphia Trumpet*, November 1996)

The people of Sodom and Gomorrah were CONSUMED with SELF just like Lucifer and the fallen angels were, i.e., with so much PRIDE and VANITY! *All of their minds became perverted, distorted, twisted!* Their thinking revolves around satisfying the SELF! And just like the spiritual terrorists in God’s Church who feed THEMSELVES without fear instead of feeding the poor and the needy ones (Jude 12, Ezek. 16:49, Zech. 7:9-10)

Both the fallen angels and Sodom and Gomorrah did not keep their initial state – the fallen angels were initially created holy while the first man, Adam was not corrupt and perverted to begin with (Gen. 1:26-31). But both of them through time became influenced by the great master deceiver, *Satan the devil!* They both absorbed SATAN’S NATURE as their OWN. And like Satan, one third of the angels and all the inhabitants of Sodom both became the epitome of perversion, defilement and uncleanness in God’s eyes.

“**Likewise** also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.”(Jude 8)

Yet in this same manner, there are some impostors who have seen false dreams (Zech. 10:2) and they execute God’s government by using their human nature (which is actually Satan’s nature). Instead of using God’s nature to implement God’s government they have eventually brought it to nothing and as a result, they utter slanderous and abusive statements against God’s glorious ones – His **frightened** holy seeds. And to this effect, they are also doing it to the angelic majesties that minister unto those godly seeds (Dan. 8:10; Heb. 1:14)

God then promised to comfort His seeds in the midst of all the fright and terror happening around them:

“... (F)rom this day will I bless you” (v. 19)

In Habakkuk 3:18- 19 we can find its counterpart - “Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.”

And because of their godly fear, God’s seeds will rejoice when they learn that God is still their salvation and their strength. They will leap for joy when they shall be delivered and protected from the Great Tribulation and eventually, to be used by God the Father to plant the heavens– and that is God’s blessing to them.

“And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.”(Isa. 51:16)

The blessing as we shall see later even involve a literal physical *heaven and earth shaking* significance *to showcase God’s awesome power and mercy*.

Chapter 7

The Ezekiel 4 Siege

Since the PCG has started the construction of God's house even as early as the groundbreaking ceremony last January 6, 2008, America's bubble economy began to burst which resulted to its downward trajectory soon afterwards. As Mr. Flurry wrote in Ezekiel booklet:

“Herbert Armstrong prophesied for many years that the siege would be our economy being battered by foreign competition (see Deut. 28:52)” (p. 31)

Here's an excerpt about America's economic condition on *December 1, 2008*:

It's official: Recession since Dec. '07

The National Bureau of Economic Research declares what most Americans already knew: the downturn has been going on for some time.

NEW YORK (CNNMoney.com) -- The National Bureau of Economic Research said Monday that the U.S. has been in a recession since December 2007, making official what most Americans have already believed about the state of the economy...

(I)t is widely accepted that the housing downturn, which started in 2006, is a primary cause of the broader economic malaise...

(S)everal economists said the real concern is that there is no end in sight for the downturn. Some suggested that the best case scenario for the economy is that it would reach bottom in the second quarter of 2009. And even if that happens, that would still make this recession the longest since the Great Depression. (*Chris Isidore, CNNMoney.com senior writer*)

When Mr. Flurry prophesied that America, Britain and the Jews in the Middle East have reached the point of no return, America has begun to show several symptoms that it is indeed under economic siege. It is noteworthy to consider that *America's housing downturn* is the “widely accepted primary cause of the broader economic malaise”. While on the other hand, there has been a *construction of God's House* going on in Edmond Oklahoma during that same time period. So while the structures in Edmond are being erected, an inverse effect of devastation is happening to America's economy, which has strong prophetic indications that parallels the one written in *Ezekiel 4*:

“Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray upon it the city, even Jerusalem: And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about. Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.” (vv. 1-3)

If we take a closer look at the verses above, it seems to indicate that the prophet Ezekiel has been commanded by God to do some little construction project to portray Jerusalem through which Israel (physical and spiritual) is anchored on that portrayal, i.e., it has to be a sign unto them. On his 2013 Feast of Tabernacles *Opening Night Message*, Mr. Flurry has said, “WE ARE BUILDING SPIRITUAL JERUSALEM. WE ARE BUILDING A SPIRITUAL WALL AROUND SPIRITUAL JERUSALEM.” This statement has just confirmed the fulfillment of the Ezekiel 4 prophecy. As *Lange's Commentary* wrote concerning Ezekiel 4: 1-3;

Besides, there is the significant allusion (referring to the bricks) to *Egypt and the bondage of Israel* there. ...‘First of all only a city; ***Jerusalem would be the last of all the cities of the earth to be thought of, when subject in hand is a city to be besieged by the Lord.*** After Jerusalem we are to suppose, as it were, a mark of exclamation’. ...***If, then, the prophet, as commissioned by God, enters on such a siege, the real besieger of Jerusalem is the Lord God.***...As he is to set

the iron pan as an **iron wall**, it is clear that he has to set it up perpendicularly; it is likewise clear, from the expression *between thee and the city*, that a relation of separation, of division, between Jerusalem as portrayed upon the brick and the representative of God is meant to be expressed... ***The pan, therefore, as a wall symbolizes the strong wall of separation***, which finally explains everything, what precedes and also what follows. ...

The above commentary is baffled even by “a mark of exclamation” as to why Jerusalem has been besieged by God Himself. (see also Isaiah 29:1-4). Yet one might ask why did God besiege it in the first place?

In God’s eyes, there has been a *strong wall of separation* now between Him and the nations of America, Britain and the Jews in the Middle East, i.e., they have reached *the point of no return*, while at the same time God’s House is being constructed. As Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Trumpet* (September 2008):

“I strongly believe our nations today—particularly the United States and Britain, modern descendants of the biblical nation of Israel—have passed the point of no return. THE HOPE OF THEIR TURNING TO GOD DURING THIS AGE HAS BEEN ECLIPSED BY THE MAGNITUDE OF THEIR REBELLION!”

Again let’s read from verse 3: “Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.” And this is what *JFB Commentary* wrote regarding verse 3:

“*set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city*-Ezekiel, in the person of God, represents the wall of separation between him and the people as one of iron.
“*set . . . face against it*--inexorably (Ps 34:16). The exiles envied their brethren remaining in Jerusalem, ***but exile is better than the straitness of a siege.***”

The above commentary noted that “the exiles envied their brethren remaining in Jerusalem”. This reveals the feelings of those Laodiceans who were not doing God’s Work in Edmond, Oklahoma. The Laodiceans are envious of the Philadelphians. Yet notice carefully that as for those Laodiceans, it is better for them to be outside looking in than be subjected to a siege. What could they have felt especially when they learn about such news?

Auditorium pillars erected

November 19, 2008

Edmond—As morning dawned November 18 headquarters personnel arriving at the Hall of Administration were greeted with an exhilarating sight. The first massive steel girder to be placed on the 4.5 million pounds of concrete foundation of the church's new auditorium was standing erect. By noon all twelve pillars of the northern facade were in place and could be seen from miles away.

An additional 800 tons of steel lay on the ground waiting to be hoisted in place to form the skeleton of the building. To date, over 85,000 cubic yards of earth have been moved and 1,135 cubic yards of concrete have been poured for the facility.

(News clipping from *PCG's website: www.pcog.org*)

Seeing the structure of God's House being erected like the steel girders or IRON BARS that were raised on November 18, 2008 made the Laodiceans outside the PCG envious. Is it then a mere coincidence that when those IRON BARS were erected, immediately after about seven (7) days, the Fox25 report against the PCG was aired? That structure is a part of the SIGN to the house of Israel!

THE WALL OF SEPARATION

As the *JFB Commentary* put it; there's a "wall of separation between Him (God) and the people as one of iron". There's now an **IRON WALL** (the symbolism of which are the steel girder that was erected last November 18, 2008) that separates God and Israel (physical and spiritual Israel). The construction of God's house is a physical SIGN to the house of physical Israel! That is a sign that America is already under economic siege! "Herbert Armstrong prophesied for many years that the siege would be our economy being battered by foreign competition (see Deut. 28:52)." (Ezekiel, p. 31)

But if we shall consider recent events surrounding President Obama's seemingly odd behavior in running the government in America, it does appear that America is indeed under SIEGE even by its own president! Could there really be spiritual dimension to what is happening in America as what Mr. Flurry prophesied? We will clearly see it later. But first let us consider what he wrote:

If you look at the context of Haggai 2, you will notice the heavens and the earth

are shaken before the nations are shaken (verses 6-7)...Christ, our living Head, speaks to His little remnant through new revelation. God revealed this new truth about His house as we were building it. That means God began to shake all nations before the house was even finished! ...God's house in Edmond is a sign of when God began to shake the nations!..

God is now shaking three nations: America and Britain (the birthright nations), and Judea (the scepter nation, called Israel today). This is where the shaking begins! God's house is a sign of world upheaval, which starts in biblical Israel—the only people on Earth who have a history with God. That makes their sins even more condemning. (*Haggai: God Has Begun to Shake the Nations*, p. 11-13)

Now notice verse 7: “Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it.”

Mr. Flurry has already fulfilled the *physical dimension* of this prophecy - “set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem” when he gave the prophecy about the “point of no return” – this is for physical Israel (America, Britain and Israel). Yet again, there is a *spiritual dimension* to that siege which we have to recognize.

To help us better understand what happens during a siege; let us consider the following information about it:

A siege is a military blockade of a city or fortress with the intent of conquering by **attrition** or assault. The term derives from sedere, Latin for "to sit". Generally speaking, siege warfare is a form of constant, low-intensity conflict characterized by one party holding a strong, static defensive position. Consequently, an opportunity for negotiation between combatants is not uncommon, as proximity and fluctuating advantage can encourage diplomacy. A siege occurs when an attacker encounters a city or fortress that cannot be easily taken by a coup de main and refuses to surrender. *Sieges involve surrounding the target and blocking the reinforcement or escape of troops or provision of supplies, typically coupled with attempts to reduce the fortifications by means of siege engines, artillery bombardment, mining, or the use of deception or treachery to bypass defences. Failing a military outcome, sieges can often be decided by starvation, thirst or disease, which can afflict either the attacker or defender.*

Source: www.freebase.com/m/06p6g

Again as for the definition of a siege, it is a military blockade of a city or fortress with the intent of conquering by **attrition** or assault.

Now let us consider the meaning of the word “attrition” in the dictionary:

attrition

1. A rubbing away or wearing down by friction.
2. A gradual diminution in number or strength because of constant stress.
3. *A gradual, natural reduction in membership or personnel, as through retirement, resignation, or death.*
4. ***Repentance for sin motivated by fear of punishment rather than by love of God.***
5. *Sorrow for sin arising from fear of damnation, **especially as contrasted** with contrition, which arises purely from love of God*

Remember these definitions as we progress, for it is very critical in our understanding of the Ezekiel 4 siege. For emphasis, Mr. Flurry wrote: “**There is a spiritual dimension to what is happening, and you cannot understand these events unless you recognize that.**” (pp. 1, 36; *From the Editor*, August 2013, *The Philadelphia Trumpet*)

So we have to recognize the SPIRITUAL DIMENSION to what is happening even in America to be able to have a full understanding.

Also take careful notice as stated earlier that there are four points to consider during a military siege:

1. Sieges involve ***surrounding the target and blocking the reinforcement or escape of troops or provision of supplies***
2. Typically coupled with ***attempts to reduce the fortifications*** by means of siege engines, artillery bombardment, mining
3. The ***use of deception*** or treachery to bypass defences.
4. Failing a military outcome, sieges can often be decided ***by starvation, thirst or disease***, which can afflict either the attacker or defender.

Remember those four points as we go along. And before we continue any further, let us consider what outside onlookers say about the leadership of the Philadelphia Church of God. Even Ray Hibbard, publisher of *Edmond Life and Leisure*, has taken particular notice of the strength of its leadership:

“The Philadelphia Church of God is strong and has very capable leadership. Its members are confident in their beliefs. *They certainly do not need me to defend them* but we have a responsibility to let our readers know that they should not fear in any way this church on the northern border of Edmond or its membership. I hope you will attend one of their concerts and enjoy the music. I thank them for their service to our community and respect their religious freedom.” (*From the Publisher* column about the PCG in the *December 11 edition*)

Well actually, this *strength* has actually been set up by *That Prophet*: “And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about” (v. 2). According to *Strong’s Concordance*, the Hebrew word for “camp” is:

“machaneh; *an encampment of travelers or troops; hence an army, whether literally of soldiers or figuratively:--**army**, camp, company, host.*”

While *JFB Commentary* renders the word “*battering-rams*” this way:

“In Ezek. 21:22 the same Hebrew is translated ‘**captains**.’”

Whereas in the *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge (TSK)*:

“battering rams: or, **chief leaders**, Ezek. 21:22”

And with such terminologies like troops, army, soldiers, captains, and chief leaders, it does clearly indicate there is a warfare being involved. So the barrage of advertisements made by the PCG to counter the *Fox25* report did perfectly fit into the frame. Again as Ray Hibbard noted,

“The Philadelphia Church of God is strong and has very capable leadership.”

Does this sound like a fulfillment of the Ezekiel 4 prophecy like an impregnable fortress so to speak? “And, *behold, I will lay bands upon thee*, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.” (v. 8)

As stated in the verse above, “***I (God) will lay bands upon thee***”. This was the same situation as what the PCG has experienced during the court case which Mr. Flurry has prophesied in Ezekiel 3:25 in the context of the court case: “*they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them.*” Let’s read what Mr. Flurry wrote in 2004 after the court case battle against the *Worldwide Church of God*:

“But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them” (verse 25). Someone is putting bands upon us, after God gave us this watchman commission. This is specifically referring to what happened in the midst of our court battle. For a time, our message was stopped. We got bound up in court. We couldn’t reach the world with this message!

“And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover: for they are a rebellious house” (verse 26). We weren’t a “reprover” for a while—because without Mr. Armstrong’s literature, we didn’t have anything to reprove with! At one point we were off television for several months. All we were able to do was talk and work within the house! Notice: God let this happen. I will make thy tongue cleave, He says. God closed our mouth! God shuts things down sometimes. He has His reasons—though we don’t see them all.

Then read the inspiring conclusion: “But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house” (verse 27). God gave us victory! We received ownership of the copyrights of everything we were seeking. Armed with this arsenal of material, God instructs, Go back to your watchman work to the world! (*Pastor General’s Report*, October 21, 2004, Volume 1, No. 6, p. 1)

Upon careful consideration, there’s a big difference between the two verses: In Ezekiel 3:25, “they (the Laodiceans) shall put bands upon thee.” Notice also that God made Mr. Flurry dumb during that time. (Refer to the attached *PGR* for the full account)



Greetings, ministers and wives!

I want to remind you of some new revelation God gave us last December, for the 14th anniversary of the Philadelphia Church of God.

We are in a wonderful and terrible spiritual war. God has given us a big job in the midst of dangerous times, and He says there will be times when it will be *normal* to be afraid (Ezekiel 2:6). We should *expect* situations that are unnerving. But God still expects us to send a powerful warning to His rebellious people.

Ezekiel 2:7 through Ezekiel 3:3 are specifically talking about the little book, *Malachi's Message*. God wants us to *eat* this message—thoroughly digest it (Ezekiel 2:8). I have recommended in the past that we should be reading *Malachi's Message* about twice a year. God has strong feelings about this: He wants us to **EAT IT UP!** *That message should be sweeter today than it was when we first read it! And it should be MORE BITTER today than when we first read it!* We should be **GROWING** in these godly emotions. That is what it will take to get this job done.

Ezekiel 3:11 shows that we are trying to reach people who are in captivity to the devil. **THAT'S BITTER!** Almost the whole Church of God has been taken captive by the most evil being in the universe! For the first seven years of our work, we tried to reach the Laodiceans, “them of the captivity” (verse 15).

But then, in verses 16-17, God gives a different commission altogether. At the end of that seven years, God says, *I, GOD, have made you a watchman unto the house of Israel—you are to give them warning FROM ME!* This change in commission is discussed in our Ezekiel booklet.

It was seven years into the PCG's existence that we began printing *Mystery of the Ages*. Notice: We didn't even become a watchman work until we had that book to give to the world! For the first seven years, we weren't a *watchman* to the Church. The Church doesn't need a watchman. But then came *Mystery of the Ages*, and A MAN was given the title of **WATCHMAN**.

BEING GOD'S WATCHMAN ISN'T ABOUT WORLD NEWS—IT'S ABOUT HEARING THE WORD AT GOD'S MOUTH! We must always put world news in that context. World news is nothing if you don't know **WHAT GOD SAYS** about it!

That's why *Mystery of the Ages* is so important: It puts everything else in the right *context*.

God speaks through *revelation*—not world news. But we can put the world news in context. Israel is about to be massacred. Our message is about *why* they must suffer. Our message is about *why* they need to **REPENT**. That's the truth from God's mouth!

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This work is about *saving life*. Our work is about the mindset of God—saving people, physically and spiritually. If people don't turn to God, they're going to die! And if we fail to warn them—if we don't deliver the message from God's mouth—the victims' blood is on our hands (verse 20).

Now notice: “And the hand of the Lord was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee. Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the Lord stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face. Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house” (verse 22-24). What is this talking about?

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Mr. Armstrong's literature is a "THUS SAITH THE LORD." It is the word from God's mouth!

The lesson in all this is, if we don't have a message, there is nowhere to go. IF THERE IS NO MESSAGE, THERE IS NO WATCHMAN!

Why is the watchman here? To spread God's message! Without a message, he has no job!

Habakkuk backs up this prophecy. In the first chapter, the first four verses talk about our court battle. Verse 5 prophesies about our victory: "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you" (verse 5). Then notice what *immediately* follows on from that: "For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs" (verse 6).

As the PCG is rising, so is the Holy Roman Empire! It has always been our commission to warn about that power. We *must* get *Mystery of the Ages* out there to people, and warn Israel that the beast power is about to crush them.

Our copyright victory is coupled with the rising beast in this passage for a reason. God is telling us, *You've had a wonderful victory in court. But don't sit on your laurels—the beast is accelerating faster than you can imagine!*

We have a strong message for the nations of Israel and the world. Some people tell me I need to get stronger on TV. I think about this a lot. Did Mr. Armstrong ever get bombastic on TV? I ask you ministers to continually pray that God would give me the wisdom to know how strong I should get. GOD'S MESSAGE MUST BE DELIVERED!

But what a wonderful sign of how active God is in His Work. Christ is the Head. No man could orchestrate something like this. This prophecy in Ezekiel is a strong sign of how God guides His marvelous Work!

With love, in Christ's service,



CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

CHANGES TO MYSTERY OF THE AGES

by Stephen Flurry

A former member of the PCG has accused the Church of deceptively altering the text of *Mystery of the Ages* because of a sentence we omitted from page 245 of the book when we reprinted it after the court case victory last year. In response to his criticism, which he has voiced in an e-mail sent to some of our members, let me first quote from the letter Mr. Armstrong sent to *Mystery of the Ages* recipients in 1985:

Dear Friend: Here is your copy of the book *Mystery of the Ages* that you requested. ... Since writing the book, I have written another booklet that well could be the opening chapter of this book. And indeed, may be in future editions. It is on the mystery of the Bible itself. This booklet is titled *The BIBLE—Superstition or Authority? ... and Can You Prove It?* Can you prove that the Bible is indeed the very Word of God, and the supreme authority in life, in right and wrong, by which every person ever born will be finally judged? I feel sure you will want to read this new booklet, especially in connection with *Mystery of the Ages*.

We review this letter in Fundamentals of Theology at Imperial College each year. It's an interesting letter because it reveals that Mr. Armstrong might have actually expanded *Mystery of the Ages* had he lived longer.

As we have said so many times before, *Mystery of the Ages* is like a magnificent summary of Mr. Armstrong's lifelong work and his many teachings. It's a MASTERPIECE! Even during the court case, we insisted that re-writing such a book ourselves would be unacceptable because of the inspiration behind the way that book was put together. But that doesn't mean every single word of it is infallible, as Mr. Armstrong himself said before the sophomore class at AC in 1985:

When the Bible speaks, that is God speaking, not a man. Now it's true Moses wrote the first five books. But it wasn't really Moses writing it. God was having him write it. And it was God writing it. But that was really inspired. And then when we come to prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and

then when we come to the New Testament books, God inspired them. They are the infallible words of God. This book is not. I don't make any such claim for this book whatsoever. But I think in a way God inspired it. But not in the sense that it is the Word of God. It's as God inspired Herbert Armstrong. And I tried to yield myself to him. And I hope I was able to yield myself, if not 100 percent, 97, and 98, and 99 percent.

Now the Tkach administration twisted and distorted those comments and used them to excuse their dishonest and doctrinally false edits of the book. Their "edits," if you can even call them that, led to the book being destroyed just two years after Mr. Armstrong's death!

It goes without saying that the PCG has done NOTHING like that whatsoever—NOTHING! The whole reason we fought for the book in court for six years is that we wanted to preserve the very message the Tkaches were bent on destroying!

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Anyone familiar with the PCG knows that, from the very beginning with *Malachi's Message*, there were certain prophecies revealed and explained differently from the way Mr. Armstrong understood them. The teaching about the prophesied "man of sin" in 2 Thessalonians 2 is one such example. And there are several others. Mr. Armstrong knew the Laodicean era would emerge at some point, but he certainly didn't know many of the specifics concerning that era, like who would lead it, and so on.

In like manner, *there were no prophets* in the Church during the Philadelphia era—*throughout the entirety of Mr. Armstrong's ministry*—but God has since revealed

that THERE IS one leading His people during the Laodicean era.

Now we could have attempted to write another section to be included in *Mystery of the Ages* that would reflect this new revelation, but we felt it best to preserve the text as closely as possible to the original and simply strike that sentence and then let our other literature, like *That Prophet*, reflect the Church's new teaching on the subject.

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Other edits made in the 2003 version of *Mystery of the Ages* have updated certain statements. For example, on page 298, when Mr. Armstrong talked about what would happen in the latter days, we omitted the following line: "... *actually within the next two decades—this last half of the twentieth century!*" That, of course, has since passed.

On page 99, where Mr. Armstrong asked, "Can human life on earth survive even through the short remainder of this twentieth century?" we changed it to: "Can human life on earth survive *past this present generation?*"

Now when we printed the book at the outset of the court case in 1996, we didn't make even the slightest

changes to the text simply because the *Worldwide Church of God* still owned the copyright. We were quite satisfied with just reprinting the book in its exact original form, as printed in 1985.

But since we now OWN the copyright, it's different. Whenever possible, we will strive to keep all our literature—including *what we obtained in the court case*—constantly updated and doctrinally accurate when it comes time to reprint anything.

The new correspondence course, for instance, will have some major updates and improvements since we are working with text that, in some cases, was produced 40 years ago.

Obviously, though, with literature written by Mr. Armstrong or my father, we go to great lengths to preserve the text as near as possible to its original form—and, of course, any significant changes must receive final approval from THAT PROPHET.

In the case of *Mystery of the Ages*, while that book was clearly Mr. Armstrong's best work, it *was not infallible*, as Mr. Armstrong himself said. And had he lived on for years after it was first published, even he would have updated the text to make sure it continually squared with the "present truth" God keeps revealing (2 Peter 1:12).

The big difference with all these edits and updates, of course, is that the "present truth" always builds on top of the "old truth"—it doesn't undermine and destroy the sure foundation as the Laodiceans attempted to do after Mr. Armstrong died.

While in verse 8, it is “I (God) will lay bands upon thee.” ***This time it is GOD HIMSELF who has laid the bands upon Mr. Flurry and He allowed him to put His own Church under siege through the rampart, captains and armies – administrators in God’s Church!*** This can be easily proven through what has transpired in the PCG from this prophecy.

Reading some excerpts from that same PGR under the CHURCH ADMINISTRATION section, will give us an overview of how the Ezekiel 4 siege was set up:

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The first step in setting up the Ezekiel 4 siege prophecy is the representation of Jerusalem (verse 1). If the prophet Ezekiel has to use a brick or a tile to portray Jerusalem, then what would represent Jerusalem in our time? Mr. Armstrong taught us

that spiritual Jerusalem pictures God's Church. The Apostle Paul even wrote: "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all" (Gal 4:26). While according to Mr. Flurry, this city of Jerusalem is also a type of the three modern nations of Israel. Then it just shows that everything that happens in the portrayal of the Ezekiel 4 siege in spiritual Jerusalem shall be the exact same type that will happen to the modern nations of Israel - America, Britain, and Israel.

But to what specific group does Jerusalem refer to? Let us read from Micah 1: "(W)hat are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem?"(v. 5) Here is what *Barnes Commentary* wrote regarding this verse:

Are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem? - Jerusalem God had formed to be a center of unity in holiness; the tribes of the Lord were to go up there to the testimony of Israel; there was the unceasing worship of God, the morning and evening sacrifice; the Feasts, the memorials of past miraculous mercies, the foreshadowings of redemption. But there too Satan placed his throne. Ahaz brought thither that most hateful idolatry, the burning children to Moloch in the valley of the son of Hinnom (2 Chr. 28:3). There (2 Chr. 28:24), he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. *Thence, he extended the idolatry to all Judah* (2 Chr. 28:25). And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the Lord God of his fathers.

We must remember that ***Jerusalem was Judah's CAPITAL – its HEADQUARTERS.*** According to the above commentary, everything that was done in Jerusalem was just extended to the other cities of Judah – even the idolatry. Again who is the house of Judah in this end time? Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote:

Isaiah 22:20-25 contain an end-time prophecy that God has revealed a great deal about to us – about Eliakim. Verse 21 says the man who fulfills this role "shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah." There is a spiritual and physical application to these scriptures, but we look mainly at the spiritual today.

The "house of Judah" here is the faithful Church of God. You could say it is "the house of the Jews" WE ARE JEWS – SPIRITUAL JEWS! And this man is a father to Judah." (*Royal Vision, July-August 2012, p.6*)

MR. FLURRY EMPHASIZED THAT THE “HOUSE OF JUDAH” IN SPIRITUAL APPLICATION REFERS TO THE PCG! Mr. Armstrong even wrote about this distinction between the house of Israel and the house of Judah:

Judah retained the city of Jerusalem, its capital, and the territory known as Judea. Israel occupied the territory north of Judea. Samaria became its capital city, and the house of Israel often is called “Samaria” in prophecy. This, too, is a vital “key” to understanding prophecy. “Samaria” never refers to the Jews in prophecy—but always the 10 tribes, the house of Israel.

We want to impress, here, that Israel and Judah are not two names for the same nation. They were, and still are, and shall be till the Second Coming of Christ, two separate nations. *The “house of Judah” always means “Jew.” This distinction is vital, if we are to understand prophecy. Because most so-called Bible students are in ignorance of this basic distinction, they are unable to rightly understand prophecy!*

(The United States and Britain in Prophecy, pp. 69-70)

So in principle, *to rightly understand prophecy* specifically during this *last end*, whenever we read of the spiritual house of Judah in scriptures concerning prophecy in this end time, we can apply it directly to the PCG who resides in the INNER COURT, whereas, spiritual Israel will have to be the Laodicean groups in the OUTER COURT. (Rev. 11:1-2)

This distinction, according to Mr. Armstrong, is vital if we want to understand prophecy. Now, when we apply Jerusalem spiritually, does this mean that the HEADQUARTERS of the *Philadelphia Church of God* which is in Edmond, Oklahoma is its counterpart in this end time? Again, Mr. Flurry taught us that in spiritual application, the PCG is the spiritual house of Judah, therefore, it is just right to say that the PCG Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma is the spiritual Jerusalem that is being referred to in the Ezekiel 4:1 prophecy.

That being the case, this Ezekiel 4 siege in spiritual Jerusalem is a SIGN that God has given us in verse 3 for the house of Israel (the Laodiceans and the birthright nations, America and Britain) –to show us that the fulfillment of her physical siege is just around the corner (Ezekiel 5). The second step as stated in verse 2 is to set up the elements of a siege:

“And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and *cast* a mount against it...”

The word “cast” from *Strong’s* means,

to spill forth blood, a libation; ...also figuratively to expend life, soul, complaint, money, etc.

As we go deeper into the actual account of the fulfillment of the Ezekiel 4 siege around the world, we can see its fulfillment in this end time that indeed some have spilt blood, some became a “molten image” (previously discussed about Habakkuk 2:18) as the word “libation” suggests, just “to spend life, soul, complaint, money, etc.”

Now in order to build the fortification structure, the PCG has to make some alterations on what was written on *Mystery of the Ages* regarding Church administration by removing any thought or idea that limits the “administrative, executive or preaching functions” of a prophet in the New Testament Church. Then build on that premise by supporting the new structure through ordination of new ministers to fortify spiritual Jerusalem’s (PCG’s) perimeter around the world. There was even a sermon titled, PROPHECYING AGAIN 4 given by Mr. Flurry on 2004, in which he discussed a change in the *administration of God’s government* during that year. He said that “it’s still God’s government, but different administration.”

“...set the camp also against it, and set battering rams (*chief leaders*) against it round about.”

The final element of that Ezekiel 4 siege set up is then explicitly described in verse 3: “Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and ***set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it.*** This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.”

As discussed earlier, the construction of God’s house does signify the siege of Jerusalem (i.e., economic in nature); and Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Haggai* booklet that “GOD’S HOUSE IN EDMOND IS A SIGN OF WHEN GOD BEGAN TO SHAKE THE NATIONS!” (p. 12); and that construction is also the fulfillment of the house that was built by the two women who carried the ephah (Zech. 5:9-11); It is also connected to the Ezekiel 24 siege that involves the death of *That Prophet’s* wife since they have the same date. (vv. 2, 16). So this is all just one vision, which means, the SIEGE

involves the two women that carried the ephah – spiritual Israel (Laodiceans) and spiritual Judah (Philadelphians) inside spiritual Jerusalem even in God’s house!

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This Ezekiel 4 siege is to be a SIGN for the house of Israel (for the Laodiceans, spiritually speaking and for the birthright nations – America and Britain)

“Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it *thou shalt bear their iniquity*. For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: ***so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel***. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and ***thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah*** forty days” (vv.4-6)

One might ask, isn’t it that Israel has already been in captivity? Why did the prophet Ezekiel still have to bear their sins? Spiritually speaking, isn’t it that spiritual Israel (Laodiceans) has also already been in captivity? So why did the *son of man* (Mr. Flurry) have to bear both the sins of the house of Israel (*the Laodiceans*) and the house of Judah (*the Philadelphians*)? Because they BOTH co-exist INSIDE the *Philadelphia Church of God*! (Zech. 5:9-11). This is the reason God Himself has to besiege it (Ezek. 4:8). *Lange’s Commentary* adds:

“Jerusalem in a state of siege represents the covenant-people, as a whole, straitened and oppressed by the powers of this world, as the instruments of God’s just displeasure. And the prophet being appointed to bear, during its continuance, the iniquity of the people, with stinted and foul provisions, points in another form to the same visitation of evil only with a more particular respect to the cause from which it was to spring; and the penal character it should wear.”

What then is the “cause from which the siege was to spring”? Ezekiel 4:4-6 gives us the answer: the iniquity of the house of Israel pictured by the 390 years and the iniquity of the house of Judah pictured by the 40 years. (This will be explained in detail later)

The portrayal of the Ezekiel 4 siege is to be a SIGN to the house of Israel of the impending physical siege that is to happen to physical Jerusalem - which as we shall see later has recently happened even to America.

For emphasis, let us first consider: Before the actual *physical siege* of physical Jerusalem in this end time, there has to happen a *spiritual siege* of spiritual Jerusalem - inside God's own Church even the PCG's Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma! The construction of God's house, the *Armstrong Auditorium* is a part of the SIGN of that *spiritual siege*. (More on that later)

“Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and **set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city**” (Ezek. 4:3)

This symbolic IRON WALL is also a big part of that sign. Mr. Flurry even confirmed in his *Opening Night Message* for the 2013 Feast of Tabernacles: “WE'RE BUILDING A WALL AROUND THIS CHURCH TO PROTECT US.” That could very well be the prophesied IRON WALL of Ezekiel 4. But what could that WALL be pertaining to in spiritual terms?

set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city — Ezekiel, in the person of God, represents the wall of separation between him and the people as one of iron: and the Chaldean investing army. His instrument of separating them from him, as one impossible to burst through. – JFB Commentary

He was ordered to build little forts against this portraiture of the city, resembling the batteries raised by the besiegers, (Ezek. 4:2). **Between the city that was besieged and himself that was the besieger he was to set up an iron pan, as an iron wall** (Ezek. 4:3). – Matthew Henry Commentary

A wall - That it may resemble **a wall of iron**, for as **impregnable as such a wall**, shall the resolution and patience of the Chaldeans be. – Wesley Commentary

As we shall see later, we will know exactly what the WALL really symbolizes. *So this wall has to be of an iron strength structure that is impregnable.*

We must remember that it was the prophet Ezekiel who has set up the siege, so it is also true that *his type in this end-time*, i.e., *That Prophet*, was the one who has set up the spiritual siege by placing those elements of a siege surrounding spiritual Jerusalem (PCG) – troops, armies, captains ready to destroy *by the sword* those who would rebel against *their own brand of government* (they implement God's government but they use their own human nature like King Saul)– and *these armies as they are guided by their own carnal human nature will be as a portraiture of “the Chaldean investing army. (God's) instrument of separating them from him, as one impossible to burst through.”* So during that spiritual siege, God's people around the world would have indeed suffered *injustice, with no compassion and no mercy* from

their besiegers – the spiritual Chaldean investing army. And God has allowed all of these things to happen even inside His very own Church – the *Philadelphia Church of God*!

The result of that impenetrable IRON WALL SEPARATION was the “NO CONTACT POLICY” that was implemented to all the members of the PCG around the world by the very leaders of God’s own Church portraying the *spiritual Chaldean besiegers*. NOBODY was allowed to *communicate outside* of the PCG perimeter fence: young and old, women and children were to be summarily punished or slaughtered, should they try to reason out and climb that *iron wall* just to reach *That Prophet*.

But little do they know that Mr. Flurry was the one who besieged the Church and *God allowed* him to do so. (Ezekiel chapter 4) (Read the December 10, 2005 *PGR* on the next page for the “no contact policy” that was implemented.)

Notice that the judgment of who stays in the Church and who is to be put out lies on the shoulders of the ministry.

But what if the minister shall **abuse** this God given authority and use rather their own carnal human nature in their judgment, instead of using God’s Holy Spirit, what could possibly happen? ***The result would be the prophesied Ezekiel 4 siege!*** An IRON WALL separation has to be expected.

In order to survive this *spiritual siege*, some people in God’s Church have chosen to become a part of the RAMPART and show their allegiance to the *besiegers* rather than TURN to God for help – the ministry has become their source of strength (“horn of your altars” - Jer. 17:1, 5. More on this later).

And as for those who were put outside the PCG fence, they found shelter in other WCG and PCG splinter groups and even the website, *Exit Support Network (ESN)* to seek refuge and find some answers, because God has broken the staff of bread in the *Philadelphia Church of God*:

“Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and *they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment*: That they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.” (Ezek. 4:16-17)

God purposely intended that spiritual siege to take place inside the PCG to be able to bring all of His people individually to TURN to Him for true justice, mercy and compassion, and not to any other groups nor to any puny man.

Now, looking from God’s perspective, has the PCG done something wrong to deserve such a predicament?



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PASTOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Greetings, ministers and wives!

I want to clarify the Philadelphia Church of God's policy on contact with disfellowshipped family members. This issue has not been clear among all our ministers and members. We need to become more unified on it.

Around 1985, Joseph Tkach spoke of a couple in the Church who had some family members disfellowshipped, and he told them that they were to sever their relationship with those people and not to fellowship with them. He told Mr. Armstrong about this situation publicly, and Mr. Armstrong agreed with him publicly.

Notice 1 Corinthians 5:9-11: "I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators [speaking spiritually]: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you NOT TO KEEP COMPANY, if any man that is called a brother [speaking of somebody in the Church] be a fornicator [again, this could be referring not just to physical fornication, but spiritual sins as well] or covetous or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one not to eat."

God is saying that when fornicators, covetous, idolators, railers, drunkards, extortioners and those with spiritual problems have to be put out of the Church, the rest of us should not keep company with them or eat with them. We are not to fellowship or socialize with them. Certainly there might be an emergency in the family where you might be needed to work out the details of a will or something similar; it is all right to deal with them on that level. But we must keep in mind what God has said.

We have had members in the PCG who have been taken out because they violated this plain command.

We are living in the fearsome time the Apostle Peter spoke of in 2 Peter 2:1-3, the time of "false prophets also among the people" and "false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in *damnable heresies*," when "the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." Peter warned that "through covetousness shall they with feigned words *make merchandise of you*!" This is talking about people who had been close friends and even family members! Satan is influencing minds, and he will use any means he can to reach those in the inner court.

In commanding us to avoid the Laodiceans, God is trying to protect His people from predators! Satan is subtle, and he knows how to use people to destroy you. Please review my article "God Commands That We Avoid Certain Ones—In Love!" which we reprinted in the July-August 2004 issue of *Royal Vision*.

2 Thessalonians 3:6 reads, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye *withdraw yourselves from every brother that walks disorderly*, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

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Certainly all the Laodicean groups are walking disorderly. They're not walking after the traditions given us by God's government through Mr. Armstrong. We have to look upon people that are in the Laodicean churches as being disfellowshipped. Revelation 11:1-2 says they've been *cast out*; they have been put out of the Church of God. We must not keep company or fellowship with them by going to restaurants and things like that.

In the past, some members have been told that these relationships are okay as

IMPORTANT

Mr. Flurry will be discussing a portion of this PGR personal in his sermon this week, so please do not read from it during announcements.

long as religion is not discussed. That is not what God says. Scripture makes it clear that there should be a complete cut-off.

"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and *have no company with him*, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother" (verses 14-15).

I know it is painful to cut off contact with family. But we have to look at the positive side of this: God says that when we don't fellowship with them—if dad and mom or a close relative shuns them—that has a great sting. God wants to drive them back by making them realize they really are on the outside.

Avoiding the Laodiceans also puts a message across to them that they are influenced by the devil, and need to repent.

There are, however, a couple of exceptions to this principle.

In the case of a mate in a Laodicean Church or one who left the PCG, that relationship should be preserved as long as the mate is "pleased to dwell with" (1 Corinthians 7:10-14). But if that mate becomes hostile and stirs up contention, it should be cut off. Wherever there is hostility, you must cut off every tie. Sometimes that hostility can be very subtle.

There is also the case of unbaptized children (or those not validly baptized) who have left the Church. Mr. Armstrong, for example, had a relationship with his daughter—and he believed she never was converted, and the fruits were there to prove that. As long as they were unconverted, we can have a relationship there—but we do have to be awfully careful. We may have to make a judgment about someone's conversion in a few cases, but we don't want to use that as a cop-out either. If your children have been baptized and left, that relationship should be severed. We must obey God's command.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Romans 16:17). In an article titled "If One Is Disfellowshipped, Which Family Comes First?" Mr. Armstrong commented on this verse: "It does not say all except members of your flesh and blood family. It speaks of any who has been a Church member. And it says avoid them. It's a command, and if we try to be more kind, more righteous than God and disobey that command, we convict ourselves of disobedience of God's command" (*Good News*, April 1980). He concluded by discussing Matthew 10, which says we must love our father and mother less than God.

I don't think there would be a difference between a marked person and one who is disfellowshipped.

There may be instances where the Church could get into legal trouble, if parents are preventing children from seeing their Laodicean grandparents or similar situations. There have been instances where grandparents were able to have a strong relationship with grandchildren without interference from Laodicean parents; there was no hostility there and minimal contact.

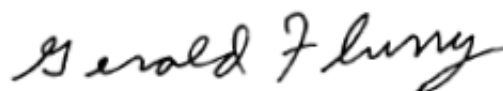
In individual cases like this, a judgment must be made by the ministry about the propriety of the situation—in almost every case, that would be the regional director.

In the case of members who work for a Laodicean, we should counsel them to try to seek other employment; though, to preserve their livelihood, they would not have to cut that off immediately.

The principle to remember is this: There should not be any contact with converted Church members who have left, and that includes family members other than a mate.

Please remember as well that whenever we deal with people outside the Church—whether non-member mates, or even Laodiceans—we should be as considerate and inoffensive as we possibly can. Even if their attitude is bad, we should be able to let our light shine by being considerate to them. There might be an exception if someone was attacking us, but "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men" (Romans 12:18).

With love, in Christ's service,



JUDAH'S PRETENSE

First, let us consider what the prophet Jeremiah prophesied concerning the backsliding Israel: “And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.” (Jer. 3:7)

The PCG saw what happened to the Laodiceans after Mr. Armstrong died, yet why did God gave a very stern description of spiritual Judah even calling her *treacherous*?

“And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also (v. 8).

“*And I saw* - Verse 7 concludes in this way, that Judah had seen how Israel had not returned at the call of (God)...***For the prophet draws a parallel between the behavior of Israel and of Judah.***” – *Lange's Commentary*

Does this mean that the PCG has “played the harlot also”? But how?

“And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that ***she defiled the land, and committed adultery*** with stones and with stocks (v. 9).

Let's define some words for a clearer understanding of the verse: The word “through” according to *Strong's* means “properly a part of; hence prepositionally” and can also mean: ***because of, by reason of***

While “lightness” comes from the same Hebrew root word for “voice” used in Jeremiah 4:15 (For a “voice” declareth from Dan...). So the phrase “through the lightness” could also be rendered this way – “because of a voice” or “by reason of a voice.” From *Barnes Commentary* let's consider the word “defiled”:

“*Defiled* - Rather, profaned. ***The land especially consecrated to (God's) service was treated by Judah as a common land.***”

By gathering all the information above, we can better understand what the treachery really is all about. Since Jerusalem has been the focal point of archeological activity since Mr. Armstrong was alive, and in as much as what gives the most weight is that *the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem*, so that, if the PCG goes to Ireland or someplace else, which God has no clear sign of approval, is it not the same as

whoredom which is equated in the Bible to idolatry - the desertion of the worship of the true God, for the worship of idols?

As the commentary noted that ***the land (Jerusalem) became defiled because it was treated by Judah (PCG) as a common land***, i.e., putting it on the same level and equal weight to Ireland! And they defiled the land of Jerusalem “because of a voice” of their whoredom.

Even the prophet Micah reiterated that *Jerusalem is to be Judah’s HIGH PLACE* not to be treated on the same level as any other land: “For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and ***what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem?***” (Mic. 1:5)

On top of that, the act of committing adultery involves an archeological dig in Ireland!

“and committed adultery with stones and planks” (see *Strong’s* of “stocks”)

Jesus Christ said: “Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” (Matthew 5:27-28)

The word “lust” from *Strong’s* is G1937: epithumeo; ***to set the heart upon***, i.e. *long for rightfully or otherwise*:--covet, desire, would fain, lust after.

“Lust” in the dictionary means: ***to desire eagerly***; longing desire; eagerness to possess or enjoy

Christ plainly called it adultery even if we just ***look on a woman to set our hearts upon her*** – it’s already a violation of God’s eternal spiritual law! In God’s view, this applies also on ***looking on Ireland to desire eagerly and to set our hearts upon having an archeological dig there***. Even though it’s just yet a plan – **the PCG IS ALREADY COMMITTING SPIRITUAL ADULTERY!**

Do we not then wonder that inspite of the initial anticipation of having a significant find, i.e., something royal, during the 2012 archeological dig on the Ophel in Jerusalem; yes, they may have found a *Royal Israelite, or Proto-Aeolic Capital*, but notice that they also found an ancient ***Egyptian idol named Bes that was found out of a wall*** and according to Dr. Mazar, it is the first ever to be found in Jerusalem. Add to that the several ***mikvah purification baths***. Does this mean something for the PCG? Does this mean that we have to purify ourselves of idolatry? Have we turned our backs

to God and returned to spiritual Egypt? In God's eyes, YES, we have gone back to Egypt! Notice that the idol was found out of a wall. The *wall* symbolizes *the ministry*. It's like what God had shown Ezekiel in chapter 8:10. (The "tile" or "brick" in Ezekiel chapter 4 signifies a return to Egypt. *Lange's Commentary* even pointed out referring to the brick: "*Besides, there is the significant allusion to Egypt and the bondage of Israel there*").

"And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD."(v. 10)

"*Feign*" according to the *Webster Dictionary* mean:

1. To invent or imagine; to form an idea or conception of something not real.
2. To make a show of; to pretend; to assume a false appearance; to counterfeit.

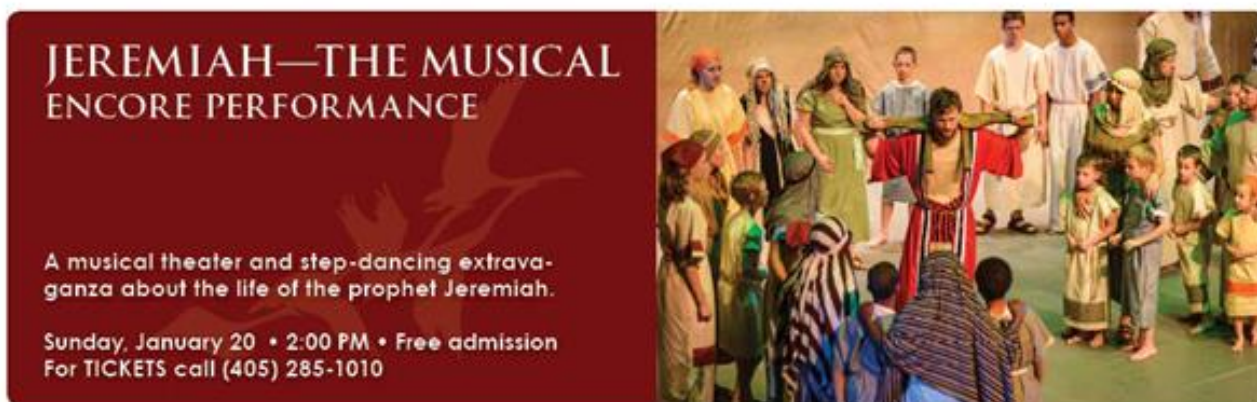
Could it be said then that when Mr. Flurry asked the PCG for a Church-wide fast like the one last January 8, 2012, that all the people were guilty of not turning their whole heart unto God? ***Is it just for a pretense?*** (see also Zech. 7: 5-10) While *Matthew Henry Commentary* has this to say regarding verse 10:

"Note, the treachery of those who pretend to cleave to God will be reckoned for, as well as the apostasy of those who openly revolt from him. Judah saw what Israel did, and what came of it, and should have taken warning. Israel's captivity was intended for Judah's admonition; but it had not the designed effect. Judah feared not, but thought herself safe because she had Levites to be her priests and sons of David to be her kings. Note, it is an evidence of great stupidity and security when we are not awakened to a holy fear by the judgments of God upon others. It is here charged on Judah"

"And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah." (v. 11)

Why was Israel (Laodiceans) *more justified* than treacherous Judah (PCG)? Because "both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not" (Jer. 14:18). They both followed "*a voice from Dan*" (Jeremiah 4:15) and they led God's people into it. Now, there is already a feast site in Ireland for 2013. And there was also a sermon given in the 2012 ministerial conference regarding a possible archeological dig in Ireland.

To make things much worse, now, the PCG is focusing more on the messenger, even the life of the prophet Jeremiah, rather than on his message. Consider what Mr. Flurry has written regarding focusing on the messenger rather on the message:



The PCG now focuses on the messenger - about the life of the prophet Jeremiah

As the WCG discontinued *Mystery of the Ages*, it introduced *Who Was Jesus?* Mr. Armstrong said the big problem with the Protestants was their preaching about the person of Christ while rejecting His message. *Mystery of the Ages* is about Christ's message. The *Who Was Jesus?* booklet is mostly about the person of Christ. It's this booklet's direction we need to be concerned about. ...I fail to see such importance in this book. I do see a **DISTURBING CHANGE IN DIRECTION**. It's the focus that should disturb us. The WCG has moved away from the message of Christ and is focusing more and more on the Messenger. Just as the Protestants do. (*Malachi's Message*, p. 26)

Can we see a **DISTURBING CHANGE IN DIRECTION** in what the PCG is doing right now? For emphasis, Mr. Flurry noted, that it's the **focus** that should disturb us. The PCG seems to be moving away from the message of Christ and is focusing more and more on the messenger - just as the WCG did. But much more than that, the PCG did it with more extravagance even through a musical and step-dancing perfor-

mance titled, *Jeremiah - The Musical*.

For emphasis let us again consider verse 10: “And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but *feignedly*, saith the LORD.” Again the word “feign” means:

To make a show of; to pretend; to assume a false appearance; to counterfeit.

What we can see in that musical are extensive **acting** and lots of **pretense** from each participant playing their part. Those who participated have the **assumed false appearances** to fit to their assigned characters. Is this not fulfilling that which has been written by the prophet Jeremiah himself? Has the PCG already descended into this level of thinking that they were not even able to discern what they have just done has offended God so great that He equated this to TREACHERY?

Has the PCG become so blind that they cannot see God’s judgment on this matter?

Speaking as a fool, one may ask: But why the life of Jeremiah? - Instead, why not King David who is a man after God’s own heart? ***The PCG saw what the WCG did when they focused on the messenger, Jesus Christ through the Who Was Jesus? booklet. But what has the PCG done?***

“The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, *Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.*” (Jer. 3:6-8)

The PCG is now focusing on the very life of Jeremiah the prophet! A MERE MORTAL MAN!

Is this not IDOLATRY? Is this not ADULTERY? Is this not TREACHERY? Is this not a fulfillment of “when the transgressors are come to the full” in Daniel 8:23?

“And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.” (Jer. 3:11)

As far as God is concerned, the WCG (backsliding Israel) is even more justified than TREACHEROUS PCG (Judah)!

“*Judah hath dealt treacherously*, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and *hath married the daughter of a strange god.*” (Mal. 2:11)

This is the worst kind of sin God could ever charge on His own people! Yet, as the prophet Jeremiah wrote, “In spite of all this, her unfaithful sister ***Judah did not return to me with all her heart, but only in pretense,***” declares the LORD” (v. 10, NIV).

There’s really a problem with spiritual Judah’s heart as pictured by the ailment and death of *That Prophet’s* wife. This is the real reason God specifically made sure that His house, the *Armstrong Auditorium*, be completed and inaugurated on the very same day of her death anniversary.

As *Matthew Henry Commentary* noted, “**IT IS AN EVIDENCE OF GREAT STUPIDITY AND SECURITY WHEN WE ARE NOT AWAKENED TO A HOLY FEAR BY THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD UPON OTHERS. IT IS HERE CHARGED ON JUDAH**”

If spiritual Judah (the PCG), has indeed committed such a treacherous act, then *God must be very much agitated about His sanctuary*. But where is the deception coming from?

The Church is not apt to be deceived by people *from without*. The Bible shows that God’s Church is usually deceived from *within*. When WCG leaders moved away from *Mystery of the Ages* (and Christ’s message) to *Who Was Jesus?* (and the person of Christ), it was time to start asking some hard questions about the direction of the WCG. One approach is focused on CHRIST—the other on Christ’s MESSAGE. The same mistake was made in the 1970s. That is why Mr. Armstrong was warning us in 1985 NOT TO LET HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF! (*Malachi’s Message*, p. 28)

Is history repeating itself? Are we being deceived into believing that we can now focus on the messenger, even Jeremiah? Are we committing the same mistake that was made in the 1970s and later after Mr. Armstrong died? Is there really something wrong with God’s own Church today?

THE IRON WALL

“Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it:

according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.” (Ezek. 4:4-6)

The prophet Ezekiel has to lay on his left side to bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. But what then is the iniquity of the house of Israel? Next, he has to turn on his right side and bear the iniquity of Judah. What is the iniquity of Judah? And what does the 390 years for Israel and the 40 years for Judah imply? (i.e., upon applying the day for a year principle)

To better understand what God meant by those time elements, we must know first the context of this prophecy – it is about ***the siege of Jerusalem***.

If the siege of Jerusalem would be our starting point then upon careful consideration of the first time element which is the 390 years, we will have to include the last king of Judah that was dethroned (King Zedekiah). This constitutes the *First Temple* period when it was besieged by the Chaldeans. We then count 390 years backwards from that siege in 585 BC, and we will arrive at 975 BC in a period around the time of Rehoboam’s reign when the kingdom was split into two because Jeroboam seized for himself the ten tribes of Israel, which he eventually led into sin.

The iniquity of the house of Israel points us back to this one defining moment in ancient history that triggers the *pre-determined* 390 year time period prior to the siege of Jerusalem: Mr. Flurry explained in the *Royal Vision*:

JEROBOAM’S REBELLION

Let’s return to the story in 1 Kings 12. Once the northern 10 tribes rebelled, Jeroboam wanted to MAKE SURE they never returned to the house of David. He hated that house, and was concerned that if the people continued to travel to Jerusalem to make sacrifices in the temple, they would go back to Rehoboam (verses 25-26). (*July-August 2012 issue, p. 6*)

Mr. Flurry further wrote:

JEROBOAM CAUSED ISRAEL TO SIN

1 Kings 14:15-16 contain a prophecy about Israel being smitten, rooted up and scattered. These verses say that God “shall give Israel up because of the sins of

Jeroboam, WHO DID SIN, AND WHO MADE ISRAEL TO SIN.” Jeroboam sinned, and he made Israel sin. Leaders can do that. This man turned Israel to turn away from the house of David and God. The same thing happened in the Laodicean Church in this end time. The leaders turned the people away from the house of David and God! (*ibid.*, p. 7)

All throughout the chronicle of those northern 10 tribes, God made sure that we never forget who started it all who made Israel to sin – it’s Jeroboam. (Read 1 Kings 14:16; 15:30; 2 Kings 3:3; 10:29; 13:2, 31; 14:24; 15:18)

From the accounts listed, it is very clear that it was indeed **Jeroboam**, the son of Nebat **who made Israel to sin**. But what has he done to make Israel sin? As Mr. Flurry noted, he caused the 10 tribes to rebel against the authority of the house of David (1 Kings 12:19). But that is not his sin because it was God who gave him those 10 tribes (read 1 Kings 11:29-31). This is what Jeroboam did - he introduced the **idol worship** (vv. 27-29) through which the other kings of Israel followed suit in his example.

In verses 30-31 we can know what has BECOME the **sin of Israel**: “*And this thing became a sin*: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.” Let’s read what Mr. Armstrong wrote about this history:

So immediately Jeroboam set up two great idols for his people to worship. He ordered the fall festivals to be observed in the eighth month, at a place of his choosing north of Palestine—instead of in the seventh month, and at Jerusalem as God ordered (1 Kings 12:28-32). Also Jeroboam changed the Sabbath day from the seventh to the eighth—that is, to the day following the seventh day, which, of course, was actually the first day of the week. Thus he set the day for worship to coincide with the pagan day of the sun, now called Sunday!

Through the rule of 19 kings and seven successive dynasties, the 10-tribed house of Israel continued in the basic twin sins of Jeroboam: idolatry and Sabbath-breaking. Several of the kings added other evil and sinful practices. (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, p. 146)

Jeroboam took the role of a *high priest*, and he led the people to *idolatry* through his very own *priesthood*. He also *changed the time and the season* of the observance of the feast from the seventh month to the eighth month (vv. 32-33). He basically invented his own brand of religion to prevent Israel from going to Jerusalem to

worship the true God. Has this not what exactly happened in this end time spiritually to the Laodiceans? Actually, we are just witnessing a duality of what had happened anciently to the 10 tribes of Israel and what has happened to their spiritual counterpart in this end time – both have lost their identity (the Worldwide Church of God is now called the Grace Communion International). And both have changed the time and the season by which they observe the Sabbaths and the feasts. The Sabbath is to be a sign between God and His people (Exo. 31:13,16-17). Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote:

God commanded His people to keep His Sabbath as a *sign*. It is a sign between God's people and God – "...a sign between me and you," the commandment says. It is a badge or token of IDENTITY. It advertises, or announces, or proclaims certain identifying knowledge. But WHAT KNOWLEDGE? God answers: "...that you may KNOW that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you." (*Which Day is the Christian Sabbath?*, p. 38)

Mr. Armstrong in another article continues:

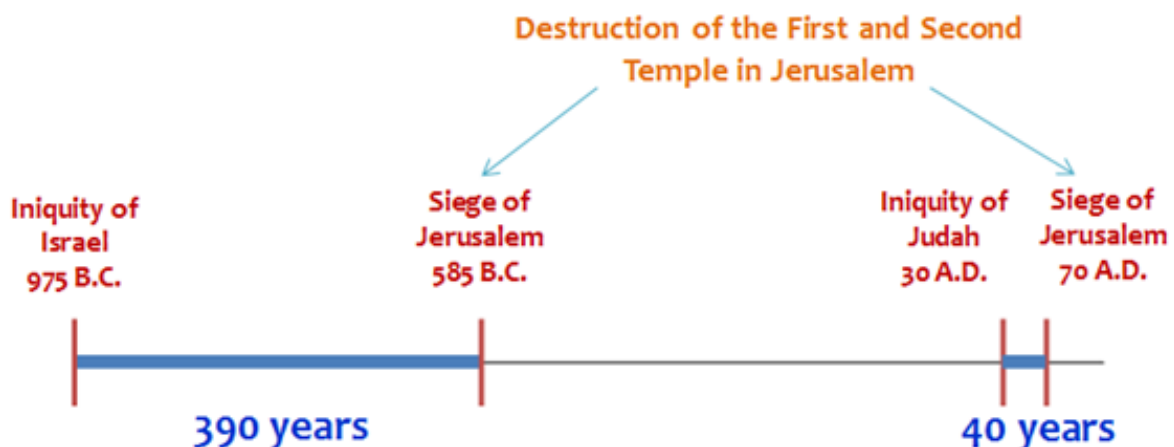
It is an historic fact that any nation which ever profaned God's holy Sabbath (weekly), has lost contact with and knowledge of the true God, and gone into the idolatry. The only nation which ever did keep God's Sabbath is the only one that kept the true memory and worship of the true God – and only when they kept the Sabbath. When ancient Israel began to profane God's Sabbath, it began to worship idols! (*Pagan Holidays – or God's Holy Days – Which?*, p. 6)

Now we go to the next act of Ezekiel when he laid on his right side: *40 years were determined* for the second time element (This is connected to the 70 weeks prophecy in Daniel 9. It will be clearly explained in chapter 12). This refers to the *Second Temple* period. Counting 40 years backward from the siege of Jerusalem in 70 AD, we will arrive at 30 AD.

What then could have been the specific event that would most probably be associated with this time period which will point us directly to the iniquity of Judah?

If we shall compare the two time elements, God extended His mercy for 390 years with the iniquity of Israel before the punishment came. But as for the iniquity of Judah, only a 40 year span was given unto them.

What could have been the specific sin of Judah that would make it greater than that of Israel as to meet such a swift retribution? And how do we even know that Judah's sin indeed exceeded Israel's?



God gave the prophet Ezekiel a two-fold pre-determined years prior to Jerusalem's siege and destruction of the Temple of God: for the house of Israel, 390 years were determined while for the house of Judah, it was only 40 years.

In the Bible, it is a common knowledge which side is more significant— well, it is the right side. The right arm usually represents blessing, strength and greatness (Gen. 48:13-20; Exo. 15:6-7; Job 40:14; Psa. 16:7; Psa. 48:10; Psa. 118:15). For the iniquity of Israel, the prophet Ezekiel was commanded to lie on his left side, whereas for the iniquity of Judah, he was to lie on his right side. ***This then indicates which sin is greater in God's eyes – it is imputed on Judah (PCG).***

Even God emphatically coursed through the prophet Jeremiah His thoughts about Judah: “And the LORD said unto me, ***The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.***” (Jer. 3:11)

Now we shall move to that specific event in 30 AD which determines the *iniquity of Judah* (this *same year* and the event that happened therein are important to note for the 70 weeks prophecy in chapter 12). Notice John 11:55, determines the time setting - “And the Jews' *passover was nigh at hand*,” which means it is not yet 31 AD!

- John 11:47-53 - “Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. *And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest THAT SAME YEAR, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself:* but being high priest

THAT YEAR, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.”

The chief priests and the Pharisees plotted to kill the heir to the throne from the house of King David, the King of kings, Jesus Christ - THAT SAME YEAR! Again, what year? That’s 30 AD before the Passover of 31 AD! Notice that from this point in time, God the Father remembers the iniquity of Judah and DETERMINED a punishment 40 years after – the siege and destruction of Jerusalem on 70 AD. (More on this subject on chapter 12)

While it is true that Israel had rejected the kings whom God had appointed over them, much more so, Judah had flatly rejected the King of kings. And while Israel turned away from God to worship idols, Judah turned away from God to worship the authority of men and their tradition with so much pride and full of hypocrisy. Whereas Israel neglected to follow God, Judah plotted to murder his own Creator!

But who are these *chief priests* and *the Pharisees*? Can we be sure that we know? Let us have some brief historical background:

In the years before the rise of Rome, the Jews, after centuries of captivity, finally won their freedom from a tyrannical (Greek) king named Antiochus Epiphanes, one of the greatest despots of the ancient world... The belief among the Jews was that God had punished Israel by delivering it into the hands of occupying nations for its failure to follow the Law of Moses. Now, with their freedom finally won, some key leaders of the Jews resolved that they would never again come under bondage from their rebellion, and so they determined they would follow God and honor His commandments so that Israel would know His blessings rather than His curses and punishments. ***In its zeal to observe the commandments, the nation gave birth to*** several fanatical groups dedicated to promoting holiness. At the forefront of this movement was a group that came to be known to us as ***the Pharisees***. (Source: <http://www.centralcal.com/crist2.htm>)

Let’s consider the *Jewish Encyclopedia* for more information about the Pharisees:

PHARISEES (Aramaic, “Perishaya”; Hebr. “Perushim”):

“Perisha” (the singular of “Perishaya”) denotes “**one who separates himself,**” or *keeps away from persons or things impure, in order to attain the degree of holiness and righteousness required in those who would commune with God...*

(T)he Sadducean priesthood prided itself upon its aristocracy of blood, ...***the Pharisees created an aristocracy of learning instead***, declaring a bastard who is a student of the Law to be higher in rank than an ignorant high priest (Hor. 13a), and ***glorying in the fact that their most prominent leaders were descendants of proselytes (or new converts)*** ...For the decision of their Scribes, or “Soferim”, consisting originally of Aaronites, Levites, and common Israelites, they claimed the same authority as for the Biblical law, ***even in case of error; they endowed them with the power to abrogate the Law at times*** (see Abrogation of Laws), and *they went so far as to say that he who transgressed their words deserved death. By dint of this authority, claimed to be divine, they put the entire calendric system upon a new basis, independent of the priesthood...*

On the whole, however, they added new restrictions to the Biblical law in order to keep the people at a safe distance from forbidden ground; as they termed it, “THEY MADE A FENCE AROUND THE LAW.”

(Source: <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/12087-pharisees>)

Did you see that? The Pharisees during Christ’s earthly ministry “**MADE A FENCE AROUND THE LAW!**” Is this not the specific fulfillment of the prophesied **IRON WALL** of Ezekiel 4? Let’s continue from the previous source to see one of the characteristics of that **IRON WALL**:

The Pharisees also favored the rich over the poor because of the prevailing attitude that poverty was a sign of the curse of God, while prosperity was believed to show the approval of God on one's life...

The attitude sometimes carried over into the Sanhedrin's legislative abilities, and so ***the Pharisees were known on occasion to abuse the right given them under the Law of Moses*** to enact laws clarifying points that the greater Law did not directly address. This had the effect, in some cases, of ***subverting the principles of the Law to favor those of wealth and power***, something Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for. (*op. cit.*)

Can we find a similar situation in this *last end* which portrays a scenario wherein the ministers in God’s Church favor the rich over the poor and even brand those in

poverty as under a curse from God? So many poor people in the Philadelphia Church of God around the world could relate to that and have so many stories to tell of their own experiences in the hands of these spiritual Pharisees. Some members on occasion have seen and even suffered an abuse of the minister's authority over them – using God's government in vain. For emphasis: “This had the effect, in some cases, of ***subverting the principles of the Law to favor those of wealth and power.***”

Now, let us include the group of the Sadducees because this group as it appears were the same *chief priests* who influenced Judas to betray Jesus Christ. Let's consider the *Jewish Encyclopedia* again and you will be utterly shocked:

SADDUCEES:

Name from High Priest Zadok.

Name given to the party representing views and practises of the Law and interests of Temple and priesthood directly opposite to those of the Pharisees. ***The singular form, “Zadduḳi”, is an adjective denoting “an adherent of the Bene Zadok,” the descendants of Zadok, the high priests who, tracing their pedigree back to Zadok, the chief of the priesthood in the days of David and Solomon, formed the Temple hierarchy all through the time of the First and Second Temples down to the days of Ben Sira but who degenerated under the influence of Hellenism, especially during the rule of the Seleucidæ, when to be a follower of the priestly aristocracy was tantamount to being a worldly-minded Epicurean***

(Source: <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/12989-sadducees>)

From another source we could read:

The Sadducees take their name from the priest Zadok who supported Solomon against Adonijah when he attempted to appoint himself King of Israel. (See the 1st chapter of 1st Chronicles.) ...While the Sadducees were few in number, their control of the Temple, along with their wealth, gave them an important position of authority within... *the Sanhedrin*.

The word *Sanhedrin* refers to a religious court. In the time of Christ, there were two Sanhedrins operating in Jerusalem, the first of which was a 23-member court run by the Sadducees that handled local affairs. Acts 5:25 shows this group and the Great Sanhedrin coming together to discuss the problem of the Christians...

At the trial of Jesus before the elders of Israel ... (t)he outcome was inevitable, especially because of the threat Jesus posed to the Sadducees.

In their view, this man was an unparalleled danger standing in direct contradiction to their theology across the board. ...*Thus, in their own self-interest, **the Sadducees**, more so than the Pharisees (some of whom certainly did want Jesus dead), forced the issue of trying and slaying Jesus.*

*Evidence of this can be seen in the fact that **the Sadducees, and not the Pharisees...***

- **Arranged with Judas to betray Christ** (Matt. 26)
- Set a guard at the tomb (Matt. 27)
- Arrested the apostles (Acts 5)
- Gave letters to Paul authorizing the persecution of the church in Damascus (Acts 9)

(Source: <http://www.centralcal.com/crist2.htm>)

Upon reading the name *Pharisee* which means, in Strong's, "AN EXCLUSIVELY RELIGIOUS SEPARATIST"; it's very much like the description in Ezekiel 4 of the IRON WALL between God and His people which was described by the prophet Ezekiel as a STRONG WALL OF SEPARATION. While as for the *Sadducees*, they have derived their name from ZADOK THE PRIEST. Do the descriptions for the Pharisees, as RELIGIOUS SEPARATISTS, and the Sadducees, as SONS OF ZADOK THE PRIEST ring a bell in this *last end*?

Pharisaism shaped the character of Judaism and the life and thought of the Jew for all the future. True it gave the Jewish religion a legalistic tendency and made "**separatism**" its chief characteristic (*op. cit.*)

Now, in this *last end*, which Church of God group does have the legalistic tendency and has made a doctrine of "SEPARATISM" its chief characteristic? And which group claims to be the SONS OF ZADOK?

Sons of Zadok is just another way of saying the Philadelphians today. Like Zadok, these individuals stay with the key of David. They hold on to the understanding about David's throne. (*The Key of David*, p. 57)

Moses and Joshua	Ephesus era
Time of the Judges	Smyrna era
United Monarchy (Saul, David, Solomon)	Pergamos era
Divided Monarchy	Thyatira era
Time of governors (Zerubbabel, Nehemiah)	Sardis era
Time of the Maccabees	Philadelphia era
Time of the Pharisees and Sadducees	Laodicean era

A comparative analysis was made regarding the chronological events in the Old Testament corresponding to each New Testament Church era. (From the December 23, 2012 PCG Ministerial Conference)

Could those descriptions referring to the Pharisees and the Sadducees be branded to the ministers of the Philadelphia Church of God? Well, consider these *undeniable facts*: the PCG ministry has implemented the NO CONTACT POLICY among its membership, and it has been said frequently, that we, as members of the PCG are the SONS OF ZADOK. Do these descriptions *squarely and perfectly fit* with that of the Pharisees who “**MADE A FENCE AROUND THE LAW,**” and the Sadducees who claimed to be the descendants of **ZADOK THE PRIEST**?

It does send some chills to the bones seeing the striking similarity to the Pharisees and Sadducees in Christ’s time. What do you think? Well, most likely, it only applies to those 25 men of Ezekiel 8.

If that would be the case then, *some* ministers of the PCG in this *last end* could be fulfilling the duality of a prophecy of *plotting* or *entrapping* to spiritually murder their Creator again - Christ coming in the flesh through *That Prophet*, (even through His little ones. In Matthew 18:5-6, the word “offend” also means “entrap” in *Strong’s*. This subject will be further explained later.)

Now moving on, God remembers and DETERMINED 40 years from that moment in 30 AD and then He allowed the punishment to come immediately on 70

AD (connected to Daniel 9's *seventy weeks* prophecy in chapter 12). Jerusalem was besieged *again*. There came a famine *again*. The walls crumbled *again*. And the temple ended in destruction and ruins *again* - To which the second part of Ezekiel's prophecy was fulfilled.

Notice the parallels between the two parts of this Ezekiel 4 prophecy - the 390 years for the iniquity of Israel and the 40 years for the iniquity of Judah. Israel and Judah both rejected God. Their sins are pretty much the same. The fulfillment of the prophecy is the same. In both cases, the temple along with the city of Jerusalem was destroyed.

In the 390 year time period, Jeroboam as the king of the ten tribes of Israel also took the role of a high priest to himself and set up his ***own priesthood*** which he used to prevent Israel from having an access to the true God by introducing a new doctrinal wall:

“And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: 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.*”(1 Kings 12:26-29)

While in the 40 year time period it was ALSO the ***priesthood - the chief priests and the Pharisees*** that ***prevented*** Judah from also having an access to the true God: “But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! *for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.*” (Matt. 23:13)

The ***priesthood*** in Jeroboam's time and in Christ's time have BOTH ***prevented*** the people from having an access to the true God – their doctrines was comparable to a WALL OF SEPARATION between God and His people.

The Apostle Paul even likens the “*high priest*” to a “*whitewashed wall*” (Acts 23:2-3). The prophet Jeremiah also pictures the “*altar*” as a “*wall*” (Lam. 2:7-8). So going back to the IRON WALL that was set up by the prophet Ezekiel in chapter 4, it does clearly refer to the PRIESTHOOD or the MINISTRY and their doctrine of SEPARATISM!

So the prophesied Ezekiel 4 siege clearly revolves around the IRON WALL that was set up in the PCG, and that WALL prevented God's people from having an access

to the true God just like what the Pharisees had done before. The “NO CONTACT POLICY” that was implemented inside the Philadelphia Church of God is a big part of that strong impregnable IRON WALL separation between God and His people! Can we see those spiritual Pharisees in our midst? We can know them by their fruits. Everything is already written in the wall. Can anyone refute God’s truth and prophecy being laid before our eyes?

Now here’s the question: Could there also be a counterpart to the Sadducees in this *last end* who will arrange with the *last end Judas* to betray *Christ coming in the flesh through His prophet*?

THE INIQUITY OF JUDAH

The prophet Jeremiah elaborates the iniquity of Judah: “The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars” (Jeremiah 17:1).

What has happened to Judah’s heart that it would need an iron pen with a diamond point just to be able to write unto it? Because it has been *hardened* like an adamant stone aptly described in Zechariah chapter 7:

“And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. ***Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.***” (vv. 8-12)

Is this not a prophecy in this end time specifically aimed at *spiritual Judah* (Philadelphia Church of God)? As Mr. Gerald Flurry often said that most of the prophecy in *the former prophets* is for our time right now!

“The former prophets were written by prophets because they are mainly prophetic. And most of that prophecy is for this end time!” (*The Former Prophets – God’s Royal Family*)

The context of Judah’s heart being hardened as an adamant stone revolves around “hearing the law and the words that God sent through His Spirit by the former

prophets.” But what is that law? It is about **HISTORY BECOMING PROPHECY**. Let’s further consider what Mr. Flurry wrote:

FORMER PROPHETS

How often have we heard that “history repeats itself”? It does—time and time again.

The Bible contains many prophetic books, including what are classified as the “major” and “minor” prophets. There also are “former prophets” in the Bible—comprised of Joshua, Judges, I and II Kings and I and II Samuel. These books are mostly about the history of Israel, but they are called former prophets for a reason. They were written by prophets and are filled with end-time prophecy. If we live the same lifestyles our forefathers did, we will attain virtually the same results—good or bad. ***History becomes prophecy. Not all prophecy is history. But a lot of history becomes prophecy. History prophesies the fate of nations, whether they will thrive or collapse!***

This is “a law of history.” It’s not about luck or happenstance. It is a law of history. *If we break that law, the law breaks us!* (ibid., p. 3)

The prophet Zechariah said that we should ***hear the law of history through the former prophets***, or else, our hearts will be hardened like an adamant stone, and that very law according to Mr. Flurry will eventually break us if we refuse to acknowledge! The prophet Zechariah is reminding us that the law of history through the former prophets APPLIES TO US in the PCG – HISTORY NOW BECOMES PROPHECY! Why is it so?

“(T)hey refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.” (v. 11)

What did the PCG refuse to hear?

“Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.” (vv. 9-10)

This is the same story-line in Ezekiel 4:17 when the people ***grow numb*** or ***emotionally unresponsive*** towards their own brethren in God’s Church. During the Ezekiel 4 siege, the leaders in spiritual Judah (the PCG), does not execute true judgment, does not show mercy and has no compassion on their less fortunate brethren. The ministry even led the people through the “no contact policy” to

oppress the widow, the fatherless, the stranger, and the poor and has imagined evil against their brethren – ***betrayal has become the number one key to survive***. Well, some might say, “This is God’s Church! It won’t happen to us! Surely God will not allow another falling away this time. Anyway, we have in our midst God’s last end apostle.” Do we fool ourselves into believing that since this is the true Church of God, we won’t be susceptible to repeat what the Worldwide Church of God has done in recent Church history?

“And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; *yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also...* And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.” (vv. 7, 8, 11)

Why was Israel (Laodiceans) *more justified* than treacherous Judah (PCG)? Because “both the prophet and the priest go about into ***“a land that they know not”*** (Jeremiah 14:18). They both followed “*a voice*” of a man from Dan (Jeremiah 4:15) and they are leading God’s people into it.

Yet God is emphatic in reminding us about hearing His words written by the former prophets even during a seeming *prosperity* in our midst:

“Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, *when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity*, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?” (v. 7)

In which Mr. Flurry wrote:

“This is ‘a law of history.’ It’s not about luck or happenstance. It is a law of history. If we break that law, the law breaks us!” (*op. cit.*)

HISTORY, AS IT SEEMS, IS ALREADY REPEATING ITSELF!

To prove this, let us consider what Mr. Flurry wrote in his co-worker letter dated May 6, 2014:

Dear members and co-workers with Christ,
How deep is your faith? How clear is your spiritual vision? How well do you see God behind this Work?

The answers to these questions are extremely important to your spiritual health - and to God.

In August of 1977, Herbert W. Armstrong died at his home in Tucson... “Shortly after they’d told me what had happened,” Mr. Armstrong later wrote, “I felt that if my work in God’s hands were finished and God didn’t have any further use for me in His Work, that I would rather have remained dead. Because if they hadn’t intervened I would have been buried in two or three days” (*Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong*, Volume 2)...

Mr. Armstrong kept mentioning that incident because the Church did not get the lesson. Just like Christ, Mr. Armstrong was probably weeping for the Laodiceans, and trying to get their minds **off the man** and onto THE BEING WHO DOES THE RESURRECTING!

I want to relate that history to something that happened to me recently. On January 4, I fainted on stage while giving a sermon. A few weeks before that incident, ***I told a regional director I believed some of our members looked to me and even the other ministers too much.*** I wanted to make sure the ministers were helping the people be aware of that. However, before I had a chance to do anything about it, this incident occurred. ***I think that was God’s way of saying that He agreed with me. I didn’t necessarily like the way He demonstrated that, but it shows me that He motivated what I was thinking.***

We need to remember that a minister is just a puny little man. Of course, God works through men, but we are just men. (pp. 1-2)

Mr Flurry was emphatic of this very subject - ***of people in God’s Church looking too much on him and the other ministers.*** He said that God agreed with him and even demonstrated their alignment of thinking through his fainting spell last January 4, 2014 while giving a sermon about Ezekiel 4.

This co-worker letter has just proven the veracity of the fulfillment of the Ezekiel 4 siege inside the Philadelphia Church of God. This spiritual siege was indeed designed by God to know who among His people will look to Him or to those puny little men. And He has been learning quite a lot about each one us.

But how important is history? Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote about its great importance and why Satan wants to destroy it:

DESTROYING HISTORY

Satan is very hostile to history and works extremely hard to destroy it. He wants

Israel to forget its history. He wants the Church to forget its history. Most of all, he is working to destroy his own history. He has been quite successful in these endeavors. When you forget your history, you lose your perspective, and you don't know what is happening. ***If you are lost in the present, you can never cope with Satan's deceptions!***

Either we learn history, or we will repeat it—and that includes the history of this fallen cherub. Without context, you're just like Eve—making your decisions based on whatever *looks good*.

I would suggest that you think deeply about that paragraph.

Let us not underestimate the power of this great fallen cherub. Satan knows how God works with His people. ***Satan works to destroy their history with God. He knows that if God can't get His people to learn from their history, they are easy targets for deception.*** (Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet, pp. 43-44)

God is speaking to us through His Spirit. Even the Apostle John admonished every Church eras: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22).

He wrote it *seven times* to remind the people to hear what God's Spirit says and not what any man says. We should "try the spirits whether they are of God." (1 John 4:1-3). The prophet Jeremiah clearly pointed out the root cause of the problem:

"Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD." (Jer. 17:5).

"Arm" in *Strong's* could also be mean, "strength" so the phrase "makes flesh his arm" could also be rendered this way "makes flesh his *strength*." Here is what *Gill's Commentary* wrote regarding this verse:

and maketh flesh his arm; or his confidence, as the Targum, to lean upon, and be protected by; *man is but flesh, feeble, weak and inactive; frail and mortal; sinful and corrupt*; and so very unfit to make an arm of, or to depend upon: God, and an arm of flesh, are opposed to each other; as are also rejoicing in Christ Jesus, and having confidence in the flesh, 2 Chr. 32:8.

In the *New International Version* verse 5 is even rendered this way: "This is what the Lord says: ***Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh*** and whose heart turns away from the Lord."

Even Mr. Flurry said earnestly not to trust in man:

I beseech you brethren—seek God as you never have before! "Cursed be the

man that trusteth in man” (Jeremiah 17:5)—any man, AND THAT CERTAINLY INCLUDES ME. In the near future you are going to see events that will shake this world as never before. TIME IS RUNNING OUT! The signs all point to the catastrophic end—which will come very soon! THE SAME GOD WHO IS SENDING YOU THIS MESSAGE IS ALREADY MOVING DRAMATICALLY TO BRING THIS WORLD TO ITS KNEES! (*Malachi’s Message*, p. 99)

Now, it does mean that the very core of Judah’s sin points us to one glaring conclusion – their trust and confidence is in mere mortals rather than giving their trust in God: “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.” (v. 7)

To further illustrate, we go back to verse 1 and consider the phrase “upon the horns of your altars”. The word “horn” here is the same Hebrew word used in 1 Samuel 2:10 and in *Strong’s Concordance* it also mean “power”. And the word “altar” “pertains to the ministry and worship within the Church” (*Malachi’s Message*, p. 15). So the phrase, “upon the horns of your altars” could actually imply *a trust and confidence in the POWER of their MINISTRY who are just puny little mortals!* Notice that it is not referring to the “*power of GOD’S ministry*”, but “*the power of YOUR ministry*”. This is what Judah’s sin is all about – written with a diamond point iron pen in the hard tables of their heart!

They have deceived themselves into believing that they are relying on *God’s power*, but in actual fact, in God’s own eyes, it is the just the *ministry’s power* – only the power of mortal men.

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.” (vv. 9-10).

And what shall God give according to their ways and according to the fruit of their doings?

“And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the *land which thou knowest not*: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, which shall burn for ever” (v. 4).

Now this is what *Lange’s Commentary* wrote about verse 4: “And thou shalt withhold thy hand from the inheritance which I have given thee; And I cause thee to serve thy enemies in a land that thou knowest not: ***For ye have kindled a fire in my nostrils that shall burn forever.***”

This is the same as what is prophesied in Ezekiel 8:17 about the 25 men that turned their backs on God who “***are taking a branch and sticking it up into God’s nostrils***”! (*Ezekiel* booklet, p. 57).

“Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: ***therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.***” (Zech. 7:12)

In this last end, Judah’s iniquity has made God so fuming mad! This is what Daniel 8:23 is talking about “when the transgressors are come to the full”! As what Mr. Flurry said in the *Opening Night Message* for the 2013 Feast of Tabernacles, “We are living in a time when the transgressors are come to the full.” But what’s this got to do with the Philadelphia Church of God? Remember, that it is referring to none other than Judah, which directly points to the PCG and as Mr. Flurry himself emphasized that the PCG is actually the “house of Judah”

The “house of Judah” here is the faithful Church of God. You could say it is “the house of the Jews” WE ARE JEWS – SPIRITUAL JEWS!” (*Royal Vision*, July-August 2012, p.6)

So we ought to wake up and repent towards God! And let us not justify ourselves but rather we should justify God! We must let God clothe us with His righteousness and stop clothing ourselves with our own filthy self-righteousness! God then reproves Judah and Jerusalem in Jeremiah chapter 4:

“For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among the thorns.” (v. 3)
Here is what *JFB Commentary* wrote regarding the verse:

Break ...fallow ground – that is, ***Repent of your idolatry***, and so be prepared to serve the Lord in truth (Hos. 10:12; Matt. 13:7). The unhumbled heart is like ground which may be improved, being let out to us for that purpose, but which is as yet fallow, overgrown with weeds, its natural product.

God exhorts us to really dig in and sow His righteousness in us that we might obtain His mercy. Let’s read it in Hosea chapter 10:

“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy, break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you” (v. 12)

It is high time to seek God and become true spiritual Jews!

“Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and **take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem**: lest my fury come forth like a fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings” (v. 4).

In God’s eyes who is a spiritual Jew? Here is what the Apostle Paul wrote: “But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly, and **circumcision is that of the heart**, in the spirit and not in the letter, whose praise is not of men, but of God” (Rom. 2:29)

Are you a true spiritual Jew? Am I? We must make sure that we are, “for salvation is of the Jews.” (John 4:22). Do we seek the praise of God or do we have the tendency to seek the praise of mortal men? We must then REMEMBER what Mr. Flurry said in his May 6, 2014 co-worker letter:

“A human being can never be anything more than a weak little man. But the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, the Head of this Church, isn’t weak! We must know that deeply. We must know without any doubt exactly who the Head of this Church is, or we will have serious problems.” (op.cit., p. 4)

IMAGES OF ASTARTE

Idolatry is the sin that is being associated with spiritual Judah. God is being specific of what ought to be repented of. The prophet Jeremiah even gave a strong emphasis on it:

“The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, *and* with the point of a diamond: *it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars; Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills.*” (Jer. 17:1-2)

To better understand these verses; let’s consider the word “groves” from the *Strong’s Concordance*:

H842. 'asherah, ash-ay-raw'; or 'asheyrah, ash-ay-raw'; from H833; happy; Asherah (or Astarte) a Phoenician goddess; also an image of the same:--grove.

While from *JFB Commentary* we read:

groves — rather, “**images of Astarte**,” the goddess of the heavenly hosts, represented as a sacred tree, such as is seen in the Assyrian sculptures. ...The Hebrew for “grove” is Asherah, that is, Assarak, Astarte, or Ashtaroth.

But who is *Astarte*? To answer that, consider the article below:

THE ORIGIN OF EASTER

(W)e can see that Easter, Ishtar, Ashtoreth or Astarte, trace their origins back to Semiramis—the ancient queen of heaven, or moon goddess. Osiris, Baal, or Tammuz trace their origins back to Nimrod—the ancient sun god. They were worshiped as the king and queen of heaven. They ruled the day and the night. And it all comes from Babylon which means *confusion*...

In verse 6 (referring to II Kings 23) where it says, “brought out the grove,” *JFB* says, “*Asherah*, the mystic tree, placed by Manasseh in the temple, removed by him after his conversion, but replaced in the sanctuary by his wicked brother Amon.”

The *King of Kings Bible Concordance* says this concerning Asherah: “Name of a Canaanite goddess, frequently associated with Baal. It appears that she was symbolized by sacred poles or trees and that frequently the word does not signify the goddess, but only those symbols. *In the Authorized Version Asherahs are called groves*”...

God warns, we are not to follow after customs steeped in pagan origin (Lev. 18:1-4; Deut. 12:29-31). But for 6,000 years, man has consistently done what seems right in his own eyes (Prov. 14:12).

So if these ancient customs were not taught by Christ and the apostles, only one question remains. How did these traditions of men work their way into the beliefs and customs of traditional Christianity? (*The Philadelphia Trumpet*, March 1996)

Easter, Ishtar, Ashtoreth or Astarte can be traced back to Semiramis, the mother of Nimrod -They are the “mother and child tandem” who founded the “Revelation 17:5” religion: “And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.” According to *1911 Encyclopedia Britannica*:

She assumes various local forms in the old Semitic world, and this has led to consequent fusion and identification with the deities of other nations.

Britannica Online Encyclopedia adds:

Astarte was worshiped in Egypt and Ugarit and among the Hittites, as well as in Canaan. Her Akkadian counterpart was Ishtar. *Later she became assimilated with the Egyptian deities Isis and Hathor (a goddess of the sky and of women), and in the Greco-Roman world with Aphrodite, Artemis, and Juno...*

And when we consider the word “groves” or the “*images of Astarte*” in Jeremiah 17:2, it is in plural form which indicates more than one occurrence. But first, let us define the word “image” from the dictionary:

A natural resemblance; also that which resembles something; counterpart. A representation in the mind of something not perceived at the moment through the senses; a product of the reproductive imagination or memory, of things seen, heard, touched, etc., including the accompanying emotion. A symbol of anything; embodiment; type.

Whereas, “resemblance” means:

“the quality of similarity in nature, form, etc.; relative identity.

Therefore, if we shall examine carefully, “the images of Astarte” could be referring to a “resemblance” or “the quality of similarity in nature, form, etc.” or a “counterpart” to something directly associated to “Astarte.”

MOTHER’S DAY

As the 1911 *Encyclopedia Britannica* noted that Astarte “*assumes various local forms in the old Semitic world,*” which “*has led to consequent fusion and identification with the deities of other nations.*” To start with, let’s consider the history of Mother’s Day:

MOTHER’S DAY HISTORY

The majority of countries that celebrate Mother’s Day do so on the second Sunday of May. On this day, it is common for Mothers to be lavished with presents and special attention from their families, friends and loved ones. But it wasn’t always this way...

Spiritual Origin of Mother’s Day

*Only recently dubbed “Mother’s Day,” the highly traditional practice of honoring of Motherhood is rooted in antiquity, and past rites typically had strong symbolic and spiritual overtones; societies tended to celebrate Goddesses and symbols rather than actual Mothers. **The personal, human touch to Mother’s Day is a relatively new phenomenon. The maternal objects of adoration ranged from mythological female deities to the Christian Church itself.** Only in the past few centuries did celebrations of Motherhood develop a decidedly human focus.*

Goddess Isis - Early Egyptian Roots

One of the earliest historical records of a society celebrating a Mother deity can be found among the ancient Egyptians, who held an annual festival to honor the goddess Isis, who was commonly regarded as the Mother of the pharaohs...

So the story goes, after Isis’ brother-husband Osiris was slain and dismembered in 13 pieces by their jealous brother Seth, Isis re-assembled Osiris’ body and used it to impregnate herself. She then gave birth to Horus... Horus grew up and defeated Seth, and then became the first ruler of a unified Egypt. Thus Isis earned her stature as the Mother of the pharaohs.

It is interesting to note that the Mother and Son imagery of Isis and Horus—in which Isis cradles and suckles her son—is strikingly similar to that of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus.

Cybele - Ancient Roman Celebration

The festival of Isis was also celebrated by the Romans who used the event to commemorate an important battle and mark the beginning of Winter... Yet the Roman root of Mother’s Day is perhaps more precisely found in the celebration of the Phrygian goddess Cybele, or Magna Mater (Great Mother).

Cybele stems from the Greek Goddess Rhea, who was the Mother of most of the major deities including Zeus. Rhea was therefore celebrated as a mother goddess, and the festival took place around the time of the Vernal Equinox...

<http://www.mothersdaycentral.com/about-mothersday/history/>

*We must remember that Astarte, as *Britannica Online Encyclopedia* noticed, “Later ...**became assimilated with the Egyptian deities Isis and Hathor** (a goddess of the sky and of women).” Upon careful examination, this is the specific fulfillment of Jeremiah 17:2 regarding “groves” or “images of Astarte” – the Egyptian goddess Isis being **assimilated** or having **resemblance** to Astarte. The same is true for the*

“Phrygian goddess Cybele, or Magna Mater (Great Mother)”, and the “Greek Goddess Rhea, who was the Mother of most of the major deities including Zeus.”

That Semiramis, under the name of Astarte, was worshipped not only as an incarnation of the Spirit of God, but as the mother of mankind, we have very clear and satisfactory evidence. There is no doubt that “the Syrian goddess” was Astarte (LAYARD’S Nineveh and its Remains). Now, the Assyrian goddess, or Astarte, is identified with Semiramis by Athenagoras (Legatio), and by Lucian (De Dea Syria). These testimonies in regard to Astarte, or the Syrian goddess, being, in one aspect, Semiramis, are quite decisive.¹ ***The name Astarte, as applied to her, has reference to her as being Rhea or Cybele, the tower-bearing goddess...*** (*The Two Babylons* – Alexander Hislop, p. 78)

As far as God is concerned, they are all “*images of Astarte*”! The modern day celebration of Mother’s Day today has been in observance just in recent history. Consider the article below:

A History of Mother’s Day

By Holly Hildebrand

Houston Chronicle Interactive

The first celebrations in honor of mothers were held in the spring in ancient Greece. They paid tribute to Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 17th century, England honored mothers on “Mothering Sunday” celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

In the United States, Julia Ward Howe suggested the idea of Mother’s Day in 1872. Howe, who wrote the words to the “*Battle Hymn of the Republic*”, saw Mother’s Day as being dedicated to peace.

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia is credited with bringing about the official observance of Mother’s Day. Her campaign to establish such a holiday began as a remembrance of her mother, who died in 1905 and who had, in the late 19th century, tried to establish “Mother Friendship Days” as a way to heal the scars of Civil War.

Two years after her mother died, Jarvis held a ceremony in Grafton, West Virginia to honor her. She was so moved by the proceedings that she began a massive campaign to adopt a formal holiday honoring mothers. In 1910, West Virginia became the first state to recognize Mother’s Day. In 1914, President

Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed Mother's Day as a national holiday to be held on the second Sunday of May.

But Jarvis' accomplishment soon turned bitter for her. Enraged by the commercialization of the holiday, she filed a lawsuit to stop a 1923 Mother's Day festival and was even arrested for disturbing peace at a war mother's convention where women sold white carnations – Jarvis' symbol for mothers – to raise money. "This is not what I intended," Jarvis said. "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit!"

When she died in 1948, at age 84, Jarvis had become a woman of great ironies. ***Never a mother herself, her maternal fortune dissipated by her efforts to stop the commercialization of the holiday she had founded, Jarvis told a reporter shortly before her death that she was sorry she had ever started Mother's Day.*** She spoke these words in a nursing home where every Mother's Day her room had been filled with cards from all over the world.

Today, because and despite Jarvis' efforts, many celebrations of Mother's Days are held throughout the world. Although they do not fall at the same time, such countries as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia and Belgium also celebrate Mother's Day on the same day as the United States.

<http://www.docstoc.com/docs/2197651/A-history-of-Mothers-Day>

It is noteworthy to consider that the first celebrations of Mother's Day was rooted in paganism and was celebrated in England as "Mothering Sunday" during the 4th Sunday of Lent.

While the modern day observance of *Mother's Day* every 2nd Sunday of May was credited to Anna Jarvis, who eventually turned against her very creation because she saw that the end result became corrupted which was not according to what she had intended initially.

Is it because that Satan had a hand on it, making sure that it would ***conform to the "IMAGE"*** of the previous one? Although Mother's Day and Mothering Sunday are different as some may say, yet both are celebrated during Sundays and focuses on the ***Mother figure***. Even secular observers noticed the connection of the modern day celebration with that of its ancient origin which is rooted from pagan festivity celebrating the ***Mother deity*** and passed on through time. Consider the article below:

Anna M. Jarvis's Mother's Day in 1908

In 1908, Anna (Jarvis) petitioned the *superintendent of the church where her*

Mother had spent over 20 years teaching Sunday School. Her request was honored, and on May 10, 1908, the first official Mother's Day celebration took place at Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia and a church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The West Virginia event drew a congregation of 407 and Anna Jarvis arranged for white carnations—her Mother's favorite flower—to adorn the patrons. Two carnations were given to every Mother in attendance. Today, white carnations are used to honor deceased Mothers, while pink or red carnations pay tribute to Mothers who are still alive. Andrew's Methodist Church exists to this day, and was incorporated into the International Mother's Day Shrine in 1962...

Mother's Day vs. Mothering Day

The United States' version of Mother's Day has been exported to many other nations throughout the world. In certain countries there has been little significant cultural adaptation. In other countries, especially those whose tradition stems from the English Mothering Day (which is now also called Mother's Day), the traditions are quite different from those of the United States.

While the United States' version of Mother's Day—the version most widely exported to the rest of the world—has secular humanist roots followed up by extensive commercialization, ***it is interesting to note that many countries, regardless of this Western trend, continue to attach much more symbolic and/or religious importance to their Mother's Day celebrations.***

In Spain Mother's Day is tied to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. The Virgin Mary is celebrated next to the mothers of the nation. In Ethiopia the holiday is tied to seasons and agriculture, and in Yugoslavia it leads up to Christmas, commemorating the Motherhood of Christ.

<http://www.mothersdaycentral.com/about-mothersday/history/>

As Anna Jarvis even shortly before her death felt sorry for starting Mother's Day, the celebration has already deteriorated into commercialization and many countries continue to attach symbolic and religious importance to it. Moreover, it was a *Methodist Church that initiated the first official Mother's Day celebration*. The church that supported Mother's Day has its roots traceable to Babylon mystery religion:

The Methodist branch of *Protestant religion* traces its roots back to 1739 where it developed in England as a result of the teachings of John Wesley.

<http://christianity.about.com/od/methodistdenomination/a/methodishistory.htm>

In other words, the modern day celebration of *Mother's Day* has been tainted and eventually taken a *resemblance* of the former as the “*image of Astarte*”! ***Notice, that it has to be always celebrated on a Sunday also, just like the former one!***

Again, “*resemblance*” means: ***the quality of similarity in nature, form, etc.; relative identity or counterpart.*** Now, the question is this: Is Mother's Day not a *counterpart* of Mothering Sunday? The answer is obvious and without a doubt one of the “*images of Astarte*” as the prophet Jeremiah vividly describes:

“The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars; Whilst their children remember their altars and their ***groves (images of Astarte)***...” (Jer. 17:1-2)

Although Mr. Armstrong has not dwelled too much on the subject of *Mother's Day*, yet the PCG ministry has basically given much weight on the celebration to its lay membership compared to that of the *Father's Day*. In an article from the *Trumpet Website* - Friday, May 11, 2007, *Mother's Day* was initially endorsed by the ministry:

The Beautiful Role of a Mother

With Sunday being Mother's Day, consider the vital importance of this pillar of a stable society... Remember—and not only this *Mother's Day*—to put Mom on a pedestal. Her God-given role is most praiseworthy and exalted, most beautiful. Most honorable.

From then on, the PCG ministry has put *Mother's Day* on a pedestal, even using the event every year as a money-making scheme to raise fund for God's house, the *Armstrong Auditorium*.

Remember that this “commercialization of the holiday” is even CONTRARY to Anna Jarvis' real intention in celebrating *Mother's Day*.

“This is not what I intended,” Jarvis said. ‘I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit!’” (op. cit.; Read the article from the *Philadelphia News* Sept./Oct. 2011, p. 7)

CREMATION

Here is another belief which can be considered as one of the “*images of Astarte*” - *cremation*. Let's review some history surrounding this tradition and where it all began.

How came it that the “Heart” became the recognized symbol of the Child of the

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Melbourne sells Mother's Day flowers

AUSTRALIA—On the evening of May 7, the Melbourne congregation pooled its flower-arranging skills to make various arrangements for a fundraiser the following day, Mother's Day.

For many, it was a real eye-opener—especially for the men, who had little experience with flowers and bouquets.

"It has given me an appreciation of what the ladies do each week," said member Ross Macdonald, who helped work on the project throughout the night.

By the end of the evening, members had made 100

arrangements—exactly as planned—ready to sell the next day.

"It was amazing how enjoyable everyone found it to work together in creating something beautiful like boxed flower arrangements," Local Church Elder Kirk Macdonald said. "Working with God's creation, displaying and arranging flowers was a very rewarding activity."

On Mother's Day, brethren sold the flowers at two roadside locations. Many of the customers were on their way to see their mothers and had

left buying flowers to the last minute. Both locations sold out of the flowers by 4:30 in the afternoon.

The net financial result was a profit of \$2,255. Of the fundraiser, Mr. Macdonald commented, "Because of the 100 percent involvement and commitment by the congregation, God certainly added the increase, and has given us the encouragement to find ways to work together at other fundraising activities. We also laid a firm foundation to be able to build a bigger Mother's Day event next year." *Andrew Kennedy.*

ACTIVITIES



South Africans test out Mother's Day flower fundraiser

SOUTH AFRICA—Members of the Johannesburg congregation got together to sell Mother's Day bouquets on May 12 in an effort to raise money for the building fund, the first time the group has undertaken such a project. In the past, members in Australia and elsewhere have suc-

LEFT (From left) Anya Trietsch, Sandra Trietsch, Eric Trietsch, Ghina Trietsch, Desiree Mofokeng, Otto Trietsch, Chantel van der Leeuw, and Brenda Muller work at a booth filled with flower bouquets.

cessfully raised funds using the same idea.

The previous evening, brethren met at the residence of Local Elder George Githembe and his family, where they worked in carefully planned production lines to arrange bouquets. Some cut flower stems; some arranged; some made advertising signs. Early on Mother's Day, the volunteers set up three stalls. Beautiful weather with clear blue skies prevailed throughout the day, making conditions ideal for the outdoors event.

"After much preparation and prayer, God opened the floodgates, and all flowers were sold before lunchtime," volunteer Rohann Smith said. "This was an opportunity for members to be actively involved in raising funds for the building fund, and the results were most inspiring."

Smith said that members were "unified, zealous and eager to sell the flowers" and that being able to sell the full stock of bouquets so quickly was "a wonderful answer to prayer."

Linda Hoeksma, who helped plan the fundraiser, said, "Without the dedicated prayers and labor of love by the brethren, this fundraiser would not have been such a great success."

By the end of the morning, the group had sold all 60 bouquets and tabulated a profit of R5,603 (\$558.65) for the building fund.

Deacon Eric Trietsch, who helped coordinate the event, said, "The sites for the fundraiser were well chosen, and the ladies were instrumental in making the bouquets. ... Next year we will try to sell even more bouquets." *DIVAN MULLER*

Brethren across Australasia break records with Mother's Day fundraiser



AUSTRALIA—Four Australian congregations conducted a record-breaking fundraiser on May 12, selling flowers on a warm, sunny Mother's Day. A total of 280 members in four states raised a total of \$17,090 for the day.

Selling roadside flowers on Mother's Day is a fundraising activity that has grown from a "mustard seed" sown by the Melbourne congregation four years ago. This year, 10 Melbourne members became "florists" for a day and turned in a whopping \$4,400 profit on the sale of boxes and bouquets of flowers. Since its genesis in Melbourne, this activity has grown to "seed" similar enthusiasm and results across Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines.

"Due to the success of the activity, I honestly think a lot of Church members are beginning to realize their individual ability to support the work," Local Church Elder Matthew Robinson said. "By far [it] was the spirit evidenced in literally all who participated. Everyone got behind and supported it, not just willingly, but with a palpable degree of enthusiasm."

Joining in the fundraiser for the first time, the Adelaide congregation banded together to raise a neat \$1,763. "Although smaller in terms of monies raised, Adelaide's effort was definitely the stand-out from the weekend for me," Mr. Robinson said. "Considering this was Adelaide's first outing, I think the South Australian members did an outstanding job, especially given the fact that it was a last-minute decision to undertake the activity."

The Sydney congregation, in its second

year participating in the fundraiser, raised a whopping \$5,297. Members said they could not put a price on the camaraderie, spirit of cooperation, and excitement generated on the Saturday evening as everyone teamed up to assemble 300 boxes of flowers. An answered prayer, magnificent weather prevailed on Mother's Day, and all customers snapped up every last flower before the end of the day.

"Sydney has come a long way since its first attempt at flower sales last year ..." Mr. Robinson said. "One aspect which was very rewarding in Sydney was seeing the large amounts of people working so closely together."

Brisbane sales fired up well as soon as the stalls opened before 7 a.m. However, at about 10 a.m., members faced a challenge at the two busiest flower stalls positioned each side of a major road. Uninformed council officials closed the stands down, stating they were supposed to have council permits—even though this is not a requirement for church groups and non-profit organizations. Confrontation

by the belligerent officials was quickly defused when the two teams uprooted and relocated their stock to other high-turnover stands.

"The brethren quickly shifted to another site, maintaining focus and got on with the job," Local Church Elder Brian Sherwood said. Despite having "a spanner thrown in the works," the Brisbane congregation raised a bulging \$6,150 for the day, a 25 percent profit increase over last year. "Everyone stuck to their roles, rose to the occasion, and everything went like clockwork. It was an outstanding effort, and we can't wait for next year," Mr. Sherwood said.

Young and old members arrange flowers in a hall in Sydney the evening before Mother's Day.

The Philippines, also selling Mother's Day flowers for the second year, raised 80,070 pesos (\$1,950) for sales in Quezon and Angeles cities. All stock was cleared by noon. From their reactions, it seemed that the Filipinos were in shock at how successful the activity was.

"What we raised this year shows the potential this fundraising activity has to be able to generate even more revenue next year," Regional Director Max Rumler said. "With advanced planning, product standardization, and more streamlined organization, I believe we can achieve an Australian national target of \$30,000 next year, and still have great fun, feasting and fellowship in the process."

This small fundraising mustard seed, sown in Melbourne four years ago, has grown into a multi-national endeavor that significantly contributes to God's Work, as it unites and builds joy in His people. But, it is just one of many exciting fundraising initiatives being organized by members throughout the region.

ROSS MACDONALD

Arkansas club finishes year

ARKANSAS—The Central Arkansas Spokesman Club held its annual Ladies' Day Luncheon on April 14 at the Riverfront Steakhouse in North Little Rock. Members, with their spouses and guests, celebrated the completion of another successful year and the graduation of one of the group's members, William Thacker. Club director Robert Brown conducted the first half of the meeting, evaluating tabletop topics and addressing the business portion. Junior Howard, the club's topicsmaster, engaged the members and their wives with entertaining, thought-provoking questions. Evangelist Wayne Turgeon evaluated the speakers and gave the closing lecture during the second half of the event.

CHERYL ZOELLNER

great Mother? “The Heart” in Chaldee is “BEL” ...Now, the worship of the “Sacred Heart” was just, under a symbol, the worship of the “Sacred Bel,” that mighty one of Babylon, who had died a martyr for idolatry; for Harpocrates, or Horus, the infant god, was regarded as Bel, born again. ...the new birth or new incarnation of Nimrod or Bel. ***When Bel, however was born again as a child, he was, as we have seen, represented as an incarnation of the sun.*** Therefore, to indicate his connection with the ***fiery and burning sun***, the “sacred heart” was frequently represented as a “*heart of flame*.” ...Of what use, then, is it to say that the “Sacred Heart” which Rome worships is called by the name of “Jesus,” ...are not the attributes of the living and loving Saviour, ***but the genuine attributes of the ancient Moloch or Bel?*** (*The Two Babylons*, Alexander Hislop, p. 129)

“Bel” is also known as “Bal” or “Baal” in the scriptures. This same “Bel” is in the image of his great Mother, “Beltis” – the queen of heaven. Notice that Nimrod’s names are interchangeable, yet his association with “fire and the burning sun” is undoubtedly ***“the genuine attributes of the ancient Moloch or Bel.”***

(W)e have customs still lingering at this day among us, which prove how exactly the worship of Bel or Moloch (for both titles belonged to the same god). (p. 73, *ibid.*)

Remember that Nimrod himself was in the *image* of his mother Semiramis who herself is known by many names like Astarte, Beltis, Cybele, Rhea, etc. And so was Nimrod, who is also known by different names:

Tammuz was Nimrod, the examination of the meaning of the name confirms the connection of Nimrod with the first fire-worship. ...*Nimrod ...bore the title of Moloch, or king, so it was in honour of him that the “children were made to pass through the fire to Moloch.” But the intention of that passing through the fire was undoubtedly to purify.* ...As both the passing through the fire, and the burning in the fire, were essential rites in the worship of Moloch or Nimrod, this is an argument that ***Nimrod was Tammuz***. As the priest and representative of the perfecting or purifying fire, it was he that carried on the work of perfecting or purifying by fire, and so he was called by its name. (p.159, *ibid.*)



BABYLONIAN MOTHERS bowing before Nimrod, high priest of the sun god, present their babies to be purified by being sacrificed in fire. Nimrod founded an apostate pagan religious system that has engulfed and deceived the world.

First let us further consider this cremation which is an ancient custom of destroying a dead body by fire in other religions:

Religions such as Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism and Buddhism, mandate cremation. In these religions, the body is seen as an instrument to carry the soul. Many examples are in the Bhagavad Gita.

According to Hindu traditions, the reasons for preferring to destroy the corpse by fire, over burying it into ground, is to induce a feeling of detachment into the freshly disembodied spirit, which will be helpful to encourage it into passing to its next destination, lest it remain near its former body. Hindus have 16 rites of passage (Samskāra); ...Cremation is referred to as antim-sanskara, literally meaning "the last rites." At the time of the cremation or "last rites," a "Puja" (ritual worship) is performed. The holy text of Rigveda, one of the oldest Hindu scriptures, has many Ruchas (also written and pronounced as Richas) (small poems) related to cremation, which state that Lord Agni (**God of Fire**) will purify the dead body, also known as the Parthiv one of the 5 types of fire.

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cremation#Bali>

Now consider what was written in *The Two Babylons* by Alexander Hislop regarding this “GOD OF FIRE” and where it originated:

The name *Tammuz*, as applied to *Nimrod* or Osiris, was equivalent to Alorus or the “*god of fire*,” and seems to have been given to him as the great purifier by fire. Tammuz is derived from tam, “to make perfect,” and muz, “fire,” and signifies “Fire the perfecter,” or “*the perfecting fire*.” To this meaning of the name, as well as to the character of Nimrod as the Father of the gods, the Zoroastrian verse alludes when it says: “All things are the progeny of ONE FIRE. The Father perfected all things, and delivered them to the second mind, whom all nations of men call the first.” (CORY'S Fragments) Here Fire is declared to be the Father of all; for all things are said to be its progeny, and it is also called the “perfecter of all things.” The second mind is evidently the child who displaced Nimrod's image as an object of worship; but yet the agency of Nimrod, as the first of the gods, and the fire-god, was held indispensable for “perfecting” men. And hence, too, no doubt, the necessity of the fire of Purgatory to “perfect” men's souls at last, and to purge away all the sins that they have carried with them into the unseen world. (*op. cit.*, p. 166)

There have been several debates on cremation over the past century. And there is one book available that could shed light to the history of cremation in America. Here is the book's brief description.

Just one hundred years ago, Americans almost universally condemned cremation. Today, nearly one-quarter of Americans choose to be cremated. The practice has gained wide acceptance as a funeral rite, in both our private and public lives, as the cremations of icons such as John Lennon and John F. Kennedy Jr. show. *Purified by Fire* tells the fascinating story of *cremation's rise from notoriety to legitimacy and takes a provocative new look at important transformations in the American cultural landscape over the last 150 years.*

Stephen Prothero synthesizes a wide array of previously untapped source material, including newspapers, consumer guides, mortician trade journals, and popular magazines such as Reader's Digest to provide this first historical study of cremation in the United States. He vividly describes many noteworthy events—from the much-criticized first American cremation in 1876 to the death and cremation of Jerry Garcia in the late twentieth century. From the Gilded Age

to the Progressive Era to the baby boomers of today, *this book takes us on a tour through American culture and traces our changing attitudes toward death, religion, public health, the body, and the environment.* (“Purified by Fire - A History of Cremation in America” by Stephen Prothero)

Cremation definitely takes the resemblance of the heathen practice of burning dead bodies. Cremation can therefore be easily considered as one of the “*images of Astarte*” having a *resemblance* with “passing through the fire of Molech.” And once again, the word “resemblance” means:

“the quality of similarity in nature, form, etc.; relative identity.

Again, the word “***image***” from the dictionary means:

A natural resemblance; also that which resembles something; counterpart. A representation in the mind of something not perceived at the moment through the senses;.. A symbol of anything; embodiment; type.

Cremation may or may not have directly originated from the heathen tradition of observing the “*fire of Molech*” yet, just like *Mother’s Day*, it is in the very *image* or *resemblance* of that custom started by Nimrod himself. It can easily be considered as one of the *images of Astarte*.

In Leviticus 18:21 it is written: “And thou shalt not let any of *thy seed pass through the fire to Molech*, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.” (See also Lev. 20:2-5). Let us read what Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote about this verse:

Notice the THIRD commandment in Leviticus 18:3, 21, 27. “After the doings of the land of Egypt wherein you dwelt SHALL YOU NOT DO.” Here’s the instruction of God to the Israelites in the time of Moses...

“And after the doings of the land of Canaan whither I bring you SHALL YOU NOT DO, NEITHER shall you walk in their ordinances . . . ***And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire of Molech***, NEITHER SHALT THOU PROFANE THE NAME OF THY GOD, I am the Eternal” (*Plain Truth*, December 1979, p. 22: “Were the TEN COMMANDMENTS in force before Moses?”)



A dead body inside an industrial furnace that is able to generate temperatures of 870–980 °C (1600–1800 °F) to ensure disintegration of the corpse



The **Cremation of Care** is a ritual performance undertaken at the yearly Bohemian Grove club, where a mock child sacrifice is made to an approximate 40ft stone owl. The ritual involves club members, often high ranking businessmen and politicians, cremating (getting rid of) their care (moral compass) in order to clear their conscience for the year ahead. Source: <http://wideshut.co.uk/cremation-of-care/>



Cremation pyre on the bank of Bagamati in Nepal (By Gregor Younger)

God equated *passing through the fire of Molech* with His third commandment – of *profaning God’s name* (“Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain” - Exo. 20:7.” Read also Lev. 20:3).

As far as God is concerned, we are actually profaning His name should there be found in us any association with *passing through the fire of Molech*.

But what is this “*passing through fire of Molech*” got to do with God’s Church in this *last end*? Well, let us consider the article below for the answer:

PREPAID FUNERAL

By Mark Nash

Royal Vision, May / June 2004

By prearranging our own burial and funeral service, we can demonstrate a tremendous love and concern for our family and friends. As a secondary advantage, it usually saves money as well. ...The simplest of ***cremations*** will be the least expensive service. From there you can move up the scale in costs to the most elaborate funeral and burial available...

Based upon all biblical examples, it is our recommendation that a person opt to simply be buried. However, we should remember that it is not as important what happens to our bodies after death as it is how we live our lives. ***The Church does not condemn those who, for financial reasons, select cremation.***

The *Philadelphia Church of God* condones cremation. But does God command cremation in the first place? Is it really acceptable unto Him? Let's look at a prophecy specifically aimed at Judah.

“And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters ***to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.***” (Jer. 32:35)

Could this Judah really be referring to the *Philadelphia Church of God* in this last end? Well, we can actually know to whom this prophecy is really addressed - read it with your eyes in verse 34: “But they set their abominations in the ***house, which is called by my name***, to defile it.”

Who in this *last end* is the ***spiritual Judah*** which is ***called by God's name***? Are we going to point our fingers again to the Laodiceans in the outer court? This prophecy is clearly for the PCG!

WORK IN IRELAND

Now, let's consider yet another *resemblance* or “*image of Astarte*” being tagged by the prophet Ezekiel to the house of Judah (PCG). In *The Plain Truth About EASTER*, here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote regarding it:

Easter, as Alexander Hislop says (*The Two Babylons*, p. 103), “bears its Chaldean origin on its very forehead. Easter is nothing else than *Astarte*, one of the titles of Beltis, the queen of heaven”....

So *Astarte* and *Easter* are interchangeable names which refer to the same title. So what happens during Easter? Mr. Armstrong continues:

You think Easter sunrise services are beautiful? Listen! God was showing the Prophet Ezekiel the sins of His people in a vision -- a prophecy for today!
“Turn thee yet again,” said God, “and thou shalt see greater abominations than

these [Ezekiel had just been shown, in vision, idol worship among professing people of God]. And he brought me [in vision] ***into the inner court of the Eternal's house, and behold ... between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with ... their faces toward the east;*** and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing ... that they commit the abominations which they commit here? ... Therefore will I deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them"! (Ezek. 8:15-18.)

Do you grasp what this most abominable thing is?

It is the identical thing millions are doing every Easter Sunday morning -- the sunrise service -- standing with their faces toward the east, as the sun is rising, in a service of worship which honors the sun god and his mythical idolatrous consort, goddess Easter. Yes, deceived into believing this is Christian, millions practice every Easter the identical form of the ancient sun worship of the sun god Baal! Throughout the Bible this is revealed as the most abominable of all idolatry in the sight of the Eternal Creator! (*ibid.*)

Quoting again Mr. Armstrong for emphasis: "***Listen! God was showing the Prophet Ezekiel the sins of His people in a vision -- a prophecy for today!***" Another *IMAGE OF ASTARTE* is clearly described in Ezekiel 8:15-18!

Ezekiel 8:15-18 has already been discussed in chapter 4 about the top 25 priests in the INNER COURT from the *house of Judah* (PCG) who turned their backs on God by establishing a college campus in England and an archeological work in Ireland in the WEST, and while being there, anticipating the return of the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ coming to Jerusalem in the EAST! (Read again chapter 4, "A Prepared Deception" for better understanding)

As far as God is concerned, the PCG's planned archeological dig in Ireland, in principle is in the very *image of Astarte*! And that is the pinnacle of deceit being perpetrated from mount Ephraim - by Ephraimites! (Jer. 4:15; 14:18; Dan. 8:23)

The prophet Jeremiah directly associates these "groves" or the "images of Astarte" with their "altars" or their "ministry."

Basing from Mr. Armstrong's article about Easter, *this is a prophecy of the sins of His people in a vision!* And as we shall see in a moment, without a single doubt, this is definitely the most disgusting and the most abominable sin God's people has ever committed against God in this last end – going back to the worship of the SUN!

IRISH DANCE

Irish dancing has now become a big part of the Philadelphia Church of God's culture. It is currently being taught to the children of Imperial Academy of Edmond. As a matter of fact, one of its students, Jude Flurry, was featured in various news outlets in Oklahoma because of his achievement in the field of Irish dancing. Here is one of the interviews done after his noteworthy achievement on March 2013.

My Outlook: Jude Flurry

Written by Sarah Paige Berling in the June 2013 Issue

Jude Flurry is only eleven years old, but he's already an accomplished Irish Dancer. *Having danced since he was six years old*, he placed 9th in this year's world championships. We spoke to both him and Shane Granger with Armstrong Auditorium, to get some insights into this sport.

Shane, what is some of the history of Irish Dance?

Irish dance has roots going as far back as the 6th century BC, when the high king of Ireland, *Ollam Fodla*, established the *Feis o Tara*, a celebration involving sports, poetry reading, music and dance. It's become very popular over here, primarily, I think, due to the popularity of *Riverdance*...

Jude, how did you get into Irish dancing? Is it a family tradition?

It's not a family tradition, but my sister does it, most of my cousins do it and all of my close friends do it too. Having my friends and family doing it makes it more fun in class because there are other people who I'm close to doing it. I'm definitely glad I got involved in it.

(Source: <http://www.outlookoklahoma.com/archives/m.blog/27/my-outlook-jude-flurry>)

Notice that nearly every child in Imperial Academy in Edmond Oklahoma seems to be enjoying the Irish dance. And again, according to Shane Granger, that Irish dance became very popular primarily due to the popularity of the *Riverdance*:

Riverdance is based on the story of the Irish people. The beginning of the show deals with the first settlers coming to Ireland and realizing the power of the land. This part of the show incorporates symbolic elements representing the sun, the moon, thunder, lightning and water. The stories and themes are heavily influenced by Celtic mythology. The second half of the show deals with the Irish

people's emigration to America. Scenes depicting Irish immigrants and African-Americans sharing dance and song illustrate the unifying power of these human experiences. The Riverdance finale shows how the Irish people have joined the various communities of the world while retaining their heritage through music and dance.

(http://www.ehow.com/about_5476473_origin-riverdance.html)

Now let us briefly consider what goes on during the *Riverdance* performance. This dance performance show is usually being introduced by a very enchanting flute solo with the stagecraft of a moonlit picturesque dark of night background; then a commanding voice-over narration introduces the first act:

Out of the dark we came, out of the sea...
Where the long wave broke on the shore.
As the day broke and the night rolled back,
There we stood on the land we would call home.

Out of the dark - out of the night,
The first of many mornings in this new place
When the sun rolled back the mist
We rose back like a strong wave on land.

Now we were the people of this place!
What burns through the rain and mist?
What banishes dark?
What makes the children straight and bright?
What makes the mountain sharp?

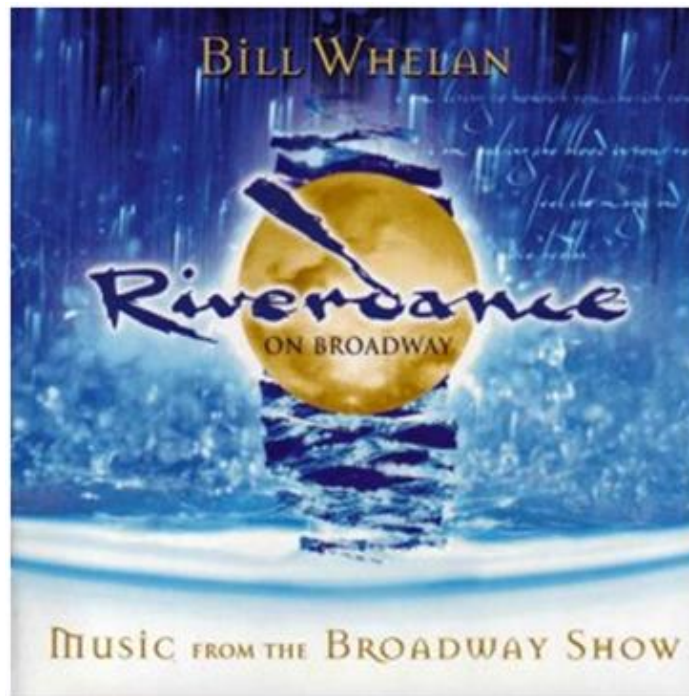
The SUN is our lord and father!

Bright faced at the gate of day!
Comfort of home, cattle and crop;

Lord of the morning, lord of the day!

Lifting our hearts we sing his praise,

Dance in his healing rays!



The trademark symbol of the popular *Riverdance* that put Irish dancing on the world stage. Notice the graphic representation of the sun at the very center of the logo.



An enchanting flute solo mesmerizes the audience as it introduces the *Riverdance* performance. Then, a voice-over narration follows to introduce the opening dance performance. One by one, the Irish dancers walk out of the dark from behind the stage to assume their initial positions.

The Ezekiel 4 Siege



The Irish dancers supposedly facing the EAST anticipating the appearance of the morning SUN from the break of dawn.



The Irish dancers stood firmly awaiting the appearance of the SUN as its rays began to radiate

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The Irish dancers look high up in the sky as the SUN appear from the break of dawn while its rays touch down the misty ground



The REEL AROUND THE SUN as performed by the Irish dancers.



At the end of the first act, all the Irish dancers line up in a pyramidal form then turns around facing the SUN – this is how the REEL AROUND THE SUN performance, is concluded.

Look closely at the screenshot sequences demonstrating the sequences of the first act in a typical *Riverdance* performance:

The title of the first act in the *Riverdance* is called “REEL AROUND THE SUN.” Let us find evidence where that REEL AROUND THE SUN originated:

A Scotch dance, *the Reel*, still keeps up the memory of the old Celtic *circular dance*. There is, also, the Deisol, or *practice of turning sun-ways, to bless the sun*. This was from *right to left*, as with Dancing Dervishes now, or the old Bacchic dance *from east to west*. Plautus wrote, “When you worship the gods, do it turning to the right hand. “Poseidonius the Stoic, referring to the Celts, said, “At their feasts, the servant carries round the wine from right to left. Thus they worship their gods, turning to the right.” ... *Bel* is also the sun in Irish, as in eastern lands. *Beli* was their god of fire. *Bel-ain* were wells sacred to the sun. The Irish vernal equinox was *Aiche Baal tinne*, the night of Baal's fire. The sun's circuit was *Bel-ain*, or *Bel's ring*. A cycle of the sun, or an anniversary, was *Aonach* (pro. Enoch); and it is singular that we are told that the days of Enoch were 365 years.

Easter, as is well known, is connected with sun-worship. The *Irish Dancing Easter Sunday* is thus alluded to in an old poem:

“But, Dick, she dances in such a way,
No sun upon an Easter day
Is half so fine a sight.”

People used to be out early on Easter Sunday to see the sun dance in honour of the Resurrection. ...The circular dance in honour of the sun was derived from the East. Lucian says “it consisted of a dance imitating this god” (the sun). The priests of Baal indulged in it. A Druid song has this account—
“Ruddy was the sea-beach while the circular revolution was performed by the attendants, and the white bands in graceful extravagance”...

A Scotch writer observes— “The hearty Celts of Ireland say, ‘The top of the morning to you.’ Are these expressions to be regarded as remnants of *Dawn-worship*? It may be so, for many similar traces of the worship of the sun and moon, as givers of good fortune, are still to be found”...

Similarly sang Orpheus of old— “O Sun! thou art the genial parent of Nature, splendid with various hues, shedding streams of golden light.” (pp. 191, 194-196; *Sun Worship*, from *Irish Druids and Old Irish Religions*, by JAMES BONWICK, F.R.G.S., Hon. Fellow of the Anthropological Institute, published in 1894)

The old Celtic circular dance called “*the Reel*” is still very much alive today as witnessed through the world renowned *Riverdance*’s introductory performance which has been called the “REEL AROUND THE SUN.” For emphasis, as noted by James Bonwick; ***“People used to be out early on Easter Sunday to see the sun dance in honour of the Resurrection. ... The circular dance in honour of the sun was derived from the East. Lucian says ‘it consisted of a dance imitating this god’ (the sun). The priests of Baal indulged in it.”*** Now, it became obvious that the first act in *Riverdance* came from a pagan custom of honoring the SUN. For further proof, let us consider for a moment a brief history of the *Irish dance*:

The history of Irish Dance

The early history of Irish dance reveals a constant shifting of population through migration and invasions. Each of these peoples brought their preferred types of dance and music. There are only vague references to the early history of Irish dancing, but ***there is evidence that among its first practitioners were the***

Druids, who danced in religious rituals honouring the oak tree and the sun. Traces of their circular dances survive in the ring dances of today. When the Celts arrived in Ireland from central Europe over two thousand years ago, they brought with them their own folk dances. Around 400 AD, after the conversion to Christianity, the new priests used the pagan style of ornamentation in illuminating their manuscripts, while the peasants retained the same qualities in their music and dancing.

(Source: <http://www.irelandseye.com/dance.html>)

Notice that it was the DRUIDS who were the *first practitioners* to have USED THE IRISH DANCE IN RELIGIOUS RITUALS HONORING THE OAK TREE AND THE SUN!

But who were the *Druids*?

The Roman occupation of Britain lasted from 43 AD to around 400. Before the Romans invaded, the *druid priesthood* was the undisputed power in the land. For the previous two or three centuries the druids had been a dominant force throughout what was then the Celtic world, which included France, the Netherlands and parts of Scandinavia as well as Britain.

History is written by the victors; this can make it hard to get a clear picture of the people on the losing side. When the Romans conquered the Celts and Ancient Britons, they gave unflattering descriptions of the druids. *Some sources describe the druids as bloodthirsty barbarians who were addicted to human sacrifice...* There are a few things we can say for certain.

Druids:

- held ceremonies in ***oak groves***
- saw mistletoe as a sacred plant with healing powers
- practiced divination and believed they could foretell the future

(Source: <http://www.bilderberg.org/sacrific.htm#Channel>)

Here is what *Encyclopedia Britannica* further wrote about the *Druids*:

We find in Caesar the first and at the same time the most circumstantial account of the Druids to be met with in the classical writers. He tells us that all men of any rank and dignity in Gaul were included among the Druids or the nobles. In other words, the *Druids constituted the learned and the priestly class, and they*

were in addition the chief expounders and guardians of the law. We are, however, informed by Diodorus and Strabo that this class was composed of Druids, bards and soothsayers....

Britain was the headquarters of Druidism, but once every year a general assembly of the order was held within the territories of the Carnutes in Gaul.

The Gauls were accustomed to offer human sacrifices, usually criminals...

Diodorus informs us that a sacrifice acceptable to the gods must be attended by a Druid, for they are the intermediaries...

They are said to have had a firm belief in the immortality of the soul and in metempsychosis...

In Mela we find the Druids teaching in the depths of a forest or in caverns. In Pliny their activity is limited to the practice of medicine and **sorcery**. According to this writer the Druids held the mistletoe in the highest veneration. **Groves of oak were their chosen retreat.**

(Source: 1911 Encyclopedia Britannica)

Here is another source:

The Worship of the Oak

When we pass from Southern to Central Europe we still meet with the great god of the oak and the thunder among the barbarous Aryans who dwelt in the vast primeval forests. Thus among the Celts of Gaul the *Druids* esteemed nothing more sacred than the mistletoe and *the oak* on which it grew; they chose *groves of oaks* for the scene of their solemn service, and they performed none of their rites without oak leaves. “The Celts,” says a Greek writer, “worship Zeus, and the Celtic image of Zeus is a tall oak.” The Celtic conquerors, who settled in Asia in the third century before our era, appear to have carried the *worship of the oak* with them to their new home; for in the heart of Asia Minor the Galatian senate met in a place which bore the pure Celtic name of Drynemetum, “*the sacred oak grove*” or “*the temple of the oak*.” Indeed the very name of **Druids** is believed by good authorities to mean no more than “***oak men***.”

(Source: From *The Golden Bough*. 1922 - XV. *The Worship of the Oak* by Sir James George Frazer (1854–1941))

What is an oak?

Any of numerous monoecious deciduous or **evergreen trees** or shrubs of the genus *Quercus*, bearing acorns as fruit.

(Source: <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/oak>)

OAK (Heb. אֶלֹן), the main trees of Israel's natural groves and forests. The three species which grow there have in common their strong and hard wood and all attain a great height and reach a very old age. The Hebrew name, *allon*, means strong (Amos 2:9). Extensive oak forests still exist in Bashan, and these, together with the cedars of Lebanon, symbolized pride and loftiness (Isa. 2:13; Zech. 11:2). The people of Tyre made the oars for their ships from the oaks of Bashan (Ezek. 27:6). *Some oaks served as sites for idol worship* (Hos. 4:13), and burial took place under them (Gen. 35:8). The oak is long-lived and when it grows old or is cut down it has the ability to renew itself, putting out new shoots from the stump or roots that in time develop into a strong tree...

*Jerome notes that Titus sold 10,000 Judean captives under this tree. ***Since the third century many Jewish and Christian pilgrims have mentioned that this tree is considered sacred. It is an evergreen of the species Quercus calliprinos, which constitutes most of the groves in the hills of Judea and Galilee...***

(Source: http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/judaica/ejud_0002_0015_0_14992.html)

According to the dictionary and other sources, an OAK is an EVERGREEN TREE, which brings us to a specific prophecy in Jeremiah chapter 17: “Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the **green trees** upon the high hills” (v. 2).

Is this “groves by the green trees” specifically pertains to the *Irish dancing* which the altars (priests) introduced to the children? Let us investigate:

Around 43 AD to 400 AD, as what had been written by *Encyclopedia Britannica*, that “the Druids constituted the learned and the **priestly class**, and they were in addition the chief expounders and guardians of the law.” And according to another source, referring to the early history of *Irish dancing*, “**there is evidence that among its first practitioners were the Druids**, who danced in religious rituals honouring the oak tree and the sun.” It really does look like that *Irish dancing* has indeed originated from a pagan custom. And even early on, the **priestly class** (the Druids), were the ones who FIRST used the dance in religious rituals to honor the oak tree and the sun. Now before we further continue, let’s consider the *posture* in Irish dancing:

Posture in Irish Dancing

Posture in Irish dancing is not only a matter of body carriage (extended torso - shoulders back and arms down at the sides) but also *the elimination of movement in the upper half of the body*. This feature makes it somewhat puzzling, because dancing is an expressive form built on movement of the body. A tradition in which half the body is held immobile invites curiosity... The uniqueness of this posture derives from its presence in the context of dance forms.

The restricted pose of the Irish solo dancer, with arms rigidly down by the side, no movement above the waist and so on, looks very strange to people nowadays, accustomed as they are to seeing the freedom of full bodily movement in the various kinds of popular dancing in vogue today and by ballet. What was the reason for this peculiarly inhibited dancing style? (Small, 1990).

Jackie Small's question from a radio series on Irish dance music echoes one of the questions I hear most often as an anthropologist interested in Irish dancing. Why is Irish dancing so "stiff"? Whether the descriptive words used are 'stiff', 'rigid', 'inhibited' or 'restricted', the question reveals a curiosity about the visible discipline of the dance form and the significance of non-movement in a system of expressive movement...

The posture is puzzling (as Small suggests) because it is non-movement in dancing, where we have come to expect more "freedom of full bodily movement". It is also a puzzle because, as Breathnach suggests, its connection to Irishness is unclear.

(Source: http://jashm.press.illinois.edu/8.3/8-3Posture_Hall80-91.pdf)

It seems that everyone, including the anthropologists, is quite puzzled about the posture of Irish dancing. Could the posture of the Irish dance which is described as "stiff, rigid, inhibited, or restricted" be directly connected to the posture of the Druids who *used that dance as a religious ritual to honor the oak tree*? That is, *resembling a dancing oak tree*?

Notice again what Jeremiah prophesied about this EVERGREEN TREE – the OAK: "Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the **green trees upon the high hills.**" Notice that the "green trees" are mounted "upon the high hills" or has been put in a *pedestal*.

Let's look at how "*the worship of oak tree and the sun*" through the *Irish dancing* has been put on a *pedestal* ("upon the high hills") – even on the WORLD

STAGE! And notice that the annual competition occur every *Easter*! Is this not another *image of Astarte*? Remember that “*groves*” as what we have proven already means, the *image of Astarte* or *Easter*.

Today there are many organizations promoting Irish dance. The *Feis* has been an important part of rural cultural life. Children, teenagers and adults compete in separate competitions for *Feis* titles and prizes. There are group and solo competitions where dancers are graded by age from six to seventeen and then into the senior categories.

There are dancing championships in all four provinces, and winners of these provincial competitions qualify for the All Ireland Championships. ***The World Championships are held*** in Dublin ***at Easter*** where dancers from England, Ireland, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand compete for the World title.

(Source: <http://www.irelandseye.com/dance.html>; See also <http://kfor.com/2013/07/01/great-state-feet-of-flurry/>)

Remember that *Jude Flurry*, the eleven year old son of Stephen Flurry even won the 9th place in his category in the *2013 World Irish Dance Competition* held in Boston – that is such a pedestal!

This is actually the specific fulfillment of “*groves by the green trees upon the high hills*” – letting their *children* join the *World Irish Dance Competition during the Easter of 2013*! What is even more remarkable is that, the competition dates (March 24 to 31, 2013) fell on the supposedly *spring festivals of God*! The *Passover* was scheduled on March 25, 2013, but began on the evening of March 24; while the *Days of Unleavened Bread* ran from March 26 to April 1, 2013. Surely, God will do something about this and it will be discussed in chapter 9.

“Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about ***five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord***, and their faces toward the east; and ***they worshipped the sun toward the east***. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.” (Ezek. 8:15-17)



11-year old Jude Flurry interviews with Angela Buckelew @NEWS9 about his top 10 win at World Irish Dancing Competition held on March 24-31, 2013 in Boston. (With Amy Flurry, his mom on the right).
Source: <http://pics.news9.com/Media/View/3407164>

It looks like the 25 *men* of spiritual Judah (PCG) are leading the whole Church in the *worship of the sun*. God is asking: “Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?” We are using a dance which the pagans used in *worshipping the sun*!

This is no light thing for God; it should not be totally ignored. Look at the children in God’s Church today; they think that there’s nothing wrong with Irish dancing. They knew nothing of its history. Will the children in the PCG not remember their ministry with that Irish dance? How could the children ever forget? They were even made to perform that Irish dance during the *Jeremiah Musical UP IN THE STAGE (upon the high hills)* of the *Armstrong Auditorium*!

And it was even shown during the Sabbath night (Friday evening) of the *Feast of Tabernacles 2013* as a *Behind the Work* film. *God’s Sabbath was profaned with a pagan form of worship*! We must remember that that dance was used by the *Druids* as

The Ezekiel 4 Siege



Jude Flurry, son of Stephen Flurry performed an Irish Dance in the *Jeremiah Musical* (left). Imperial Academy (Oklahoma) students also danced to the tune of the “step dancing extravaganza” (right).



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First place Open champ, Chicago Feis, 2013.
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Jude Flurry won the first place in the recent Open Championship of *Pat Roche 2013 Chicago Feis*, an Irish dance competition held last October 12 to 13, 2013.

a religious ritual to honor the SUN! Is this not abominable in God's eyes? A sickening sight of abomination is currently being done even inside God's own house!

Here's another proof of how the children will remember the ministry because of *Irish dancing* – Jude yet again, won recently from an Irish dancing competition – the Open Championship of *Pat Roche 2013 Chicago Feis* held last October 12 to 13, 2013; and this time he is now in the *first place*. It was even posted on Stephen Flurry's Twitter account.

Here is another specific fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy about the "*groves by the green trees upon the high hills*" – even during the 2013 Feast of Tabernacles:

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Notice how the young children loved the Irish dance – that for them it was a "*lot of fun*." Notice also the **CIRCULAR DANCE** – the "*big ring of people holding hands*" that has been participated by all ages was considered as "*so millennial*."

One member even commented: "You saw it and you knew that *there was something godly at the root of it*." Is there really something godly at the root of the Irish circular dance? Of course, but not as what the members think:

Members celebrate Irish musical culture



TURNING OUT Josué Michels spins Sarah Culpepper on the Enfield dance floor.

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Arizona member Trisha Ladenburg said that merging the entertainment activity

into the evening of the dinner dance added a unique cultural feature.

Activity manager Richard Palmer noted that the hotel staff added to the experience. They were "professional about noticing little things, like for example, the cutlery," he said. "When we finished the main course, they moved the dessert cutlery from the top of the setting to the side. That's really what we're going for on this evening. We're trying to, as [Eastern U.S. Regional Director Cal] Culpepper said during his prayer opening that night, show people that they're royalty and to have as high a standard as possible."

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Truly BAAL – the SUN GOD is at the root of the CIRCULAR DANCE. The PRIESTS OF BAAL would definitely indulge themselves upon seeing such a sight! And, oh what an abominable sight it is in God's eyes! It is so sickening!

Now, who do you think could have brought in and introduced this *Irish dancing* to the PCG in the first place? You wouldn't have to guess so hard - it was *the ministry* of course, as prophesied by Jeremiah. Let us consider a note written about it:

Edmond Elite Youth Being Taught How to Riverdance:

October 1, 2013

For the last few years, Wayne Turgeon has apparently brought in a "Riverdance" instructor to teach the children of the Edmond elites to learn how

to “Riverdance” - i.e. *Irish Dancing*. It seems that this “worldly” instructor was flown into HQ, given room and board with the Turgeons, and paid a nice salary to boot... Some of the Edmond elite's children were featured “Riverdancing” on a local Edmond TV news program... --B.

(Source: http://www.exitsupportnetwork.com/mike_ep/letters/ltrspcg13.htm)

Again, who brought Irish dance to the Philadelphia Church of God Headquarters? Apparently, it was Wayne Turgeon, *a PCG evangelist!*

“Whilst their **children remember their altars** and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills.”

Paraphrasing the verse we have: While the children remember their ministers with the images of Astarte through the Irish dancing upon the stages of the world and of the *Armstrong Auditorium!*

The children and the youth in the PCG look up to the ministry with high regards that whatsoever the ministry (altars) introduce or give to the children, they will just follow it. Do you think the children will not remember what the “*idol*” ministers have said and done which actually conforms to the “*image of Easter or Astarte*”? The PCG ministers have gone back to the worship of Astarte and the children will remember those 25 *ministers* and the *images of Astarte* because of *Irish dancing!* (Ezek. 8:15-17). Here is what *JFB Commentary* wrote regarding verse 2:

children remember...This is given as proof that their sin is “*graven upon ... altars*” (Jer. 17:1).

It has now become obviously clear that it is indeed *the altar* or *the ministry* whom the people in God’s Church have looked up into instead of God. The people fear the *men* over them instead of fearing God. As *JFB Commentary* noted that the prophecy in verse 2 about their ministers and their *groves (images of Astarte* which includes the *Irish dancing*) is given as PROOF that *the sin of Judah is graven upon the power of their ministry!* (Jer. 17:1) – that power makes the IRON WALL in Ezekiel chapter 4 impregnable (v. 3); and God saw that it would need a *diamond point iron pen* just to be able to write their sin into their hearts because of its hardness!

Why does the phrase “horns of your altars” in its plural form in verse 1? – Because the same story goes on and happens around the world where the power of the ministry is being highly feared. The *altar* (ministry) has already become an idol, and

the *groves* (images of Astarte) are just the undeniable evidence that it is so, as Judah and Jerusalem have done in the past:

“And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served *groves* and *idols*: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.” (2 Chr. 24:18) – As what Mr. Flurry said in his Opening Night Message for the 2013 Feast of Tabernacles that *the book of Chronicles is for the Philadelphia Church of God!*

THE VEIL OF ASTARTE

During the Easter of 2014, some of the students of *Imperial Academy (IA)* which is sponsored by the Philadelphia Church of God, headquartered in Edmond, Oklahoma, participated in the *World Irish Dance Championships 2014* held in London on 13-20 April 2014.



Jordan Saranga and Jude Flurry of *IA* placed 16th and 20th respectively in the recently concluded *Irish dance* championship. And the proud father of Jude, Stephen Flurry, even posted the result in his *Twitter* account:



Stephen Flurry @StephenFlurry · Apr 16

Congrats to our IA Irish dancing duo for their placement at the World Championships: Jordan (16th) and Jude (20th).

[Details](#)

Well, it has already been proven that *Irish dance* has been used by the *Druids* to worship the oak tree and the sun, aside from the fact that the annual celebration of the Irish dance competition always fall on the EASTER. Now, one might ask: Is there a possibility that there could even be *Druids* among the ministers of the Philadelphia Church of God that has *cunningly devised* to introduce it to the Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma?

Who were the Druids? This question has agitated the minds of the learned for a long period; and various, as well as contradictory, have been the replies. Tradition preserves their memory as of a pious and superior race, prominently associated with the British Isles and France, and, in a lesser degree, with Belgium, Holland, Germany, and the lands of Scandinavia.

Much romance has been long attached to them. We hear their chants in the Stone Circles. We listen to the heaven-inspired utterances of the Archdruid, as he stands on the capstone of a cromlech, in the eye of the sun, surrounded by the white-robed throng, with the bowed worshippers afar. We see the golden sickle reverently cutting off the sacred mistletoe. We follow, in imagination, the solemn procession, headed by the cross-bearer. We look under the old oak at the aged Druid, instructing disciples in mystic lore, in verses never to be committed to writing...

With our conceptions of the ancient religions of Ireland, should we credit the Druids with the introduction of Sun worship, Serpent reverence, and the adoration of Idols? Were they, on the contrary, new comers, arriving subsequent to the establishment of these various forms of paganism, and merely known a little before the rise of Christianity in Erin? (pp. 1-2, Irish Druids and Old Irish Religions, by JAMES BONWICK, F.R.G.S., Hon. Fellow of the Anthropological Institute, published in 1894)

The author believed that the *credit goes to the Druids with the introduction of*

Sun worship, Serpent reverence, and the adoration of Idols. Could there be *Druids* among the PCG ministers? There are several proofs that there are indeed *Druids* in the midst of the Philadelphia Church of God. One major proof is the direction where the work of God is going – to Britain and Ireland, where *Druidism* originated.

Arthur Clive thought it not improbable that Ireland, and not Britain, as Caesar supposed, ***was the source of Gaulish Druidism*** ... The learned *John Toland*, born in Londonderry, 1670, who was a genuine patriot in his day, believed in his country's *Druids*. In the Hebrides, also, he found harpers by profession, and evidence of ancient Greek visitants. In Dublin he observed the confidence in augury by ravens. ***He contended that when the Ancients spoke of Britain as Druidical, they included Ireland***; for Ptolemy knew Erin as Little Britain, He recognized *Druids'* houses still standing, and the heathen practices remaining in his country. (p. 20-21, *ibid.*)

Some may say that's preposterous and outrageous! How could that happen? Surely God will not allow it to happen to His Church. Well, how could we be so sure? Another proof is the *prevalence of impostors* inside God's Church:

"For the *idols* have spoken vanity" (Zech. 10:2).

Here is what the word "idol" means in *Lange's Commentary*:

"Teraphim, a kind of household gods ... ***The prevalence of impostors***, of the kinds here mentioned, just before the overthrow of Judah, is abundantly established"

So the "*idol*" being discussed in Zechariah chapter 2 is all about the prevalence of IMPOSTORS. And according to the dictionary, ***an impostor is one that assumes false identity or title for the purpose of deception***. Now notice carefully that the *Druids* themselves have developed anciently a system of trickery and deception in which they plan and execute it with painstaking attention to details.

Toland, one of the earliest and most philosophical Irish writers on this subject, thus spoke of them in his *History of the Druids*— "who were so prevalent in Ireland, that to this hour their ordinary word for magician is *Druid (Drai)*, the art magic is

called *Druidity* (*Druidheacht*), and the wand, which was one of the badges of the profession, the rod of *Druidism* (*Slatnan Druidheacht*).” Windele, in Kilkenny records, expressed this view: “***Druidism was an artfully contrived system of elaborate fraud and imposture.*** (p. 34, *ibid.*)

For better understanding, let us define some words:

Imposture

1. the action or practice of imposing fraudulently upon others.
2. deception using an assumed character, identity, or name.
3. the act or an instance of deceiving others, especially by assuming a false identity

Elaborate means, planned or executed with painstaking attention to numerous parts or details.

Fraud, a deception deliberately practiced in order to secure unfair or unlawful gain.

2. *A piece of trickery; a trick.*

3 a. One that defrauds; a cheat.

b. One who assumes a false pose; an *impostor*.

Again as James Bonwick wrote:

“Druidism was an artfully contrived system of elaborate fraud and imposture.”

This means that the Druids were experts in *imposture* by doing some meticulous and thorough research first before they infiltrate an organization, then they will methodically implement their evil deceptive scheme with painstaking attention to details in order to secure unlawful gain. This is exactly what the apostle Peter admonished us through his epistle:

“Wherefore I will not be negligent *to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.* Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, *to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;* Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease *to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables,* when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” (2 Pet. 1:12-16)

As the apostle Peter said that we are not to follow “*cunningly devised fables*.” Now, what do we mean by “*cunningly devised*”? Well, it came from the Greek word, “*sophizo*” which means, “to render wise in a *sinister acceptance*, to form *sophisms*, that is continue plausible error.”

Let us define some words for better understanding: the word “*sinister*” in the dictionary also means, *evil, ominous, foreboding*, while “*acceptation*” means, a generally accepted understanding of a concept.

The word “*sophism*” means, *an argument apparently correct in form but actually invalid; especially such an argument used to deceive*; a plausible but fallacious argument; a deceptive or fallacious argumentation. While the word “*fable*” means falsehood or *lie*.

Putting all the words together, it seems that there is an *evil favorable reception of a falsehood* that we should be very aware of which requires a great deal of *remembering*. Let us then further test the spirit. Does the work in Ireland come from **CUNNINGLY DEvised FABLES**? Can you **REMEMBER** a prior work there in Ireland which has been done by Mr. Armstrong before? This SOPHISM being mentioned by the apostle Peter was an apt description of the way of the *Druids* which could most likely be the problem he was facing then:

Nor ought this to seem a wonder, since to arrive at **perfection in sophistry** requires a long habit, as well as in juggling, in which last **they were very expert**: but to be masters of both, and withal to **learn the art of managing the mob**, which is vulgarly called **leading the people by the nose**, demands abundant study and exercise. (p. 59, *History of the Druids* by John Toland)

Unless God gives the revelation about this pagan group and expose them in the process, it is very difficult to detect *Druids* in an organization because they were experts in SOPHISTRY and they have even perfected it! They knew the ART OF MANAGING THE PEOPLE around them by LEADING THE PEOPLE BY THE NOSE:

lead by the nose

1. To control someone and make them do exactly what you want them to do

2. Conceal one's true motives from especially by elaborately feigning good intentions so as to gain an end

(Source: <http://idioms.thefreedictionary.com/lead+by+the+nose>)

3. Dominate or control someone, as in “The Moor ... will tenderly be led by the nose as asses are” (Shakespeare, Othello, 1:3). This expression alludes to an animal being led by a ring passed through its nostrils. [Late 1500s]

(Source: <http://www.yourdictionary.com/lead-by-the-nose>)

These characteristics of *Druidism* could also be the most probable reason why Jude in the first century was compelled to write in his epistle a dire warning to God's people of the very same problem which the apostle Peter saw because there were already *Druids* inside God's own Church who has already crept in. And that epistle of Jude is a prophecy for us in this *last end*.

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. ***For there are certain men crept in unawares***, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Jude 1:3-4)

Certain men have crept in unawares – this could only be because they are practicing this “***system of elaborate fraud and imposture***” by the ***Druids*** – “*who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*”!

Imagine this people are *ungodly men*, who turn the grace of our God into a license to disobey! The most abominable part is this – they are even using God's government to implement their evil scheme! Now, God's Church is headed toward the worst abomination any Church era had done. *This is how the transgressors are coming to the full!*

To better understand this subject, let us read what Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Royal Vision* of who the real source of this system is:

SATAN THE DEVIL HAS ENACTED A GREAT PLOT over the centuries to cover up the history of God's Church. We need to understand this plot because it is a WARNING to God's people today. Throughout history, God's people have had to battle to hang on to the truth. The Apostle Paul repeatedly warned God's people against turning to another gospel – a gospel of men rather than the gospel

of God (2 Corinthians 11:4; Galatians 1:6). Jude spoke of the same danger. ‘Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints’ (Jude 3). ... ‘For there are certain men crept in unawares,’ verse 4 says, ‘turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness,’ or lawlessness. Men who were not converted were creeping into the Church and causing serious problems...

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG SHOWED HOW THESE PROBLEMS IN THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME, WERE LARGELY SIMON MAGUS’S DOING. *Mr. Armstrong proved how Simon Magus was at work in the Corinthian church, and how Paul’s, John’s, Jude’s and Peter’s writings show that all these apostles had to battle this man’s influence...*

There was a pattern: It was the same group of people basically causing all the problems. This powerful Simon Magus kept right on coming, and rebels kept growing and multiplying and continually causing problems in God’s Church. ...We need to understand this because it makes it so much more clear what God’s Church is dealing with today. MR. ARMSTRONG’S INSTRUCTION IN THIS IS REALLY CRITICAL. (*The True History of God’s Church Part 2*, November-December 2012 issue, page 1)

SATAN THE DEVIL HAS INDEED ENACTED A GREAT PLOT EVEN TODAY! Mr. Flurry said that there was a **PATTERN**: “*It was the same group of people basically causing all the problems. This powerful Simon Magus kept right on coming, and rebels kept growing and multiplying and continually causing problems in God’s Church. ...We need to understand this because it makes it so much more clear what God’s Church is dealing with today.* MR. ARMSTRONG’S INSTRUCTION IN THIS IS REALLY CRITICAL.” Indeed, it is really critical. But can we see that PATTERN? Now we may ask further; could *Simon Magus* be a *Druid* in the first place?

Since the Anglo Saxons having learned the word *Dry* from the Irish and British for a magician.—This etymology of the Saxon *Dry* from the Celtic *Draoi* or *Draoid*, pronounced *Drid* and *Druid* is confirmed by Dr. Smith in his *History of the Druids*, and by Dr. Jamieson in his *History of the Culdees*, The absurd custom of deriving everything from the Greek and Latin is now, and indeed very properly, losing ground. The Celtic *Druid* literally signifies

a *magician*; and hence the translators of the New Testament into Gaelic, finding no other word in that language fit for their purpose, rendered **Simon Magus, Simon the Druid**. (Note II.—Page 57, *History of the Druids* by John Toland)

In all possibility, it was actually *Simon Magus* who started this religion of *Druidism*: “But there was a certain man, called *Simon*, which beforetime in the same city *used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria*, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had *bewitched them with sorceries*.” (Acts 8:9-11)

Even anthropologists observed that a great deal of *Druidic* beliefs has been infused to the so-called Christianity:

It was Dr. Lanigan who asserted, “The Christian missionaries early opened schools in opposition to Druids.” It was the opinion of Arthur Clive that ***much Druidism “blended with the Christian learning of the seventh and subsequent centuries.”*** (p. 5, *Irish Druids and Old Irish Religions*)

For emphasis, it is said that that same *Druidism has blended with the Christian learning in the early centuries*, well we don’t have to wonder because even Simon Magus himself was able to *infiltrate* God’s own Church in the first century:

“But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. *Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.*” (Acts 8:12-13)

Basically, Jude described this same group of people of *Simon Magus* or *Simon the Druid*, as those who has crept in unawares inside God’s Church who were responsible in SEPARATING THEMSELVES:

“But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who *separate themselves*, sensual, having not the Spirit” (Jude 1:17-19). In *JFB Commentary* we can read:

separate themselves—from Church communion in its vital, spiritual reality: for

outwardly they took part in Church ordinances (Jude 1:12 understand it, ‘separate,’ **cast out members of the Church by excommunication** (Isaiah 65:5; 66:5; John 9:34 them out of the Church;” 3 John 1:10 ‘themselves,’ which indeed is read in some of the oldest manuscripts as English Version has it. *Arrogant setting up of themselves, as having greater sanctity and a wisdom and peculiar doctrine, distinct from others, is implied.*

Notice carefully that Jude emphasized that we can identify this group of people through their DEEDS – they “**cast out members of the Church by excommunication**” and we must remember that they do not have God’s Holy Spirit. And what does “**excommunicate**” mean?

- To deprive of the right of church membership by ecclesiastical authority.
- To exclude by or as if by decree from membership or participation in a group.
- To oust or exclude from a group or membership by decree

So, these men *deprive, exclude and oust members from Church participation.* This sounds like suspending and disfellowshipping members in the Church even during the first century. In the *Revised Standard Version*, it is rendered this way: “It is these who **set up divisions**, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.” It appears that this people were actually those were responsible in *setting up divisions* among the Church membership.

Well there is a striking similarity of what the Druids have implemented then, when any man did not follow their instructions or policies – that man will suffer *excommunication*. Now, let us read what *John Toland* wrote in his book, *History of the Druids* about *Druidical excommunication*:

Most terrible were the effects of the **Druidical excommunication** on any man, that did not implicitly follow their directions, and submit to their decrees: **not only to the excluding of private persons from all benefits of society, and even from society itself; but also to the deposing of the princes who did not please them, and often devoting them to destruction.** (pp. 58-59)

People were not allowed to speak to any excommunicated man. This is another PROOF that there could indeed be *Druids* amongst the Philadelphia Church of God ministers through the practice of *excommunication* by **abusing God’s government** with

the **NO CONTACT POLICY** that was implemented among the Church membership. Now, notice carefully what happens further during and after a *Druidical excommunication*:

It was seldom that anyone was found hardly enough to rebel against their power. For such was reserved a terrible punishment. It was called Excommunication. Originating among the Hebrews, and descending from the Druids into the Roman Catholic Church, it was one of the most horrible that it is possible to conceive. At the dead of night, the unhappy culprit was seized and dragged before a solemn tribunal, while torches, painted black, gave a ghastly light, and a low hymn, like a solemn murmur, was chanted as he approached... Then the poor wretch would wander through the woods, feeding on berries and the roots of trees, **SHUNNED BY ALL AS IF HE HAD BEEN TAINTED BY THE PLAGUE, and looking to death as a salvation from such cruel miseries. AND WHEN HE DIED, NONE DARED TO WEEP FOR HIM;** they buried him only that they might trample on his grave. (pp. 58-59, *The Veil of Isis or Mysteries of the Druids* by William Winwood Reade)

The description written by Mr. Reade resonates a very disturbing similarity to what is happening now inside the PCG; if someone will be found rebelling against the power of an abusive minister even due to a very small matter of not following minor orders (which is most of the time not Biblically based) – they shall be branded as rebels against God’s government, either he will be suspended or disfellowshipped, then he will be **SHUNNED BY ALL AS IF HE HAD BEEN TAINTED BY THE PLAGUE** and **WHEN HE DIES** (either spiritually or physically), **NONE WILL DARE TO WEEP FOR HIM.** Now ask yourself, *has this not happened?* It has happened and is still happening! To better understand why this is all happening, let us consider further what Mr. Reade wrote in his book:

The *priesthood of the Druids* stands almost alone in the history of the past. It was directed by men, with minds elevated by philosophy and learned in the human heart. *But read the religious history of other nations, and you will discover how frightfully the power of the priests has been abused.* ...The priests invented a thousand Gods; the priests told a thousand lies; the priests instituted a thousand absurd and horrible customs. Who first taught nations to be idolaters, to be murderers but the priests. Who instituted the festival of the

Juggernaut, the Inquisition, the massacre of St. Bartholomew, but the priests. Calvin, a priest of the Reformation, ordered his victims to be burnt with green wood—a truly Christian refinement of cruelty!

Aaron, a priest, manufactured a golden calf and taught the Jews to insult their God. And it was Caiaphas, a high priest, who committed that murder of which the more virtuous heathen Pilate washed his hands.

Look everywhere, look everywhere, and you will see the priests reeking with gore. They have converted popular and happy nations into deserts, and have made our beautiful world into a slaughter house drenched with blood and tears.

Englishmen! ***they are planting images, they are performing ceremonies in your houses of worship which you find it impossible to understand. They are hidden from your eyes by a dark veil; it is the veil of a Pagan goddess; it is the veil of Isis.*** (p. 138, *The Veil of Isis or Mysteries of the Druids*)

The author believed and concluded that what made the priests at different times in different generations acted the way they did, like abusing their power, is chiefly because of *the veil of a Pagan goddess* which is THE VEIL OF ISIS (also known as ASTARTE).

Once the *evil priests of Astarte* have planted their *graven images*, anyone seeing and hearing what is being performed inside the Church will “***find it impossible to understand***” what is going on because of this very dark VEIL OF ASTARTE that hides it from our eyes, and only God will be able to remove that veil and expose this *mysterious evil system* in our midst. Here is one example of a PCG member who is so confused to what is happening inside God’s Church:

Present PCG Member Starts Researching and Thinking:

April 24, 2013

At present I feel stuck between two worlds. *I’m finding myself disagreeing more and more with the sermons and the ridiculous statements coming from the sermons and people.* When you spend your whole life being “taught” on a weekly basis about how you are in the “right” place and *then when you realize something’s not right*, it shakes you — kinda like being punched in the face and that stunned feeling that results. —*Anonymous PCG Member*

This is also the very same PATTERN that Mr. Armstrong’s, Mr. Flurry’s, Pauls,

John's, Jude's and Peter's writings has been telling us over and over again ever since. This is what the prophet Jeremiah prophesied regarding *Judah's groves* or the *PCG's images of Astarte!* (Jer. 17:2) – the same *graven image* which the prophet Habakkuk prophesied about. (Hab. 2:18-19)

Have you noticed the *pattern*? According to the *end-time Elijah*, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, this is the same *mysterious evil system* – the *mystery of iniquity*, which is actually the *mystery of lawlessness* that originated and *patterned* from ancient Babylon – Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother Of Harlots And Abominations Of The Earth. (2 Thes. 2:7; Rev. 17:5)

In this last end, have we seen something being planted as *graven images* (e.g. *Irish dance, Mother's Day, the work in England and in Ireland, etc.*)?

Can you understand what the *idol* ministers are doing which is most of the times not Biblically based? Or is it impossible to understand? If you can't understand it, then pray and ask for God's Spirit that He may reveal it to you.

Let us review some of the irrefutable PROOFS of *Druidism* that has been *infused* inside the Philadelphia Church of God:

1. The *Irish dance* which was used by the *Druids* as a ritual to honor the oak tree and the sun
2. The principle of *excommunication* through the abuse of the **NO CONTACT POLICY**
3. Apparently, CREMATION is also a *Druidic* custom introduced by a known *Druid*, Dr. William Price:

William Price (4 March 1800 – 23 January 1893) was a Welsh physician known for his support of Welsh nationalism, Chartism and his involvement with the *Neo-Druidic religious movement*. He has been recognized as one of the most significant figures of 19th-century Wales, and one of the most unusual in Victorian Britain... Known for adhering to such principles as equal democratic rights for all men, *vegetarianism*, *cremation* and *the abolition of marriage*, all of which were highly controversial at the time, he has been widely labelled as an "eccentric" and a "radical".

(Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr. William Price](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr._William_Price))

(http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/wales/posts/dr_william_price_and_the_beginnings_of_cremation)

Dr. Price being a *Druid* himself adhered to principles of vegetarianism, *cremation*,

and *the abolition of marriage* which the apostle Paul specifically described in his epistles:

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, *giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils*; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; *Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats*, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.” (1 Tim. 4:1-3)

Vegetarianism (commanding to abstain from meats), and the abolition of marriage (forbidding to marry) are distinct doctrines of the Druidic religion, add to that *cremation*, which according to the apostle Paul are DOCTRINES OF THE DEVIL! It looks like even during his ministry, he was battling the same evil religious system of ***Simon the Druid!***

Let's consider one frightening account supposedly experienced by a PCG member with a PCG minister visiting his house:

Frightening Incident With Cal Culpepper

April 29, 2013

...The following account is true. I have family members that can confirm what I related to them years ago and the man who told me of his experience this past week.

A few years ago Marvin Campbell and Cal Culpepper came to my house. They both sat on the couch across from the chair I was setting in. ***Culpepper gave me looks that really frightened me and which has bothered me ever since.*** I told my family members about it at the time. Then the other day I was talking to someone else and they said that ***Culpepper would roll his eyes up and look at him with just the whites of his eyes.*** When he said that, I was shocked. That is exactly what Culpepper did sitting on my couch. ***Several times he would roll his eyes and look at me with the whites.*** It was very upsetting. I had never seen anything like that before outside of a Hollywood movie. *The other man whom it happened to asked Marvin Campbell about it and Campbell said it was a DEMON.* — Anonymous

It seems like the Philadelphia Church of God is already ***giving heed to seducing spirits*** and some *has departed from the faith* because of the *Druids who has crept in unawares inside the PCG*. And most likely, *they are using God's government to achieve their ultimate plan of abomination!* The final touch of their cunningly devised

fables is the work in England and in Ireland where modern *Druidism* originated! Even the chief college of the *Druids* was at *Tara Hill*! (p. 260, *The Sacred Tara Hill*, from *Irish Druids and Old Irish Religions*)

Tara was even the name of the mother goddess in the Druidic religion. That name *Tara* (also known to be *Ishtar*, *Astarte*, *Ashtoreth*) actually means *star*:

Citing Barbara Walker (1983, 452), “ancient sources from Akkadia show that ***Ishtar*** was the same Great Goddess revered all over the Near East under such names as Dea Syria, ***Astarte***, Cybele, Aphrodite, Kore, Mari, etc”. ***In fact, Tara, Ishtar, Astarte, Inanna, Ashtoreth, are interrelated*** (different pagan cultures developing name variants as traditions changed and the ages passed). Several are worshipped under the star symbol. In Bengali, ***Tara means star***.

(<http://www.megalithic.co.uk/article.php?sid=2146411660>)

THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD COULD MOST PROBABLY BE UNDER SIEGE BY THE DRUIDS IN THEIR MIDST! *This is prophesied to happen!*

“Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. *Let no man deceive you by any means*: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that *man of sin* be revealed, the son of perdition” (2 Thes. 2:1-3)

That “man of sin” according to Mr. Armstrong was referring to *Simon the Sorcerer*. And he has a group of men which the prophet Ezekiel saw – 25 of them inside the inner court *worshipping the sun toward the east* (Ezek. 8:16). The *Irish dance* which was used by the Druids to WORSHIP the oak tree and the SUN is a MAJOR PROOF of their existence at this very moment even in God’s house – the *Armstrong Auditorium*!

“Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the ***mystery of iniquity doth already work***: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him,

whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie.” (vv. 4-11)

Remember that the Druids have **perfected sophistry** – **they were very expert** in it. As anthropologist James Bonwick wrote: “**Druidism was an artfully contrived system of elaborate fraud and imposture.**” Unless God remove the scales from our eyes, we cannot see this **mystery of lawlessness**. This very MYSTERY was exposed by Mr. William Reade: “*they (referring to the priests) are planting images, they are performing ceremonies in your houses of worship which you find it impossible to understand. They are hidden from your eyes by a dark veil; it is the veil of a Pagan goddess; it is the veil of Isis.*” – Or the VEIL OF ASTARTE! It is the same prophecy Jeremiah prophesied: “Whilst their children remember their **altars** and **their groves** by the green trees upon the high hills” (Jer. 17:2).

According to Strong’s Concordance, the word “groves” is from H842: asherah (or **Astarte**) a Phoenician goddess; also an **image** of the same –

The children will remember the 25 *PCG ministers* and their IMAGES OF ASTARTE through *Druidism* being put on a pedestal. Oh, how great and mysterious this VEIL OF ASTARTE is! Who dare try to remove it?

THE DUNG

Now let’s go back to Ezekiel 4 to know what God has prophesied to happen during the siege of spiritual Jerusalem:

God instructed the prophet Ezekiel in verses 9 to 11 that he has to measure the water that he has to drink and he has to prepare his meal and measure it also by weight during the portrayal of the siege; then comes the most astonishing part:

“And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and **thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.** And the LORD said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them. Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth. Then he said unto me, *Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith.*”(vv. 12-15)

In the account above we see the most disgusting act - God told the prophet to eat the barley cake which was to be *baked with man’s dung*. But that prophet reasoned out

with God so He instead replaced man's dung with cow's dung. Yet still it was dung through which he will bake the cake, then eat it and that would make his mouth polluted, defiled and unclean. Remember he has to bake and eat it **in the sight of the people**. Here is what *Lange's Commentary* wrote regarding verse 13:

The divine interpretation, which it immediately annexed to this quite extraordinary demand, and just because it is so, lays stress (for the reference is not to the siege, but it is already the exile that is spoken of), not on the difficulty as to fuel, but on its uncleanness, and that not so much in a Levitical as in a moral point of view, as judged by the universal human instinct of decency. ***Man's dung signifies the profane sojourn in the heathen world in general with its idols.*** Compare Ezek. 9:3. The prophet raises his objection in verse 14 in the sense: if I have never eaten that which is unclean according to the law of Israel, how should I have anything to do with a thing unclean generally! (GROT.) exclamation of astonishment, fear, horror.

Spiritually speaking, does it point to something that is happening in this *last end* to God's prophet? Will Mr. Flurry speak like one with stench of dung in his mouth comparable to the "*profane sojourn in the heathen world in general with its idols*"?

Mr. Flurry discussed during the 2012 *Feast of Tabernacles in the sight of all the people*, the possibility of having an archeological dig in Ireland to possibly find the Ark of the Covenant there, and with it he also made reference to the "*Annals of the Four Masters*." Could this specific reference and all the other worldly materials pertaining to Ireland (Dan is known for so many idols) fit as a "*profane sojourn in the heathen world in general with its idols*"? Well, it does perfectly fit the description.

But who gave counsel for him to do it? It's none other than the *idols* or *impostors* in God's Church! We must remember that *the idols are already speaking vanity!* (Zech. 10:2). In God's eyes all of those researches and sermons about Ireland are all just but DUNG!

Mr. Flurry also announced a new feast site in Ireland for 2013. But what does God think about it?

"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." (Mal. 2:3)

God consider it as "*the dung of your solemn feasts.*" In fact, during this 2013 *Feast of Tabernacles*, the "*Jeremiah Musical*" was shown as a *Behind the Work* film even during the Sabbath (see chapter 9). It should have been played and seen at least

some other day as a substitute for the Entertainment Night the following day (Saturday night) which obviously has no scheduled activity.

Surely God will do something to preserve the sanctity of His feasts. (This will be discussed in detail in chapters 9 and 10)

But in between the feasts of 2012 and 2013, Mr. Flurry has already given several sermons regarding the planned archeological dig in Ireland; he even announced the purchase of the Bricket Wood campus in England, which took the Church membership by surprise. (More on this subject later). **Mr. Flurry in a sense has spiritually eaten the cake baked with dung in the sight of all the people in God's Church!** Now here's the outcome of that prophecy:

"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.**" (Mal. 2:3)

And one shall take you away with it – literally "to it." They should be swept away, as if they were an appendage to it, as God said 1 Kings 14:10, "I will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, until all be gone." As the offerings, so shall it be with the offerers. (*Barnes Commentary*)

As it seems to indicate here that God shall allow those who attach themselves to that DUNG to be disposed of or be carried away in the Great Tribulation. And by this also, God shall be able to know who becomes the ***dung*** or the ***issue*** – the ***Edomite Laodiceans*** who shall eventually become the ***antichrists***.

The *impostors* who are speaking vanity in God's Church back up their doctrine with a *core verse* that started through a *question* given by a PCG minister about Jeremiah 4:15 which reads; "For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim." (From Mr. Flurry's sermon titled "*Revelation 12*", dated December 08, 2012). *Dan* here according to Mr. Flurry is *Southern Ireland*.

Mr. Flurry's mouth has indeed become polluted by the *stench* of the outcome of the spiritual siege and this ought to be a *nauseating* cause for concern to all of God's people around the world. And we must remember that this *last-end prophet* has to BEAR THE INIQUITY of both spiritual Israel and Judah – the Laodiceans and the Philadelphians (vv. 5-6). While truly it is actually God who must be surely disgusted with the stinking foul odor of all our sins deeply penetrating into His nostrils! God's Church is defiled altogether!

With *That Prophet's* mouth being allowed by God to be spiritually polluted, is this in any way connected to the prophecy in Ezekiel chapter 24 and 33 wherein he is

pictured as being *dumb*?

This siege inside spiritual Jerusalem or God's Church shall eventually lead to a *spiritual famine* (vv. 16-17) which is the same event that was discussed by the prophet Jeremiah - a *spiritual drought* (Jer. 14:1) and a *famine of God's words* according to the prophet Amos (Amos 8:11). These are all pointing to the same end-time fulfillment – when “the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed” (Isa. 22:25).

“Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment: That they may want bread and water, and be astonied one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.” (v. 16-17)

Notice that God Himself has broken “the staff of bread in Jerusalem.” Although there is still bread and water which are symbolized as God's word and His Holy Spirit during the spiritual siege, yet it is given only BY WEIGHT and BY MEASURE, and this makes the people in God's Church “astonied one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.”

YE SHALL NOT MOURN NOR WEEP

To better understand the condition during the spiritual siege, let us define some words. In *Strong's Concordance*, the word “astonied” means ‘to stun or intransitively **grow numb**, that is, **devastate** or (figuratively) stupefy (both usually in a passive sense): - make amazed, be astonied, **be desolate, bring into desolation, make desolate, be destitute, destroy self, make waste, wonder.**’

While for the word “consume away”: it comes from “a primitive root; to melt; figuratively to flow, **dwindle, vanish: - be corrupt, dissolve, pine away.**”

This is the same as prophesied in Ezekiel 24: “And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men. And your tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one toward another.” (vv. 22-23)

God has allowed the people in His Church to do as what *Mr. Flurry* has done when his wife died – i.e., to appear normal in the sight of all men while still doing God's work. During the spiritual siege, the people in God's Church would become **emotionless** – they **grow numb** - “ye shall not mourn nor weep” as what *That Prophet* has done. The effect? God's people could have experienced one of the following:

1. become **devastated**, (meaning: overwhelmed or overpowered)

2. in order to survive, they **bring each other into desolation**, (through betrayal to gain favor in the eyes of the ministers)
3. some become **destitute**, (in the dictionary it means: completely wanting or lacking; poor enough to need help from others)
4. others **become corrupt** spiritually,
5. some people **destroy themselves** spiritually which could lead to a **physical suicide**.
6. eventually, all of the people are **astonished** as to what really is happening

And if the people do mourn, they just do it among themselves and they don't show it to the ministry. This is the reason why the PCG membership around the world **dwindles** and some Church areas were either utterly **dissolved** or **consumed away** because of that siege. Read the letter below of an anonymous sender about such a story:

*Number of PCG Members Has **Dwindled**:*

May 20, 2013

My friend let me know that PCG is going to be opening a new congregation in Alabama, but what is really going on is that their membership in that area has dwindled and they can no longer afford to pay a lot of money each month for a conference room. They are looking at about half what they have been paying because according to my friend's calculation they only have about 25-30 people!!

I believe what has happened is that for years they have had at least 100 or more people so paying a pretty hefty amount per month was not a stretch. I would guess they have lost members and that those who are left live in the north to mid-section of the state. Hence the effort to find a meeting place in the Birmingham or surrounding area. – Anonymous

(http://www.exitsupportnetwork.com/mike_ep/letters/ltrspcg13.htm)

Have you noticed that the PCG members around the world seem to have become so afraid of what shall happen to them should they try to speak out and reason with the ministry, they would rather resort to voicing out their concerns with what is happening inside the PCG through anonymous posting of comments in ESN (*Exit Support Network*). To better understand why this is so, let us again define what a SIEGE is:

A *siege* is a military blockade of a city or fortress with the intent of conquering by **attrition** or assault. ...*Sieges involve surrounding the target and blocking the reinforcement or escape of troops or provision of supplies*, typically coupled with attempts to reduce the fortifications by means of siege engines, artillery bombardment, mining, or *the use of deception or treachery to bypass defences*.

(Source: www.freebase.com/m/06p6g)

Again as for the definition of a SIEGE, it is a military blockade of a city or fortress with the intent of conquering by **ATTRITION** or assault. Now let us consider the meaning of the word “attrition” in the dictionary:

ATTRITION

1. *A gradual diminution in number or strength because of constant stress.*
2. *A gradual, natural reduction in membership or personnel, as through retirement, resignation, or death.*
3. *Repentance for sin motivated by fear of punishment rather than by love of God.*
4. *Sorrow for sin arising from fear of damnation, especially as contrasted with contrition, which arises purely from love of God*

Looking at the definitions of *attrition*, we may ask: Has the Philadelphia Church of God not experienced “*a gradual diminution in number or strength because of constant stress*”?

Has the Church not experienced *a gradual, natural reduction in membership or personnel, as through retirement, resignation, or death*? Has the people’s *repentance for sin* inside the Philadelphia Church of God, *motivated by fear of punishment rather than the love of God*? Is the prevailing attitude of the people inside the PCG already became such as a *sorrow for sin arising from fear of damnation, especially as contrasted with contrition, which arises purely from love of God*?

It seems that the answers in all four questions are a resounding YES, to which any PCG member who became victims of that spiritual siege could easily identify with!

FALL BY THE SWORD

Now moving on to chapter 24 of Ezekiel wherein it discusses a SIEGE (v. 2); and it

also discusses the death of the prophet's wife (vv. 16-18). To put everything in its proper perspective, let's first consider what this chapter really is all about. In the *Ezekiel* booklet Mr. Flurry explained:

Ezekiel 24 contains one of the Bible's strongest, most astonishing messages addressed specifically to God's people.

Before we see what that message is, let's note how the chapter ends: "In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the Lord" (Ezekiel 24:27). *Keep this in mind. This is the point of this chapter, and, again, a dominant theme of the book of Ezekiel.*

Now, the beginning of the chapter: "Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord come unto me, saying, Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day" (verses 1-2). ***The day God gave this revelation to Ezekiel commemorated the day of the siege of Jerusalem.*** Some Jews still fast on this day annually. ***It was a terrible time in Judah when Jerusalem was besieged.*** (p. 92)

Again, Mr. Flurry emphasized that ***"Ezekiel 24 contains one of the Bible's strongest, most astonishing messages addressed specifically to God's people."*** (op.cit.)

Is the PCG exempted from this prophecy in Ezekiel 24? Or does it really apply specifically to us? The answer is a resounding YES! It does apply directly to us in the PCG!

Whereas the prophet Ezekiel discusses a siege in verse 2 while at the same he discusses God's sanctuary being profaned (v. 21). This is the same story line in Ezekiel 4 wherein God through the prophet Ezekiel portrayed a siege on Jerusalem (v. 1-3). The siege in Ezekiel 24 is in the context of the death of the prophet's wife (v. 16-18) which pictures the sanctuary or the Church. Again going back to chapter 4, it is actually *God who laid the siege on spiritual Jerusalem and it is to be a sign for Israel*, while in chapter 24 it is also *God who profaned His sanctuary and the son of man is to be a sign*. This is just one story! The end time types in both instances are to become a *sign*.

We must also remember that God's house was built by the two women (the Laodiceans with the Philadelphians) carrying the ephah (Zech. 5:9-11) which was very

much associated with the 6th year death anniversary of the wife of That Prophet on September 5, 2010! This is a very, very sober warning to the PCG! The people in God's Church must wake up!

“Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; ***Behold, I will profane my sanctuary***, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.” (Ezek. 24:21)

God says He will PROFANE HIS SANCTUARY. He is going to profane HIS VERY OWN BRIDE! Can we see why God says, don't get too caught up in mourning if you lose your bride? What about God's Bride? (P. 98, *Ezekiel* booklet)

Yes, what about GOD'S VERY OWN BRIDE? Mr. Flurry taught that this prophecy is for the Laodiceans – the WCG and the other offshoots. Yet if we look closely, those Laodiceans outside of the PCG were already profaned **PRIOR** to the death of his wife, Mrs. Barbara Flurry. In the Ezekiel 24 prophecy, her death (vv. 16-18) is supposed to *happen* BEFORE the sanctuary is to be profaned (v. 21). So this sanctuary pertains to none other than the PCG and not those Laodicean groups outside who were already on that spiritual condition!

As we progress, it will become clear as to whom God is referring to when He says, “*Behold, I will profane my sanctuary*”:

In verse 21, the word “*pitieth*” in *Strong's* could also mean “*delight*”, which would make the phrase “that which your soul pitieth” to become “*that which your soul delights*”. So it can now be read this way: “***Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul delights.***” So, as clearly indicated here that it is the **SANCTUARY** or the **CHURCH** that has become the **OBJECT OF THEIR AFFECTION** rather than **GOD**! This was what happened in the WCG and Mr. Flurry wrote about it in the *Jeremiah* booklet: “Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, *The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD*, are these.” (Jer. 7:3-4). The PCG saw it happen in the WCG, yet it is happening again in their midst, but much more than that, they attach *deep feelings of affection* to it – *with pride, with desire and with delight*.

“Left” in *Strong’s* means, to loosen, i.e. relinquish, permit, etc.:--*commit self*. Substituting the word “left” by its other meaning which is “committed”, we now have “***and your sons and your daughters whom ye have committed shall fall by the sword***”

And since this latter thought is separated by a semi-colon to that of the former one, it then indicates a closer relation to the subject at hand which is the sanctuary. The word “***fall***” in *Strong’s* is “naphal” (H5307) also means:

a primary root; to fall, in a great variety of applications: - ***be accepted, cast self, cast down, cast out, cease, die, divide by lot, let fail, cause to fall away, be judged by mistake, lay along, cause to lie down, light down, be lost, lying, overthrow, overwhelm, perish, make to rot, slay, smite out, throw down.***

“Sword” according to the Bible is the “*the word of God*” (Eph 6:17, Heb. 4:12, Rev. 1:16, Rev. 2:16). Does it mean that *their sons and daughters, whom they commit to the sanctuary, which is the excellency of their strength, the desire of their eyes and that which their soul delights or simply, the Church, shall then fall by the sword or God’s words* (PCG literatures – the 9 books)?

1. *Mystery of the Ages*
2. *Malachi's Message to God's Church Today*
3. *Who is That Prophet?*
4. *The Last Hour*
5. *The God Family Vision*
6. *United States and Britain in Prophecy*
7. *Missing Dimension in Sex*
8. *Incredible Human Potential*
9. *God’s Family Government*

It does mean that even the teens and the younger ones inside the PCG shall have several differing predicament in the hands of those ministers that besiege the sanctuary all over the world: If the *sword or God’s words* (the 9 books) has been wielded in front of the family or their sons and daughters or the teens, below are their most probable plight:

Either the son or the daughter of a member will ***be accepted*** and continue to attend Church services if he/she or the family is a close friend or in good status;

or it could be that he/she **cast himself or herself out** of the Church or he/she is **cast down** by the minister; or he/she **ceases** to attend Church services and eventually **die** spiritually; or the minister will cause **division** among the peers of their sons and daughters; or it could be that the minister would **cause them to fail** and eventually cause them **to fall away** from the truth; or they could **be judged by mistake** and be spiritually **lost** in the process; and the list goes on as meaning from the original Hebrew word of “**fall**” suggests.

Should any of the family member would try to speak out and reason with them, they will be **overthrown** – suspended from attending Church services. And the worst case would be, they could be disfellowshipped and marked – **make to rot** and eventually **perish** spiritually.

If anyone who has been **thrown down** and wounded and he/she wanted to return to attend Church services, he/she will have to face the sword again to **be accepted**.

Inside God’s sanctuary, the language of the spiritual siege in Ezekiel 4 resonates – sword, soldiers, armies and captains surrounding spiritual Jerusalem and they are likened to an impregnable IRON WALL! *It is a strong wall of separation between the people and That Prophet.* And no one could ever get through to Mr. Flurry, should the people ever try to –they will be spiritually **slain** by the captains. THEY USE THE SPIRITUAL SWORD TO CUT OFF THE MEMBERS FROM HAVING AN ACCESS TO GOD! (See also Matt. 23:13)

Referring to the siege, Mr. Flurry noted: “***It was a terrible time in Judah when Jerusalem was besieged.***” (*op. cit.*) – (It is very much true in every detail once we fully grasp its spiritual fulfillment in this end time happening inside the Philadelphia Church of God.)

“***...and your sons and your daughters whom ye have committed shall fall by the sword***” – This could also refer to the physical sword of the physical siege (Great Tribulation) for those sons and daughters whom they committed to the sanctuary which God has profaned, i.e. their children who were under the STRONG DELUSION that God sent involving a work in Ireland.

“***And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about.***”(Ezek. 4:2)

WHAT'S GOING ON?

During the *Ezekiel 4 siege*, there are also “*unruly*” *captains (ministers)* who go from house to house and at times overthrow “whole houses” - terrorizing families in the PCG or just simply provoking them to anger! It doesn’t matter if you are young or old, you will have to experience their fierceness and “*vain talking*” whether on a Sabbath or during any of the feasts of God. And if they feel you are for them, well and good, but if not, then they shall send someone to spy on you and wait for an opportune time to pounce on you. But if you ask any of them if they are spying on you, they’ll just say, “*No, we are not spying on you!*” – they will tell a lie just to deceive you and themselves as well.

“For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, ***especially they of the circumcision***: Whose mouths must be stopped, who ***subvert whole houses***, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.” (Titus 1:10-11).

Here is a sample letter of one of their victims, who eventually became one of the casualties of that spiritual SIEGE inside the PCG:

From: sheriff ali

Subject: Concerns from Trinidad

To: “Alex Harrison”

Cc: sseebran

Date: Friday, October 26, 2012, 4:39 PM

Hi Mr. Harrison, hope you are well, I thought I would write you a letter, informing you of some things that are going on in the Trinidad congregation that I think you should know about, I wanted to mention them to you for some time now, but kept putting it off thinking God would work things out, but as you and Mr. Flurry has always told us, your doors are always open, if members have any problems. I told Mr. Seebran that I would be talking to you and would copy him in, so we would all be on the same page.

ATTITUDE PROBLEM

Mr. Seebran gave bible study last Sabbath, but they were less that 7 Scriptures given, the church knew that it was a corrective sermon geared towards putting down teens and singles, and once again creating an atmosphere of fear and intimidation upon the membership. it started out very harshly, and was founded upon 85% correction, 10% instruction and 5% love, in fact one of the new members said she wanted to walk out of services, she said her unconverted

daughter out of the church was far worse than our children in the church, yet she would never discourage them like how Mr. Seebran did.

Mr. Seebran keep on saying that all the singles and teens have an attitude problem, I believe he base that on how much they talk to each other as well as how they talk, all in all, a lot of things are blown way out of proportion, I hope you really investigate this and get to the bottom of it all.

I hope you listen to that tape, in the study Mr. Seebran said three main points, one that how singles hold a beer bottle reveals an attitude not becoming a God, two, he said how girls take their picture also reveals an attitude and third he said singles and teens should not talk to each other only at services, but should go and talk to adults, but how can they do this is he sets a bad example. Ask him when the last time he spoke to the singles and teens was.

As I said he started the study very fired up and came across harshly, about 5 minutes into his study the deacon Mr. Patrick Ramlochan was given a note to quickly take up to the podium, written by Mrs. Seebran which Mr. Seebran read out loud to the church, it said "Some of them are laughing" as if she wanted to say to all of us "shut up and listen" it was intimidating to say the least.

DON'T BELIEVE ME, PROVE ALL THINGS

Fact: When new members start to attend services, the advice they get is "Don't say anything bad about Mr. Seebran's daughter because he gets hot under the collar" Mr. Thomas Mussio was the last person to tell me that, just ask him.

Mr. Wayne Dawson, when he just came into the church, was invited to the Seebran's home and afterwards told me during casual conversation that Diana Seebran runs that family, she is the real boss and her father is a puppet.

Mr. Paul Ritz, a member that lives in Chicago came here for a FOT and said Diana Seebran runs the church here.

Mr. Seebran likes to hear and know what people talk about, as if we should have no freedom of expression in God's Church, so he 'recruited' a child, a single, to go and listen to the conversations of the singles and teens and report back to him, that single is only 20 years old and his name is Keith Mulchan. Ask any single or teen.

Mr. Seebran said from the podium, without remorse that he has people, adults, which tell him what is going on. Does this mean we are supposed to be fearful of expressing our views, and fellowshiping would now move from a 'IRON SHARPENS IRON' to a 'be careful what you say thing'

Mr. Seebran allows his daughter to get away with a lot in the church, just ask

random members, and the only way they would not say something is because they are afraid.

Diana Seebran carries about herself like her father owns the church, her attitude of loud arrogant wild laughter, hip hugging, tight fitting clothes that leave little to the imagination, as well as put down and one liners meant to belittle others, while her father and mother does nothing about it, is a sad expression as to what God's church in Trinidad has come to. But don't believe me, come and hear from random members for yourself. She was counseled by her father for baptism, and baptized by him also, but I must say, if she is converted, I would be surprised. She acts as carnal can be.

The members are so afraid of being suspended that they just put up with anything, and attitudes of the Seebran family. We equate speaking out logically about decisions made by Mr. Seebran with being put out of the Kingdom, this fear has turned to paranoid.

Mr. Seebran called me last night and told me my son Adam Ali was suspended for one month, he did not call Adam, I guess I am supposed to tell him. I asked him for the reason, he told me it was because Adam was on Facebook, I asked him how is that a valid reason for suspension, he then said that is was more than that, he said in his opinion Adam was not serious about his calling and he sees an attitude that he does not like, and does not talk "Sabbath things" on Sabbaths, by the way, he said this about almost all the teens and singles in the church, I told him his reasoning is flawed, and I'm saying that if that is his reasoning for suspension that maybe all the members should be suspended I even told him that almost all adults, not only in Trinidad but all around the world do not talk only "holy Sabbath thing" at services, He told me "that is just how it is, and his judgment is final" He has not yet given me a scriptural reason of Adam's suspension. Is that how Christ rules his Church?

He then told me all the singles and teens would have to counsel with him during the month long suspension, and he would counsel them like adults, and based on what they say, they would be allowed to attend services again. I guess they would have to say what he wants to hear. Is that intimidation or what?

How can any minister treat children who do not have God's spirit as adults, and expects, and even demand they act like one?

Adam asked me why he was suspended and I told him it was because he talked to his school friends on Facebook, (friends, not Laodiceans) maybe the way he holds his beer bottle, but that can't be it because he doesn't drink beer, or maybe

because he rarely carries out 'holy' conversations, or maybe because Mr. Seebran just does not like him, his so called attitude or the way he talks very much, I don't really know because Mr. Seebran cannot and would not give me a straight answer.

Mr. Harrison, our members and their children are good people, we don't cause division, we believe in the doctrines in the church, we back up and support Mr. Flurry and HQ, we sit quietly and listen to the messages, yet Mr. Seebran told me that our children must grow like adults, speak like them and act like them to remain in the church. Is that how it is with people who do not have God's spirit? I told Mr. Seebran that Mr. Armstrong never said that, in fact we know that everyone grows at different rate, but Mr. Seebran told me "Well that's just how it is."

Mr. Seebran, if you have read this far down in this letter. I just want to say to you that something has changed in you, as a shepherd, if you are supposed to have us follow you as you follow Christ, you are failing, I believe a lot of your decisions are bias, based on your own personal imperfect feelings, and I don't know what is driving them, and sadly you don't even see it. I for one would not like to follow your example, I do not hate you, I respect you, but I believe you need a wakeup call on how you handle the Church of God.

IF I AM WRONG, I WILL ADMIT MY ERROR, THIS IS JUST HOW I SEE THINGS NOW.

I know you will try and fight everything I've said here, because I know having yourself and your family be seen in a certain good way, means more to you than a members eternal life, and maybe I will be out of the church after this letter, but some things just needed to be said, I hope HQ checks this out, and really talk to the members and prove all things.

Mr. Robin Sirjoosingh told me once that if there is one thing Mr, Seebran cannot take is correction, that is true, but please prove me wrong.

Mr. Seebran's sister said that he runs this church like he ran his former, as if he and his family are up there and we are all down here.

I believe you should make an emergency trip to Trinidad to prove if all this is true, because the membership is slowly being discouraged. God's Church is supposed to be a place of refuge, not a judgmental court, based on what a minister's personal views and opinions are.

Sheriff Ali

This account is just one of the many stories that have happened all over the world - ***many of God's people are baffled and puzzled*** as to why all of these things are taking place inside the Philadelphia Church of God.

Here's another letter from one of the PCG members that is seeking for answers - the reason they resorted to the *Exit Support Network (ESN)* website:

A Lot of Changes Are Going on in PCG:

April 12, 2013

The word is out with the members; people in the PCG are definitely reading your website (ESN). But they won't come forth about it because no one wants to be told to leave because of being on a "dissident" website. Everyone (who chooses to remain with PCG) knows what that means, no longer being able to see family members anymore. Yet, they all know young Grant Turgeon [son of Wayne Turgeon] certainly didn't have to pay any major consequence for his actions [of contacting ESN]. Not only reading "dissident" literature but making repeated contact. Members thought HQ, of course, no one being perfect, but they do "pride" themselves as setting the proper example.

So "yes," the members are asking, "*What's going on*"?

Thank you again for all you do. -- Simply concerned

http://www.exitsupportnetwork.com/mike_ep/letters/ltrspcg13.htm

"What's going on?" - This very same question coming from the Church's lay members around the world was already prophesied long ago by the prophet Ezekiel:

"Then the people said to me, '*Will you not tell us what these things mean for us, that you are acting this way?*'" (Ezek. 24:19, RSV).

It's like saying, "Why does Mr. Flurry seem not to care for God's wife - those Church members who are being ***taken away with a stroke (slaughter in Strong's, v.16)*** by the ***spiritual heart (ministry)***? And what does it mean for God's people?"

"Thus saith the Lord GOD; BEHOLD I WILL PROFANE MY SANCTUARY" (v. 21)

But why has God profaned His sanctuary? - Because to God's people in the PCG, ***the Church*** BECAME "*the excellency of their strength, the desire of their eyes, and that which their soul delights*". It has already come to a point where ***the people have once again focused on the sanctuary*** rather than ***they should have focused on God*** – to be the "*excellency of their strength, the desire of their eyes, and that which their soul delights*." Do we not wonder why God's house, the Armstrong Auditorium

was completed and inaugurated on the very day Mr. Flurry's wife died, EXACTLY 6 years later on September 5, 2010? This is not a COINCIDENCE but a DIVINE PLANNED INCIDENT to picture the *sanctuary* – the *Philadelphia Church of God*!

The city of God, spiritual Jerusalem is SMITTEN and UNDER SIEGE by the spiritual terrorists! (Ezek. 33:21, Jude 12)

And through the duration of that spiritual siege, there have been several casualties - even Mr. Flurry noticed that there was an average of 100 brethren every year at the feast that has been leaving and/or being removed from the Church altogether. Some have also died by the spiritual sword: the captains (ministers) at several occasions wield the spiritual sword in the neck of the people – their *sons and daughters* whom they *committed* were prevented from attending Church services and made to read several books of the PCG - and those who cannot hold their ground and defend themselves eventually “*fall by the sword.*” (Ezek. 24:21)

HE THAT ESCAPES

“That *he that escapeth* in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears? In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.” (Ezek. 24:26-27) Here is what *Lange's Commentary* wrote about “*he that escapes*”:

“Verse 26: ***The escaped is a definite person.*** (According to Hengst.: ***an ideal person, comprehending in himself the whole host of those carried away... a fugitive***, one of their number). ***As an eye-witness of what had been passed through, he will place the fact before the exiles as one which cannot be doubted.***

“Verse 27: As ***he*** (which ***is also a virtual sign***, namely for the prophet) opens his mouth, Ezekiel does the same, who consequently has had to keep silence up to that time. The opening of the prophet's mouth at the same time with that of the fugitive takes place in chapter 33; compare verses 21, 22. ...so Ezekiel's becoming dumb can be taken in relation to prophesying of *mercy* as distinguished from prophesying of *judgment*, so that the meaning would be: Thou shalt then speak of *mercy*, and no more of *judgment*, which has become an accomplished fact ...***so that the dumbness of Ezekiel affects, in the first place, the period up to the appearance of the fugitive from Jerusalem with news of its***

downfall ...Hengst.: ‘When the eye-witness report that all has happened as announced by him, he will become to them an object of wonder, they will recognize the Lord behind the son of man’.

“In that day” as Mr. Flurry always points out, refers to the latter days – the end-time – it is for our time today. And ***“he that escapes”*** is **HIMSELF an EYE-WITNESS to the SIEGE** of spiritual Jerusalem or God’s Church in this end-time and ***“he will place the fact before the exiles as one which cannot be doubted”***- “at the end it shall speak, and not lie” (Hab. 2:3). And that ***fugitive “comprehends in himself the whole host of those carried away”*** and he has ***caused to hear*** through the course of time the atrocities that have happened in the spiritual siege to the ***son of man***. And in God’s appointed time His prophet will no longer be silent about it, and everyone that was under that siege and also those that were exiled, will know the *God who remembers mercy*.

Here are some of the letters that was sent to Mr. Flurry regarding the spiritual SIEGE in the PCG by ***“he that escapes”*** on November 30, 2011:

Dear Mr. Gerald Flurry,

Greetings to God’s last end apostle!

Your sermon and co-worker letter still rings in my ears.

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”

“SOMETHING IS WRONG” as you said in the sermon. “SOMETHING is not right with too many people in this Church”, as you further emphasized in the latest co-worker letter dated Nov. 21, 2011. Sir, I believe this could very much still be connected with the death of your wife, Barbara, 7 years ago.

As written in Ezekiel 24:24-25 “Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD. Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,”

Ezekiel (a type of Mr. Armstrong) is a sign unto the Son of man (a type of your office) in this end time. Mr. Armstrong, just like the prophet Ezekiel, knew where God’s focus is. Did the people in God’s Church during Philadelphia era then got the message God wants to convey through the ailment and death of Mr. Armstrong’s wife? How about the ailment and eventual death of your wife during this Laodicean era? Or are we like the people in Ezekiel’s time that were

puzzled?

“Then the people said to me, “Will you not tell us what these things mean for us, that you are acting this way?” (v.19, *NRSV*). In response, Ezekiel put the focus right where God’s focus is – THE SANCTUARY!

Mr. Armstrong did the same thing like the prophet Ezekiel; he focused his attention to God’s Church and wrote a very extensive co-worker letter on March 2, 1967 regarding its spiritual condition at the time of his wife’s ailment. I believe God also did use the ailment of your wife to depict the spiritual condition of the people in the Philadelphia Church of God at the time and I believe, more appropriately, NOW. Yet you were not able to do as what Mr. Armstrong has done – he focused on the spiritual condition of the Church seeing through his wife’s physical condition.

“Brethren, I have suffered as perhaps never before, with my wife lying there -- with a bowel blockage that held locked inside of her putrid human waste -- knowing that unless God grants her continued life by a MIRACLE of healing, I would have to go on alone, without her! I NEED HER DESPERATELY! But I need her CLEANSED and HEALED -- PHYSICALLY!

“But Brethren -- up there In heaven, at the right hand of GOD on the throne of the universe, sits JESUS CHRIST, looking down here at US -- HIS WIFE (He is MARRIED to Israel -- and we are Israel begotten by His Spirit, affianced to MARRY Him [again] at His coming). Yes, WE, Brethren, are HIS WIFE. And the living Jesus has beheld HIS wife filled with SPIRITUAL putridness -- SPIRITUAL sickness, that is UNTO DEATH, unless it is PURGED OUT OF US!...

“Brethren, Jesus has been giving me a little bit of understanding of HOW HE FEELS! We have been GRIEVING Him! Yes, He has been GRIEVED because of us! I wonder if He is not shedding spiritual tears! He LOVES us. We are His WIFE! We are so PRECIOUS to Him!”

It is evident that the same action has to be done: “Thus Ezekiel (MR. ARMSTRONG) is unto you a sign: ACCORDING TO ALL THAT HE HATH DONE SHALL YE DO: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD”. And this is what deeply bothers you - as you wrote, “THIS deeply concerns me. It is a strong spiritual indicator that SOMETHING is not right with too many people in this Church. Let’s be honest! Isn’t that what Laodiceanism and lukewarmness is like?” In Habakkuk 3: 1, we can read: “A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.” Shigionoth in Strong’s concordance is;

“shiggayown: H7692”, a dithyramb or a rambling poem. Its Hebrew root word “shagah: H7686”, means, TO SIN THROUGH IGNORANCE, make to wander, to stray. Could God’s Church sin through ignorance?

“And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which should not be done, and are guilty; When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.” (Lev. 4: 13-14, consider the whole chapter; 5:15; Num. 15:27).

And if anyone commits sin through ignorance, one must make atonement (v. 20).

Have we ignored God’s real intention for having your wife to be ill - to picture that which is in the outer court? Or, does that condition pointed really to us, inside the Philadelphia Church of God? Your latest co-worker letter dated Nov. 21, 2011, does clearly indicate God’s real intention for your wife’s ailment and death – to picture the spiritual condition of the people in the Philadelphia Church of God! SOMETHING indeed is not right inside this Church!

Mr. Armstrong further on wrote:

“And now, dear Brethren of GOD’S CHURCH, He is using her (Loma) to start a direly needed spiritual REAWAKENING -- a tragically needed spiritual REJUVENATION in God’s whole Church -- and in His Work.

“It has begun with those ministers God has placed at the top level responsibilities in His great Work, right here at Headquarters. This ordeal has rudely SHOCKED us into a realization that we were becoming sluggish spiritually -- AND WE WERE UNAWARE OF IT!...”

“We have FALLEN SHORT in two ways: 1) We have lagged spiritually -- we have bogged down -- we have gotten our minds and hearts and interests on MATERIAL WORLDLY PLEASURES AND INTERESTS, and taken them more and more OFF OF God’s great and glorious WORK! God’s WIFE -- His CHURCH -- has allowed spiritual PUTRIDNESS to accumulate within this BODY OF CHRIST! God have mercy on us and CLEANSE US of THIS SIN!

2) We have grown careless, and LET DOWN on Christ’s vitally-important BUILDING program. This, too, is clogging up, slowing down, tending to STOP THE WORK!”

“O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work

in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.” (Hab. 3:2)

God used the sickness of Mrs. Loma Armstrong to REAWAKEN, to REJUVENATE – to REVIVE God’s work in the midst of the crisis years! The same could be true for your wife’s sickness, even after the 7th year (completion)!

Mr. Armstrong then admonished the people in his co-worker letter:

“Brethren, THERE HAS TO BE AN ABOUT-FACE!

“I am not ashamed to lead off in this. I am not ashamed to set you the EXAMPLE! I am HAPPY and REJOICING in God's chastening He has given me, and doing my utmost to respond to it.

“WILL YOU DO THE SAME?

“Now DON'T fast for Mrs. Armstrong! But I feel pretty sure that EVERY ONE OF YOU do seriously NEED to FAST for YOUR OWN SELF! -- to help you draw closer to GOD! To search down deeply into your OWN soul! To find what YOU need to repent of -- what YOU need to confess, acknowledge, and turn from.

“It may be that God is STILL WAITING for this spiritual AWAKENING to spread through the WHOLE CHURCH -- on down to the LAST MEMBER -- even YOU!” (end of quote)

You even wrote in the Ezekiel booklet –

“Never forget: Things could end suddenly. I don’t know exactly what God’s time schedule is. I don’t know how much time we have left. I just want to make sure we keep God’s perspective, and never let some date or some land deter us from giving our all to God. We can never afford to let up in this work. This job is a test of how much we love the people in the world. Are we willing to put our lives on the line for them? Do you love them enough to give yourself as a sacrifice to the great God of Ezekiel 1? To give Him your all, with no restrictions – nothing holding you back from Him, not even the death of a loved one? We must examine ourselves for areas where we may be holding back God’s work...

“Look seriously at yourself and see those problems you need to overcome. IF SOMETHING IS GETTING IN THE WAY OF GOD’S WORK, IT IS SERIOUS – EVEN IF YOU’RE NOT AWARE OF IT....That is His message today. DON’T ACT LIKE OTHER MEN. FOLLOW EZEKIEL’S EXAMPLE. Nothing must get in the way of God’s work – not even mourning the loss of a

loved one. We must put in check any emotion or anything else that holds up God's work. We must be willing to give it all up if necessary. That is in the contract....This is not a small exercise God has called us to do....WE CAN NOT PUSH GOD INTO A CORNER OF OUR LIVES. HE MUST FILL OUR LIVES." (pp. 97-98)

Mrs. Loma Armstrong had a BOWEL BLOCKAGE back then, while your wife, Mrs. Barbara Flurry had a CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE:

"Congestive heart failure is a condition in which the heart's function as a pump is inadequate to deliver oxygen rich blood to the body.

"Usually, (it) is the end result of gradual loss of heart muscle due to gradual blockage of the arteries that supply the heart muscle (coronary artery disease). Heart muscle cells lose their blood supply and die and the muscle is replaced by scar tissue, which does not help with the heart pumping function. Damage to heart valves, infections of the heart muscle or valves, and uncontrolled high blood pressure are other reasons why the heart loses its pumping ability. Ultimately, the heart enlarges as the muscle becomes floppy and less able to pump." (*MedicineNet.com*)

Sir, WHAT DOES CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE imply, SPIRITUALLY and in connection to the Philadelphia Church of God? ("Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so?" – Ezek. 24:19)

Why the heart?

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." (Jer. 17:9-10)

Even Jude's prophetic example involves the heart: of Cain – his hatred for his brother Abel who offered a better sacrifice to God; of Balaam – his love for material reward by putting a stumbling block, in exchange for God cursing His people; and of Korah – his love for more power and authority over the people of God; and they all do perfectly epitomize the prophesied emergence of an end-time Diotrephes, whom as you said in your sermon, will definitely come from inside this Church. (*Mincon 2011: Lecture #5*)

Those are the spiritual terrorists whom you spoke about in your Jude article – the hidden rocks that wreck spiritual ships! That could be the reason Christ's wife has a SPIRITUAL CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE even today!

All of these things are a strong warning for all of us inside the Church, you further wrote in the Ezekiel booklet: "Ezekiel 24 contains one of the Bible's

strongest, most astonishing messages addressed specifically to God's people. Before we see what that message is, let's note how the chapter ends: 'In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak and be more dumb; and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and THEY SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD' (Ezek. 24:27). Keep this in mind. This is the point of this chapter, and again, a dominant theme of the book of Ezekiel." (p.90)

Sir, the context of the death of Ezekiel's wife in chapter 24 is very much connected to the siege of Jerusalem (v.1). This prophecy could be very much applicable today than when you first wrote about it 7 years ago in the Philadelphia News (*Where We Are Now in Prophecy*, Nov./Dec. 2004)

"O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." (Hab. 3:2)

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

(End of letter)

Here's another letter that was sent to Mr. Flurry, this time on January 04, 2012:

Dear Mr. Gerald Flurry,
Greetings to God's last end apostle!

Sir, as you have declared a church-wide fast this coming January 8, I would like to share some insights of the reasons this has to be done which parallels a similar storyline during Moses' and the Israelite's time in the wilderness.

As written in 1 Corinthians 10, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (vv. 11, 12)

Again, what happened anciently to the Israelites in the wilderness were for our examples and written for our admonition. Those were intended primarily to us "upon whom the ends of the world are come".

As you have mentioned and noticed that an average of 100 brethren every year at the feast has been leaving and/or being removed from the Church. This could be likened to the last wilderness plague (in Numbers 25) that was experienced by ancient Israel where "thousands of Israelite men fell dead from a mysterious, painful condition in their CHESTS" (Bible Story: Volume 3, page 169). It was

the direct result of Balaam's error brought about by his lust for reward. A spiritual stumbling block could have been positioned in front of the Church as a whole. And we are just seeing the effects of such. We are in the midst of a spiritual plague! Even a spiritual sickness pictured by your wife's ailment!

Jude wrote an apt description of who the culprits are:

"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not." (Jude 4-5)

These men are the root cause of the PLAGUE that bludgeoned to death the faith of the members of God's Church; they are the root cause of the SPIRITUAL CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE of Christ's wife! The reason "SOMETHING IS WRONG" and "SOMETHING is not right with too many people in this Church" as you said.

"These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;" (v. 12)

Sir, during the Last Great Day of the feast last year (2011) when the festival elder gave a simple token of appreciation to the Hotel Management, the Manager at the end of her speech, greeted the whole Church with "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Valentines". The whole congregation just laughed at it and ignored that greeting. But that greeting was without basis from the Hotel Management's side – prior to that greeting, the festival choir has been practicing voice modulation using an excerpt from the Latin hymn "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" – also known as the Greater Doxology and usually sang during the Christmas season. Although the English translation means, "Glory to God in the highest", can we use such hymns which are evidently identified to Christmas? Is this a fulfillment of Jude 4, of "turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness"?

Again, please see the physical description of someone who has a CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE (just as what your wife had):

"Congestive heart failure is a condition in which the heart's function as a pump is inadequate to deliver oxygen rich blood to the body.

“Usually, (it) is the end result of gradual loss of heart muscle due to gradual blockage of the arteries that supply the heart muscle (coronary artery disease). Heart muscle cells lose their blood supply and die and the muscle is replaced by scar tissue, which does not help with the heart pumping function. Damage to heart valves, infections of the heart muscle or valves, and uncontrolled high blood pressure are other reasons why the heart loses its pumping ability. Ultimately, the heart enlarges as the muscle becomes floppy and less able to pump.” (*MedicineNet.com*)

What then is the spiritual implication of the above description of your wife’s ailment to us in the PCG?

“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many... Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.” (1 Cor. 12: 12-14, 27).

Sir, if you are the SPIRITUAL MOUTH of God, who then comprises the SPIRITUAL HEART in the body of Christ?

I believe it’s the MINISTRY - they have been given the power and the authority in their hands to adequately pump (feed) God’s Holy Spirit to deliver it to the members of the body of Christ just as the physical heart is able to pump physical blood to the different parts of the body.

Reasons why the heart loses its pumping ability:

1. Heart muscle cells are replaced by scar tissue
2. Damage to heart valves, infections of the heart muscle or valves,
3. Uncontrolled high blood pressure

There are spiritual counterparts to those reasons above, as aptly described by Jude: “These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.” (Jude 16, *NASB*) –

1. Grumblers – description of Cain
2. Fault finder and following after their own lusts – description of Balaam
3. Speaking arrogantly and flattering people to gain an advantage – description of Korah

Those who have “gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core” are like “raging

waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; “ (Jude 11, 13)

And as written in Isaiah 57: 20, “But the wicked are like the tossing sea that cannot keep still; its waters toss up mire and mud.” (NRSV). They continue to find fault, they speak arrogantly against God’s people, and they are experts in flattering people to gain advantage – they are respector of persons. That’s why they can hide their true intentions as described in Jude 12 as “hidden reefs” and they are the ones that causes division in the Church:

“These men are those who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit... These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.”(Jude 12, 19, NASB)

Further on, according to *JFB Commentary*, “these men” are the ones who excommunicate members in God’s Church:

“19. *These be they*--showing that their characters are such as Peter and Paul had foretold.

separate themselves--from Church communion in its vital, spiritual reality: for outwardly they took part in Church ordinances (Jude 1:12 understand it, ‘separate,’ cast out members of the Church by excommunication (Isaiah 65:5; 66:5; John 9:34 them out of the Church;” 3 John 1:10 ‘themselves,’ which indeed is read in some of the oldest manuscripts as English Version has it. Arrogant setting up of themselves, as having greater sanctity and a wisdom and peculiar doctrine, distinct from others, is implied.”

And what does “excommunicate” mean?

1. To deprive of the right of church membership by ecclesiastical authority.
2. To exclude by or as if by decree from membership or participation in a group.
3. To oust or exclude from a group or membership by decree

So, these men deprive, exclude and oust members from Church participation. This sounds like suspending and disfellowshipping members in the Church.

And in dealing with such men, Jude said that we should not dare to pronounce against them a railing judgment, but should rather say, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Now, just what is that mysterious, last wilderness plague written in Numbers 25: 1-9 where thousands of Israelite men fell dead?

Let’s read the account from the Bible Story, Volume 3 (p. 168)

THE LAST WILDERNESS PLAGUE

“At the same time an amazingly dreadful thing began to happen to thousands of

Israelite men... In all the camps, offenders were abruptly overcome by terrible pains in their chests. They thudded to the ground as though they had been stoned with invisible stones. The victims were able to gasp only a few tormented breaths before dying...”

Why the CHEST?

Because it is where the HEART is situated!

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.” (Jer. 17:9-10)

This shows that something is terribly wrong with our hearts.

“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)

“And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, **he rose up from among the congregation**, and took a javelin in his hand; And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.” (vv. 7-8)

PHINEHAS ROSE UP FROM AMONG THE CONGREGATION because he took particular notice of the officers’ hesitancy in punishing the high ranking offenders - Zimri and Cozbi. He executed God’s judgment even though he was not an official. (Psalms 106: 30)

This particular story also did involve the HEART.

Balaam’s heart was full of lust. Moses’ and the judges’ heart were partial and were not right before God. Phinehas’ heart was zealous for God.

And he made the ATONEMENT for the children of Israel. (vv. 11-13)

And again, this plague was just but a result of Balaam’s error and a precursor of an end-time fulfillment prior to the entry of God’s Church to the place of safety - “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come”

YOU SHALL SMITE THE ROCK

Another example anciently that could be applicable in this end time was when Moses struck the rock in Exodus 17: 5-6:

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.”

God commanded Moses to STRIKE THE ROCK and “there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink”

The ROD that Moses used to perform many mighty miracles in the sight of all the people of Israel is a symbol of GOD’S GOVERNMENT as you often tell us; while the ROCK was Christ.

“And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.” (1 Corinthians 10: 4)

That Rock was also Jacob’s Pillar Stone as you previously taught us.

“Jacob, tired after a long journey, stopped for the night. ‘And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep’ (Genesis 28:11). Notice that it says he took of the stones—plural—and put them—plural—for his pillows, probably covered with his coat or some animal hide. ‘And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not’ (verse 16). What made Jacob think that? ‘And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven’ (verse 17). These are profound words! Jacob was commenting about something that had happened. He realized God was there, and there was a gate into heaven the way he viewed that. ‘And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it’ (verse 18). Notice—now those ‘stones’ from verse 11 are a single ‘stone.’ ” (*The Key of David* booklet, pp. 60-61):

In Genesis 28: 22, that pillar stone was also called God’s House - “And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God’s house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.”

Further on you wrote on that booklet:

“There is a great lesson here for us today. We need to be sure we know where

God's house, or God's pillar, is. If you are standing in God's house, or with God's pillar, and you get things right with God, then you will be standing on a rock... That is the ultimate symbol of the pillar—Jesus Christ, behind the Church collectively and behind you individually! You must locate God's house! Jacob's pillar stone shows that God's house can be a 2-foot piece of rock. It can be an executive condominium, like where our original headquarters was located. God can make it so! Then He backs it up, if we trust Him. We need to learn to trust God whether He gives us a rock or a condo! If God is there, and we show Him we trust Him, then we really have the Rock with us! The stone represents God's house, or God's Church, and salvation for the entire world."

Going back to the moment when Moses was commanded to STRIKE THE ROCK, it looks like this particular event was a PROPHECY in itself when you were given the ROD in Revelation 11: 1, through which God committed His Government into your hands as prophesied in Isaiah 22:21.

Moses striking the ROCK with his ROD was like God giving you His GOVERNMENT and, commanded you and allowed you to SMITE CHRIST to deal with the REBELLION (Laodiceanism) inside God's Church (WCG) when you and Mr. John Amos were disfellowshipped on Dec. 7, 1989 because of Malachi's Message. The WATER (God' Holy Spirit) did come out bountifully from the ROCK after that time.

Again, as written in 1 Corinthians 10, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (vv. 11, 12)

SPEAK UNTO THE ROCK

Yet there was another example anciently from which we could extract admonition from:

"After thirty-eight years' tedious abode in the wilderness, the armies of Israel advanced towards Canaan again. There was no water for the congregation. Hereupon they murmured against Moses and Aaron. They spake the same absurd and brutish language their fathers had done. It made their crime the worse, that they had smarted so long for the discontent and distrusts of their fathers, yet they venture in the same steps. Moses must again, in God's name, command water out of a rock for them..." (Numbers 20: 1-6) – *Matthew Henry Commentary*

Now, these people were not the same people who came out of Egypt on their

way to the Promised Land:

“During those 38 years, people died by thousands and thousands. A whole new nation had grown up. Throughout that period, God was causing deaths of all those men who complained men who complained when the scouts returned from searching Canaan. Only their children would be permitted to cross over Jordan into the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 1: 35-39)” – *Bible Story*, Volume 3, p.126

The SAME could be true today, sir. And you can see so many new faces – some have come and gone, a hundred or so were suspended, disfellowshipped or left the Church every year, but the SAME PROBLEM exists as you have noticed: “THIS deeply concerns me. It is a strong spiritual indicator that SOMETHING is not right with too many people in this Church. Let’s be honest! Isn’t that what Laodiceanism and lukewarmness is like?” (Co-worker letter dated Nov. 21, 2011).

When you wrote Malachi’s Message, you exposed and dealt with Laodiceanism and lukewarmness inside God’s Church (WCG). But now, you are seeing the same spiritual condition even inside the Philadelphia Church of God prior to the entry to the place of safety. Has this situation not been the same as the account in Numbers 20: 1-6, even while after the ancient Israelites wandered 38 years in the wilderness? While for us - 22 years after the Church Split?

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.” (Numbers 20: 7-8)

Moses was again faced with the SAME SITUATION as at the first, but now from a different audience - the offspring of those who first did it. (vv. 2-5). But God HAD A DIFFERENT APPROACH this time – He wanted Moses to SPEAK UNTO THE ROCK before the assembly.

“And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to

sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.” (vv. 9-12)

From the *Bible Story*, Volume 3, pp. 128:

“‘I have become weary of this mob foolishness over the years,’ Moses remarked to Aaron. ‘Again the people have gone too far with their threats and demonstrations. It is time we show them again what great power can come through us!’

“‘I agree,’ Aaron answered, glancing uneasily at the mob that was closing clamorously in on them. ‘It would be wise to use the power through the rod more often to cause these troublemakers to have more respect for us.’

“This was a wrong attitude on the part of Moses and Aaron. They should have been more concerned with showing God’s power and causing the crowd to respect Him. Both men had been under more strain than usual because of the death of their sister and more complaints than usual from the people. As leaders, however, they were expected by God to exercise great control and wisdom under all circumstances...

“‘Listen to me, you rebels!’ Moses shouted. ‘You have been whining and complaining about a shortage of water. Why do you complain when you know we have the power to give you water? Don’t you know that we can cause this rock to open up and spew out all the water you need?’ (Numbers 20:10).”

Moses took the credit to himself that he has the power to give water to the Israelites since he has the rod (symbolizing God’s government).

From *Matthew Henry Commentary*:

“But Moses and Aaron acted wrong. They took much of the glory of this work of wonder to themselves; ‘Must we fetch water?’ As if it were done by some power or worthiness of their own. They were to speak to the rock, but they smote it. Therefore it is charged upon them, that they did not sanctify God, that is, they did not give to him alone that glory of this miracle which was due unto his name.”

God had specifically told Moses this time to SPEAK TO THE ROCK, commanding it, through His power, to give forth water. But instead of speaking to the Rock, Moses spoke unadvisedly and in anger to the people (Psalm 106: 32-33). God had NOT instructed Moses to use the rod to strike the rock as he did the first time. It was to be carried by Moses and Aaron as a symbol of their Levitical authority in using God’s tremendous power. It was a symbol of God’s

government. In God's judgment, Moses and Aaron ABUSED their God-given authority. They have ABUSED God's government.

Could that happen in this end time? And has that happened? Or still happening? Or were you faced with the SAME SITUATION as at the first when you saw Laodiceanism and lukewarmness, but with a different audience, just like Moses was in the midst of the offspring of those rebellious Israelites?

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." (1 Corinthians 10: 11)

Could those who have been given by God His authority ever commit such a mistake even in this end time prior to the flight to the place of safety? Could the ministry abuse God's government even in the Philadelphia Church of God?

The symbol of the ROD is God's government, the Rock is Christ. And CHRIST IS COMING IN THE FLESH even through His people. (They are a part of God's house – symbolized by Jacob's Pillar Stone)

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5)

The ROD (God's government) was used to STRIKE the ROCK (Christ in the flesh through those "little ones")

"And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea... Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 18: 5-6, 10)

Sir, it seems that some (if not all) of those who were offended, suspended, and disfellowshipped should not have been stricken with the ROD but should have SPOKEN with utmost COMPASSION, MERCY, and TRUE JUDGEMENT. As Moses and Aaron was instructed to do – SPEAK UNTO THE ROCK!

As you wrote in the "*Ezra and Nehemiah*" booklet,

"One of the main jobs of God's ministry is to build a temple of praise, joy, happiness and love... Do our congregations have these attributes? A temple such as this can only be built by true, effective leadership. True leadership is setting an example in obeying God's law. True leadership involves administering God's government in love. Effective leadership is loving and serving God's people... As God's ministers we must ensure that we create a

climate of praise, joy, happiness and love in our local areas. God's ministers must be on guard against bringing sadness into our congregations. Sadness in our people could be the result of the misuse of government. When a minister begins to go sour, God's people begin to suffer... Breaking God's laws and abusing His government can never bring happiness! Christ gave ministers ample warning about hurting God's 'little ones.' He said, 'But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea' (Matthew 18:6). All ministers must learn to use government properly."

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25: 40)

Most of the brethren NOW are TERRIFIED due to the indiscriminate use of God's government (ROD). Now, it seems that the people in the PCG fear men having the authority over them than they should fear God. Those in authority are a bit proud that many have already been suspended and/or disfellowshipped – somewhat giving a warning to others that they should be cautious not to meddle with their brand of God's government - just like Moses and Aaron wanted the people to fear them rather than to fear God, and in the process, even took the glory from God when they decided to strike the Rock. And that Rock was Christ! (1 Corinthians 10: 4). And not only did Moses do it once, but he struck the Rock TWICE! (Numbers 20:11).

If that Rock was Christ, He was struck with God's government! What a terrible mistake! Something is indeed wrong! Something is not right!

As Moses angrily uttered: "Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?"

Could this be the same as "must we fetch you God's Holy Spirit from Christ?"

Or "must we pump blood to you, members of Christ's body?" (pictured by the CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE of your wife)

Although the people were indeed rebellious and unruly, the instruction to Moses was plain and simple: SPEAK TO THE ROCK!

Again, according to *Matthew Henry Commentary*: "They (Moses and Aaron) took much of the glory of this work of wonder to themselves"

Moses and Aaron took much of the glory of the work of wonder to themselves. Does that reflect the condition of those in the MINISTRY today? This is a very stern warning to those in the ministry today -the spiritual HEART in Christ's

body!

The HEART it seems is the one who decides whether it pumps blood to a certain part of the body or not. If it decides not to pump blood, that member dies. “Must we fetch water?”

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.” (Jer. 17:9-10)

Sir, it seems that the poor in the Church are being systematically removed from the congregation, they are judged outright of robbing God and that they are a burden and more of a liability to the Church than an asset – that they are not helping the Work. If the poor widow who has given TWO MITES (Mark 12: 41-44) would be alive today, she would certainly be offended and suspended – STRICKEN WITH THE ROD!

Why? Because the widow is POOR and that is her FRUIT!

If the Apostle John would be alive today, he shall surely be put out of the Church because he is in prison, and that is his FRUIT. He will be STRICKEN WITH THE ROD like Diotrephes did in the past.

“And Jesus saith unto him (the scribe), The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.” (Matthew 8: 20). Christ could also be STRICKEN WITH THE ROD with such statement today. Because that is His FRUIT!

The FRUIT now can be measured by how much money you have and how rich you are PHYSICALLY. You should be RICH and INCREASED with goods for you to have FRUITS. If you are poor, then you are not blessed, thus you are cursed, and that’s your FRUIT. That’s the equation that is boggling the minds of the “little ones” right now. Isn’t this Laodiceanism and lukewarmness?

As God told the prophet Zechariah to write:

“Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, even to me? And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves? Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain? And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And

oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.” (Zechariah 7: 5-10)

“THIS deeply concerns me. It is a strong spiritual indicator that SOMETHING is not right with too many people in this Church. Let’s be honest! Isn’t that what Laodiceanism and lukewarmness is like?”

If the above statement in your last co-worker letter is correct, then the ROCK must indeed have been stricken AGAIN with the ROD!

CHRIST WAS STRICKEN AGAIN WITH GOD’S GOVERNMENT! NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE!

But what did the Rock do? “and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.” (v. 11).

And even though the instruction was not followed, CHRIST STILL SUBMITTED TO GOD’S GOVERNMENT!

Why? Because GOVERNMENT IS EVERYTHING!

CHRIST IS COMING IN THE FLESH, He has right now been stricken with God’s government, and what shall He do?

He still submits to it.

Some of those little ones whom Christ is coming in the flesh with and who were offended and stricken with the rod and submits to God’s government, God shall give TRUE JUSTICE, MERCY and COMPASSION.

But what happened to Moses and Aaron,

“And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.” (v. 12)

“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.” (1 Corinthians 10:12)

(End of letter)

Again as discussed in the previous chapters regarding the vision of the evening and morning (Dan. 8:26); there is undoubtedly a duality of the fulfillment of the SECOND 1150 day prophecy involving the **daily** AND **the transgression of desolation** spoken of by the prophet Daniel in chapter 8:

“Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning **the daily** sacrifice, and **the transgression of desolation**, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden

under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” (vv. 13-14)

Now, has the sanctuary and the host not trodden under foot once again as in the former during the spiritual abomination in the WCG after Mr. Armstrong’s death?

Well, *the transgression of desolation* has indeed happened AGAIN; *the sanctuary and the angelic host* that minister unto those who shall be heirs of salvation (Heb. 1:14) were trodden under foot spiritually AGAIN. So, why then is there a need to cleanse the sanctuary AGAIN?

Because this time, it was **God Himself who has profaned His sanctuary!** (Ezek. 24:21; 4:8; 8:15-18). Before, it was the people who have profaned God’s sanctuary. (Dan. 8:12; Ezek. 3:15, 25; 8:3-14)

Let’s continue by reading again Ezekiel 24:24-27; “Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD. Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters, That **he that escapeth** in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears? *In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.*”

“He that escapes” shall cause Mr. Flurry to hear that spiritual Jerusalem, God’s Church is SMITTEN (even with His own rod), and it is UNDER SIEGE! It is perpetrated by those SPIRITUAL TERRORISTS inside the PCG – with the IRON WALL that separates Mr. Flurry and the people!

“And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that **one that had escaped** out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, **The city is smitten**. Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore **he that was escaped came**; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.” (Ezekiel 33:21-22)

“Verse 21, 22. *The fresh turn*”

“The fact is now an accomplished one – Jerusalem is taken (chapter 24 verse 25); **and therewith we have, as had been foretold at the close of chapter 24, not only the arrival of the escaped, but as the main thing the opening of Ezekiel’s mouth, that he might no more be dumb**. This historical notice in the middle of the chapter is therefore the kernel of the whole: **the renewal of the divine**

mission of the prophet, over against the completed acts of judgment, now gives to his prophecy the expression of God's compassions toward His people in the world. ...The meaning of what was announced beforehand in chapter 24, and according to our verse had now actually occurred, is that in place of all reports – so fitted to awaken hope, yet traversing the way of the Lord with His people, always again paralyzing their necessary conversion – which up to the last had arrived, a certain fugitive shall now speak, and, as an eye-witness, place beyond all dispute what had actually happened. The matter-of-fact voucher given into the hand of the exiled with this escaped one must have removed out of the path of safety what at least the strong walls of Jerusalem threw in the way of their turning to the Lord.” – (*Lange's Commentary*)

Again, according to *Lange's Commentary*, A CERTAIN FUGITIVE SHALL SPEAK AS AN EYEWITNESS TO PLACE BEYOND ALL DISPUTES WHAT HAD ACTUALLY HAPPENED! This is also prophesied in Habakkuk 2:3, “For the vision is yet for an appointed time, ***but at the end it shall speak, and not lie.***” While in the *New International Version* it is rendered this way: “For the revelation awaits an appointed time; ***it speaks of the end and will not prove false.***”

Whether *the vision shall speak at the end*, or *the revelation speaks of the end*, it doesn't matter; only one thing is certain, that in God's appointed time, when *That Prophet* shall be able to speak and no more be dumb, a certain fugitive shall speak to him as an eyewitness which neither any person could refute nor prove false beyond all dispute what had actually transpired inside the Philadelphia Church of God. Insomuch that Mr. Flurry shall be able to *renew* his God-given commission in Revelation 11:1 using God's Holy Spirit, with the intention of expressing “God's compassion toward His people in the world.” (*op. cit.*)

This is the same as what the prophet Habakkuk had prayed to God: “O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, *revive thy work in the midst of the years*, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.” ***Again, there shall happen the renewal of “God's compassions toward His people in the world”*** when *That Prophet* shall be able to open his mouth and be no more dumb and say, “***O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years ...in wrath remember mercy.***”

Then all of God's people around the world will know that the God of the end-time *Elijah* (Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong) and of *That Prophet* (Mr. Gerald R. Flurry) is a God of TRUE JUSTICE, MERCY and COMPASSION.(Zechariah 7: 5-10)

The same storyline is written in chapter 4 of Ezekiel: “Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it.” (v. 7)

Once the *strength or power* (see the word “arm” in *Strong’s*) of the siege over spiritual Jerusalem (PCG) by *That Prophet* shall be uncovered by God through “he that was escaped,” the prophet shall then become “no more dumb” and he will be able to finally prophesy against that very siege which he himself had set up with the IRON WALL in the midst of it.

Well this is very good news! Mr. Flurry shall finally be able to renew his commission to “rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.” (Rev. 11:1)

The people in the PCG shall not believe what *That Prophet* shall do from then on: “That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report?” (John 12:38)

“We are of God: *he that knoweth God heareth us*; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error” (1 John 4:6). Those who know God hears and believes what He says through His prophets. They know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. They test the spirits. (1 John 4:1-3)

“...and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?” (Isa. 53:1)

The answer is in Psalms 98: “O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. *The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.*”(vv. 1-2)

God’s power, salvation and righteousness shall be *revealed* in the sight of the Gentiles. Now we may ask: why has God concealed the interpretation of the Ezekiel 4 siege? Why does He want us to wait for His appointed time to reveal its true meaning? *Lange’s Commentary* has some hints:

But why should the prophet, in thus *announcing the future dealings of God*, have thrown the delineation into so peculiar, so enigmatical a form? Why should he have presented it to the view as a returning again “of the years of former generations”? Not, certainly, on the principle of a bald and meager literalism, as if he meant us to understand that the clock of Providence was actually to be turned back and the identical ground trodden over again, the precise measures of

time filled up anew, of which we read in the earlier history of the chosen race. ...For here we have to do, not only with a lively and fervid spirit, which is ever breathing life, as it were, into the dead, but that spirit in a state of ecstatic elevation, in which the mind naturally served itself of the more remarkable facts and providences in the past; ***yet only as aids to the utterance of prophetic thought appropriate forms wherein to clothe the new things concerning God's kingdom***, that were through the Spirit imaging themselves to the prophet's vision.

“It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.” (Prov. 25:2). In the end, God shall be glorified after the spiritual siege which he has concealed from the beginning. And for us to have the honor as that of a king, we have to really search out the matter and consider all possibilities – that even through the law of history which eventually becomes prophecy, God wants to stretch our individual minds through His Spirit that no matter what happens, we ought to look to Him and not to any created being; we ought not to be shaken and intimidated by any physical or spiritual siege, any tribulation or persecution that comes along our way (this will be thoroughly explained later). God wanted to know who truly loves Him and His government under any circumstances.

And like David, that even though he was sought to be killed by King Saul, we ought to have the same kind of attitude he has: “The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.” (1 Sam. 24:6; read the whole chapter).

And in the same manner, the Apostle Paul reminds us: “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”(Rom. 12:19-21). The Apostle Paul further encourages us:

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other

creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom. 8:35-39)

Not even the IRON WALL of Ezekiel 4 could separate us from the love of God! This *last end* Ezekiel 4 siege will eventually lead to a spiritual *famine* (v. 16-17). This is the same prophecy discussed in Amos 8:11, and in Jeremiah 14:1 of a coming drought.

Chapter 8

God Has Shaken the Heavens and the Earth

When Mr. Armstrong died on January 16, 1986, Satan and his demons were cast down to this earth and attacked the Church from within - the sanctuary was then profaned. Only two WCG ministers, Mr. Gerald Flurry and Mr. John Amos were able to withstand the initial blow of the spiritual onslaught. *The heavens and the earth were shaken at that time.*

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him... Therefore rejoice, ye *heavens*, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of *the earth* and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” (Rev. 12:7-9, 12)

It was a WAR IN HEAVEN that permeated throughout the earth and the whole universe! And it could have probably lasted for 1150 days! Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote:

“And out of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward

the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and *it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.*” (Dan. 8:9-10)

God has an angel over each era of His Church, and that angel has many other angels helping. But when the Laodicean era began and the people doing God’s Work transgressed, then Satan and the demons conquered them – and even conquered the work of the righteous angels! This really happened! We experienced it!

The people of God who remained righteous received special protection from those righteous angels, even during the 1150 days. *And there was a WAR going on between the angels and demons! That is REAL! In this prophecy, God doesn’t talk that much about human beings, except to show how they’re manipulated by evil spirit beings, or helped by the righteous angels...*

Satan moved in and started casting the truth to the ground, and the people just watched – and LET IT HAPPEN – perhaps even enjoyed some of it! How much do you love GOD’S TRUTH? HOW MUCH WILL YOU FIGHT TO HANG ON TO GOD’S TRUTH? We must be willing to do that!

“Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spoke, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?” (verse 13). The “host” are those who transgressed. They transgressed, and the Work and the truth were left in desolation... Satan trod them underfoot. The demons manipulated them. (p. 8, *Philadelphia News*, May 2011 issue)

That WAR between the angels and demons has indeed shaken the heavens and the earth even during the fulfillment of the FIRST 1150 days! Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Haggai* booklet about the shaking of the heavens and the earth:

Haggai 2:6 in the *King James Version* reads, “For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land.” This is a bad translation.

Notice the way it reads in the *Revised Standard Version*: “For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land.”

According to the *Anchor Bible*, the literal translation should read, “Once again,

in a little while.” The *Gesenius’ Hebrew- Chaldee Lexicon* reads “yet again” for the word *yet*. So it means once again.

This verse is primarily talking about a spiritual shaking. God says that He will once again shake the heavens and the earth—spiritually. It has happened before, in this end time, and now it is happening again. (*Haggai: God Has Begun To Shake The Nations*, pp. 7-8)

Mr. Flurry noted that Haggai 2:6 is primarily talking about a spiritual shaking:

Haggai is talking about two eras. There was the Philadelphia era, when Herbert W. Armstrong was the physical head of God’s Work. And there is an era after his death, in which his teachings are a signet—*an authority or a stamp of approval from God*. That means we must keep and obey those instructions today. That is where you will find God’s very elect. The Philadelphia era is followed by the Laodicean, or last, era. God shook the earth and heavens in the previous era, and He is shaking them in this era—and it is not finished yet! Verse 6 is mainly talking about a spiritual shaking, but it also applies physically, mentally and emotionally. (p.8, *ibid.*)

But how does God perform the spiritual shaking that also involves the physical, the mental and the emotional aspect?

The Apostle Paul gives us the answer: “Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon ***shaken in mind, or be troubled***, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. ...Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause ***God shall send them strong delusion***, that they should believe a lie:” (2Thes. 2:1-3, 9-11)

The spiritual shaking also involved GOD SENDING A STRONG DELUSION! This is the same storyline in Jeremiah 4:10 “Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.” Now, let us consider what had happened after Mr. Armstrong died:

LEGACY OF ABUSE

At the point of Mr. Armstrong's death, there were 120,000 people in the Worldwide Church of God who to some degree or another, agreed with Herbert W. Armstrong's teachings. But at the very top of that church's governmental pyramid, surrounding Tkach Sr. was a band of men who never agreed with those teachings but somehow remained in the church. And after the founder died, these men, with Tkach's blessing, determined to change the very core beliefs of a church that had existed for over 50 years.

And since these changes were made FROM THE TOP DOWN, by men with unchecked authority, ministers and members alike were left with only one option: They had to abandon the fundamental truths they had proven and believed and taught for years while inside the Worldwide Church of God and accept Tkach's new teachings – or they were FORCED OUT by excommunication. (Raising the Ruins, p. 9-10)

Mr. Tkach and his henchmen abused and used God's government, with their *unchecked* authority, to instill FEAR and TERROR among the Church membership then. It was a spiritual shaking for all - ministers and members alike! Now, that same spiritual shaking that also involve physical, mental and emotional aspect has ONCE AGAIN been in the midst of God's seed. Read again *Haggai 2:19*, "*Is the seed ONCE AGAIN in FEAR?*" Yes, once again, the spiritual seed is in FEAR! Clearly, there is a DUALITY in the fulfillment of 2 Thessalonians chapter 2!

"That ye be not soon ***shaken in mind, or be troubled***, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand." (v.2) God has warned us through His apostles and prophets about this SHAKING. So we ought to understand! God is shaking the heavens and the earth before He shakes the nations! (Hag. 2:6, 21) He is very much concerned with what is happening inside His very own Church.

How did God shake the universe in the past? How is He shaking the heavens now?

The *Hebrew-Greek Key Study Bible* says this about the heavens: "Some passages point to the realm where the sun, the moon, and the stars are located It can designate the entire creation (Genesis 1:1), constituting the universe outside the planet Earth. ...[N]o matter how vast and infinite, secondly, the shâmayim [the Hebrew word] is the dwelling place of God"(emphasis added).

This refers to the whole universe, including WHERE GOD DWELLS!

We also need to understand what the word *shake* means in this verse. *Shake* means to be *moved, agitated, or to show the awesome power of God*”...

The word *shake* can be wonderfully inspiring or terrifying. It is the same *shake* you read of in Amos 9:1, where God says He will shake the temple. God did shake the temple—He shook the Laodiceans and everybody in God’s Church. God shook them by winning a six-year court battle for His very elect! They desperately wanted to see us lose. We were ecstatic when God gave us even more than what we fought for! (That is explained in our free booklet on *Amos*.) (pp. 7-8, *op. cit.*)

For emphasis, as Mr. Flurry said, that this *shaking* “***means to be moved, agitated, or to show the awesome power of God.***” Notice then, that during the six-year court battle, God did some shaking. But how about after that court case when God’s house was built, has God done the same shaking even inside the PCG?

The Gesenius’ Lexicon says that *shake* means *to tremble, to be moved, to terrify*... These definitions vary quite a lot—from moved to terrify. One definition does mean to terrify. It should terrify us just to think about losing our salvation. It should terrify us to fall away from the true Church of God, or to see other members rebel against our Savior.

When God talks about shaking the heavens and the earth, it has to do with God’s message about His master plan. It has to do with our future. That shaking will permeate all of God’s creation. It is about being born into the Family of God and ruling over the Earth and the universe, or failing to do so. (p. 9, *op. cit.*)

Again for emphasis, Mr. Flurry wrote that “***When God talks about shaking the heavens and the earth, it has to do with God’s message about His master plan***”—“***about being born into the Family of God and ruling over the Earth and the universe, or failing to do so.***”

The shaking really has something to do with what is happening inside the PCG even after the court case and prior to the construction of God’s house. This has everything to do with the death of the prophet’s wife in Ezekiel 24 in the context of God profaning His own sanctuary. ***Remember that the death anniversary of Mrs. Barbara Flurry keeps on surfacing to convey God’s message specifically to His very***

own Church – the PCG! Carefully consider what has been discussed in the previous chapters, the Ezekiel 4 siege, the two women who bear the ephah in Zechariah 5 – **indeed, God has a message about His master plan!** What is that MESSAGE all about?

“God cast Satan down from the universe to this Earth about the time of Mr. Armstrong’s death. Satan being cast down shook the heavens (or the universe) and the earth (Revelation 12:9, 12). This caused the heavens and those that dwell in them to rejoice. It was good riddance. However, it brought woe to the Earth. But that will last only a short while. After Satan was cast down, it took him only months to destroy God’s Work. He persecuted the Church members, and they caved in (Revelation 12:13). That is what *Malachi’s Message* is all about. God says Satan will continue to persecute the very elect all the way to the place of safety, where God protects them from the world’s worst trouble in all of man’s history!(verse 14).

“At the same time, God will mourn for all the Laodiceans in the Tribulation. ***Eternal lives are at stake, and that shakes the heavens and the earth. It’s all about the heavens and the earth in God’s master plan.***” (p. 10, *ibid.*)

When God shook the heavens and the earth by casting down Satan about the time of Mr. Armstrong’s death, He had a MESSAGE about His master plan at that time – it was THROUGH *Malachi’s Message* after the FIRST 1,150 day period of the 2,300 evening and morning sacrifice of Daniel 8:13-14.

What really shakes the heavens and the earth is God’s message going around the world. The gospel was preached around the world, and now *the prophesy again* message is going to the world. God is in the process of creating billions of sons, and Satan is fighting against the divine plan. Spiritually, it really does shake the heavens and the earth!

Consider these frightening statistics: 95 percent of God’s people fell away in this end time, and 50 percent of them will never make it back. Fifty percent! Even the 50 percent who repent will have to experience the worst suffering ever in the Great Tribulation, before they will repent. The stakes are about as high as you could possibly imagine! Look at the tragedy of the 50 percent who refuse to repent! It’s no big deal to lose your life, but when you lose all eternity as the Bride of Christ, that is the worst possible tragedy!

THE FATE OF ALL THOSE SAINTS SHAKES THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH...

“God shakes us and makes us realize more deeply what a tremendous calling He has given us! There will never be another one like it! God tries to shake, move and stir us! He wants us to grow up and think and act like our Creator! God is creating sons of God to rule the universe forever! How could that not shake the heavens and the earth? (pp. 10-11, *ibid.*)

Is this spiritual shaking in any way connected to the Ezekiel 4 siege? Most certainly! As discussed in the previous chapter concerning the siege inside God’s Church, those people who *fell by the sword* in Ezekiel chapter 24, has suffered physical, mental, and emotional shaking!

More and more people from the PCG have already felt the spiritual shaking, (see excerpt of one letter from an anonymous PCG member):

Present PCG Member Starts Researching and Thinking:

April 24, 2013

At present I feel stuck between two worlds. I'm finding myself disagreeing more and more with the sermons and the ridiculous statements coming from the sermons and people. When you spend your whole life being “taught” on a weekly basis about how you are in the “right” place and then when you realize something's not right, ***IT SHAKES YOU*** -- kinda like being punched in the face and that stunned feeling that results. -- *Anonymous PCG Member*

http://www.exitsupportnetwork.com/mike_ep/letters/ltrspcg13.htm

Now, if we shall consider why God profaned His sanctuary in Ezekiel 24, and why He allowed the siege in Ezekiel 4, wherein God’s people are ONCE AGAIN trodden under foot; could we not considered this as ANOTHER heaven and earth shaking event?

And is there a MESSAGE about God’s master plan by which we OUGHT TO UNDERSTAND during this LAST END, in which a SECOND 1,150 day period could be applied to finally conclude the vision of the 2,300 *evenings and mornings* of Daniel 8?

“And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen *the vision*, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, *make*

this man to understand the vision. So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: *for at the time of the end shall be the vision.*”(Dan. 8:15-17). What is it that needs to be understood about this vision in Daniel 8?

“And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for ***at the time appointed*** the end shall be.” (v. 19)

The vision is all about the “last end of indignation” and it is about the *last and final rebellion inside God’s own Church.* (2 Thes. 2:1-17)

“And in the latter time of their kingdom, *when the transgressors are come to the full*, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.” (v. 23)

Notice carefully, that this “king of fierce countenance” that everybody in God’s Church is watching for will not rise until that *final rebellion* takes place. What has happened after Mr. Armstrong died was just a precursor – it was not yet the *final rebellion*. There has to be *one last final rebellion* in God’s Church, that is, when the transgressor in God’s own Church shall come to the full which shall trigger the appearance of the “king of fierce countenance.” This king could probably be referring to both the religious and political leaders. There has to be a DUAL fulfillment of the 1,150 days that will constitute the *2,300 evening and morning vision.* (vv. 13-14)

“And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.” (v. 26). The prophet Habakkuk has further given us the details about this vision: “For the vision is yet for ***an appointed time***, but ***at the end it shall speak***, and not lie” (Hab. 2:3).

If we may ask, who should be the one who shall SPEAK here? Who should be the real VOICE behind the MESSAGE? (Compare this “voice” to that of Jer. 4:15 and Zech. 10:2)

“See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from *him that speaketh from heaven.* Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.”(Heb. 12:25-26)

We better make sure that we are not refusing those who spoke God’s message (written in the Bible by the prophets and the apostles), because in actual fact, it is God Himself who speaks from heaven THROUGH the prophets and the apostles - and that shakes the heavens and the earth. Christ is COMING in the flesh through them. Now, ***God is shaking the heavens and the earth ONCE AGAIN, because He has a message about His master plan during this very LAST END!***

As the prophet Habakkuk spoke of *the vision for an appointed time*. (Hab. 2:3), while Daniel wrote about “for at the time appointed the end shall be” (Dan. 8:19); what could that *appointed time* be referring to?

As Mr. Flurry pointed out; “**THE TIME APPOINTED AT THE ‘LAST END’ MEANS THE 1,150 DAYS!**” (*Daniel Unsealed At Last*, p. 31). There really has to be a DUAL fulfillment of the 1,150 days COMPLEMENTARY to the FIRST 1,150 day period in order to constitute the vision of the 2,300 evening and morning for it to become **TRUE**.

“*And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true*” (Dan. 8:26)

“(B)ut at the end it shall speak, and not lie” (Hab. 2:3).

And WHO shall speak? Read again Hebrews 12:25-26 and you will know that it is HE WHO WILL NOT LIE;

“See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from *him that speaketh from heaven*. Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.” The above verse in Hebrews 12 is the same as that in Haggai 2:6?

“For thus saith the LORD of hosts; **Yet once, it is a little while**, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land”

Notice the way it reads in the Revised Standard Version: “For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land.”

According to the *Anchor Bible*, the literal translation should read, “Once again, in a little while.” The *Gesenius’ Hebrew- Chaldee Lexicon* reads “yet again” for the word yet. So it means **once again**.

This verse is primarily talking about a spiritual shaking. God says that He will once again shake the heavens and the earth—spiritually. IT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE, IN THIS END TIME, AND NOW IT IS HAPPENING AGAIN. (vv. 7-8, *ibid.*)

If we continue reading from chapter 12 of Hebrews, *there is no doubt that these verses are indeed God's interpretation of the shaking of the heavens and the earth of Haggai 2:6! **There is a spiritual shaking again.*** God is speaking from heaven and His voice shakes the earth! And what is His message all about this time? We can know from Hebrews 12:

“The words ‘once more’ indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.” (v. 27, *New International Version*)

“This phrase, ‘Yet once more,’ indicates the removal of what is shaken, as of what has been made, in order that what cannot be shaken may remain.” (*Revised Standard Version*)

“That phrase, ‘once again’, denotes the removal of what is shaken (as no more than created), to leave only what stands unshaken.” (*Moffatt translation*)

When God spoke from heaven after the FIRST 1,150 day period on March 11, 1989 (from January 16, 1986), has the heaven been shaken physically? A similar event is being expected by experts to happen “once again” this time on the latter part of 2013. Will it fall at the end or after the SECOND 1,150 day period? (More on this later)

Now consider the article below concerning the March 1989 heaven and earth shaking event:

The Day the Sun Brought Darkness

Dr. Sten Odenwald

NASA Astronomer

ADNET/Catholic University

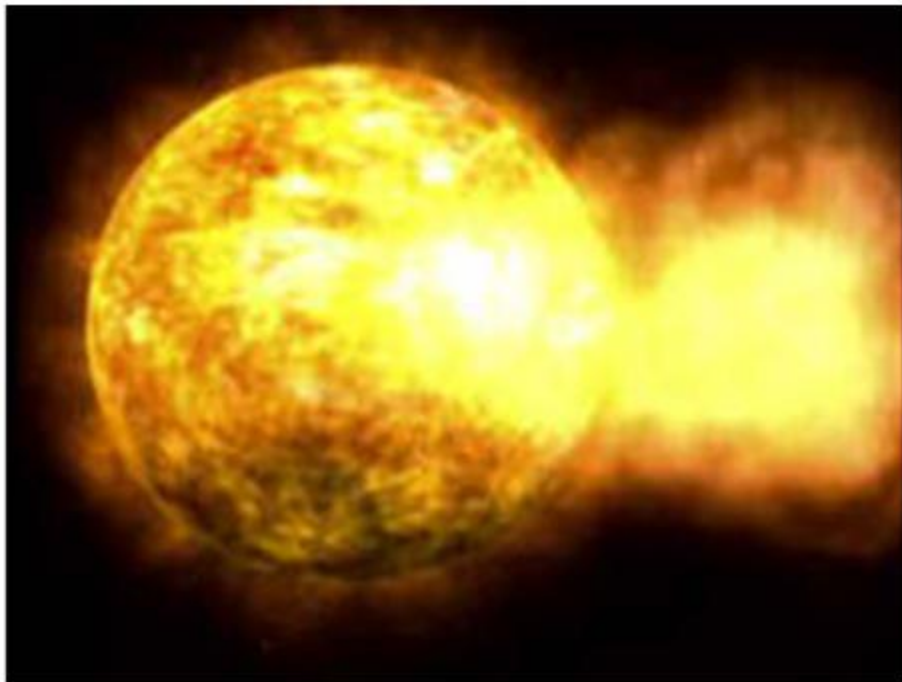
On March 13, 1989 the entire province of Quebec, Canada suffered an electrical power blackout. Hundreds of blackouts occur in some part of North America every year. The Quebec Blackout was different, because this one was caused by a solar storm!

On Friday March 10, 1989 astronomers witnessed a powerful explosion on the sun. Within minutes, tangled magnetic forces on the sun had released a billion-ton cloud of gas. It was like the energy of thousands of nuclear bombs exploding at the same time. The storm cloud rushed out from the sun, straight towards Earth, at a million miles an hour. The solar flare that accompanied the outburst immediately caused short-wave radio interference, including the jamming of radio signals from Radio Free Europe into Russia...

On the evening of Monday, March 12 the vast cloud of solar plasma (a gas of electrically charged particles) finally struck Earth's magnetic field. The violence of this 'geomagnetic storm' caused spectacular '***northern lights***' that could be seen as far south as Florida and Cuba. The magnetic disturbance was incredibly intense. It actually created electrical currents in the ground beneath much of North America. Just after 2:44 a.m. on March 13, the currents found a weakness in the electrical power grid of Quebec. In less than 2 minutes, the entire Quebec power grid lost power...

The Quebec Blackout was by no means a local event. Some of the U.S. electrical utilities had their own cliffhanger problems to deal with. ...Across the United States from coast to coast, over 200 power grid problems erupted within minutes of the start of the March 13 storm...

Twenty years later, the March 1989 'Quebec Blackout' has reached legendary stature, at least among electrical engineers and space scientists.



Solar flares and coronal mass ejections (CMEs), associated giant clouds of plasma in space, are the largest explosions in the solar system. They are caused by the buildup and sudden release of magnetic stress in the solar atmosphere above the giant magnetic poles we see as sunspots. CMEs can cause magnetic storms affecting communication systems, power grids and astronauts in space. Credit: NASA/ Walt Feimer

*It is a dramatic example of how solar storms can affect us even here on the ground. Fortunately, **storms as powerful as this are rather rare**...*

http://www.nasa.gov/topics/earth/features/sun_darkness.html

The NASA expert believed that such a powerful storm that hit the earth “**are rather rare**.” Indeed! But “*yet once more*” there is a much anticipated solar storm coming this latter part of 2013 – more powerful than this March 1989 storm. (More on this subject later.)

Has God really spoken from the heavens and revealed *Malachi’s Message* to Mr. Flurry?

“See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from *him that speaketh from heaven*. Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, **Yet once more** I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.” (Heb. 12:25-26)

God has spoken through the new revelations in *Malachi’s Message* on March 11, 1989! The heaven was literally shaken and so did the earth that even caused the entire Quebec power grid to lose power.

Malachi’s Message is the “little book” of Revelation 10 that was delivered by a mighty angel. “And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, *clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head*, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:” (v. 1)

Now see an artist’s illustration of the geomagnetic storm that struck the earth on March 1989. What can you see? The magnetic field of the earth resembled an angel-like figure when the sun emitted a solar flare.

And the resultant visual effect on the earth’s surface was the Northern Lights:

Auroral displays appear in many colours ...***Shades of red, yellow, green, blue, and violet have been reported***. The lights appear in many forms from patches or scattered ***clouds of light*** to streamers, arcs, rippling curtains or shooting rays that light up the sky with an eerie glow.

<http://www.northernlightscentre.ca/northernlights.html>

Is this not the same description as in Revelation 10? “And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, *clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire*”

So here is a symbol of God’s majesty— the clouds, the universe out there—and also this angel has a face like the sun and feet like pillars of fire, so this is not something that’s of the earth. This is beyond the earth. And the angel also has a rainbow about its head, and of course, there’s a rainbow over God’s throne. So, God is letting us know this is far beyond an angel or a man. This is directly tied to God Himself, and it’s God that’s talking about the “little book,” and God that’s talking about all of these events related to it. Notice verse 2 says, **And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,** So this is about the whole world. The angel had a foot on the sea and a foot on the earth, so this is about the whole world. (From *The Key of David* transcript – *THE LITTLE BOOK* - 0527)

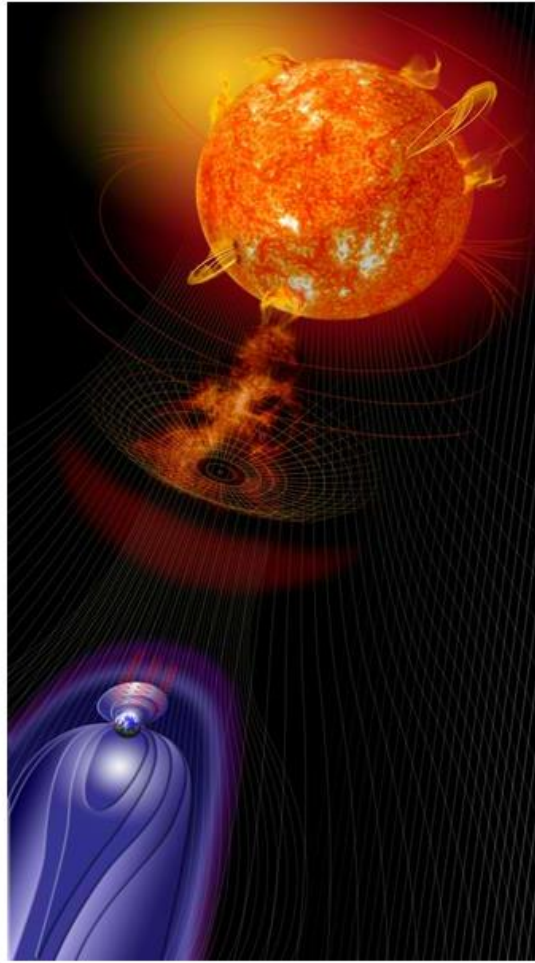
Going further, let us now consider what Mr. Flurry wrote concerning what the context of God’s message has been and should be:

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

For emphasis, Mr. Flurry said that *it is not about world news but hearing God’s word at His mouth*. And he further said that “*God speaks through revelation*.” You can easily prove this in your own Bible.

Now, again as Mr. Flurry noted regarding the spiritual shaking: “**IT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE, IN THIS END TIME, AND NOW IT IS HAPPENING AGAIN.**”

This spiritual shaking has happened before– thus the first 1,150 day period of the 2,300 *evening and morning sacrifice* was applied and has been fulfilled (Dan. 8:13-14). Since *it is happening again* through the *Ezekiel 4 siege* and *God profaning His sanctuary in Ezekiel 24*, there would be a need for a SECOND 1,150 day period to cleanse His sanctuary. Does this seem to be a far-fetched idea and MYSTERY to us? Then we must ask God for understanding.



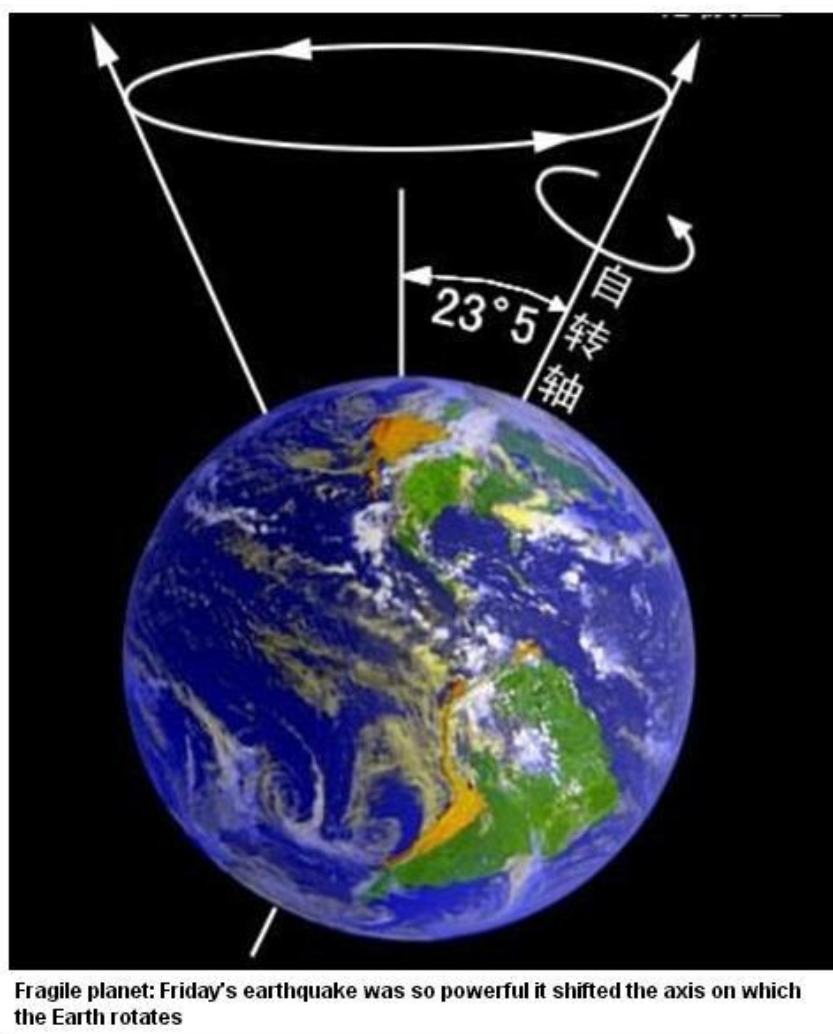
An artist's illustration of a solar flare that struck the Earth on March 1989. The earth's magnetic field resembled an angel-like figure. (cdn.theatlantic.com)

GOD'S PEOPLE KNOW NOT THE JUDGMENT OF THE LORD

Mr. Flurry keeps on reminding us even through his book, *Malachi's Message* what we ought to be aware of:

THE GREATEST WARNING IN THE END IS GIVEN TO GOD'S PEOPLE – not the world. “A mystery ...signifies a truth once hidden but now revealed or to be revealed; a truth which, without special revelation, would be unknown” (*Vincent Word Studies in the New Testament*). This test is revealing truth about all of us—now! God will know exactly what we believe and where we stand spiritually. This test is how He does it. In Paul's letters, a mystery is something that has been hidden or unknown—but has now been revealed (Romans 16:25; Ephesians 3:3, 9; 6:19; Colossians 1:26). ***God has to reveal our spiritual condition to us and to Himself!*** (p. 100)

To better illustrate the point, let us first consider what has transpired on the anniversary of the end of the 1,150 days –on *March 11, 2011, an earth shaking event happened:*



Fragile planet: Friday's earthquake was so powerful it shifted the axis on which the Earth rotates

Japan Quake May Have Shortened Earth Days, Moved Axis

March 14, 2011

The March 11, magnitude 9.0 earthquake in Japan may have shortened the length of each Earth day and shifted its axis. But don't worry—you won't notice the difference.

Using a United States Geological Survey estimate for how the fault responsible for the earthquake slipped, research scientist Richard Gross of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif., applied a complex model to perform a preliminary theoretical calculation of how the Japan earthquake—the fifth largest since 1900—affected Earth's rotation. His calculations indicate that by

changing the distribution of Earth's mass, the Japanese earthquake should have caused Earth to rotate a bit faster, shortening the length of the day by about 1.8 microseconds (a microsecond is one millionth of a second).

The calculations also show the Japan quake should have shifted the position of Earth's figure axis (the axis about which Earth's mass is balanced) by about 17 centimeters (6.5 inches), towards 133 degrees east longitude. Earth's figure axis should not be confused with its north-south axis; they are offset by about 10 meters (about 33 feet).

This shift in Earth's figure axis will cause Earth to wobble a bit differently as it rotates, but it will not cause a shift of Earth's axis in space—only external forces such as the gravitational attraction of the sun, moon and planets can do that...

In comparison, following last year's magnitude 8.8 earthquake in Chile, Gross estimated the Chile quake *should have shortened the length of day by about 1.26 microseconds and shifted Earth's figure axis by about 8 centimeters (3 inches)*. A similar calculation performed after the 2004 magnitude 9.1 Sumatran earthquake revealed it should have shortened the length of day by 6.8 microseconds and shifted Earth's figure axis by about 7 centimeters, or 2.76 inches. How an individual earthquake affects Earth's rotation depends on its size (magnitude), location and the details of how the fault slipped.

<http://www.nasa.gov/topics/earth/features/japanquake/earth20110314.html>

The earth was literally shaken off its axis! Now notice, what Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Philadelphia News*, May 2011 issue about that *March 11 event*:

1150 days: God's warning to the PCG!

On March 11 of this year (2011) – the anniversary of the end of the 1150 days – a 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit Japan. I BELIEVE GOD IS SPECIFICALLY WARNING THE PCG – AND REMINDING US OF WHAT WE HAVE TO DO!...

March 11 this year was a critical day. I think it reinforced the importance of the end of that 1150 days, and reminded us – as we are prone to forget – that WE HAVE AN URGENT MESSAGE THAT MUST BE DELIVERED, and that is why we are here! God doesn't give new revelation in vain. He wants it delivered to this dying world!

Malachi's Message explains what is happening right now in God's Church, and in the world. Everything revolves around that message in this Church. God is alive, and He shows that vividly through *Malachi's Message*...

That 1150 days was a nightmare: people turning from God and the truth being cast to the ground. Then God supplied the ANSWER – in the form of an URGENT MESSAGE!

THESE MARCH 11 EVENTS ARE LIKE *FLASHING RED LIGHT* FOR THIS CHURCH! They are a warning... God is warning you in these events! He's warning me! We must get our minds on this message, or we're going no place spiritually. (p. 1, Vol. 21, No. 4)

God has to physically shake the heavens and the earth to get our attention and warn us! Can we then expect a heaven and earth shaking event at the end of the *second 1150 days*? We ought to, because God will once again speak from heaven through *new revelation* – even *the rain in the time of the latter rain!* (Zech 10:1)

“On March 11 of this year (2011) – the anniversary of the end of the 1150 days – a 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit Japan. **I BELIEVE GOD IS SPECIFICALLY WARNING THE PCG – AND REMINDING US OF WHAT WE HAVE TO DO!**” (*ibid.*)

And since, we, humans are prone to forget, God's message right now is written before Him as a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE in the LAST END. (More on this subject later)

“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.” (Mal. 3:16)

Are we really so forgetful for God to even give us a *book of remembrance*? The fowls of the air know their appointed times. How about we in God's Church, do we know God's appointed times – even His festivals in their proper seasons?

“Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; **but my people know not the judgment of the Lord.**” (Jer. 8:7)

Here is proof that the heavens and the earth have already been shaken and the migratory birds were the first ones to have been greatly affected:

It is now known that migrant species such as birds, sea turtles, dolphins, whales, several fish species such as salmon and trout, possess a mineral called magnetite. Experiments in a controlled environment have definitively proven the existence of an *internal compass*. Species that rely on Earth's magnetic field are expected to go through a period of chaos of which many species may not survive.

Scientific records from deep sea core samples which include "faunal", suggest historical geomagnetic reversals appear to co-exist with period extinctions. Today, as the chaotic shifting of the geomagnetic field increases, *disorientation among these creatures is escalating at an alarming pace.* (<http://www.earthchangesaffirmations.com/polar-shift-news.html>)

Migratory birds knew if there is something wrong with their surrounding environment and they are greatly affected by it. Some have even literally fallen off the sky. And here is the probable reason behind it:

Magnetic north shifting by 40 miles a year, might signal pole reversal

The magnetic pole is moving faster than at any time in human history, causing major problems for navigation and migratory wildlife.

By Bryan Nelson

Mon, Mar 07 2011 at 3:35 AM

The magnetic north pole is currently shifting at a faster rate than at any time in human history — almost 40 miles a year — and some experts believe that it may be the beginning of a complete pole reversal, according to the Independent.

The changes are beginning to cause major problems for aviation, navigation and migratory animals that use the Earth's magnetic field to orient themselves. Some airports have had to change the names of their runways to better correspond to their current direction relative to magnetic north...

The thing that really makes the pole's current movement so unusual, however, is the speed that it is shifting. In the last decade alone, movement has increased by a third, throwing off compasses by roughly 1 degree every five years.

Changes that fast have already caused major headaches for the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. Tampa International Airport in Florida has just spent a month renaming all of its runways, which are named after the degree at which they point on a compass. Similar changes were recently made to runways at Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach, and across the country runways now need to be renamed at least once every five years.

The shifting pole may also become a grave concern for migratory wildlife, such as birds, turtles and other sea creatures that use Earth's magnetic field to navigate over great distances. It's unclear if these animals are capable of recalibrating their navigational instincts to compensate for the changes.

Scientists disagree on how a pole reversal would effect ecosystems around the world, but some alarmists warn of a planet-altering catastrophe, whereby earthquakes and monumental tsunamis threaten the Earth for decades...

<http://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/climate-weather/stories/magnetic-north-shifting-by-40-miles-a-year-might-signal-pole-r>

Is such news a far-fetch idea that could not happen even in our lifetime? How about prophecies like the one written by the prophet Isaiah?

“The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again” (Isa. 24:19-20).

Even though this prophecy is yet to be fulfilled in the immediate future during the Day of the Lord, but God is already preparing for it even now – He is already shaking the heavens and the earth even physically. And since migratory wildlife such as birds, turtles and other sea creatures navigate over great distances using an internal compass in their system with respect to the magnetic north - that once there are huge deviations from the magnetic field such as what had happened last 2011, it will certainly cause major problems even in commercial aviation and navigation as well.

“Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; **but my people know not the judgment of the Lord.**” (Jer. 8:7)

God connects the shaking of the heavens and the earth to His judgment on His people. Do you know it?

“For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, **The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.** But **call to remembrance** the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions” (Heb. 10: 30-32)

WANDERING STARS

“For there are *certain men crept in unawares*, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. . . . These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; *wandering stars*, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. (Jude 1:4, 12-13)

Mr. Armstrong taught us all about this history of Lucifer and the angels. The angels are called stars in the Bible (Revelation 1:20). In verse 13, Jude calls them “*wandering stars*”—*stars out of orbit*. Their “first estate” was Earth, where they were sent to administer the government of God. They failed, and that is why we are here today—to complete the monumental job they left unfinished. We are going to help restore God’s government on this Earth.

Look at your potential! Jude talks about *stars* to help us think in universe terms, and of all that God is offering us if we keep ourselves within a lawful orbit. We’ll be given the authority to rule over those angelic stars!

The majority of God’s own people are out of orbit—a worse tragedy, in some respects, than what happened to the rebellious angels! When a begotten son of God, a member of Christ’s bride, wanders out of orbit, we are talking about eternal life and death. There is nothing worse. Jude applied that history of the angels to the people of his day, and he prophesied about the people of our day.

Jude says those fallen angels are “reserved in everlasting chains”—as if they are chained, mad dogs—and “under darkness,” a blackness that broods over them. They live under an oppressive pall of gloom. It is always there, weighing on them!

And, to one degree or another, that is true of the rebellious Laodiceans. They know about the Great Tribulation and the lake of fire. They try to forget these significant truths—but it broods over them. They also can’t escape this oppressive, black cloud of doom hanging over their rebellious lives.

These angelic beings cannot die, and they know their future. That is why they are in such a rage! All they can think about is the black abyss they will enter

very soon, and they know they have nothing to lose. *These wandering stars have caused many of God's people to wander after them.* (Jude booklet, pp. 15-16)

For emphasis, “Jude applied that history of the angels to the people of his day, and he prophesied about the people of our day.” And who are those people? They are the **spiritual terrorists** inside God's own Church who are comparable to **wandering stars**. These wandering stars even have a physical counterpart – they are the *comets* which astronomers usually call as *wanderers*:

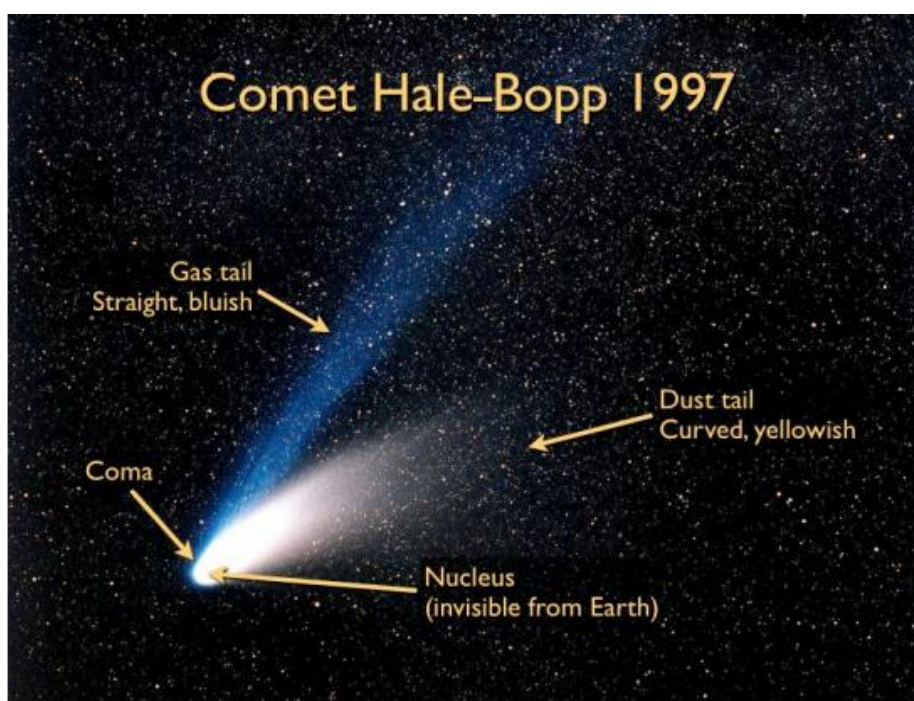
COMETS – GHOSTLY WANDERERS IN SPACE

by Ian Ridpath

Bright comets come along every decade or so. *They used to be seen as omens – over the centuries they've been blamed for all manner of ills from plagues to the death of kings and the destruction of cities.* And it's easy to understand how a bright comet hanging over the Earth like a ghostly apparition must have looked pretty alarming if you didn't know what it was.

Main features of a comet

Let's start by looking at the main features of a comet. This example is comet Hale–Bopp of 1997:



Comet Hale–Bopp, which appeared in 1997, had two beautiful tails. It was one of the brightest comets of recent years. (Credit: ESO)

It's got two rather different-looking tails: the gas tail, which is straight and bluish, and the dust tail, which is curved and yellowish. The head of the comet is known as the coma, a huge cloud of gas and dust that can be up to ten times larger than the Earth. At the heart of the coma is the nucleus, a lump of ice and dust only a few miles across. The nucleus is the only solid part of the comet, and it's only when the nucleus comes close to the Sun and warms up that it releases gas and dust to produce the coma and tail, or tails.

(Source: <http://www.ianridpath.com/comets.pdf>)

Comets “*used to be seen as omens – over the centuries they’ve been blamed for all manner of ills from plagues to the death of kings and the destruction of cities.*” Can comets really portend of something ominous that is about to happen? Can it be considered as some signs in the heaven? Well, let us consider what the Jewish historian Josephus wrote in 66AD prior to the 70AD destruction of Jerusalem:

The Signs That Preceded The Destruction

Thus were the miserable people persuaded by these deceivers, and such as belied God himself; while they did not attend, nor give credit, to the signs that were so evident, and did so plainly foretell their future desolation; but, like men infatuated, without either eyes to see or minds to consider, did not regard the denunciations that God made to them. *Thus there was a star resembling a sword, which stood over the city, and a comet, that continued a whole year.* Thus also, before the Jews’ rebellion, and before those commotions which preceded the war, when the people were come in great crowds to the feast of unleavened bread, on the eight day of the month Xanthicus, [Nisan,] and at the ninth hour of the night, *so great a light shone round the altar and the holy house, that it appeared to be bright day-time; which light lasted for half an hour. This light seemed to be a good sign to the unskillful, but was so interpreted by the sacred scribes as to portend those events that followed immediately upon it...*

Besides these, a few days after that feast, on the one-and-twentieth day of the month Artemisius, [Jyar,] a certain prodigious and incredible phenomenon appeared; *I suppose the account of it would seem to be a fable, were it not related by those that saw it, and were not the events that followed it of so considerable a nature as to deserve such signals; for, before sun-setting, chariots and troops of soldiers in their armour were seen running about among*

the clouds, and surrounding of cities. Moreover, at that feast which we call Pentecost, as the priests were going by night into the inner [court of the] temple, as their custom was, to perform their sacred ministrations, they said that, in the first place, *they felt a quaking, and heard a great noise, and after that they heard a sound as of a great multitude, saying, “Let us remove hence.”* - Book VI, Chapter 6, Section 3

(Source: <http://www.bible.ca/pre-flavius-josephus-70AD-Mt24-fulfilled.htm>)

Was it a mere coincidence that Josephus had seen “*a star resembling a sword, which stood over the city, and a comet, that continued a whole year*” prior to the siege of Jerusalem by the troops of Roman soldiers in 66AD? That four years later, Jerusalem’s temple was destroyed in 70AD? Was it really given as a definite sign in heaven or just a happenstance?

Let us consider Genesis 1:14 - “And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and *let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years*”

God said that the lights in the firmament of the heaven - the sun, the moon and stars have been created for a purpose which primarily serves as “*signs*.”

“**Signs**” in Strong’s Concordance is H226 (oth): a signal, as a flag, beacon, monument, *omen, prodigy*, evidence, etc.: mark, miracle, sign, token.

Omen in the dictionary means:

1. A phenomenon supposed to portend good or evil; a prophetic sign.
2. Prognostication; portent

Prodigy means:

1. anything that is a cause of wonder and amazement
2. something monstrous or abnormal
3. an act or event so extraordinary or rare as to inspire wonder.
3. a portentous sign or event; an omen.

As Jude likened those *spiritual terrorists* inside God’s Church to “*wandering stars*” (Jude 1:13) which could also be referring to, in our time, as *comets* (astronomers usually call them as “*wanderers*”), there is a comet being anticipated as the “*Comet of the Century*” i.e., *Comet Ison*.

Now notice this: When Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong died in 1986, Mr. Flurry wrote in *Malachi's Message*, that it was also the year the Laodicean era began - when the *spiritual terrorists* took over God's Church; while that same year, *Halley's Comet* was visible to the naked eye in the sky. And four years later, in 1990, *Malachi's Message* (which exposed *spiritual terrorism* inside God's Church) was first mailed to WCG members; and several months after that, the Gulf War erupted.

Next, the court case battle between the Worldwide Church of God and the Philadelphia Church of God began in 1997 – when the *spiritual terrorists* began fighting Christ over *Mystery of the Ages*, while at the same time period *Comet Hale-Bopp* was just over the horizon. Then four years later, in 2001, Mr. Flurry declared that we have entered the *last hour*; and months after he uttered that, a *terrorist attack* on the World Trade Center in New York City shocked the whole world.

In 2011, *Comet Lovejoy* made a quite spectacular show in the evening skies, while it was also the time Mr. Flurry wrote in his co-worker letter about *Laodiceanism* inside the PCG and he emphasized that “*SOMETHING IS NOT RIGHT with too many people in this Church*” and that “*SOMETHING IS WRONG.*” Could that be an indication that there are already *spiritual terrorists* even inside the Philadelphia Church of God? He even wrote in the May 2011 issue of the *Philadelphia News* about the March 2011 earthquake that hit Japan as God's warning to PCG about the *1150 days*.

There are other several comets that wandered in our solar system that corresponded with major heaven and earth shaking Church and world events. Now here comes, another *wanderer* hovering above our skies - *Comet Ison*. Is it another *omen*? (There are actually three anticipated comets for 2013).

Now one might argue: Surely all those comets were not *signs* – they just happen to have coincided with such events. Same goes with this *Comet Ison*, it will just pass by and we might just associate it to some Church and world events. But is it really just coincidence or is it part of God's precise timings and signs to portend heaven and earth shaking events that is about to engulf the whole world? It appears that every time those fallen angels (the *spiritual wandering stars*) is doing something significant through their human counterpart (the *spiritual terrorists*), there seems to have a physical counterpart, i.e., a *wandering star* (a *comet*) hovering over the earth. Could God have orchestrated it to be given as a SIGN?

As for this year 2013, there is yet another *physical wandering star* – a *comet* in our midst. Let's consider an article about this comet to have a brief background on *Comet Ison*, which has been tagged as the “*Comet of the Century.*”

What is Comet ISON

Comet ISON (C/2012 S1) was discovered on 21 September 2012 by Vitali Nevski and Artyom Novichonok while collecting data for the International Scientific Optical Network (ISON). The comet has generated a storm of excitement and controversy. When it was found, the comet was relatively bright for an object beyond the orbit of Jupiter. Its projected orbit showed that it would skim the Sun's surface in November, 2013. ...All of these factors led some astronomers to predict that ISON would outshine the full moon by a factor of more than 100! Many proclaimed comet ISON would be the "Comet of the Century!"...



Comet ISON has entered Earth's orbit as it makes its way toward its rendezvous with the Sun scheduled for Nov. 28. The comet was photographed Nov. 15th by amateur astronomer Mike Hankey of Auberry, Calif. The comet's bright head and riotous tail are consequences of an outburst on Nov. 13-14 that significantly boosted the comet's level of activity. (Photo: NASA/Mike Hankey)

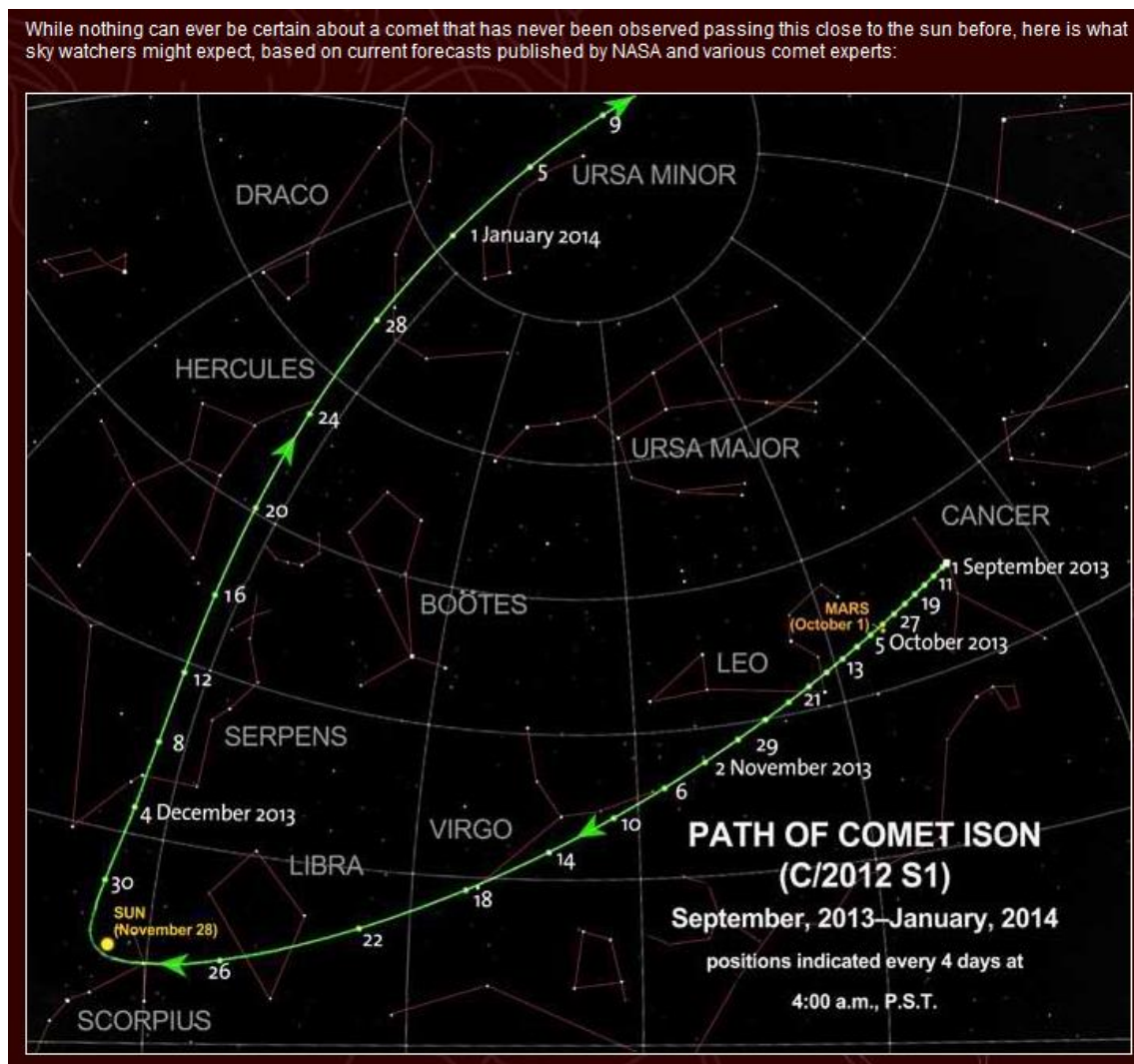
High expectations for comet ISON were reversed in some quarters in summer, 2013, after its brightness failed to keep pace with predictions for six months. Some regarded the comet's diminished development as evidence that its death were imminent. In the meantime, however, comet ISON, unaware of our expec-

tations, began to brighten again, but at its own pace...

Thanksgiving Day, November 28: perihelion

Comet ISON is closest to the Sun and brightest at 10:26 a.m., P.S.T., on November 28th. It will then be 728,000 miles from the Sun's surface and could become many times brighter than the planet Venus. If it does, there is a chance that the comet could be visible in broad daylight, next to the Sun.

http://www.griffithobs.org/exhibits/special/Comet_Ison.html



Notice that this *Comet Ison* was discovered over a year now and the date that this comet will reach its perihelion or the point in its orbit when the comet is nearest the sun - it's on November 28, 2013 which happens to be *America's Thanksgiving Day*. It also coincided with the first day of the *Jewish Hanukkah*. Now here is something to consider further: there is a dated prophecy in Haggai chapter 2: "In the

four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet...” (v. 10, 18, 20)

The *twenty fourth day of the ninth month* in the Jewish calendar happens to fall also on November 28, 2013! A strange coincidence, or is God shaking the heavens and the earth to give us a specific sign at this moment for us to deeply consider?

When we consider the prophecy in Haggai 2, there are actually three points worth mentioning:

1. God’s correction to the priesthood (verses 11-17)
2. God’s blessing on His seeds (verse 19)
3. God shaking the heavens and the earth with the nations being shaken as well and of Zerubbabel being a signet (verses 21-23)

Will there be a significant heaven and shaking event that will happen inside the Philadelphia Church of God, to America, Britain and Israel and the world in general on November 28, 2013 and beyond?

Is *Comet Ison* a specific SIGN from God of the pending fulfillment of Haggai 2:11-23? Will it be a SIGN that the brotherhood between Judah (Mideast Jews in Israel) and Israel (America) is about to be broken? Will it also be a SIGN that the brotherhood of spiritual Judah (Philadelphians) and spiritual Israel (Laodiceans) inside God’s Church is also about to be broken?

Or will we yet see a specific fulfillment of Jude’s prophecy about the “*wandering stars*” (Jude 1:13) which corresponds to the timing of the final fulfillment of the *transgressors coming to the full* which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet and the appearance of a king of fierce countenance? (Dan. 8:23)

A KINGDOM WHICH CANNOT BE MOVED

We must listen to what God is telling us. He is speaking from heaven through new revelation! We are so close to receiving God’s kingdom which cannot be shaken or moved!

“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.” (vv. 28-29). Here is what *Barnes Commentary* wrote regarding verse 28:

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved - ...We pertain to a kingdom that is permanent and unchanging. The meaning is, that the kingdom of the Redeemer is never to pass away. It is not like the Jewish dispensation, to give place to another, nor is there any power that can destroy it; see the notes on Matt. 16:18. ...Its great principles and laws will endure on earth to the end of time, and will be made permanent... This is the only kingdom in which we can be certain that there will be no revolution; the only empire which is destined never to fall.

Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God - Margin, "let us hold fast." The Greek is, literally, let us have grace; the meaning is, "**let us hold fast the grace or favor which we have received in being admitted to the privileges of that kingdom.**" *The object of the apostle is, to keep them in the reverent fear and service of God.* The "argument" which he presents is, that this kingdom is permanent. *There is no danger of its being overthrown. It is to continue on earth to the end of time;* ...If it were temporary, changeable, liable to be overthrown at any moment, there would be much less encouragement to perseverance. But in a kingdom like this there is every encouragement, for there is the assurance:

1. that all our interests there are safe;
2. that all our exertions will be crowned with ultimate success,
3. that the efforts which we make to do good will have a permanent influence on mankind, and will bless future ages; and
4. that the reward is certain.

A man subject to a government about whose continuance there would be the utmost uncertainty, would have little encouragement to labor with a view to any permanent interest. ***In a government where nothing is settled; where all policy is changing, and where there are constantly vacillating plans, there is no inducement to enter on any enterprise demanding time and risk. But where the policy is settled; where the principles and the laws are firm; where there is evidence of permanency, there is the highest encouragement. The highest possible encouragement of this kind is in the permanent and established kingdom of God. All other governments may be revolutionized; this never will be - all others may have a changeful policy; this has none - all others will be overthrown; this never will.***

There were seven church eras of God's Church; each era has *changing* administrative policies and plans as to how to do God's Work save the Smyrna and the

Philadelphia era (Rev. 2 and 3). Every era was agitated and shaken but the *gates of hell has not prevailed against it* (Matt. 16:18). And before an era fully succumb to the *changes* introduced by the human instruments whom Satan the devil has used, God has always raised up someone to continue His Work – i.e., from the Ephesus era down to the Laodicean era. After this seventh and final era, God shall bring about the final government which cannot be moved and shaken – God’s government administering His royal law of love through the power of His Holy Spirit implemented by His spiritual Family who has conformed to the Heavenly Father’s very own image.

Only then will there be no more changes in the doctrines like what had happened after Mr. Armstrong died, no more “changes in the *Mystery of the Ages*” after the court case battle, no more changes in the Church policies like the “no contact policy” rule, no more mortal man with his human nature to interfere with God’s plan like the “son of perdition” and no more Satan the devil to fight and deal with. What will remain are only those which are God’s spiritual creations who are filled with His Holy Spirit to fulfill His will and accomplish His master plan – the establishment and restoration of the Kingdom of God on earth and the whole universe forever!

The only change with which we can hope for is the conversion of His physical created sons being changed into the spiritual – BORN as the SONS OF THE LIVING GOD! From then on, YOU CAN EXPECT NO MORE CHANGES.

“For I am the LORD, I change not” (Mal. 3:6). The same will be true with His spiritual Family in the Kingdom of God.

God’s purpose for shaking the heavens and the earth is for Him to remove everything that pertains to the physical material creation, so that only those things which are unshakeable, those things of eternal value – the spiritual aspects of His creation which involve God’s Eternal Family Kingdom will remain. While the physical aspects of His creations that are shaken and moved shall eventually be consumed with fire:

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” (2 Pet. 3:10-13).

The heavens and the earth shall be shaken with an increasing intensity until we receive a kingdom which cannot be moved –until God’s spiritual Family has already been given the authority to rule the Earth and the universe with God the Father and Jesus Christ.

That shaking will permeate all of God’s creation. It is about being born into the Family of God and ruling over the Earth and the universe, or failing to do so.

That shaking moves and sometimes it *agitates* or *terrifies* the heavens and the earth—the angels, the demons, all of creation. The Apostle Paul wrote about how “the whole creation groaneth and travaileth”—waiting for the liberty of the sons of God (Romans 8:21-22). The firstfruits are going to help remove a giant groan from the universe. That message permeates the universe today. It shakes, or stirs, the heavens and the earth. That shaking is so spectacular, there is nothing like it, and before it’s over, God’s plan is going to affect every being and everything in the universe!

You have the potential to be sons of God, and you are here for the very purpose of ruling the Earth and universe. We are here on Earth to get ready for that! We are universe beings with universe potential!...

God shakes us and makes us realize more deeply what a tremendous calling He has given us! There will never be another one like it! God tries to shake, move and stir us! He wants us to grow up and think and act like our Creator! God is creating sons of God to rule the universe forever! How could that not shake the heavens and the earth? (pp. 9-11, *ibid.*)

This shaking will intensify as we enter the Great Tribulation (the FIFTH SEAL), the heavenly signs (the SIXTH SEAL), and the Day of the Lord (the SEVENTH SEAL) - up until the new heavens and the new earth comes down from heaven with God the Father. (Rev. 21:1-3)

“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.” (Isa. 66:22).

Imagine just how wonderful this shaking of the heavens and the earth mean – it means that the Kingdom of God which cannot be moved and shaken is already at the doors! We are about to receive it, but we have to give reverence and godly fear to our Almighty God and not to any puny man. We ought to give thanks and praises to our Heavenly Father for this amazing revelation from His throne of grace!

“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear” (Heb. 12:28). As *John Gill’s Exposition of the Bible* emphasized on verse 28:

whereby we may serve God; God is to be served, and not a creature, nor the elements of this world, the ceremonial law, and its rites: nor is he to be served in any form, ONLY IN A SPIRITUAL WAY

The spiritual shaking has been carefully designed by God to bring about REVERENCE and GODLY FEAR TOWARD HIM from His own people. (The same is true for the physical shaking of the heavens and the earth from the people of this world).

“God is already shaking or stirring the heavens and the earth spiritually. We must understand this to fully see how incredible our calling is today. Just how is our Creator doing this? Nothing is more inspiring than this awesome truth.” (ibid.)

Yes, there is nothing more inspiring than this awesome truth, so WE OUGHT TO KNOW HOW GOD DOES THE SPIRITUAL SHAKING. So let’s ask that question again: ***“Just how is our Creator doing this?”***

“God is already shaking or stirring the heavens and the earth spiritually” through the **EZEKIEL 4 SIEGE! *Jesus Christ is behind all this spiritual shaking inside His very own Church!***

Notice further in Haggai chapter 2 that the context of the shaking of the heavens and the earth revolves around the Zerubbabel SIGNET. So in all possibility, there is a work being done in this *last end* that does not squarely conform to the Zerubbabel work in this *end time*, which means, we cannot find Mr. Armstrong’s approval or God’s signature on it.

There is no doubt that this spiritual shaking is none other than the one prophesied spiritual siege written in Ezekiel 4: “Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it. And, behold, ***I (God) will lay bands upon thee***, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.” (vv. 7-8; see also Ezekiel 24:21, “Thus saith the Lord GOD; ***Behold, I will profane my sanctuary.***”)

“The all-powerful, omnipotent God is directly intervening in His true Church and the world as never before. There is a paramount reason why. The Messiah is about to come to this Earth, just before all human life is annihilated!” (*ibid.*)

God is shaking the heavens and the earth. That is what it amounts to when God Himself intervenes in His true Church and the world as never before. Verse 25 of Hebrews chapter 12 means that we ought to listen to what God is telling us, once for all, through His prophets and apostles. The important key here is by way of remembrance:

“This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour.” (2 Pet. 3:1-2)

The word, “speaks” in verse 25 is in the present active tense in the Greek. This means that it is a reiteration of the warning against those impostors in God’s Church that speak vanity (Zech. 10:2), and a warning against the failure to heed the call to believe God through Christ coming in the flesh speaking new revealed prophecy about the spiritual shaking brought about by the Ezekiel 4 siege. God is shaking the heavens and the earth! God is speaking right now!

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: .” (2 Peter 1:19). Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote regarding this verse:

What did he mean by saying “a more sure word of prophecy”? ...***He is saying that when the Spirit of God comes into you and gives you revelation, then that is the more SURE, CERTAIN WORD OF PROPHECY THERE IS – HAVING GOD DIRECTLY INJECT IT INTO YOUR MIND VIA THE HOLY SPIRIT!*** (*The Epistles of Peter - A Living Hope*, p. 34)

As the Apostle John wrote: “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” Do you have the ear to hear what the Spirit is saying? Mr. Flurry goes on to discuss how God speaks to mankind:

THE ORIGIN OF PROPHECY

“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private inter-

pretation” (2 Peter 1:20). Do you recognize that any prophecy that comes into this Church is based on God’s Word? It doesn’t come from human beings. The RSV reads, “no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation.”

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy [Spirit]” (verse 21). God’s revealed word doesn’t come from men. *The word prophet in the Old Testament means “an interpreter of God.” In other words, God revealed Himself to these men, and they taught what He revealed! They would have been powerless without the Holy Spirit moving them. They were moved by the Holy Spirit. This is how God speaks to mankind. God gives each person on Earth the responsibility to know when men are moved by the Holy Spirit.*

This is how we receive revelation today as well: God puts revelation into His Church. That is how He speaks to us and the world today. That is how the living God speaks. ***Of course, He speaks through a man—but it is God’s message!*** (p. 39, *ibid.*)

God’s prophecies are not subject to any private interpretation of any mortal man. They are of the Spirit and shaped by the Spirit and to be fulfilled only by the Spirit of God.

As it is written in Zechariah chapter 4: “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” (v. 6)

Can you and I discern if a message really does come from God and not from a man who just gives his own weird interpretation of the scriptures? What if you can prove that this is indeed God’s message, what will you do? Will you receive it or will you refuse it? God has His own ways to know where you and I stand. It’s like we are back in the TWO TREES in the Garden of Eden scenario all over again! It started with a CHOICE and it will end with a CHOICE. You and I will have to choose.

“See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth...” (Heb. 12:25)

In verse 24, we know that it was Jesus who spoke and warned the people, but they refused Him: “The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner. This is the LORD’S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.” (Psa. 118:22-23; see also Matt. 21:42; Mark 12:10-11; Luke 20:17)

“...much more *shall not* we *escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven” (v. 25)

There will come a specific time when Christ shall send a message from heaven – during the Day of the Lord.

“And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.” (Matt. 21:44)

So we are urged and admonished to listen to Christ’s warning message here on earth through new revelation - His testimony is the spirit of prophecy. (Rev. 19:10). Will He come down here on earth to personally deliver His message?

“Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?” (Amos 3:7-8)

Are we listening? Do we refuse Him that speaks through new revelation? Christ is coming in the flesh. But we have to test the spirit as the Apostle John admonished us in 1 John 4:1 “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world”

Remember that Moses also gave us some criteria on how to detect a false prophet in our midst:

“But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him” (Deut. 18:20-22). How then has God spoken from heaven to His people before?

“And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it. They removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not” (Exo. 20:18-20).

Do we dare ask for God now to come down from heaven today to speak to us lest we die? Or instead listen to Christ coming in the flesh through a man with the Heavenly Father’s new revelation?

“The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken ...I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he

shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him” (Deut. 18:15, 18-19).

Chapter 9

God Has Caused the Solemn Feasts to be Forgotten

Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Lamentations* booklet as to whom the *book of Lamentations* is specifically addressed to:

Lamentations was a warning to ancient Judah that it had reached the point of no return. The nation could no longer repent to avoid being taken captive by Babylon....Since Lamentations is prophecy for this end time, it must have a point-of-no-return lesson for us today...

Lamentations is the expression of PROFOUND GODLY EMOTION! That is because, most of all, it is about God *reaching out to His own Spirit-begotten children*, whom He loves with a Father's love, and who have turned away from Him! God loves His people, and He'll *use everything He possibly can to reach out to His family members!* God will do *all He can* to touch them with a powerful message!...

Remember, Lamentations applies *first of all* to the Spirit-begotten people of God; it also depicts the suffering to occur in the nations of Israel, of which Jerusalem, the ancient capital of Israel, is a type. (*Lamentations – The Point of No return*, p. 1, 7, 8)

To fully understand this subject, we must first understand the identity of spiritual Judah in this *last end*, so that we may be able to know as to whom the prophecy should be *primarily* directed to. Again, as Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Royal Vision*:

THE KEY OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID

Isaiah 22:20-25 contain an end-time prophecy that God has revealed a great deal about to us – about Eliakim. Verse 21 says the man who fulfills this role “shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.” There is a spiritual and physical application to these scriptures, but we look mainly at the spiritual today.

The “house of Judah” here is the faithful Church of God. You could say it is “the house of the Jews.” **WE ARE JEWS – SPIRITUAL JEWS!** And this man is a father to Judah.” (*July-August 2012 issue*, p.6)

MR. FLURRY EMPHASIZED THAT THE “HOUSE OF JUDAH” IN SPIRITUAL APPLICATION TO SCRIPTURES IS INDEED REFERRING TO THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD!

So when we read of the *house of Judah* in scriptures concerning prophecies in this end time, we can apply it directly to the *Philadelphia Church of God*! Then, if we shall consider what God has instructed Mr. Flurry to do:

“And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. **But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not;** for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.” (Rev. 11:1-2)

God has given Mr. Flurry His government and all the revelations during this Laodicean era to measure the INNER COURT where the Philadelphia Church of God resides. He is instructed NOT to measure the OUTER COURT where the Laodiceans are found. So why did Mr. Flurry keep on pointing the finger on the OUTER COURT when it is very clear that he has been instructed by God to measure the INNER COURT only? Add to that, the ailment and death of her wife, Mrs. Barbara Flurry has happened to picture the spiritual condition of the PCG! And the very date of her death (September 5) has kept on surfacing!

Should it be appropriate to say then that the revelations that God has revealed to Mr. Flurry must *first and foremost* be applied to the INNER COURT? Remember that,

when Mr. Armstrong was alive, there was no clear distinction between the INNER COURT and the OUTER COURT; neither was there a clear distinction as to who *spiritual Judah* and *spiritual Israel* are in Bible prophecy. It was only AFTER Mr. Armstrong died and the *Church split* that we have a clear understanding about those things.

Mr. Armstrong in principle even explained this fact in his book, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*:

The house of Israel is not Jewish! Those who constitute it are not Jews, and never were! That fact we shall now see conclusively, beyond refute. ...Jews are Israelites, just as Californians are Americans. But most Israelites are not Jews, just as most Americans are not Californians. *The Jews are the house of Judah only*, a part of the Israelites. But when these people are spoken of as nations, rather than as collective individuals, the term “Israel” never refers to the Jews. “House of Israel” never means “Jews.” (pp. 63, 69)

Is it correct then to say, that we can apply the end time prophecies that which are rightfully for *spiritual Judah* (the PCG), and respectively, those that which are for *spiritual Israel* (the WCG and other Laodicean groups)? Most certainly!

Weeping in Bitterness

Notice immediately the mourning and woe in the book of Lamentations. “She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies” (Lamentations 1:2). During the night, when she ought to be getting rest, this widow weeps sore. No Husband is there to comfort her. The picture here gets worse and worse.

Verse 3 speaks of Judah. Elsewhere in Scripture, ***God describes His people as being of the tribe of Judah spiritually— or spiritual Jews*** (e.g. Romans 2:28-29; Revelation 3:9). ***The reference to Judah in verse 3 is primarily about God’s own people who turned away from Him:*** “Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits.” The Laodiceans are in captivity before and during the Great Tribulation. God’s people find no rest when they should be finding rest.

Lamentations 1:4 specifically mentions Zion—again, God’s own Church. “The

ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts” “*Solemn feasts*” is talking about God’s annual holy days, which His faithful people observe year after year to this day. But here it says no one is coming to these festivals. (p. 8-9, *op. cit.*)

Again who are the spiritual Jews in this end time according to Mr. Flurry? And why is no one coming to God’s festivals?

Because “the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion.” (Lam. 2:6). Who is *Zion* being referred to here?

This chapter mentions the word Zion seven times. Herbert W. Armstrong taught God’s people that Zion always refers to the Church today. This can easily be proven from your Bible. This verse refers to “the daughter of Zion,” which is specifically the end-time Church of God. (p. 31, *op. cit.*)

Is it really true that God was the one who has caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in God’s own Church?

One might argue: Well, that could only be applied for those Laodiceans outside the PCG. It could be. But when we consider ancient Israel’s history and that of its recent counterpart, notice carefully that it was the *physical human leader* (Jeroboam and his end time type) who has *changed* the Sabbath and the holy days and he caused it to be forgotten.

Jeroboam, when he became king, changed the Sabbath and the holy days for the nation of Israel. The Worldwide Church of God leaders did the same thing inside God’s own Church, and Satan took them all captive! (p. 34, *op. cit.*)

While in verse 6, it is clearly stated, that IT WAS GOD WHO HAS CAUSED THE SOLEMN FEASTS AND SABBATHS TO BE FORGOTTEN IN HIS OWN CHURCH! And not any physical human leader!

Let us further understand what God has done. The word “forgotten” in verse 6 is from the Hebrew word “*shakach*” (H7911) in *Strong’s Concordance*:

A primitive root; **to mislay**, that is, **to be oblivious of**, from want of memory or attention: - X at all, (cause to) forget.

In the dictionary the word “**mislay**” mean:

1. to place or put down incorrectly
2. to lay or place wrongly; arrange or situate improperly

While the word “**oblivious**” mean:

1. *unaware of or not paying attention to*
2. *lacking conscious awareness; unmindful.*

Has God indeed allowed His own Church *to lay or place wrongly* the dates by which to observe His own feasts days?

Has God really allowed His own Church *to lack conscious awareness* of the correct seasons for His very own feasts?

Remember that this is a prophecy for our time right now and the people being addressed here is *Judah* which according to Mr. Flurry refers to the *Philadelphia Church of God!*

Before we go any further as to how God has caused His solemn feasts and Sabbaths to be forgotten, let us first consider how God’s system of time works:

God’s System of Time

God did not leave the seasons, days and years to chance or to the devices of men. On the fourth day of creation, He established a system, visible to man, for the purpose of regulating our calendar. He aligned the sun and moon in conjunction with the universe to function as a great time clock. God also created a system of annual and weekly Sabbaths that demonstrate His great plan for mankind. By understanding His calendar and the meaning of the annual Sabbath days, we can have a better understanding of our Creator’s plan for man.

Genesis 1:14 tells us God created signs for days, seasons and years. We know that a 24-hour day begins and ends at sunset. We must be able to mark the day and the week to understand how they are signs of creation and prophecy. To keep the Sabbath day holy, as required by the fourth commandment, we must know when the day begins and ends. In fact, just to count the seven days of a week and locate the Sabbath day, we need the sign of the day.

As the sun marks the day, it also marks the year...

One year is one orbit of the Earth around the sun. One solar year is 365 days and 6 hours. The Roman calendar, used by Western civilization today is based only

on this solar cycle, adding an extra day every fourth year to account for the extra six hours added yearly...

It is the Hebrew calendar which combines the lunar months and solar years to be completely synchronized—enabling God’s people to observe His holy days (as determined by the moon) in their proper seasons (as determined by the sun). In this way, God’s calendar is luni-solar, which is consistent with Genesis 1:14. God appointed both the sun and moon “for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.”

God has instructed us to observe His holy days on specific days of the month, while at the same time, during appointed seasons in the year (Leviticus 23:4). The Hebrew calendar accomplishes this through a 19-year time cycle made up of 12 common years (with 12 months) and 7 leap years (with 13 months). The 19-year cycle is significant because that is how the lunar months and the solar years relate. For every 19 solar years, the moon revolves around the Earth 235 times. “This remarkable astronomical relationship,” according to John Kossey, author of *The Hebrew Calendar: A Mathematical Introduction*, “makes it possible to combine common years and leap years together within a fundamental pattern that repeats itself every 19 years.” (By Stephen Flurry and Mark Nash; *God’s Sacred Calendar, Part 1*, February 29, 2008, from *theTrumpet.com*)

As stated above, God’s holy days have to be observed “during its appointed seasons in the year (Leviticus 23:4)” - the *Spring festivals* have to fall in the spring season while the *Fall festivals* have to be in the autumn season.

It is true that God says keep His holy days in season (Numbers 9:2-3). In other words, ***His spring festivals should be kept in the spring and the autumn festivals in autumn.*** (*ibid.*)

But what happens if God’s holy days do not fall in their proper seasons? Is it possible?

Considering the current dates for the holy days of 2013, what could be the implication if those dates did not fall on its proper seasons?

“The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts:” (Lam. 1:4)

According to the prophet Jeremiah, the road that will be trodden by God’s own Church from here on shall now be one of mourning and lamentation, because no one

was able to come to His feasts! This is very much related to Ezekiel 24:21 when God Himself said, “Behold, I will profane my sanctuary.”

One may ask: How can it be, when the calendar has been preserved by the Jews? Another argument could be; Well, maybe this is just another of those calendar issues that many others have tried foolishly to comprehend in vain.

We could invite endless arguments regarding this calendar issue, but one glaring observation is this: only in the year 2013 did such a phenomenon occur. The last time it happened was in the year 1899 which could very well be in the Sardis era yet.

Another thing to consider is the *Tishri 1* which is actually the *Feast of Trumpets*, by which all the Feasts of God are anchored to be determined correctly in their proper season is somewhat off this 2013.

The Months of Tishri and Abib

Tishre: From Aramaic sheraor sherei, “to begin” ... Seventh month in the religious or festival cycle; first in chronological or civil cycle... The 1st never falls on Sunday, Wednesday, or Friday. In the twentieth century, ***its earliest beginning is September 6th and its latest beginning is October 5th***. (*The Jewish Almanac, Bantam, 1980, p. 241*)

But when we look at the Philadelphia Church of God’s calendar schedule for the 2013 Holy Days, the *Feast of Trumpets (Tishri 1)* fell on **September 5, 2013** which is even a day earlier than the earliest beginning in the 20th century! Is this another happenstance that this date fell on the death anniversary of Mr. Flurry’s wife? No! God clearly has a message behind all this! (More on that later)

GOD’S HOLY DAYS				
Philadelphia Church of God				
Roman Year	Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	*Feast of Tabernacles	Last Great Day
2012	Sep. 17	Sep. 26	Oct. 1-7	Oct. 8
2013	Sep. 5	Sep. 14	Sep. 19-25	Sep. 26
2014	Sep. 25	Oct. 4	Oct. 9-15	Oct. 16
2015	Sep. 14	Sep. 23	Sep. 28-Oct 4	Oct. 5
2016	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
2017	Sep. 21	Sept. 30	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 12
2018	Sep. 10	Sep. 19	Sep. 24-30	Oct. 1
2019	Sep. 30	Oct. 9	Oct. 14-20	Oct. 21

*Begins Evening Before

Continuing the quote from *The Jewish Almanac*:

Nisan: Related to the Babylonian first month Nisannu, “to start”, or perhaps to Hebrew nitzan, “blossoms.” Its pentateuchal name is Aviv (or Abib), “spring”. ... The first never falls on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. ***In the twentieth century its earliest beginning is March 13th and its latest beginning is April 11th*** (*ibid.*,p. 245).

Even the beginning of the First day in the calendar (below) is March 12 which is even one day earlier than the earliest reckoning.

It is true that God says keep the holy days in their appointed seasons and that ***the beginning of the spring season is after the equinox***, but nowhere does He say this is how the first month should be calculated. And that is exactly what the Hebrew calendar ensures—that these days will be kept in their proper season. (*op.cit.*)

But the question is, has the calendar been true this year (2013) that it has ensured that the holy days are indeed in their proper seasons? Now, what could be God’s message behind all this?

GOD’S HOLY DAYS Philadelphia Church of God				
Roman Year	First Day of Sacred Year	*Passover	Days of ULB	Pentecost
2012	Mar. 24	Apr. 6	Apr. 7-13	May 27
2013	Mar. 12	Mar. 25	Mar.26-Apr.1	May 19
2014	Apr. 1	Apr. 14	Apr. 15-21	June 8
2015	Mar. 21	Apr. 3	Apr. 4-10	May 24
2016	Apr. 9	Apr. 22	Apr. 23-29	June 12
2017	Mar. 28	Apr. 10	Apr. 11-17	June 4
2018	Mar. 17	Mar. 30	Mar. 31-Apr.6	May 20
2019	Apr. 6	Apr. 19	Apr. 20-26	June 9

*Begins Evening Before

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“Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations - I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.” (Isa. 1:13-14, *NIV*). This is what *Barnes Commentary* wrote regarding verse 13:

The new moons - The new moon in the beginning of the month Tishri (October) was the beginning of their civil year, and was commanded to be observed as a festival, Lev. 23:24-25. The appearance of the new moon was announced by the blowing of silver trumpets, Num. 10:10. Hence, the annual festival was called sometimes, ‘the memorial of the blowing of trumpets.’ The time of the appearance of the new moon was not ascertained, as with us, by astronomical calculation; but persons were stationed, about the time it was to appear, on elevated places in the vicinity of Jerusalem, and when it was discovered, the trumpet was sounded.

Mr. Stephen Flurry and Mark Nash wrote on how to calculate for the holy days once Tishri 1 is determined:

Calculating the Hebrew calendar depends on three relatively simple steps. First, the precise time the new moon appears must be determined. Anciently, this was done by sight. Today, it can be figured by simple calculations. Secondly, once the new moon (or molad) is determined for the month called Tishri (the seventh month), the Feast of Trumpets (to be observed on the first day of the seventh month) is adjusted according to certain rules... And thirdly, a leap year is periodically introduced into the 19-year cycle in order to keep the calendar in season—in harmony with the solar year...

Once these rules for the calendar were made public, anyone could determine the first day of the month of Tishri. The exact time for the new moon of Tishri the next year can be calculated by adding 356.24 days to the current time of the new moon. The holy days for the rest of the year and the next year could then be determined by calculation. Passover is always 164 days before Trumpets. Atonement is 9 days after Trumpets, on Tishri 10, etc. These rules demonstrate that **God places greater importance on His holy days than He does on the calendar**. John Kossey summed it up this way: **“Instead of the sacred festivals being subordinate to the Hebrew calendar the latter serves the holy days.”** (*God’s Sacred Calendar - Part 2*)

As pointed out, the Hebrew calendar is to be a subordinate to serve the holy days. For emphasis, **“God places greater importance on His holy days than He does on the calendar”**

Now to which of the two do we place our weight in? Is it in the Hebrew calendar, or in God's holy days in their proper seasons?

God did not intend for His holy days to be in subjection to the calendar. It is just the reverse! And since we cannot alter the rotation of the moon or any other heavenly body, God has allowed for postponements so we can alter the calendar, while at the same time ***ensuring that all of His holy days are kept in their proper season.*** (*ibid.*)

Now that we have established on how the Hebrew calendar is intended just to serve and be subject to God's holy days, and how important Tishri 1 is in determining all of God's festivals which are anchored on it, then it follows that if someone got it wrong, all of the feast dates shall be out of its proper season and we will not be able to observe it correctly. Thus, we can deduce that when God shall appear on His appointed feast days, He won't see any one attending it (Lam. 1:4). Hence, if we keep it on the wrong dates, then it is considered as "your new moons and your appointed feasts" (Isa. 1:14). It is not considered as God's feasts!

Again, as we will carefully notice, *Tishri 1* for 2013 fell on a ***September 5, 2013!*** This is the date by which all of the feasts in 2013 were determined. This is also the 3rd time that this date surfaced: The number 3 in the Bible means *finality*. This is no coincidence; ***it is God speaking through new revelation! Do we hear God's speech? God is already shaking the heavens and the earth!***

"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven." (Heb. 12:25-26)

Consider that date as it occurred through time, God was the one who designed it for us to fully understand what our spiritual condition really is inside the Philadelphia Church of God!

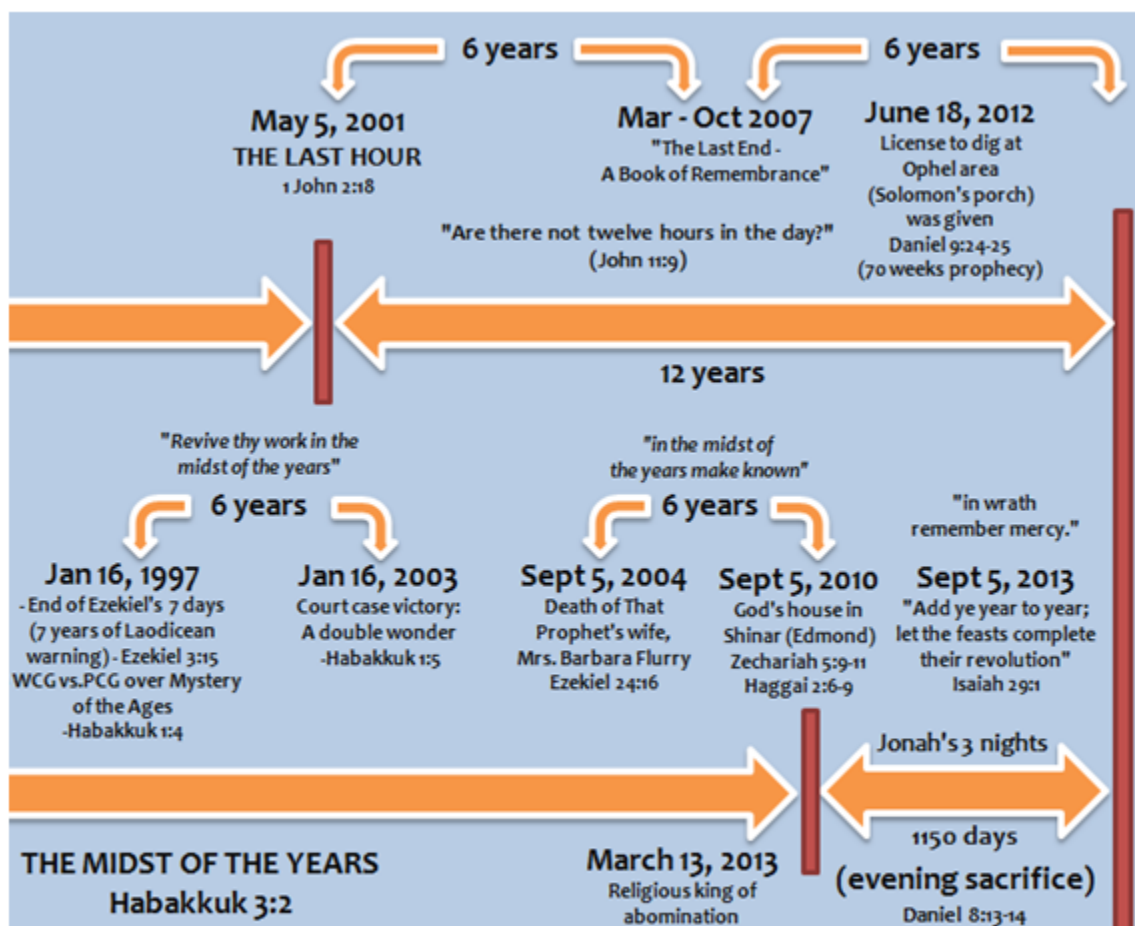
"O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, *revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.* (Hab. 3:2)

This is a heaven and earth shaking message from the God of the prophets Habakkuk and Haggai and we ought to become afraid! Notice that BEFORE God has begun to shake the nations, He has already shaken the heavens and the earth FIRST. See verses 6 to 7 of Haggai chapter 2 for the correct time sequence:

God Has Caused the Solemn Feasts to be Forgotten

(1st) -- "For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;"

(2nd) -- "And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come."



Consider how significant Mrs. Barbara Flurry's death on *September 5, 2004* is: it is actually the specific fulfillment of Habakkuk's prophecy, "*in the midst of the years make known*"

It just mean that when Mr. Flurry wrote about the *Armstrong Auditorium* as being a SIGN that God has begun to shake the nations (*Haggai, God Has Begun to Shake the Nations*, p. 16), there has to happen a spiritual shaking even inside the *Philadelphia Church of God* prior to that shaking of the nations!

"And this word, ***Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken***, as of things that are made, ***that those things which cannot be shaken may remain***. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, ***whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear***: For our God

is a consuming fire.”(Heb. 12:27-29)

Do we hear God speaking through new revelation? And do our knees tremble as we hear His voice from heaven? Now, what possible message is God trying to convey to us? Do we have the ears to hear what God’s Spirit says unto us? As we comprehend those dates, we are obviously being pointed back to the prophecy in Ezekiel 24:16-21;

“Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: ...And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so? Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary.”

God specifically wanted the house of Israel (the Laodiceans, even America and Britain) to know that He is profaning even His own sanctuary (PCG)! If God has profaned even the spiritual Jews, what then has to become of spiritual Israel? So everybody must indeed pay close attention.

“*The Lord hath cast off his altar*, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast.” (Lam. 2:7) Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote regarding verse 7:

The Lord Has Cast Off His Altar

The message in Lamentations is directed at the lay members of the Church. Most of the ministers and members have already rejected *Malachi’s Message*. Collectively, they have both reached the point of no return. Revelation 11:1 shows that when God wants His temple measured, “the altar,” or the ministry, is measured before “them that worship therein,” or the Church members. Lamentations shows God is in that final stage of measuring.

Lamentations 2:7 begins with this frightening statement: “The Lord hath cast off his altar” Who is the author talking about here? *Who does the work of the altar? It is the priests. This is a type of God’s ministers today. Here God is reaching out to the members of His Church with the message of Lamentations*, and then He makes this statement. What does God mean by saying He has cast off His altar? Cast off forever? It appears this means that many of the ministers might have already lost their eternal lives. If that is true, they have reached the ultimate point of no return! God blames the ministers most of all for what happened in His Church. (p. 34, *ibid.*)

But as we consider again what Mr. Flurry wrote as to whom the book of Lamentations really is for:

Lamentations was a warning to ancient Judah that it had reached the point of no return. The nation could no longer repent to avoid being taken captive by Babylon. What happened to Judah is only a type of what is prophesied to happen in this end time. (Lamentations - The Point of No Return)

Again, who is Judah? According to Mr. Flurry, it is the *Philadelphia Church of God*! Before this very prophecy applies to any other group or to physical Judah, it has to apply first and foremost to us in the PCG, the spiritual Judah! Now God greatly abhors his sanctuary and their appointed festivals. But why?

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PCG'S FIRST LADY SEALED

**Worldwide
family
remembers
her impact**

By Sarah Leap

EDMOND—The last 14 years of Barbara Flurry's life as first lady of the Philadelphia Church of God will be what she's most remembered for. Her dedication and service to the end-time Work of God profoundly impacted the family—her own and the entire Church of God.

Barbara Jeanne Brewer was born on Jan. 17, 1944, in Houston, Tex. She came into the Worldwide Church of God in her late teens in St. Louis, Mo., and was baptized in the spring of 1964. Of the many single men in the congregation there, a man named Gerald Flurry was happy to see a nice young lady in an area starved of female prospects. On Nov. 13, 1964, the two were married.

The young Mrs. Flurry developed into a woman that many will remember for the example she set as the wife of "that prophet." In the early years of the PCG, she did everything she could to support her husband in his commission—from helping mail the *Trumpet* magazine to working in accounting.

As time passed, she more personally helped her husband in his watchman's Work. In 2000, when Mr. Flurry



Barbara Jeanne Flurry 1944-2004

Firsthand

**My mother:
an example
of service**

By Laura Turgeon

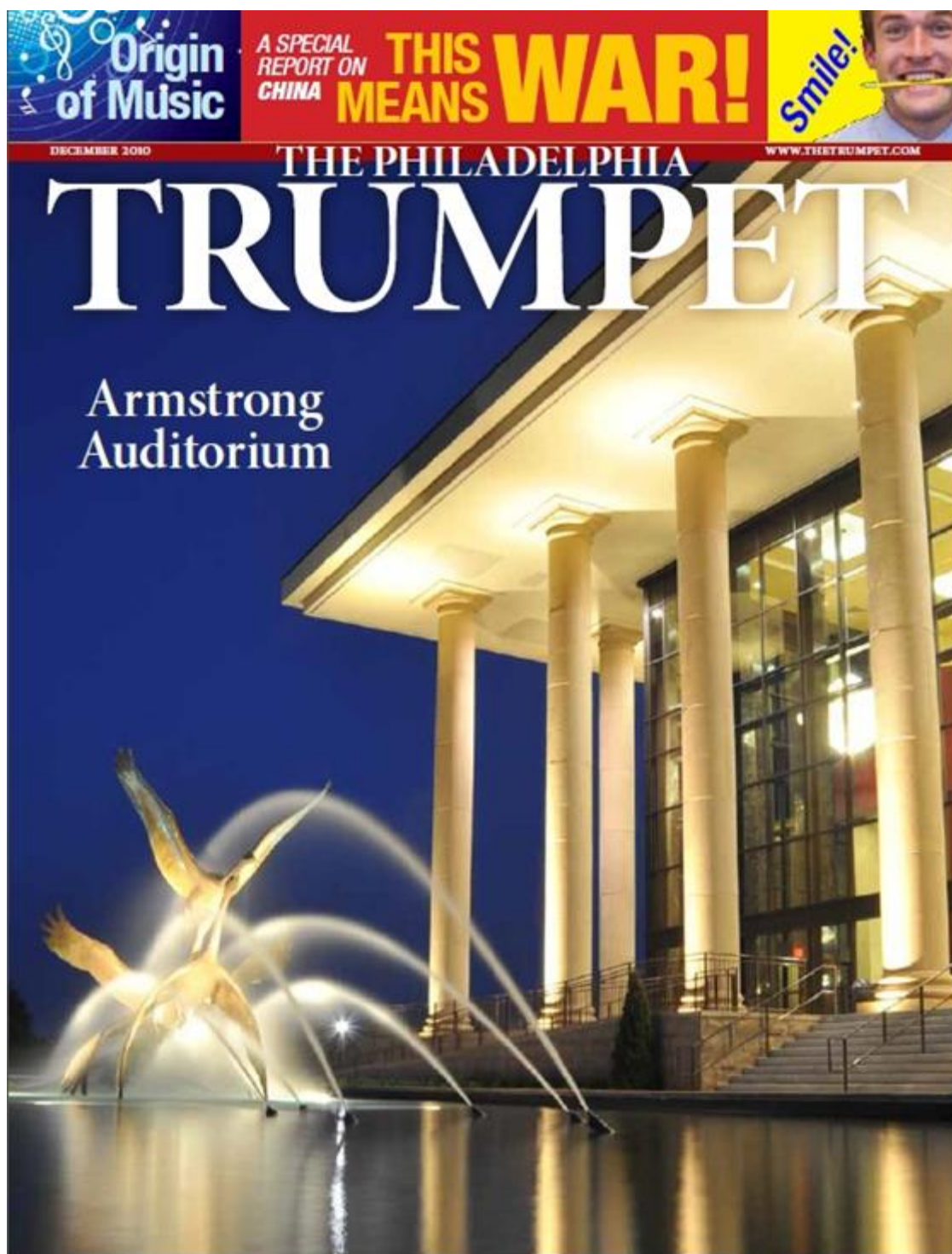
EDMOND—Watching a loved one die is not easy, as was the case with my mother, Barbara Jeanne Flurry, during the early morning hours of September 5. But after she took her last breath, she looked so peaceful. I was flooded with such wonderful memories of a mother who dedicated her life to God's truth, her husband and her children.

My mom didn't have the best childhood. Her father was an alcoholic. Her parents divorced before she was 10 years old, and in the early 1960s there was still a stigma attached to divorce. Because my grandma had to work such long hours, my mother and her siblings were basically left to raise themselves.

Why do I mention this? Because my mother often told me I would do a better job with my family than she did (and I thought she did a good job) because I was reared in the truth.

My father and mother overcame great obstacles in their early years, but with God's help all things are possible. God used them mightily—as He continues to do with my father.

Mrs. Barbara Jeanne Flurry's death on *September 5, 2004* was featured on the *Philadelphia News* November / December 2004 issue.



The Armstrong Auditorium as it first appeared in the PCG's flagship magazine, The Philadelphia Trumpet on its December 2010 issue. It was inaugurated on *September 5, 2010*

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Tishri 1 (Feast of Trumpets) according to the Philadelphia Church of God's pocket calendar fell on **September 5, 2013**

“When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!” (Isa. 1:15, *NIV*)

God is seeing so much blood in their hands! The bloods of those whom Christ is coming in the flesh with has been slaughtered during the Ezekiel 4 siege!

“And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and *cast* a mount against it...” (v. 2). The word “cast” from *Strong's* means,

to spill forth blood, a libation; ...also figuratively to expend life, soul, complaint, money, etc.

As we have gone through the actual account of the fulfillment of the Ezekiel 4 siege around the world, we can see its fulfillment in this end time that indeed many have spilt blood, some of the *ramparts* became “*molten images*” (previously discussed about Habakkuk 2:18 as the word “libation” suggests referring to ordained ministers in 1 Tim. 5:22) the purpose of which was “*to spend life, soul, complaint, money, etc.*”

And we must remember that this spilt blood in verse 15 of Isaiah 1 is referring to those who observe the new moons and Sabbaths:

“Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they

are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.”(Isa. 1:13-14)

God equated their feast observances to trouble, vanity, wickedness, affliction, iniquity, mischief, mourning, unrighteousness (see the word “iniquity” in *Strong’s Concordance*). Let us consider again the supposed COLLUSION that had happened in the 2012 Feast of Tabernacles in South Africa:

Letter #2 to Mr. Gerald Flurry

May 13, 2013

(**Mr. Rumler**) explained to me that because the costs of the hall etc., in George for the Feast, is normally more than the funds received from the tithe of the tithe monies, ***he instructed Mrs. Wakelin to add R50 per day to the cost of each cabana for the South African brethren. He told me that they do the same in Australia and in Fiji.*** He said that the international brethren which attend the feast in George are charged an extra R100 per day for their cabana because the exchange rate for dollars is pretty good, he also said that if a room in the booked cabana is not occupied an additional R100 would be charged per room per day, the reason being that brethren must not think that they can book a cabana only for themselves. ***This additional money was imposed on each and every one of those attending the Feast without their knowledge or consent. ...Some few of the brethren in the Johannesburg congregation noted the Collusion only because the Cabana cost document on the info table was the original document from the Sea breeze establishment and then a month and a half later was replaced with the one which was so painstakingly altered.*** That was done only because I had voiced a concern to Mrs. Wakelin. ...Those who noted the huge costing discrepancy chose to keep quiet. ***Fearful, that if they spoke out, they would be accused of having a government problem and a bad attitude...*** (Alex Foster)

God is so disgusted with what was being done during the feasts and the solemn assemblies that He can only see wickedness which He can no longer bear calling them His feasts – He does not even want their offerings (oblation) because He has already labeled it as “vain” or “evil.”

And because of that, He now calls it “***your*** new moons and ***your*** appointed feasts.” It has now become a heavy burden for God by which He is tired of carrying any longer. Even their prayers (incense) though they are many (and long), became an abomination unto God because their hands are full of innocent blood. But to whom is

Isaiah's message primarily directed to? In his booklet, Mr. Flurry wrote:

God's Awesome Perspective

God is speaking to us today through Isaiah; the message of Isaiah is actually God's message. "The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children [sons], and they have rebelled against me" (Isaiah 1:1-2).

"Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken"—here God gives His perspective. This is a message to all the angels, demons and mankind. God is addressing all of the inhabitants of the entire universe! It even includes the dwelling place of God! It is the widest scope possible. (*Isaiah's End-time Vision*, p. 3-4)

God speaks through His prophet Isaiah whose message is directed to Judah (spiritual Jews - PCG) and to Jerusalem (PCG Headquarters). But it also addresses all of the inhabitants of the entire universe which makes this a heaven and earth shaking message! God is indeed shaking the heavens and the earth! (Hag. 2:6, 21; Heb. 12:25-29)

Remember again that this is in the context of the Ezekiel 4 siege, and the Ezekiel 24 God profaning His sanctuary theme.

And as discussed in the previous chapters, it is all because of Judah's sin which involves the HEART that makes us guilty of God's *first commandment*: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." (Exo. 20:3)

"The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and *upon the horns of your altars*; ... Thus saith the LORD; *Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.*" (Jer. 17:1, 5; Read also chapter 3:6-11)

The heart of the people in the PCG is focused on the *power and strength of their ministers* to a point that it has become their *idols*, thus breaking the *second commandment*:

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy

God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.”(vv. 4-5)

The “graven image” even involves the work in Ireland! It has also come to a point where Judah’s altars (PCG ministry) have broken the *third commandment*: God’s name (authority) has been taken in vain – God’s government has been abused and has been brought to nothing. (Jude 1:8)

“Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.”(v. 7)

Now, what comes next? The *fourth commandment*: “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.” (v. 8)

Read that again, it says, REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY – this includes the weekly and annual Sabbaths. Does that mean that if you forget the Sabbath, it is no longer *holy*? But what can we do if God would be the one who has caused His Sabbaths to be FORGOTTEN?

“the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion” (Lam. 2:6)

Once the solemn feasts and Sabbaths have been forgotten, what do you think will follow? Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Chronicles* booklet:

Lange’s also notes that ***“Ezra was showing the magnitude of the festivals.” Why was this important? Because Israel went into captivity for breaking the Sabbath and polluting God’s holy days.***

God’s Church must make sure those holy days are organized. Those festivals picture God’s master plan, and they have so much depth that we will never get to the bottom! ***We must never allow them to become mere rituals, or a major catastrophe will always strike! What causes righteous nations and churches to go astray? The Sabbath and holy days become ritualistic;*** the ministers’ messages become dull, boring and meaningless. We must never let that happen. Ministers are there to make the holy days deeper and more meaningful every year. ***Ezra was showing the Jews why they went into captivity. It revolved around polluting and profaning the Sabbath and holy days.*** (*The Book of Chronicles*, p.21)

This is something that we must be sensitive about – that is, in offending God by *polluting and profaning the Sabbath and holy days*. Now let us consider one particular disturbing instance wherein the Sabbath and the holy days have been polluted and

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Time	Wed, 18 th September	Thurs, 19 th September	Fri, 20 th September	Sat, 21 st September	Sun, 22 nd September
Morning	BREAKFAST 6:30am-9:00am REGISTRATION 9:00am-4:00pm	BREAKFAST 6:30am-9:00am SERVICES 10:00am-12:00noon	BREAKFAST 6:30am-9:00am SERVICES 10:00am-12:00noon	BREAKFAST 6:30am-9:00am SERVICES 10:00am-12:00noon	BREAKFAST 6:30am-9:00am SERVICES 10:00am-12:00noon
Afternoon	REGISTRATION Choir Practice 1:30pm-3:30pm STAFF MEETING 4:00pm-5:00pm	GROUP LUNCH 12:30pm-2:30pm SERVICES 3:00pm-5:00pm	LUNCH - BBQ In the park 12:30pm FAMILY DAY 12:30pm-5:00pm	GROUP LUNCH 12:30pm-2:30pm SERVICES 3:00pm-5:00pm	LUNCH 12:15pm-1:30pm TEENS ACTIVITY PRINCESSES & PRINCES PARTY 2:00pm-4:00pm DINNER 5:30pm-7:00pm
Evening	DINNER 5:00pm-7:00pm OPENING NIGHT SERVICE 7:30pm-9:30pm (Sunset 5:55pm)	DINNER 5:30pm-7:00pm SINGLES MIXER 6:30pm-10:00pm (Sunset 5:55pm)	DINNER 5:30pm-7:00pm BEHIND THE WORK FILM 7:30pm - 9:00 pm (Sunset 5:54pm)	DINNER 5:30pm-7:00pm (Sunset 5:53pm)	(Sunset 5:52pm)
Time	Mon, 23 rd September	Tues, 24 th September	Wed, 25 th September	Thurs, 26 th September	Fri, 27 th September
Morning	BREAKFAST 6:30am-9:00am SERVICE 10:00am-12:00noon	BREAKFAST 6:30am-9:00am SERVICES 10:00am-12:00noon	BREAKFAST 6:30am-9:00am SERVICES 10:00am-12:00noon	BREAKFAST 6:30am-9:00am SERVICES 10:00am-12:00noon	BREAKFAST 6:30am-9:00am DEPARTURE
Afternoon	LUNCH 12:15pm-1:30pm SINGLES ACTIVITY 1:30pm-5:00pm	LUNCH 12:15pm-1:30pm	LUNCH 12:15pm-1:30pm SENIORS ACTIVITY 2:00pm-4:00pm	GROUP LUNCH 12:30pm-2:30pm SERVICES 3:00pm-5:00pm Please vacate the Hall by 6:00pm	Please vacate rooms by 12:00noon
Evening	DINNER 5:30pm-7:00pm MINISTERIAL DINNER 6:30pm Drinks (Sunset 5:52pm)	GROUP DINNER FAMILY DINNER/DANCE 6:30pm Drinks 7:00pm Dinner (Sunset 5:51pm)	DINNER 5:30pm-7:00pm (Sunset 5:50pm)	DINNER 5:30pm-7:00pm (Sunset 5:49pm)	

The *Behind the Work Film*, The *Jeremiah Musical*, was shown on the Sabbath evening of September 20, 2013 (Friday night, 7:30PM). This musical and step dancing performance should have been scheduled on another day and not on a Sabbath

ACTIVITIES INFORMATION

19TH. SEPTEMBER. 6.30 PM



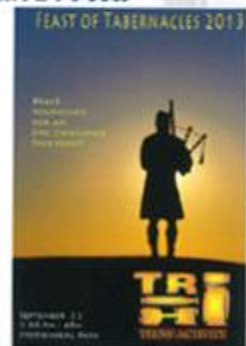
20TH. SEPTEMBER. 12.30 PM



20TH. SEPTEMBER. 7.30 PM. GRANDBALLROOM



22ND. SEPTEMBER. 2.00 PM



profaned even during the 2013 Feast of Tabernacles: *The Jeremiah Musical* was played on the 2nd day of the feast, on the eve of the Sabbath of September 20, 2013 (See the FOT 2013 schedule).

Some of the brethren who watched the said musical on that Sabbath night (Friday evening) were somewhat perplexed due to the fact that it was tagged under the *Behind the Work* film, but apparently, it was a musical and a step dancing performance.

That musical should have been played some other day, say, during the Entertainment Night and not during a Sabbath. More so, as discussed in chapter 7 (*The Ezekiel 4 Siege*), as far as God is concerned, the work in Ireland is nothing but DUNG. This is the specific fulfillment of Malachi 2:3; “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.”

It seems that God has really allowed His own Church to become *unmindful* and *to lack conscious awareness* of the Sabbath and the holy days specifically for the year 2013? Now, here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote regarding God’s Sabbath:

God commanded His people to keep His Sabbath as a *sign*. It is a sign between God’s people and God – “...a sign between me and you,” the commandment says. It is a badge or token of IDENTITY. It advertises, or announces, or proclaims certain identifying knowledge. But WHAT KNOWLEDGE? God answers: “...that you may KNOW that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.” (*Which Day is the Christian Sabbath?*, p. 38)

If God has caused us to forget His Sabbaths, do we still have that sign between Him and us? Can we still be called “God’s people and God’s nation”? Or are we the one to whom God wants the prophet Haggai to proclaim His prophecies against “this people and this nation”? (Hag. 2:14; see also Jer. 4:10 – “this people and Jerusalem.”) Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote regarding the great purpose in God’s Sabbaths:

Identifies People of God

So here we find a great purpose in the Sabbath. It identifies God! The very day which God set aside for assembly and worship points as a memorial to whom we are to worship—the Creator-Ruler of all that is!

But that is not all! The Sabbath also was given as a sign which identifies who are the people of God and who are not! Notice! Not only does this special

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covenant say, "... that ye may know that I am the Lord ..." but read the remainder of that sentence: "... that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you"(Exodus 31:13)...

The Sabbath is God's sign, which identifies not only God as Creator-Ruler, but it also identifies those who are truly His people! (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, p. 140)

Now, let's consider a very disturbing reality that has set in for the Philadelphia Church of God. The scheduled Feast of Tabernacles of the Philadelphia Church of God for the year 2013 is on September 19 to 25, while the autumnal equinox in Jerusalem will occur on *September 22* at 23:44 IDT (Israel Daylight Time).

GOD'S HOLY DAYS Philadelphia Church of God				
Roman Year	Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	*Feast of Tabernacles	Last Great Day
2012	Sep. 17	Sep. 26	Oct. 1-7	Oct. 8
2013	Sep. 5	Sep. 14	Sep. 19-25	Sep. 26
2014	Sep. 25	Oct. 4	Oct. 9-15	Oct. 16
2015	Sep. 14	Sep. 23	Sep. 28-Oct 4	Oct. 5
2016	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
2017	Sep. 21	Sept. 30	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 12
2018	Sep. 10	Sep. 19	Sep. 24-30	Oct. 1
2019	Sep. 30	Oct. 9	Oct. 14-20	Oct. 21

*Begins Evening Before

Let us first examine what the PCG has to say on when to observe the Feast of Tabernacles how they are to be kept in their proper seasons:

God's Sacred Calendar (Part 2)

By Stephen Flurry and Mark Nash

Notice Exodus 34:22: "And thou shalt observe ...the feast of ingathering at the year's end." In most Bible margins, that last phrase reads, "***at the revolution of the year.***" The Hebrew word for **revolution** is *tequfah* and is used specifically for the **equinoxes** or **solstices**. This passage in Exodus is referring to God's holy days and how they are to be kept in their seasons. ***The feast of ingathering, also called the Feast of Tabernacles, pictures the great fall harvest and therefore***

*occurs every year in the fall. This verse says **THE FEAST IS TO OCCUR at the turn of the year, which means AT OR AFTER THE AUTUMNAL EQUINOX, which normally occurs on September 23...*** (March 3, 2008, from *theTrumpet.com*)

Since the observance of the Feast of Tabernacles usually begins at the evening before the actual date, which is the evening of September 18, then it follows that the supposedly great fall harvest festival is still very much in the **SUMMER SOLSTICE** which is **FOUR DAYS prior** to the actual autumnal equinox on the evening of September 22, 2013! Thus, half of the scheduled *2013 Feast of Tabernacles* will be observed during the end of the summer season while the other half at the revolution of the year! **I BELIEVE THIS IS NO SMALL ERROR THAT WE SHOULD IGNORE!**

Another thing to consider though, the First Day of the sacred year as scheduled in the PCG's pocket calendar is on March 12, 2013. While the *spring (vernal) equinox* is yet on March 20, 2013 at 13:02 IST, therefore, it is still WINTER season and most likely, it has to be an intercalary or leap year, and thus in all probability it is the 13th month, Adar 2! Now, consider the article about this subject:

Why does this New Moon start Adar 2 instead of Aviv – The New Year?

by Mark Harris on March 14, 2013

...Because of much confusion out there on this subject, many people ask how do we know it's the 13th month, Adar II, and Not the first month, Abib (Aviv)?

So, I'm going to give a quick answer so you can know for sure.

Well, the answer is actually quite simple. In Genesis 1:14 The Almighty states: "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years."

This means that The Creator designed the Heavens like a precision clock, and that specifically, the Sun and the Moon was to give us our seasons, days, and NOTICE, years!

Therefore, the ONLY biblical accurate determination of years, MUST come from either the moon, the sun, or both! Nothing else.

Now, since the new moon comes every "Moonth" or Month, and nothing different happens with the moon to tell us when the year begins, the Sun assists us by knowing which New Moon begins the New Year.

The Creator has determined that His Year will begin in the Spring. *Abib (Aviv)*

basically means Spring, or Green-Ear-month. And in Exodus 12:2 and 13:4 states that this month is the beginning of Months for you; and the month of Abib (Aviv), was that month.

But when is it? It's obviously not determined by the Moon, and the only biblical standard of determining a year, must be the Moon and Sun as stated above.

And, from the time of the Egyptian Pharaohs, when they were coming out of Egypt, even up to this day, we determine spring by the vernal, or spring equinox. This is the day when the Sun goes "exactly" from East to the West. Usually, this occurs from March 20th to the 22th. This year it's on the 20th.

So, a New Year cannot start until spring. It's not spring yet, so, it's still winter. And since we've had 12 months since the last Abib (Aviv), and we now have a New Moon, this New Moon is the 13th Month, or Adar II.

The First New Moon AFTER the Spring Equinox, begins the New Year, so the next New Moon, begins the new year, and the New Moon, Abib (Aviv)

(<http://whenisthenewmoon.com/why-does-this-new-moon-start-adar-2-instead-of-aviv-the-new-year/>)

Even the secular world noticed the abnormal error in determining the feasts this year. It does not fall on their proper seasons. Some Jews observing the appearance of new moon in the Temple Mount in Jerusalem have added a leap month (Adar 2) to correctly adjust the Hebrew calendar to serve the holy days to fall in their proper seasons, since it is the 16th year cycle of the 19 year time cycle which according to them is supposed to be an intercalary or leap year; While the current Hebrew calendar which is being used today will add a leap month on the 17th year which is prior to the beginning of spring next year (2014) or after the winter of 2013.

One observation is noticeable though, if we shall add a leap month (Adar 2) on the current Hebrew calendar, Tishri 1 will be on October 5, 2013 (new moon, Saturday) and the Passover will be on April 24, 2013 (Wednesday). This is more like the same set of holy days during Christ's time in 31 A.D. in terms of actual week days (See the illustration for further comparison).

This adding of one cycle of annual festivals to an existing cycle of annual festivals will be discussed in detail in chapter 10.

Moreover, there were 2 lunar eclipses that happened during 31 A.D., one during April 25 and the other on October 19.

The Last End – A Book of Remembrance

Description	1st day of Abib	Passover	Days of ULB		Pentecost	Trumpets	Atonement	FOT		LGD
Scheduled Holy days for 2013	12-Mar-13 Tuesday	25-Mar-13 Monday	26-Mar-13 Tuesday	1-Apr-13 Monday	19-May-13 Sunday	5-Sep-13 Thursday	14-Sep-13 Saturday	19-Sep-13 Thursday	25-Sep-13 Wednesday	26-Sep-13 Thursday
Correct Holy days for 2013	11-Apr-13 Thursday	24-Apr-13 Wednesday	25-Apr-13 Thursday	1-May-13 Wednesday	16-Jun-13 Sunday	5-Oct-13 Saturday	14-Oct-13 Monday	19-Oct-13 Saturday	25-Oct-13 Friday	26-Oct-13 Saturday

Description	1st day of Abib	Passover	Days of ULB		Pentecost	Trumpets	Atonement	FOT		LGD
Scheduled Holy days for 31 AD	13-Mar-31 Tuesday	26-Mar-31 Monday	27-Mar-31 Tuesday	2-Apr-31 Monday	20-May-31 Sunday	6-Sep-31 Thursday	15-Sep-31 Saturday	20-Sep-31 Thursday	26-Sep-31 Wednesday	27-Sep-31 Thursday
Correct Holy days for 31 AD	12-Apr-31 Thursday	25-Apr-31 Wednesday	26-Apr-31 Thursday	2-May-31 Wednesday	17-Jun-31 Sunday	6-Oct-31 Saturday	15-Oct-31 Monday	20-Oct-31 Saturday	26-Oct-31 Friday	27-Oct-31 Saturday

See the table of eclipses of the moon between 26 and 36 A.D. as it appears in the article of the journal *Nature* in 1983, written by Colin J. Humphreys and W. G. Waddington, has been reproduced:

Lunar eclipses visible from Jerusalem A.D. 26-36			
Date*	Day+	Magnitude++	Time Eclipse Started
15 Aug. A.D. 26	Friday	50%	23.16
31 Dec. A.D. 27	Wednesday	70%	23.45
14 June A.D. 29	Tuesday	Total	20.45
9 Dec. A.D. 29	Friday	45%	20.92
25 Apr. A.D. 31	Wednesday	35%	21.58
19 Oct. A.D. 31	Friday	25%	4.82
3 Apr. A.D. 33	Friday	60%	Rising Moon
27 Sept. A.D. 33	Sunday	85%	4.88
11 Feb. A.D. 35	Friday	55%	4.91
7 Aug. A.D. 35	Sunday	60%	20.3
31 Jan. A.D. 36	Tuesday	Total	Rising Moon
26 July A.D. 36	Thursday	Total	22.23

* Julian calendar

+ Julian day (from midnight to midnight, as distinct from the Jewish day).

++ Fraction of the area of the moon covered at the midpoint of the eclipse.

If you will search the internet, you will find that there are also two lunar eclipses visible from Jerusalem for the year 2013: ***One on April 25, and the other on October 18-19!***

Notice further that ***October 19, 2013*** (which fell on a Saturday) is the supposed date for the *first day of God's Feast of Tabernacles for 2013* – i.e., all of the days will be falling in the autumn season! (Remember that the feast of Tabernacles usually begins the evening before, i.e., the night of October 18)

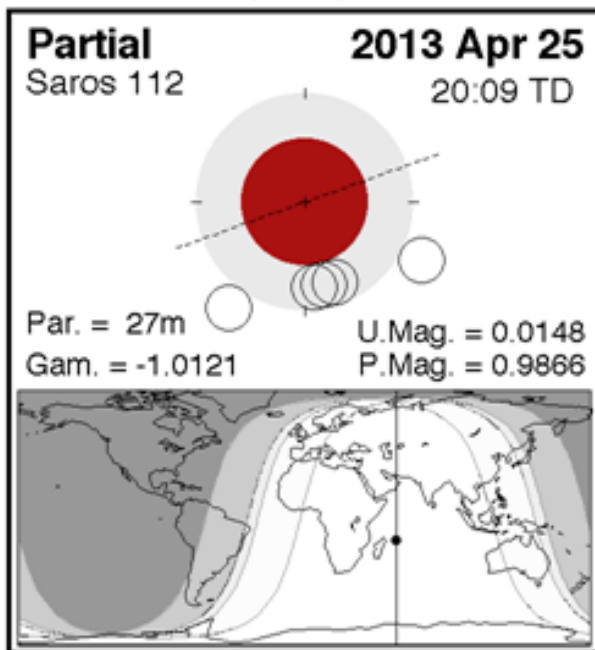
April 25, 2013

	Time
Penumbral Eclipse Begins:	18:03:38 UT
Partial Eclipse Begins:	19:54:08 UT
Greatest Eclipse:	20:07:30 UT
Partial Eclipse Ends:	20:21:02 UT
Penumbral Eclipse Ends:	22:11:26 UT

October 18-19, 2013

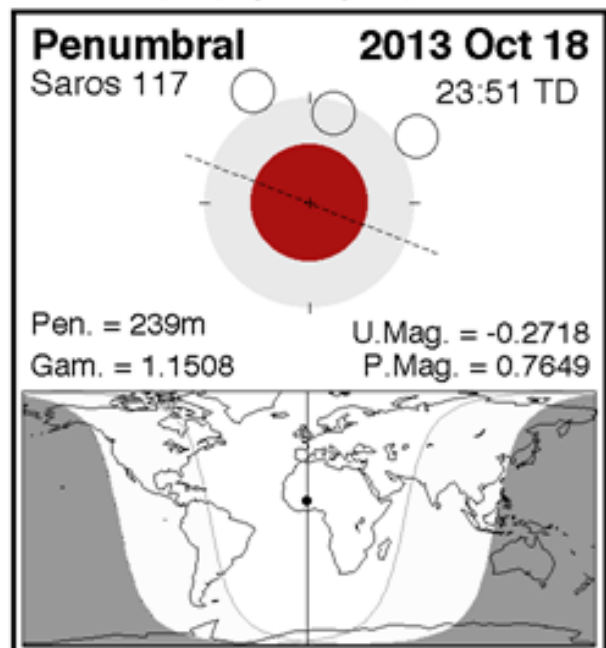
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Five Millennium Canon of Lunar Eclipses (Espenak & Meeus)
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2014 Lunar Eclipses		
Apr 15, 2014	<u>Total Eclipse</u> - Will be visible in Australia, Pacific and the Americas with a duration of 3h 35m. Of this time the eclipse will be total for 1h 18m.	
Oct 8, 2014	<u>Total Eclipse</u> - Will be visible in Asia, Australia, Pacific and the Americas with a duration of 3h 20m. Of this time the eclipse will be total for 59m.	
2015 Lunar Eclipses		
Apr 4, 2015	<u>Total Eclipse</u> - Will be visible in Asia, Australia, Pacific and the Americas with a duration of 3h 29m. Of this time the eclipse will be total for 5m.	
Sept 28, 2015	<u>Total Eclipse</u> - Will be visible in Asia, Australia, Pacific and the Americas with a duration of 3h 20m. Of this time the eclipse will be total for 1h 12m.	

Source: http://www.moongiant.com/Lunar_Eclipse_Calendar.php

Not only that, there are two more scheduled lunar eclipses for the feasts of 2014 and 2015! God really must have orchestrated all of this to get our full attention! So we ought to take heed.

To prove that, let us consider Genesis 1: 15-16: “And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.”

God said that the lights in the firmament of the heaven - the sun and the moon are to give light upon the earth.

But notice in verse 14 His other purpose for it: “...and let them be for *signs*, and for seasons, and for days, and years:”

“**Signs**” in Strong’s Concordance is H226 (oth): a signal, as a flag, beacon, monument, *omen*, *prodigy*, evidence, etc.: mark, miracle, sign, token.

Omen in the dictionary means:

1. A phenomenon supposed to portend good or evil; a prophetic sign.

2. Prognostication; portent

Prodigy means:

1. anything that is a cause of wonder and amazement
2. something monstrous or abnormal
3. an act or event so extraordinary or rare as to inspire wonder.
3. a portentous sign or event; an omen.

Are the lunar eclipses just strange coincidences in which they occur precisely on God's feast days? No way! They happen for a purpose. They portend a heaven and earth shaking message. God is speaking and it shakes the heavens and the earth!

"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven." (Heb. 12:25-26; see also Hag. 2:6, 21)

We'd better hear what God's Spirit says to us.

The apostle Paul even admonished us: "Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." (1 Thes. 5:19-21)

Now moving on; if we will compare the *March 25, 2013* moon phase with that of the *April 24, 2013* moon phase – you will notice a big difference in its shape: the latter was not yet in its full form while the former was comparatively much developed. Go to the link for better appreciation:

(http://www.moonconnection.com/moon_phases_calendar.phtml)

This could very well be the specific fulfillment of the prophecy in Lamentations chapter 2 directed to *spiritual Judah, the Philadelphia Church of God!*

"The Lord was as an enemy: ...he hath destroyed his strong holds, and ***hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.*** And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden: he hath destroyed his places of the assembly: ***the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion***" (vv. 5-6)

Read that again, God became an enemy and the context here is the solemn feasts and sabbaths in Zion which He Himself caused to be forgotten. Again God says that we are to "***remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy***" (Exo. 20:8). So, if God has

caused His Sabbaths to be forgotten, and we failed to remember it, is it no longer HOLY? Then if it is not *holy*, therefore it must be *profaned*. This very much the same language as in Ezekiel 24 - “Behold, I will profane my sanctuary.”

“The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; *they have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast.*”(v. 7)

Does this mean that there would be a *noise* (or *bleating* as in crying of a sheep) in God’s Church, maybe even in the *Armstrong Auditorium*, during their feast? Only God knows.

“The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying: therefore he made *the rampart and the wall* to lament; they languished together.”(v. 8)

One thing is certain though, God has purposed to destroy the IRON WALL - the *rampart* and the *wall* that surrounded spiritual Jerusalem during the Ezekiel 4 siege. He will make those *ramparts* (accomplices) to lament together with the *wall* (spiritual terrorists inside the PCG). (More on this subject later.)

The *rampart and the wall* have been guilty of every point in God’s Ten Commandments including the first 4 that has been mentioned earlier in this chapter. Here are the other remaining points:

The *fifth commandment*: Honour your father and mother (parents fell victims and became casualties of the “no contact policy”)

The *sixth commandment*: You shall not steal (collusion such as the one in Seabreeze, South Africa during the 2012 Feast)

The *seventh commandment*: You shall not commit adultery (focus on the messenger, Jeremiah through a musical rather than his message)

The *eighth commandment*: You shall not kill (brethren fell by “the sword”)

The *ninth commandment*: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor (Ezekiel 4 siege – warfare based on deceit and lies)

The *tenth commandment*: You shall not covet that which is not yours. (the archeological work in Ireland)

“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.” (James 2:10)

It seems that the spiritual terrorists and their cohorts inside the PCG have been guilty on all points! Looks like the message of the prophet Malachi is more applicable today than before:

“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 Lord of 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.” (Mal. 2:1-2)

What will God do if the ministry will not take heed of the warning given by the prophet Malachi?

“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.” (v. 3)

Now let’s consider a widely accepted teaching inside the Philadelphia Church of God:

“And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because *it is* yet for a time appointed.” (Dan. 11:35)

Now notice in your Bible that the word “*some*” is in italics which means that it is not in the original Hebrew text (even the words “*it is*” is in italics). So it should be read like this: “***And of them of understanding shall fall***, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because yet for a *time appointed*” – this just mean that everybody has fallen in God’s Church - NONE exempted! And the context here is the ***time appointed***.

The word “time appointed” here is the same Hebrew word that was used in Habakkuk chapter 2: “For the vision is yet for an ***appointed time***, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.” (v. 3)

Also in Daniel chapter 8: “And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the ***time appointed*** the end shall be.” (v. 19)

H4150 properly an appointment, that is, a fixed time or season; specifically a *festival; conventionally a year, solemn feast, appointed season*.

“***And of them of understanding shall fall***, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: yet because of a ***solemn feast***” - Does it

mean then that *those with understanding inside the Philadelphia Church of God* are prophesied to fall in the context of *God's festivals*?

FOR AT THE SOLEMN FEASTS THE END SHALL BE

“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.” (Hab. 2:3)

The vision God gave to the prophet Habakkuk regarding the strife and contention between the righteous and the wicked – between the Philadelphians and the Laodiceans – has a definite time table, and we are now in the *last hour* of it – even at the very outer edges of it. And even though to a mere observer, it seems, that events in God's Church, specifically the strife and contention between the righteous and the wicked has come and gone, yet at the *end of the last hour* something *definitely* will happen: the final betrayal of *the son of perdition*. Satan through a very evil man spends the last minutes of the last hour planning to destroy God's Church one last time in a very subtle way.

“At the *end of their rule*, when the transgressions have reached their full measure, a king of bold countenance shall arise, skilled in intrigue.” (Dan. 8:23, RSV)

Looking at it spiritually, at the *end of the last hour*, *the son of perdition* or an impostor in God's Church shall arise and create a very intriguing deception which will make God's people and That Prophet to transgress against God and provoke Him to anger. This *son of perdition* shall go to the extremes, even going to a strange land to machinate some lies and vanity which is considered to be a *treachery* against God and His Church.

“See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright – but the righteous will live by his faith—indeed, wine betrays him; he is arrogant and never at rest. Because he is as greedy as the grave and like death is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples. Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying, ‘Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on?’” (Hab. 2:4-6, NIV)

The son of perdition is arrogant and never at rest (as the NIV renders it). His last final act of treachery against God's Church and *That Prophet* will signal the beginning of darkness – when “the light of the world” shall be hidden from view and

the night comes . In a sense, “he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples.” As God views it, he is responsible for the coming death and captivity of all the people. This *son of perdition* has been very much involved in the Ezekiel 4 siege inside the Philadelphia Church of God.

“Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them? Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men’s blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein. Woe to him that *coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high*, that he may be delivered from the power of evil! Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by *cutting off many people*, and hast sinned against thy soul.” (verses 7 -10)

Probably some of the Laodiceans will suddenly arise and fight against a very proud and vain man inside the Philadelphia Church of God and the main stimulus that probably prods these group of people to take such a stand could be due to THAT PROPHET’s demise. Now notice that this evil man “*coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high*” – which indicates that he has deceived the people in God’s Church specifically THAT PROPHET, to put his whole family into the pedestal. This could most likely be related to the England – Ireland work being concocted to push his agenda of “*setting his nest on high*.” He has also been notorious for “*cutting off many people*” – with the NO CONTACT POLICY that has been implemented and abused which resulted in “*cutting off many of God’s people*”?

“And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot *stand* (or *continue* in Strong’s).” (Mark 3:24) –

This could be the reason why the Laodicean era shall come to an end. – In the latter time of their kingdom; they shall be divided into *two groups* – one group will be the Jacobite Laodiceans and the other, the Edomite Laodiceans – one will become the offspring and the other, the issue – *thus ending that era*.

Also in Hosea 1:4, it is written that Jezreel (Mr. Gerald Flurry) shall truly die: “And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.”

And when this happens, the physical (America and Britain) and the spiritual (the Laodiceans) kingdom of the house of Israel will cease, so says God.

Verse 8 of Habakkuk 2 also seems to indicate that because of the son of perdition’s *treacherous act*, as far as God is concerned, he is then responsible for the death of one man’s blood – the blood of *That Prophet*. This could be the fulfillment of

the Isaiah 22:25 prophecy, “In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place *be removed*, and *be cut down*, and *fall*.”

When “the nail in the sure place is removed”, God reminds His people in verse 20; “But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.” When the work of *That Prophet* is finished, God’s people should remember that “the LORD is in his holy temple.”

“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.” Here is how the *New International Version* renders verse 3 of Habakkuk chapter 2:

“For the revelation awaits an appointed time; ***it speaks of the end and will not prove false***. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.”

So the fulfillment of the prophecy regarding the evil haughty man of Habakkuk 2 shall come to pass even though it seems to linger a bit – “wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.” Here is what *Barnes Commentary* wrote:

For the vision is yet for an (the) appointed time – Not for the present, but to develop itself in the course of time, down to a season which God only knows; as it is subsequently repeated ...“for the vision is yet for the days Dan. 8:26...yet it should haste toward the end, toward its fulfillment, so that, if it is not at once fulfilled, it should be surely waited for. ... ‘It shall certainly be; not in vain hath it been shewn, but as certainly to be. For whatever hath been shown to come and to be, will come and be.’

But at the end it shall speak – (or it breatheth, hasteth to the end), not simply ‘to its own fulfillment,’ but to that time of the end which should close the period assigned to it, during which it should continually be putting itself forth, it should come true in part or in shadow, gleams of it should here and then part the clouds, which, until the end, should surround and envelop it.

Being God’s truth, he speaks of it as an animate living thing, not a dead letter, but running, hasting on its course, and accomplishing on its way that for which it was sent. The will and purpose of God hasteth on, though to man it seemeth to tarry; it can neither be hurried on, nor doth it linger; before ‘the appointed time’ it cometh not; yet it hasteth toward it, and ‘will not be behindhand’ when the time comes. It does not lie, either by failing to come, or failing, when come, of

any jot or tittle. ‘Though it tarry or linger’, continually appearing, giving signs of itself, yet continually delaying its coming, ‘wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not be behindhand’”

Some of the prophecy in Habakkuk 2 has already been fulfilled during the court case but some of it still awaits its ultimate fruition; though its fulfillment seems to linger, it will certainly come and will not tarry or delay longer. Again as the above commentary noted;

“‘*Though it tarry or linger*’, continually appearing, ***giving signs of itself***, yet continually delaying its coming, ‘wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not be behindhand’”

Could there really be a SIGN which we could really see even with our own eyes? We must remember that this vision of Habakkuk in chapter 2 speaks of the END:

Could this END be in any way related to THE LAST END of the prophet Daniel in chapter 8, and THE LAST HOUR of the Apostle John? They most certainly are related to each other! They all speak of the end – the *conclusion* of God’s Work before the Great Tribulation – before the night comes when no man can work except the two witnesses. And it will not lie because it is God’s message – it is His prophecies delivered THROUGH Habakkuk, Daniel, John and *That Prophet*. Christ is coming in the flesh!

For emphasis, let’s read from the book of Daniel when this “end” is going to be fulfilled specifically: “And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the ***time appointed*** the end shall be.” (Dan. 8:19)

From *Strong’s Concordance*:

H4150 properly an appointment, that is, a fixed time or season; specifically ***a festival***; conventionally a year, ***solemn feast***, appointed season.

Could this “END” being referred to by the prophet Daniel really have something to do with the four (4) BLOOD RED MOON lunar eclipses of 2014 and 2015 which coincidentally has fallen with four (4) of God’s annual festivals? Could this heavenly SIGN be in any way a fulfillment of verse 19?

“And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the ***solemn feasts*** the end shall be.”

Read that again: “for at the **solemn feasts** the END shall be.”

Could there really be a connection between the FOUR BLOOD RED MOON (lunar tetrad) falling precisely on FOUR of *God’s annual festivals* with the END being prophesied by the prophet Daniel? Remember that the END being discussed here is referring to THE LAST END of indignation:

“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.” (Dan. 8:23)

Will the evil haughty man of Habakkuk 2 in God’s Church be able to gain more power for himself through deceit and vanity? Will God finally remove the “nail in the sure place” in the context of a purchase of a land in England? Will a “king of fierce countenance” in Europe together with the 10 nations as prophesied in Revelation 17 finally make a grandiose entrance on the world scene in conjunction with these heavenly phenomenon of 2014 and 2015? Will HALF OF JERUSALEM ABOUT TO BE TAKEN from Jewish custody?

“Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city” (Zech. 14:1-2). Here is what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about this prophecy:

The question is, why does the last half of Zechariah 14:2 talk about only half the city being taken? Consider it: The Day of the Lord and the dispute over one half of Jerusalem are presented in the same context. That is because when half of Jerusalem goes into captivity, that crisis triggers a series of events that leads to the return of Jesus Christ! ***One half of Jerusalem being taken captive is like the first domino to fall leading to Christ’s return and battle against all nations in Jerusalem! It all begins and ends in Jerusalem.***

In other words, the current dispute over East Jerusalem is a strong sign that the Day of the Lord is almost here! We must wake up! Men must heed God’s warning before it is too late! (*Jerusalem In Prophecy*, p. 30)

Notice very carefully: (read again for emphasis) “The Day of the Lord and the dispute over one half of Jerusalem are presented in the same context. That is because

when half of Jerusalem goes into captivity, that crisis triggers a series of events that leads to the return of Jesus Christ!”

Now hold that thought for a moment and let’s briefly consider a prophecy in the book of the prophet Joel: “And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The ***sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood***, BEFORE the great and terrible day of the Lord come.” (Joel 2:30-31)

And what do we have? A warning from the heavens that the Day of the Lord is at hand beginning with HALF OF JERUSALEM being taken captive! Notice that the *sun turning into darkness* (solar eclipse) and the *moon into blood* (lunar eclipse) is supposed to happen BEFORE the Day of the Lord and NOT DURING the Day of the Lord. (Refer to the schedule of solar and lunar eclipses for 2014 and 2015 from NASA)

These wonders in the heavens spoken of by the prophet Joel *precedes* the Day of the Lord and so does the prophecy of the prophet Zechariah about HALF OF JERUSALEM being taken captive. (Joel 2:30-31; Zech 14:1-2)

“The Day of the Lord and the dispute over one half of Jerusalem are presented in the same context. That is because when half of Jerusalem goes into captivity, that crisis triggers a series of events that leads to the return of Jesus Christ! ***One half of Jerusalem being taken captive is like the first domino to fall leading to Christ’s return and battle against all nations in Jerusalem! It all begins and ends in Jerusalem.***” (op. cit)

But to *whom* is the warning primarily addressed anyhow?

This book is about the Day of the Lord, a day of terrifying darkness. ***But most people don’t know that the strongest warning in the book of Joel is for Christ’s own bride! The danger facing Christ’s bride is emphasized even more than the destruction of the whole world!...***

Joel depicts the greatest wrath God has ever inflicted against mankind! Satan’s strongest wrath is vented in the Great Tribulation (Revelation 12:12). But that is only the introduction to the Day of the Lord and God’s wrath! If ever there was a time for all of us to deeply examine ourselves, it is now. By so doing, we can avoid the wrath of both Satan and God. What a marvelous blessing God offers His very elect.

Satan's wrath is motivated by hate. God's wrath is motivated by love. God wants people to repent of their sins. He hopes they repent when the warning goes out—before the disasters! Then He can bless them marvelously.

The Day of the Lord is imminent—it is at hand. But, as fearsome as it is, even this day of thick darkness is still a wonderful sign that Christ is coming very soon. (*The Prophet Joel – Christ's Bride and the Day of the Lord*, p.2)

Now let us consider the significance that goes with the upcoming lunar tetrad (moon into blood) as many people has began to believe:

These are the dates for the upcoming *tetrad* – four successive total lunar eclipses – in these years.

2014:

Total lunar eclipse: April 15

Total lunar eclipse: October 8

2015:

Total lunar eclipse: April 4

Total lunar eclipse: September 28



...How common is a tetrad of total lunar eclipses? Depending upon the century in which you live, *a lunar tetrad* (four consecutive total lunar eclipses, spaced at six lunar months apart from one another) may happen fairly frequently – or not at all.

God Has Caused the Solemn Feasts to be Forgotten

For instance, in our 21st century (2001-2100), there are a total 8 tetrads, but in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, there were none at all. If we include all the centuries from the 1st century (AD 1-100) through the 21st century (2001-2100), inclusive, there are a total of 62 tetrads. The last one occurred in 2003-2004, and the next one after the 2014-2015 tetrad will happen in 2032-2033.

However, if we want to know which tetrads specifically fell on the Jewish feasts of Passover and Tabernacles, there appear to be a total of 8 in these 21 centuries:

1. 162-163 C.E. (Common Era)
2. 795-796 C.E.
3. 842-843 C.E.
4. 860-861 C.E.
5. 1493-1494 C.E.
6. 1949-1950 C.E.
7. 1967-1968 C.E.
8. 2014-2015 C.E.

(Source: <http://earthsky.org/space/what-is-a-blood-moon-lunar-eclipses-2014-2015>)

Here are some of the significant dates in history that was associated with the lunar tetrad which involved the Jewish people:

- 1492 - The Spanish Inquisition
- 1948 - Birth of the nation of Israel
- 1967 - Six Day War - East of Jerusalem was annexed:

Notice that those years were significant in Jewish history. Could the four (4) BLOOD RED MOON lunar eclipses of 2014 and 2015 which coincidentally has fallen with four (4) of God's annual festivals have something to do with the prophecy of Isaiah:

“Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices. Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel. And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.” (Isaiah 29:1-3)

Could this “add ye year to year” thought have something to do with the four (4) BLOOD RED MOON lunar eclipses of 2014 and 2015 and of Ariel (spiritual and

physical Jerusalem) being distressed?

Is it really just a coincidence that the four (4) BLOOD RED MOON lunar eclipses of 2014 and 2015 which will coincide with God's feasts days does not have any valid significance? Well, let us then further consider another prophecy, this time in Habakkuk 2:3

“For the vision is yet for an *appointed time*...”

The original Hebrew word for “*appointed time*” here is the same word used in Daniel 8:19 (“...for at the **solemn feasts** the end shall be”) –

H4150 properly an appointment, that is, a fixed time or season; specifically **a festival**; conventionally a year, **solemn feast**, appointed season.

Thus, it can also be read as: “For the vision is yet for a **solemn feast**...” Is this prophecy have something to do with September 5, 2013 (Tishri 1 – Feast of Trumpets)?

“...but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”

Now then, we may ask a following question; what then has been the DELAY which the prophet Habakkuk was telling us that we should wait for? That DELAY is very much connected to the death of That Prophet's wife on September 5, 2004 – in the midst of the crisis years! That date has kept on surfacing until God's Church finally get His message. Now IT WILL DELAY NO LONGER – “**for at the solemn feasts the END shall be...**”

“For I am the Lord: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God. Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying. Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord God.” (Ezek. 12:25-28)

Chapter 10

A Book of Remembrance

Mr. Flurry wrote in his book, *Malachi's Message* about a certain “book of remembrance” which would serve like a “ticket” to escape the Great Tribulation so to speak.

It is a book of remembrance because they remembered what they were taught! That is why God spares them from the Great Tribulation (Malachi 3:17; Matthew 24:21-22; Revelation 3:10) and gives them a headquarters position in His Kingdom forever (Revelation 3:12).

The Laodiceans fail to escape because they *forget*—and turn to a lukewarm message. God *remembers* the Philadelphian group because *they remembered Him*.

“Then shall ye return, and *discern* between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not” (Malachi 3:18). If we are going to be able to discern between those who serve God and those who serve Him not, it will be because we remember what we were taught. Without that precious God-inspired knowledge, Satan will deceive us! That is a very serious statement - but it's biblically based. *This is really more than a “book of remembrance.” It's a message from Christ to those who remember past instructions. It's a wonderful message of encouragement. God calls things what they are! It all revolves around remembering—by Philadelphians and by*

God. Much of our remembering revolves around an “Elijah” and the things God taught us through him. Then God remembers the Philadelphians, and He protects and rewards them in the future. (*ibid.* pp. 1-2)

Read that again for emphasis! ***“This is really more than a “book of remembrance.” It’s a MESSAGE FROM CHRIST to those who remember past instructions. It’s a wonderful message of encouragement. God calls things what they are! It all revolves around remembering—by Philadelphians and by God.”***

And since we, being humans are really prone to forget, Christ’s message right now has been written before Him as a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE in the LAST END. This is what you are reading right now!

“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.***” (Mal. 3:16)

To understand what this “book of remembrance” really is all about, let us first consider for a moment the word “*thought*.” From *Strong’s Concordance* it is H2803 (*châshab*):

A primitive root; properly to plait or interpenetrate, that is, (literally) to weave or (generally) to fabricate; ***figuratively to plot or contrive (usually in a malicious sense)***; hence (from the mental effort) to think, regard, value: - make account of, ***conceive***, consider, ***cunning***, ***devise***, esteem, imagine, ***impute***, invent, ***mean***, purpose, reckon (-ing be made), regard, think.

Before, we used to think that the phrase “***that thought upon his name***” in verse 16 of Malachi chapter 3 is meant to have a ***positive tone*** only. But when we look deeply into it, the primary meaning has a ***negative implication (“usually in a malicious sense”)***, although there are two possibilities for the definitions of the original Hebrew for the word “thought”, i.e., one is positive and the other is negative, therefore, the positive definition is for the righteous and the other for the wicked. But for this particular instance and for clear understanding, let us focus on the *primary aspect* of the meaning from the dictionary:

- ***Contrive or plot*** - to formulate clever or deceitful schemes
- ***Conceive*** - to form an idea or concept of something in your mind; invent or devise something; to think up something such as a plan

- **Cunning** - crafty and deceitful: clever or artful in a way that is intended to deceive
- **Impute** - attribute bad action to somebody: attribute bad quality to somebody
- **Mean** - unkind or malicious; bad-tempered: behaving in an angry, often violent way

This BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is written before God specifically for two types of people inside God's Church:

1. For those who genuinely **FEAR GOD** (Jer. 17:7).
2. And also for those **MINISTERS** who do the following **IN THE NAME OF GOD, or using God's government!**
 - who *plots deceitful schemes*;
 - who is *crafty and deceitful*;
 - who *attributes bad action to somebody*;
 - who is *unkind or malicious*;
 - who is *bad-tempered and behaving in an angry, often violent way...*

So the phrase "*that thought upon his name*" is primarily directed to those who represent God's name and those who administer His government - either done through good and righteous intention or through wicked and deceitful schemes (Isa. 29:13, 15-16). It is also directed to those who **FEAR the POWER OF THEIR MINISTERS** (Jer. 17:1, 5). We should not point our fingers to any other "Laodicean" groups because they don't have God's government to begin with. So this prophecy has to be referring to the *Philadelphia Church of God* and none else. Could this be specifically referring to the 25 men in the INNER COURT? (Ezek. 8:16)

This BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE will make God's people to repent towards God and be able to discern the righteous from the wicked.

"And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, *in that day* when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." (Mal. 3:17-18. Read also Haggai 2:8 - "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.")

Notice carefully, that while this "book of remembrance" is being written, "in that day," it is also the specific time when God is making up His jewels. And this will

be God's basis for Him to spare those who truly fear Him – to protect them from the Great Tribulation.

God is talking about His jewels, that is, the true Philadelphians not just by being a member of the Philadelphia Church of God, but by adhering to those past instructions and remembering what has been taught to them by the end-time *Elijah* and *That Prophet*.

This could also be the specific fulfillment of the prophecy in Ezekiel 9 for those “that cry and sigh for all the abominations that be done in the midst” of Jerusalem - PCG HQ. With the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE already written before God, He shall now begin to separate His true Philadelphians from those Laodiceans inside the Philadelphia Church of God, even those that will return to the fold from the outside who were exiled during the Ezekiel 4 siege.

This BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is also written to remind and point us back to *Malachi's Message* (the little book) which is now more than ever very much applicable to the *Philadelphia Church of God* more than any other Laodicean Churches in this SECOND 1,150 days fulfillment!

As God has used the 9.0 magnitude earthquake that hit Japan on March 11, 2011 to warn us of the 1,150 days! There is yet a dual fulfillment of the 1,150 days that God has prepared for a SECOND time for His people. We ought to become sober and repent toward God, and not toward men! We ought to use God's grace to totally conquer sin! We ought to serve God with real reverence and godly fear!

THESE MARCH 11 EVENTS ARE LIKE FLASHING RED LIGHT FOR THIS CHURCH! They are a warning... God is warning you in these events! He's warning me! We must get our minds on this message, or we're going no place spiritually. (*Philadelphia News*, May 2011, p. 1)

Now God has been warning us even more through the multiple heaven and earth shaking events that has happened during 2013 even in Oklahoma where God's Headquarters is located. This is more than a flashing red light for God's Church. This is a beacon by which God Himself has set up so we can clearly see. (In Gen. 1:14, the word “sign” is also “beacon” in Strong's)

God is speaking! And we ought to listen intently “*or we're going no place spiritually.*”

“See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that

speakeeth from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.” (Heb. 12:25-26)

Verse 25 mean that we ought to listen to what God is telling us. He has a warning message. The word, “speakeeth” here is in the present active tense in the Greek. It is a warning against failing to heed to His prophecies through Christ coming in the flesh. The warning that God is “speaking” from heaven is a warning against the failure to listen that will eventually lead to unbelief. As Mr. Flurry always says, that God speaks through new revelation. Will you refuse God? But you also have to test the spirits whether they are of God. (1 John 4:1). We need to remember that God’s prophecy is not subject to any private interpretation (2 Pet. 1:20-21). The Apostle Peter knew that we need to be constantly reminded because we are prone to forget:

“This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:” (2 Pet. 3:1-2)

The Apostle Peter wrote his epistles to stir up our minds by way of REMEMBRANCE. We are warned also NOT to listen to any other voices (2 Pet. 2:1):

“But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, *How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?* When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.” (Deut 18:20-22)

ARIEL, THE ALTAR OF GOD

There is a specific prophecy in Isaiah 29 which correlates with the siege in Ezekiel 4 (verse 3). The whole chapter gives us an overview of how God is dealing with people inside His own Church who employ secret counsel from Him and what He shall do to correct them. It also gives us a wonderful conclusion on how God shall bring repentance toward Him even from those who got off track and from those Jacobite Laodiceans. To start with, here is what Mr. Flurry wrote regarding Isaiah chapter 29:

Isaiah 29 has a definite end-time focus... We now get back to some *temple language*. “Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices” (verse 1). From year to year they killed sacrifices. The Hebrew can mean “let the feasts go around another year.” “Ariel” means *Jerusalem* ...*But* it means more. Ariel also means *hearth* or *altar of God* (see *The Critical, Experimental and Practical Commentary*). It is the hearth of the great altar of God! It refers specifically to the highest tier of the altar, where the altar fire continually burned (see *The Interpreter’s Bible* commentary). Ariel also means the LION OF GOD.

This all refers to the temple service. The temple today is God’s own Church. But God is very angry with Ariel, or His own Laodicean Church today. ...Then God describes how He will punish the Laodiceans and Israel. “Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire” (verse 6). God said they would be punished by storms, fires and EARTHQUAKES. (Isaiah’s End-Time Vision, p. 77)

But who could Ariel be referring to today? Is it really a name for the Laodiceans or the spiritual Israelites? For emphasis, let’s look closely on what Mr. Flurry said: “‘**Ariel**’ means ***Jerusalem*** ...*But* it means more. Ariel also means *hearth* or ***altar of God*** ...Ariel also means the LION OF GOD.” Here is what one commentary wrote about verse 1 of Isaiah 29:

Judah's religious hypocrisy

Isaiah addressed this oracle to Ariel (lit. *altar hearth*, cf. Ezek. 43:15-16). ...Isaiah described Ariel as the place where Israel's religious festivals took place. Clearly Ariel refers to *Jerusalem*, the city where David set up his *headquarters* (2 Sam. 5:9), and Mount Zion (v. 8), the site of Judah's worship. ‘*Jerusalem prides itself as being God's altar-hearth, the very heart of the only system of worship that pleases him. But, in fact, God is not pleased at all.*’- Oswalt, p. 526. (pp. 121-122, *Dr. Constable’s Notes*)

Jerusalem was the city where David set up his *headquarters* and also the site of Judah’s worship, where God’s altar has been set up. Even until today, Jerusalem is still the Jew’s *capital* (or *headquarters*) and the spiritual center of the Jewish religion.

As discussed in previous chapters and according to what Mr. Flurry taught us, that the spiritual house of Judah refers to the PCG membership. Then it just follows that the PCG Headquarters in Edmond Oklahoma is the spiritual Jerusalem, so to speak, where the center of the PCG's religion and ministry is located.

Looking at Isaiah 29:1, twice has the name "Ariel" been mentioned: *Ariel* then could refer to the *Jerusalem* in the Middle East, while the *PCG Headquarters* in Edmond, Oklahoma could also be referred to here as *Ariel*. The name *Ariel* could both refer to the physical and spiritual Jerusalem. Even so, Bible commentaries are a bit puzzled as to its application:

Verse 1. "Ariel" - That Jerusalem is here called by this name is very certain: ***but the reason of this name, and the meaning of it as applied to Jerusalem, is very obscure and doubtful.*** (*Adam Clarke's Commentary*)

In Isaiah 29:1, one might ask, "But which Ariel is which?" And why does God used the name *Ariel* here?

The key here to clearly understand the mystery behind the two utterances of the same name of *Ariel* is revealed through Ezekiel chapter 4: first, the prophet Ezekiel was to portray Jerusalem and its siege, and that portrayal shall be a sign for a future siege of the actual Jerusalem in that particular time. Yet since it is dual, so it is also a prophecy for our time now – spiritual Jerusalem (PCG) being besieged is a sign for a future siege of physical Jerusalem: In principle, the prophet Ezekiel has to resemble in his portrayal what shall come to pass to physical Jerusalem.

Therefore, the portrayal precedes the actual; the spiritual precedes the physical. Thus, if we apply it to Isaiah 29:1, the resulting thought would be: "Woe to Ariel (spiritual Jerusalem – PCG HQ), to Ariel (physical Jerusalem of the Middle East), the city where David dwelt!"

"Yet I will distress Ariel (physical Jerusalem), and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel (spiritual Jerusalem)." – Note the context here that *physical Ariel* (Jerusalem in the Middle East) will be *distressed* yet in the very immediate future after a *direct precursor* has happened to its spiritual counterpart Ariel.

"I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee." (v. 3)

From Ezek. 43:15, we learn that ***Ari-el was the name of the altar of burnt-offerings, put here for the city itself in which that altar was.*** ...But why is it said, “Ari-el shall be unto me as Ari-el?” As the *altar of burnt offerings* was surrounded daily by the victims which were offered: so the walls of Jerusalem shall be surrounded by the dead bodies of those who had rebelled against the Lord, and who should be victims to his justice. (*Adam Clarke’s Commentary*)

Remember that the word “***altar***” in Bible prophecy refers to the “***ministry***” in this end time. Now considering what the commentary wrote: that whatsoever happens to the *altar of burnt offerings* (PCG ministry), the same shall be true to the Jerusalem of the Middle East. The spiritual precedes the physical. If there have been victims and casualties during the spiritual siege of spiritual Ariel (PCG HQ) perpetrated by the spiritual Assyrian terrorists; there shall also be victims and casualties in the physical siege of physical Ariel (Jerusalem of the Middle East) by the physical Assyrian terrorists.

Have you noticed? God specifically designed this prophecy in Isaiah 29 to be as a ***mirror effect*** – (“*woe to Ariel, to Ariel...*”; “*I will distress Ariel ...it shall be unto me as Ariel*”). But what is a *mirror effect*? Here is what the experts say:

The mirror effect refers to the consistency of the ***recognition*** of the stimuli ***in memory***. In other words, ***they are easier to remember when you have previously studied the stimuli i.e., old***, and easier to reject when you have not seen them before, i.e. new... (Glanzer & Adams, 1985).

Source: Department of Psychology, New York University, New York 10003.

So a *mirror effect* has something to do with our MEMORY. God wrote Isaiah 29:1 and His other prophecies (such as the two olive trees, the two sons of oil, former and latter rain, the Ezekiel 4 siege, the 2,300 evenings and mornings, etc.) in a such profound way to have this *mirror effect* so that it will be easier for us to *recognize* what we have been taught through His signet – the end-time Zerubbabel, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong! Every doctrine has to ***mirror*** what the end-time Elijah has taught us or else, we have to reject the new doctrine altogether like the archeological dig in Ireland! This is the reason a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE has to be written before God - to point us to back to Him!

From here on, you can see God’s *mirror effect* in action. In actual fact, this is the same as what Mr. Armstrong taught us about *duality* in Bible prophecy.

Again, why does God used the name *Ariel* instead of just using the name *Jerusalem*? To hide its true meaning until His appointed time of revealing it has come. And now, that time has already come.

ARIEL, THE LION OF GOD

All of the Bible commentaries unanimously agree that *Ariel* also means the “lion of God.” Remember the Jews of the Middle East and its *lion-like* characteristics?



Modern Israel's emblem depicting
the lion of Judah

What Happened to the Lion of Judah

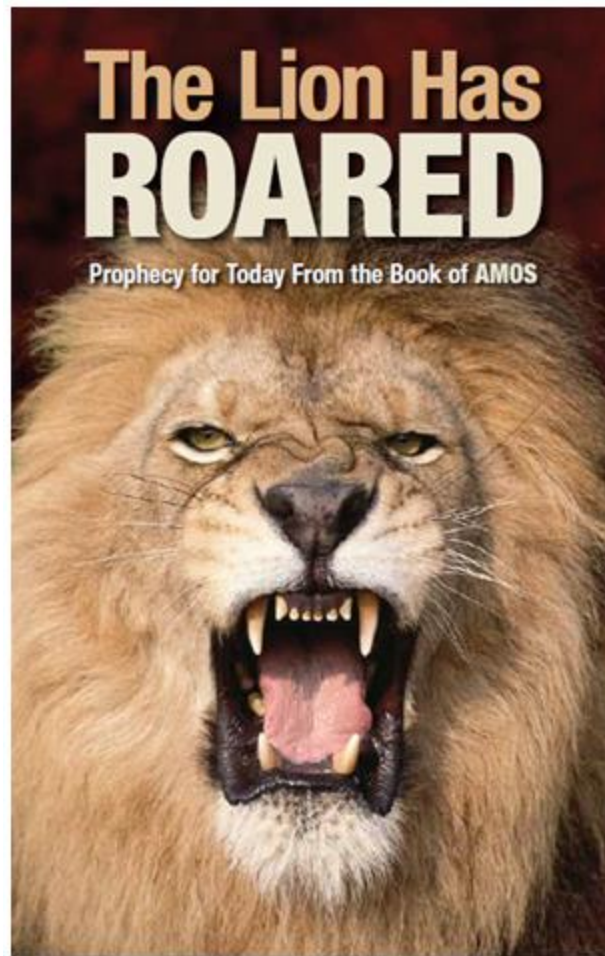
Why has Israel's fierce, *lion-like* roar been reduced to a harmless purr?

Even in modern times, God has roused the warrior spirit of *the lion of Judah* to secure its independence in 1948 and to prevent its destruction in 1967 and again in 1973. God has done this—not because the Jews are His favorites or because God takes sides in international disputes. God has helped them because of what He prophesied millennia ago!

The establishment of a Jewish state had to happen in our day because of what God said would occur in the latter days. The unification of Jerusalem under the *lion of Judah* in 1967 also had to happen because of what God has prophesied.

Yet, if all of this had to happen—and with God’s blessing and protection along the way—what in the world is happening to Judah now? (Stephen Flurry; From the September 2008 *Trumpet* Print Edition)

Yet there is another *lion of God* during the last end that we must also consider – the *Philadelphia Church of God*:



The Amos booklet by Mr. Gerald Flurry

The Lion Has Roared

“Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?” (verses 7-8). ***The lion is a type of God***—and when God roars, people must hear and respond, or pay a terrifying price! The Lion has roared—His loyal people *must* prophesy!...

The *Lion* has roared! And we must respond, just as we would to the roar of a

wild lion we might face in Africa. Do you and I have the urgency necessary to deliver God’s message? God speaks through revelation. Then He uses His Church to deliver the secret given to His prophet. “[W]ho can but prophesy?”... God has roared! Let the people beware! ... ***How does God roar? As He always has—through His loyal people!*** That means the Church would split—at the very end. One group does God’s Work and “***roars***” for Him! ... ***The Lion’s roar ...symbolize this work of God’s Philadelphia Church!*** (pp. 3- 6, *The Lion Has Roared - Prophecy for Today From the Book of Amos*)

Do you now clearly understand beyond *doubt* and *obscurity* who the LION of God is in this end time? And what is the true identity of ARIEL being specifically referred to in Isaiah 29? They both refer to the two *Judahs* – the physical and spiritual Jews in this end time!

Physical Jews in the Middle East	Event description	Spiritual Jews in Edmond, Oklahoma	Event description
1948	Complete mobilization of society for a people fighting for their existence. <i>Birth of the Jewish nation in the Middle East.</i>	1989	Twelve (12) former Worldwide Church of God members fought for the right to exist. <i>Birth of the Philadelphia Church of God in Edmond, Oklahoma</i>
1967	SIX-DAY WAR - Defensive, preemptive Israeli strike for survival against Arab armies . Success on three fronts (Egyptian, Jordanian and Syrian within 6 days resulted in extensive areas of captured territory, particularly Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan Heights, as well as the unification of Jerusalem.	1997-2003	SIX-YEAR COURT BATTLE between the Worldwide Church of God and the Philadelphia Church of God over Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's writings. PCG succeeded on three fronts by obtaining possession of Mystery of the Ages as well as 6 other books, 11 booklets, and a 58-LESSON Bible Correspondence course. PCG became unified because of this court case battle.
1973	Yom Kippur War - Egypt and Syria took advantage of optimal circumstances to launch attacks that took Israel by SURPRISE . Israel retaliated.	2008	Exit Support Network (ESN) and Oklahoma City's KOKH Fox25's launched a SURPRISE attack against the Philadelphia Church of God with a two-part special report that was aired on November 24-25. PCG retaliated.

Now look closely on how the *two Judahs*' (physical and spiritual) fierce lion-like character has been displayed for all to see. Can you see the striking parallelism between what they had both undergone and their present undertaking?

The *Jews* are currently being surrounded by envious and hateful Arab enemies who wanted the whole nation of Israel in the Middle East to be annihilated and be wiped off the map.

The same is true with the *Philadelphia Church of God* who is also surrounded with so many of its envious and bitter enemies which are mainly composed of WCG and PCG splinter groups whose main desire is for the PCG to be annihilated and be wiped off the spiritual map.

Look at the illustration; is this not a ***mirror effect*** or what? Again is this just another coincidence? Absolutely not! The Almighty God has carefully planned these things through time only to be revealed specifically on His appointed time at *the last end* - all we have to do is to *remember*. Ariel, the LION OF GOD: who dares try to tame this powerful beast? Only God alone can.

ADD YE YEAR TO YEAR

“Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! *add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices*” (v. 1)

The word “sacrifice” is from the Hebrew word chag (H2282) which also means a *festival, solemn feast day*, while the word “kill” is H5362 which also means, *circulate, go round*.

To better understand what God meant with these words in connection to the expression of grief (“Woe to Ariel”), let us read from the *Amplified Bible*: “...Add yet another year; let the feasts run their round [but only one year more].”

Does it mean that this “woe” in verse 1 is connected to a solemn feast day? Let us consider briefly: as discussed in chapter 9, God’s festivals are calculated once Tishri 1 (Feast of Trumpets) is determined.

(O)nce the new moon (or molad) is determined for the month called Tishri (the seventh month), the Feast of Trumpets (to be observed on the first day of the seventh month) is adjusted according to certain rules...

Once these rules for the calendar were made public, anyone could determine the first day of the month of Tishri. ...The holy days for the rest of the year and the next year could then be determined by calculation. Passover is always 164 days

before Trumpets. Atonement is 9 days after Trumpets, on Tishri 10, etc. These rules demonstrate that ***God places greater importance on His holy days than He does on the calendar.*** John Kossey summed it up this way: “***Instead of the sacred festivals being subordinate to the Hebrew calendar the latter serves the holy days.***” (by Stephen Flurry and Mark Nash, *God’s Sacred Calendar - Part 2*)

See how important Tishri 1 or the Feast of Trumpets is in determining the dates of the other holy days? In principle, all of God’s festivals are anchored on the Feast of Trumpets. So what if Tishri 1 is wrongly determined? Then it follows that all of the preceding and succeeding holy days will be off track as well.

Now let’s consider again the 2013 Feast of Tabernacles: the scheduled date it has to be observed is on September 19-25.

GOD’S HOLY DAYS Philadelphia Church of God				
Roman Year	Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	*Feast of Tabernacles	Last Great Day
2012	Sep. 17	Sep. 26	Oct. 1-7	Oct. 8
2013	Sep. 5	Sep. 14	Sep. 19-25	Sep. 26
2014	Sep. 25	Oct. 4	Oct. 9-15	Oct. 16
2015	Sep. 14	Sep. 23	Sep. 28-Oct 4	Oct. 5
2016	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
2017	Sep. 21	Sept. 30	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 12
2018	Sep. 10	Sep. 19	Sep. 24-30	Oct. 1
2019	Sep. 30	Oct. 9	Oct. 14-20	Oct. 21

*Begins Evening Before

In chapter 9, we have already proven that it did not fall in its proper season. And since the observance of that feast begins at the evening of September 18, then it follows that the supposedly great fall harvest festival is still very much in the **SUMMER SOLSTICE** which is **FOUR DAYS prior** to the actual autumnal equinox on the evening of September 22, 2013! Thus, half of the Feast of Tabernacles will be observed during the end of the summer season while the other half at the revolution of the year! **THIS IS NO SMALL ERROR! AND GOD IS VERY MUCH AWARE OF IT!**

But how did that *error* happen? It has everything to do with the determination of Tishri 1 of 2013. And what date was it?

SEPTEMBER 5, 2013!

Does it ring a bell? It was the death anniversary of Mrs. Barbara Flurry! God keeps on *mirroring* that date. Do we know why? So we can REMEMBER.

Now, how will God correct that error? The answer is in the latter part of Isaiah 29:1; “Add year to year; let the feasts run their round.” (RSV)

This verse seems to be a bit obscure and impossible to achieve - adding year to another year? To better understand, let us consider this first:

Notice Exodus 34:22: “And thou shalt observe ... the feast of ingathering at the year’s end.” In most Bible margins, that last phrase reads, “***at the revolution of the year.***” The Hebrew word for **revolution** is *tequfah* and is used specifically for the **equinoxes** or **solstices**. This passage in Exodus is referring to God’s holy days and how they are to be kept in their seasons. ***The feast of ingathering, also called the Feast of Tabernacles, pictures the great fall harvest and therefore occurs every year in the fall. This verse says THE FEAST IS TO OCCUR at the TURN OF THE YEAR, which means AT OR AFTER THE AUTUMNAL EQUINOX, which normally occurs on September 23... (ibid.)***

Now look at the phrase, “let the feasts run their round,” – basing from what we have read, this must mean “***LET THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES OCCUR AT THE REVOLUTION OF THE YEAR.***” You get it? It means we must let the feasts run ***AT OR AFTER THE AUTUMNAL EQUINOX***, and if it does not fall at the revolution of the year, make a correction by adding another set of annual festivals, this time, within the autumnal equinox. This must mean one whole set of annual festivals must be added on top of the one that has been scheduled for that particular year only (i.e., 2013). As the *Amplified Bible* renders it:

“...Add yet another year; let the feasts run their round [**but only one year more**].”

Remember that the occurrence of this phenomenon will happen **ONLY** in the year 2013. The next time this error will occur will take more than a hundred years. The last time it happened was in the year 1899 which could very well be in the Sardis era yet. So this is a once in a lifetime error that God has allowed at this specific time to fulfill His will.

Now, look at the list of the annual feasts for 2013 – the scheduled Holy Days the PCG is currently observing (top) added with another set of annual festivals with each feast falling in their correct seasons (bottom). (Have you noticed the *mirror effect* in this?)

There is no way any person could add one year to an existing year except only when it applies to *God's annual festivals*. And this is God's way of correcting the error! **Remember, this error was rooted in September 5, 2013 being the erroneous molad of Tishri!** That is why the prophet Isaiah pronounced: "Woe to Ariel (PCG ministry), to Ariel (Jerusalem of the Middle East)!" Again, notice that the "woe" is in the context of the feasts in its proper revolution or equinox. *Both the spiritual and physical Ariel* has made an error (yet in God's mercy, at least a handful of Jews knew the correct feast dates for 2013). Consider an interesting remark from *Adam Clarke's Commentary*:

"Add ye year to year" - ...***Probably delivered at the time of some great feast, when they were thus employed.***

God's Holy Days for 2013				
PCG's schedule			"Add ye year to year"	
Tuesday	March 12	First Day of Sacred Year	April 11	Thursday
Monday	March 25	Passover	April 24	Wednesday
Tuesday	March 26	Days of Unleavened Bread	April 25	Thursday
Monday	April 1		May 1	Wednesday
Sunday	May 19	Pentecost	June 16	Sunday
Thursday	September 5	Feast of Trumpets	October 5	Saturday
Saturday	September 14	Day of Atonement	October 14	Monday
Thursday	September 19	Feast of Tabernacles	October 19	Saturday
Wednesday	September 25		October 25	Friday
Thursday	September 26	Last Great Day	October 26	Saturday

The first delivery of this message (via email) was on September 5, 2013 which is the *Feast of Trumpets* and a CD copy was sent to the PCG Headquarters, Edmond Oklahoma on the 7th day of the *Feast of Tabernacles 2013*. (It was scheduled to have arrived on September 30, 2013 – the day the US government shut down. Another one was sent via email on October 5, 2013). God will be justified in the sight of all His people during *His appointed time*. Let's continue, this time from *Lange's Commentary*:

First of all, the question presents itself, whether the words contain an indefinite or a definite statement of time. If the declaration of time be indefinite, the occurrence of the calamity would be placed in prospect at a point of time incalculably remote...

Thereby, however, the effect of the prophecy on those living at the time of its delivery would be neutralized. For they could indulge the hope that the catastrophe would not affect them. *The design of the Prophet could not be to produce such an impression*. We must therefore assume that the Prophet wishes to indicate by these words *an interval at least approximately defined, and a point of time not very remote, but rather relatively near* (as 32:10). The meaning then would be: ***Add to the present year ANOTHER year, and let ANOTHER annual revolution of festivals be completed...***

Now notice carefully, the prophet Isaiah made sure that this adding of one year to the present year has to happen only for a certain defined time to convey to Ariel that the “woe” is *relatively near* and not far in the future.

As we shall see later, that the “woe to Ariel” prophecy is already being fulfilled specifically for the year 2013 only. Let's consider an interesting phrase: “*let them kill sacrifices*” (v. 1)

Since we know already that the word *sacrifice* also means *solemn feast day*; now, is it just a coincidence that every annual feasts many of God's people around the world have been spiritually slaughtered?

Remember in a 2011 sermon given by Mr. Flurry, he has already noticed that ***an average of 100 brethren every year at the feast has been leaving and/or being removed from the Church***. Could this also be a specific fulfillment of the prophecy in verse 1 – “let them kill sacrifices” every annual feasts? Remember the *mirror effect*?

GOD'S VISIT

Do you want God to visit you? Better think twice. In Isaiah chapter 29, God's visit is coupled with a series of heaven and shaking event that shall bring to *distress* spiritual Ariel.

“Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire” (Isa. 29:6). The word “visited” is from H6485 in *Strong's Concordance* which could also mean ***call to remembrance***. This only means that God wants to have our full attention by using a series of heaven and earth shaking events to CALL us to REMEMBRANCE. He communicates with us through a series of ***severe natural phenomena*** which are so **IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE**:

God's 'Unlimited Broadcasting Station'

The Bible teaches that not only is nature the creation of God's mind, it is, in fact, ***a vital instrument through which He communicates with us***. This Book—which most people have on their bookshelf, but few understand—gives us the *other side of the picture*, which all of the best scientific instruments cannot!

These days, any person bold enough to consider nature God's “*unlimited broadcasting station*” is mocked as a religious crackpot. This is too bad. Because the Bible *actually claims to pinpoint the causes of weather cataclysms, and to forecast longterm weather trends!*

Could it be that God is indeed employing nature as His “unlimited broadcasting station”? ***That He is cursing our weather patterns and increasing the destructiveness of natural circumstances in an attempt to communicate with us? The Bible shows that this is exactly what He is doing. It shows that He is currently delivering a message via nature that we all desperately need to hear and respond to!***

The disasters we see increasing are in fact a tool that the Creator of the natural world has reserved for Himself, to use at His pleasure—in order to speak with us! After all, we don't tend to listen very well. But severe natural phenomena are IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE.

Yet for most people, even as our planet is coming apart, the message is still not resonating.

The question is, are you prepared to listen? (pp. 8-10, *Why Natural Disasters?*)

Again, let us ask ourselves; ARE WE, IN THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD, PREPARED TO LISTEN? Remember that this “*call to remembrance*” prophecy which involves “severe natural phenomena” is in the context of the feasts (v. 1) and God’s siege of Jerusalem (v. 3; Note that this siege is the same as what was written in Ezekiel 4). Notice what God shall bring when He “visits” or “call to remembrance” spiritual Jerusalem (PCG)

1. with thunder
2. with earthquake
3. great noise
4. with storm and tempest
5. the flame of devouring fire

First let us consider the word “storm” and “tempest”: In Strong’s, the word “storm” is H5492 which also mean: ***whirlwind***. While the word “tempest” is H5591 meaning a ***hurricane, whirlwind***.

Here is how the *Revised Standard Version* renders verse 6: “You will be visited by the Lord of hosts with thunder and ...with whirlwind and tempest...”

...WITH THUNDERSTORM

As what has been written, God is indeed employing nature as His “*unlimited broadcasting station*” by which He is cursing our weather patterns and increasing the destructiveness of natural circumstances in an attempt to communicate with us.

What possible message could God be delivering via nature that we all desperately need to hear and respond to? Can we ignore the series of severe weather patterns that struck Oklahoma in recent months? Now let us reflect on the following heaven and earth shaking events that are so IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE:

Tornado and Severe Thunderstorms Strike Oklahoma

On May 20, 2013, a ***supercell thunderstorm*** in central Oklahoma spawned a destructive tornado that passed just south of Oklahoma City. The Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) on NASA’s Aqua satellite acquired this image of the storm at 2:40 p.m. local time (19:40 UTC). The red line depicts the tornado’s track. The twister touched down west of Newcastle at 2:56 p.m. and moved northeast toward Moore, where it caused dozens of deaths

24 Miles from PCG Headquarters

Massive tornado strikes Moore, Okla.



burst of rain but no wind or hail. Flights were delayed for some ministers returning from Pentecost services and for Herbert W. Armstrong College students who departed on May 21 to serve on Dr. Eilat Mazar's Ophel excavation in Jerusalem. PCG members in the area all live 15-30 miles north of Moore; none were harmed or received property damage. However, their thoughts were with their thousands of neighbors to the south.

Heartbreaking live footage showed **Plaza Towers Elementary School** minutes after the storm. Half of its walls no longer existed, and debris covered what roofs remained. Survivors were slowly walking through crushed concrete, twisted steel and unidentifiable debris littered with textbooks. A vehicle lay upside-down in a hallway, two feet from where a teacher—who survived—had been standing.

A mother who was walking down the street, dazed, told a reporter that the storm hit her house as she, her husband and daughter



ABOVE Rescuers work through the night of May 20 searching for schoolchildren and teachers at Plaza Towers Elementary School.

LEFT The funnel cloud touches down.

EDMOND—A **gigantic tornado** ripped through the city of Moore, Okla., on May 20, devastating homes, businesses, a hospital and two schools. The official death toll stands at 24, including nine **children**. About 240 people were injured by flying debris, collapsing buildings and other chaos inside the storm.

The **twister** formed rapidly just prior to 3:00 in the afternoon and touched down southwest of Oklahoma City. For about 40 minutes, it **blew through** Newcastle, Moore and the southern part of the city with winds reaching 200 mph before it roped out over a lake in the southeast metro. The EF-5 storm,

which was 2 miles wide, left behind a swath of obliteration 20 miles long.

Aerial **photographs** showed parts of the path of destruction strewn with the confetti of obliterated building materials, belongings, vehicles and destroyed infrastructure. Green fields were streaked with brown where the winds ripped up grass blade and root, and lowered the elevation by a few inches. Rescue workers navigated debris-littered and almost-impassable streets to get to the areas hit the hardest among the 30-square-mile aftermath.

PCG headquarters, 20 miles north of the carnage in north Edmond, received a short

ter sheltered themselves in the bathtub underneath a mattress. The suction ripped the mattress away and lifted her daughter, whom she **held on to by her hair**.

The super-storm—one of the worst in history according to President Barack Obama—instantly became national and international front-page **news**. Overnight, 101 victims were pulled from the rubble, alive, by rescue crews from all over the area. Today, the president declared the aftermath a **major disaster area**. Flags on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., flew at half-mast. **Gov. Mary Fallin** addressed Oklahomans and the nation.

The instantly infamous May 20 storm followed tornadic weather the day before that reached into southeast Edmond and momentarily knocked out power on campus at Armstrong Auditorium during Pentecost services. It tracked an extremely similar path to the May 3, 1999, F-5 tornado that hit 8,000 homes, cost more than \$1 billion in damage, and killed 36 people.

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and widespread destruction. The tornado had dissipated by 3:36 p.m., after traveling approximately 20 miles (32 kilometers).

Credit: NASA image courtesy Jeff Schmaltz, LANCE/EOSDIS MODIS Rapid Response Team at NASA GSFC. Caption by Adam Voiland.

Now consider the article that was written by the Philadelphia Church of God in their monthly publication, *The Philadelphian*, about this calamitous event last May 20, 2013 (a day after the scheduled annual festival of *Pentecost*).

Now just after a few days when the Moore tornado occurred, on May 31, 2013, yet another barrage of tornadoes struck the Oklahoma City area: One may ask: Could this be a specific fulfillment of Isaiah 29:6?

Multiple Tornadoes Strike Oklahoma City Area

June 01, 2013

Less than two weeks after an EF5 tornado devastated Moore, Okla., a ***fierce storm and several twisters*** blew through the Oklahoma City area on Friday evening, killing five and causing severe flooding.

<http://nation.time.com/2013/06/01/multiple-tornadoes-strike-oklahoma-city-area/#ixzz2YYNqBzNu>



GENE BLEVINS / REUTERS

Cloud-to-ground lightning from a tornadic thunderstorm strikes in Cushing, Okla., on May 31, 2013.

Here's another news-clipping of the same tornado:

5 dead after tornadoes, floods strike Oklahoma

Robin Webb and Michael Winter,

USA TODAY 8:02 a.m. EDT June 1, 2013

Officials were preparing to survey the damage Saturday morning after tornadoes hit the Oklahoma City metro area Friday (May 31), killing at least 5 people and injuring 50.

The storm, the second fatal one to strike the region in 11 days, spawned several tornadoes, toppled cars and left commuters trapped on an interstate highway during Friday's evening rush. Law enforcement officers and Red Cross workers planned to head to hard-hit areas after dawn to assess the damage.

The storm also brought heavy rain and hail. Floodwaters topped 4 feet in Oklahoma City early Saturday and were expected to rise as flash flooding continued in parts of the state. ***Across east and central Oklahoma, repeated rounds of thunderstorms have produced between 4 to 7 inches of rain since midnight Saturday...***

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/weather/2013/06/01/tornadoes-oklahoma-midwest-plains/2379203/>

Now, imagine that tornado has even broken an all time US record. What is happening in this part of the earth? Is God shaking the heavens and the earth?

Oklahoma tornado was widest ever measured in U.S. – NWS

Brendan O'Brien

June 4, 2013

(Reuters) - Luck was on the side of El Reno, Oklahoma, on Friday (May 31) as ***the widest tornado ever measured in the U.S.*** took a long detour around the city, according to the National Weather Service...

The rare EF5 tornado, 2.6 miles wide and with wind speeds reaching 295 mph, touched down southwest of El Reno at 6:03 p.m. ...National Weather Service said...

The storms and flash flooding that followed on Friday and Saturday claimed the lives of at least 19 people, including three storm chasers, according to the Oklahoma chief medical examiner...

The weather service said it was the first time in Oklahoma history that two such powerful tornadoes struck within such a short period of time...

The National Weather Service has confirmed five tornadoes touched down on Friday night in the Oklahoma City area...

El Reno's twister ...***was the widest ever measured in the U.S.***, according to the National Weather Service.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/06/04/us-usa-tornadoes-widest-idUSBRE9531CT20130604>

Some experts even consider that same tornado as the widest that has ever been measured on Earth by far:

Deadly El Reno, Okla. tornado was widest ever measured on Earth, had nearly 300 mph winds

By Jason Samenow, Published: June 4, 2013 at 1:09 pm

The tornado that killed 18 people, including 4 storm chasers, west of Oklahoma City Friday was wider than any tornado ever observed or surveyed according to the National Weather Service and leading tornado researcher, Howard Bluestein. The massive El Reno, Okla. twister reached an unthinkable maximum width of 2.6 miles.

"This is the biggest ever," Bluestein said.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/wp/2013/06/04/deadly-el-reno-okla-tornado-was-widest-ever-measured-on-earth-had-nearly-300-mph-winds/>

Pictures of severe weather and storms in Oklahoma May 19, 2013



Golf ball sized hail in Edmond, Oklahoma May 19, 2013.
George Flickinger

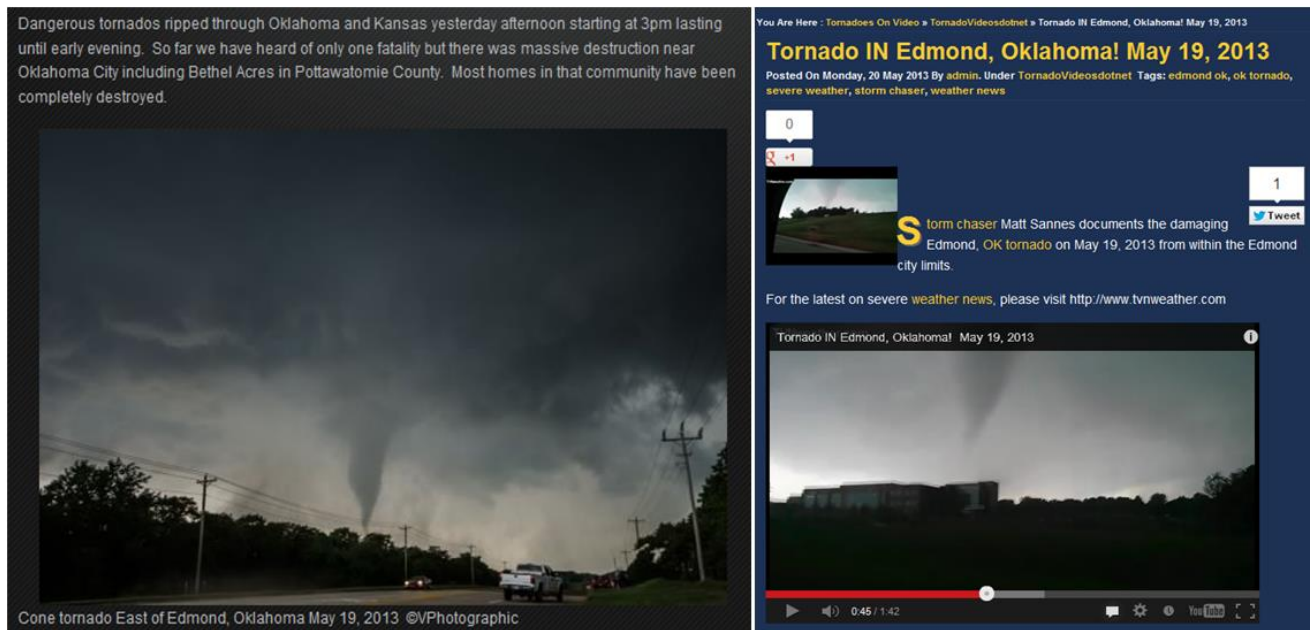
But has anyone noticed that there was a tornado that struck Edmond Oklahoma even on May 19, 2013 (*day of Pentecost*) which was prior to the Moore tornado on May 20, 2013? It seems that only a handful of people have taken particular notice of it. That tornado was even accompanied by *golf ball sized hail stones*.

Tornado touches down in Edmond, Oklahoma; no immediate reports of injuries or major damage

Posted: 05/19/2013

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) -- A tornado kicked up debris in an Oklahoma City suburb and threatened a number of tourist attractions on historic Route 66 but there were no immediate reports of injuries or major damage. Television footage Sunday showed a tornado at Edmond, on the northern edge of Oklahoma City... A tornado watch was posted until 11 p.m. Sunday for much of the state...

(http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local_news/tornado-touches-down-in-edmond-oklahoma-no-immediate-reports-of-injuries-or-major-damage#ixzz2Uegl9aaJ)



<http://iamnotfinished.wordpress.com/2013/05/20/edmond-carney-and-shawnee-tornados/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMQ4pZwKtyo>

...WITH EARTHQUAKES

“You will be visited by the Lord of hosts ...with earthquake...” (Isa. 29:6, RSV) With the spate of tornados that visited Oklahoma in recent months, it seems not to get

enough of it. Here is another one - EARTHQUAKES in their midst! It seems to be one calamity on top of another calamity:

Earthquakes provide wake-up call to Oklahomans

Seismologists counted 39 temblors in all on Tuesday

9:22 PM CDT Apr 16, 2013

LUTHER, Okla. —***For thousands of Oklahomans, it was the wake-up call Tuesday morning that didn't come quietly...***

Just a few miles from his Luther home, the 4.3 magnitude quake woke people as far as Tulsa and didn't stop there.

"All night they went on waking us," sighed Lowry. "Shaking the house, kids were screaming out of fear."

A few minutes before 5 a.m., another 4.2 quake struck, so strong it interrupted the morning news. Later came smaller quakes described as aftershocks that lasted through lunch. In Luther, the sudden shakes surprised students and a few teachers, too.

From start to finish, seismologists say 39 quakes struck Oklahoma, numbers now leaving residents looking out for more than the typical tornado.

<http://www.koco.com/news/oklahomanews/okc/Earthquakes-provide-wake-up-call-to-Oklahomans/-/11777584/19764850/-/sk99so/-/index.html>

Even a seismologist in Oklahoma has been wondering as to the nature of the quakes that struck central Oklahoma, which according to him were very different from the earthquakes that they have experienced before.

Swarm of earthquakes shakes central Oklahoma Tuesday

By BRYAN DEAN bdean@opubco.com

Published: April 16, 2013

Austin Holland, a seismologist with the Oklahoma Geological Survey, said ***Tuesday's string of quakes was different from other earthquakes that have struck the area in recent years...***

"These certainly are very different earthquakes than what we've seen in the past," Holland said. ***"These were very shallow. They are fairly rare. We haven't seen a series like this that has been so shallow with these size earthquakes"...***

Holland said shallower quakes are easier for people to feel, which might explain why so many people across central Oklahoma woke up during the two

strongest quakes early Tuesday...

It's also impossible to know whether the recent surge in the number of earthquakes in Oklahoma is a new normal or a temporary spike, Holland said...

<http://newsok.com/swarm-of-earthquakes-shakes-central-oklahoma-tuesday/article/3786697>

Now notice very carefully the date by which this next earthquake struck – it fell on June 16, 2013 – the correct date for Pentecost 2013.

Multiple Earthquakes Shake Up Central Oklahoma

Posted: Jun 17, 2013 4:04 AM

By Matthew Nuttle, News9.com - email

OKLAHOMA CITY - *Father's Day 2013 (June 16) got off to a shaky start as three earthquakes shook up parts of central Oklahoma, Sunday morning.*

The *first quake* occurred just after 3 a.m. about a mile south of the town of Jones, Okla., 13 miles east, northeast of the Oklahoma City metro area. The 2.7 magnitude temblor was recorded at a depth of three miles.

About four hours later, just before 7 a.m., a *second earthquake* rattled residents near Boley, Okla., 24 miles east of Shawnee and 58 miles east of the OKC metro. That quake weighed in at 2.8 on the Richter scale and was also recorded at a depth of three miles.

The *third and largest of the earthquakes* struck just after 1 p.m. three miles east of Jones. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) measured that quake as a 3.2 magnitude, which also shook three miles below the surface...

<http://www.news9.com/story/22604407/multiple-earthquakes-shake-up-central-oklahoma>

And then another earthquake struck...

Washington Earthquake, 4.3 Magnitude Hits; Oklahoma Suffers Quake As Well

By Raimundo Ortiz | Jun 27, 2013 09:14 AM EDT

Wednesday night's earthquake comes on the heels of another earth-rattler that hit Oklahoma on Tuesday (June 25). That one had a magnitude of 3.0, and was followed up by a second, quake at 3:30 a.m. this morning. The first one hit southwest of Tuttle in Grady County, according to NewsOK.com. The one felt today was a slightly larger 3.4 magnitude earthquake, that struck two miles southeast of Harrah.

Oklahoma has had a real run of bad luck when it comes to Mother Nature's angry whims. They were hit by severe tornadoes recently, and suffered five small earthquakes in April, according to reports...

<http://www.sportsworldnews.com/articles/3301/20130627/washington-earthquake-4-3-magnitude-hits-oklahoma-suffers-quake.htm>

Then several others more...

Several Earthquakes Shake Oklahoma Within 24 Hours

Posted: Nov 27, 2013 9:46 PM

By News9.com and Wire Reports

OKLAHOMA CITY -

More earthquakes have rocked Oklahoma.

One occurred early Wednesday at 1:36 a.m. about two miles north northwest of Enid, and 69 miles north northwest of Oklahoma City. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, it had a magnitude of 2.9.

On Tuesday, the agency measured at least two other quakes. A preliminary report shows that a 2.5 magnitude earthquake struck 24 miles northwest of Haledon, in south-central Oklahoma, at 10 a.m. Tuesday. It had a depth of 3.1 miles.

Another earthquake centered near Edmond struck at around 3:45 p.m. Tuesday. The 2.8 magnitude quake had a depth of 3.1 miles and was located 4 miles southeast of Edmond and 11 miles northeast of Oklahoma City.

(<http://www.news9.com/story/24082564/several-earthquakes-shake-oklahoma-within-24-hours>)

The students of the Herbert W. Armstrong College Campus in Edmond, Oklahoma were even literally shaken awake by an earthquake that they have felt one early morning on November 11 which they have described as if a bomb has been dropped nearby:

HWAC Campus Shaken Awake

November 11, 2013

By Sharalee Fraser

EDMOND: Philadelphia Church of God—Rumble. I was awakened this morning to find my whole body was shaking. I soon realized that everything around me in the dorm was shaking too—it was another earthquake. Yes, another.

At 5:07 a.m. on November 11, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) registered a 3.3-magnitude earthquake with its epicenter located about 1.5 miles southeast from the campus of Herbert W. Armstrong College. This was the second earthquake to shake the campus in less than 12 hours. At 5:25 p.m. the previous night, as students were about to head to the John Amos Field House for dinner, a 3.4-magnitude struck only a half mile from campus.

Several students commented that they were unsure what was going on and went outside to see if something had hit the dorm building.

“The one last night was pretty spectacular because it was so forceful,” senior Tyrel Schlote said. “I was just sitting in the field house when all of a sudden the whole building shook as if some massive vehicle ran into the side of the building. There was also this loud boom that went with it, which was pretty cool. I’ve never felt anything like that before.”

“It was the biggest shake I’ve ever felt,” said senior Jessie Hester. “I don’t know if I’d even call it a shake because it just felt like a bomb drop [or] like a cannon firing in a Civil War re-enactment.”

“I’ve felt earthquakes before,” said PCG staff member Deepika Azariah, “and they’ve almost always felt like the Earth was rattling or shaking, *but this one felt more like a bang!*”

“I was struck by how close the earthquakes were to campus - something like half a dozen within a few miles of here, all in the last 24 hours,” said senior Daniel Arnfield. *In fact, there have been nine earthquakes in Oklahoma City and 10 to 13 statewide over the last day.* Estimates for the number of Oklahoma earthquakes in the last week range from 21 to 93. Since 2009, Oklahoma’s seismic activity has increased almost 4,000 percent, said KOCO meteorologist Brad Sowder...

(<http://www.pcog.org/34379/hwac-campus-shaken-awake/>)

The earthquake and its effect on the HWAC campus even made local news from KFOR News Channel 4 interviewing PCG marketing director Shane Granger:

3.5-magnitude earthquake shakes Edmond, Armstrong Auditorium

Posted on: 6:20 am, November 11, 2013

by Sarah Stewart

EDMOND, Okla. – According to the Oklahoma Geological Survey, there were 13 earthquakes in Oklahoma on Sunday.

The largest was one that registered 3.5-magnitude on the Richter scale at 5:25 pm in Edmond.

The epicenter was in a neighborhood just northwest of the intersection of Sorghum Mill and Coltrane...

The 50-foot high glass walls of the Armstrong Auditorium in Edmond were just a half mile from the quake's epicenter.

Shane Granger, the house manager, said, "The folks who were in the lobby just said the windows just really shook."

The staff was busy counting every one of the 70,000 Swarovski crystals dangling from the stunning chandeliers in the lobby.

Granger said, "We've been through the whole auditorium and, as far as we can tell, there's no damage. We've checked everything and initially it looks okay"...

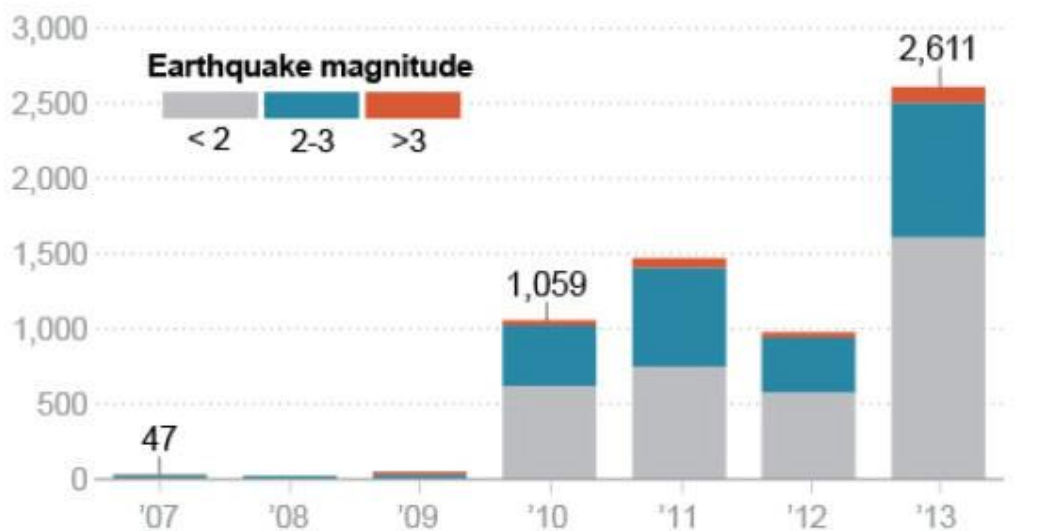
According to the Oklahoma Geological Survey's website, *there have been 93 earthquakes in our state over the last week.*

(<http://kfor.com/2013/11/11/3-5-magnitude-earthquake-shakes-edmond-armstrong-auditorium/>)

Quake activity spikes in Oklahoma

Decades have passed with little seismic activity in Oklahoma, but earthquakes have spiked in the last several years. A new study by the U.S. Geological Survey suggests the uptick of activity is here to stay.

Total number of earthquakes catalogued by year



SOURCE: Oklahoma Geological Survey

AP

ASSOCIATED PRESS

It appears that earthquakes are now becoming a norm even in Edmond, Oklahoma – the frequency of occurrence is so hard to ignore. Again for emphasis, as one reporter noted: ***“Oklahoma has had a real run of bad luck when it comes to Mother Nature's angry whims. They were hit by severe tornadoes recently, and suffered five small earthquakes in April, according to reports...”***

Can we not consider those series of earthquakes a WAKE UP call for spiritual Jerusalem (PCG)? We ought to wake up!

Can we not consider these as a WARNING to all of us in the PCG? We need to take heed! Notice the year that it has started to increase – 2010: the year God's house has been inaugurated! That house is indeed a sign given by God.

Is this not God shaking the heavens and the earth? We ought to listen to God's speech! Is Isaiah 29:6 really being fulfilled? We need to ask for God's Spirit so we can understand what He is saying right now or else it would be unto us like as a sealed book (v. 10-12)

All of this is being orchestrated by God to “*distress*” us because of the spiritual siege that is happening inside His own Church (vv. 2-3)

...WITH GREAT NOISE

“Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with ...great noise.” (Isa. 29:6) – this is part of a series of a heaven and earth shaking events that God will do to distress spiritual Ariel. God will visit spiritual Ariel with great noise. Where could that noise be coming from? Well, let us consider what has happened in Oklahoma on *September 5, 2013* (the PCG's scheduled Feast of Trumpets):

Biblical plague of shrieking CRICKETS terrorize Oklahoma as they swarm over buildings, eat each other and smell 'like rotten meat'

- It is an unusually busy mating season for the brown cricket in the Sooner State
- Cool, wet conditions have made this the worst cricket invasion in years

By Daily Mail Reporter

PUBLISHED: 19:06 GMT, 5 September 2013 | UPDATED: 22:19 GMT, 5 September 2013

It's cricket mating season in Oklahoma and *unusually massive swarms of the frisky bugs are terrorizing the state's residents.*

Not only does the field cricket have a noxious odor and ***shrieking*** chirp, it has a *tendency toward cannibalism* so killing them only makes things worse.

Residents say the *insects tend to congregate and feed on carcasses of their dead*

brethren, but they're covering every street, sidewalk, and building so there's no way to avoid the occasional crunch...

In addition to *incessant chirping* that can last deep into the night and early morning, some residents say the crickets even stink.

'After a while they all start dying and it gets to get this rotted meat smell,' one resident told KFOR.

(<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2412875/Biblical-plagues-crickets-Oklahoma-shrieking-calls-smell-like-rotted-meat.html>)

For emphasis, let us briefly consider the headline by the *Daily Mail*: “BIBLICAL PLAGUE OF SHRIEKING CRICKETS *terrorize* Oklahoma...” Notice the word that has been used to describe this event was termed, BIBLICAL PLAGUE. The word “**biblical**” in the dictionary means,

1. of, relating to, or contained in the Bible.
2. of, occurring in, or referring to the Bible
3. in accord with the Bible.
4. evocative of or suggesting the Bible or Biblical times, esp. in size or extent:

While the word “**plague**” in the dictionary means,

1. A widespread affliction or calamity, especially one seen as **divine retribution**.
2. A sudden destructive influx or injurious outbreak
3. A cause of annoyance; a nuisance

It seems that the author could not find any historical reference to what has happened on September 5, 2013 except to compare it with what was contained in the Bible as to the size or extent of the calamity. This could indeed be related to a specific *biblical* prophecy written in Isaiah 29:6 - “Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with ...*great noise*.”

Remember that crickets produce *shrieking* sound. In the dictionary, here is what the word SHRIEKING means:

1. A **sharp piercing cry**
2. A **high-pitched noise resembling a human cry**

SHRIEKING is also synonymous to the word NOISE. A massive swarm of cricket would definitely produce a GREAT NOISE, don't you think? Could this be the GREAT NOISE that was written by the prophet Isaiah? Notice that those incessant SHRIEKING sounds from the swarm of crickets have produced "***a high-pitched noise resembling a human cry***" and it even happened on *September 5, 2013 – the Feast of Trumpets!*

Has this widespread affliction happened because of a DIVINE RETRIBUTION as the word PLAGUE implies? This could be comparable to the 8th plague by Moses (*the plague of locusts*) brought about by God because of the Pharaoh's *hardened heart!* (Exodus 10:3–6)

Here is another article about that swarm of crickets that infested Oklahoma:



They're everywhere: Unusually large swarms of crickets are invading Oklahoma, covering streets, sidewalks, and businesses like this McDonalds on September 5, 2013

SEE IT: Oklahoma under siege by SWARMS of crickets

Experts say a dry spring and early summer followed by late July and August rainfall created the perfect conditions for a full-blown insect invasion.

By Philip Caulfield / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Friday, September 6, 2013, 9:11 AM

Swarms of crickets are terrorizing residents across Oklahoma this summer. Experts say a dry spring and early summer followed by late July and August rainfall created the perfect conditions for a full-blown insect takeover.

"It's basically just an infestation of crickets," Steve Swanson, who owns a bike shop in Oklahoma City, told local KFOR-TV. "Everywhere, literally everywhere."

In Tulsa, residents were growing ill of the swarms of bugs on every street, sidewalk and building.

Local Laura O'Malley told Tulsa's News On 6, "There was crickets, oh my gosh! They were all over the place, all over the ceiling, the walls. Crickets everywhere, I turn around and it was *like a nightmare, a horror movie*." Even worse, the piles of dead cricket carcasses reek like rotting meat, residents say.

(<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/oklahoma-seige-swarms-crickets-article-1.1447562>)

As the headlines reads: "*Oklahoma under siege by SWARMS of crickets*"; does it picture a spiritual reality for the Philadelphia Church of God Headquarters in Edmond Oklahoma (spiritual Jerusalem of *Ezekiel 4*) of being *under siege* and of *terrorizing* people inside the Church?

Consider what the people have observed: "Residents say the *insects tend to congregate and feed on carcasses of their dead brethren*," (*op.cit.*)

Has this happened even spiritually inside the Philadelphia Church of God where people still "*tend to congregate and feed on carcasses of their dead brethren*"? We continue to abhor our Laodicean brethren but we ourselves are detestable in God's eyes! What do you think will God do?

"The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces; they have *made a noise* in the house of the Lord, *as in the day of a solemn feast*." (Lam. 2:7)

What is the context of this ***noise*** in the house of the Lord? "...the Lord hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion" (v. 6). Is there a possibility that when the ministers in the Philadelphia Church of God Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma and around the world should be able to read this *book of remem-*



Parts of Oklahoma have been under siege by swarms of crickets. Pile-up: The crickets are difficult to control, noisy, smelly and are pouring into towns across the Sooner State.

brance and the prophecies contained therein, would they not create a *great noise* about it, especially when they learn the controversy surrounding the feasts this 2013 that have not coincided in their proper seasons? Perhaps some ministers will firmly stand by the current schedule while the others may not, including Mr. Gerald Flurry. For whatever reason there may be, one thing is certain – there will be a *great noise* during the Fall Festival of 2013! And it even started with a “*biblical plague of shrieking crickets*”!

There was also some ***great noise*** coming unexpectedly from a most unlikely source: EARTHQUAKES. Earthquake visitations has now been coupled with **TERRIFYING LOUD BOOMS**, which most people in Oklahoma are quite at a lost as to WHY this is happening. Let us consider a news report posted by ABC News:

Residents Baffled by Terrifying Loud Booms in Oklahoma

Feb. 16, 2014

By LIZ FIELDS

If you hear a bang in the night in Oklahoma, it's probably not a monster, but could something worse — an earthquake.

Across the south central state, 20 earthquakes were reported to The United States Geological Survey on Saturday alone. One of those quakes in the Edmond area had a magnitude of 3.5.

But residents are puzzled as to why the quakes are occurring so frequently and making such ***alarmingly loud noises***.

“Felt like bombs going off. It’s just a huge loud noise and then it’s like a reverb from that boom that just shakes the entire house,” Logan County resident Nancy York told ABC News affiliate KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City.

“If I’m experiencing eight of these in one day, then when does it erupt and become absolutely horrible that takes my house down?” York asked.

(Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/residents-baffled-terrifying-loud-booms-oklahoma/story?id=22543356>)

Here is another news source:

Why are Oklahoma earthquakes so loud, frequent?

9:50 AM CST Feb 16, 2014

OKLAHOMA CITY —*Loud, booming earthquakes continue to rattle homes and nerves across Oklahoma on an almost daily basis, according to the Oklahoma Geological Survey.*

The agency tracking seismic activity in Oklahoma reported more than 20 quakes Saturday. The United States Geological Survey, the national agency that reports on the largest quakes in country and abroad, reported a 3.5-magnitude quake Saturday in the Edmond area.

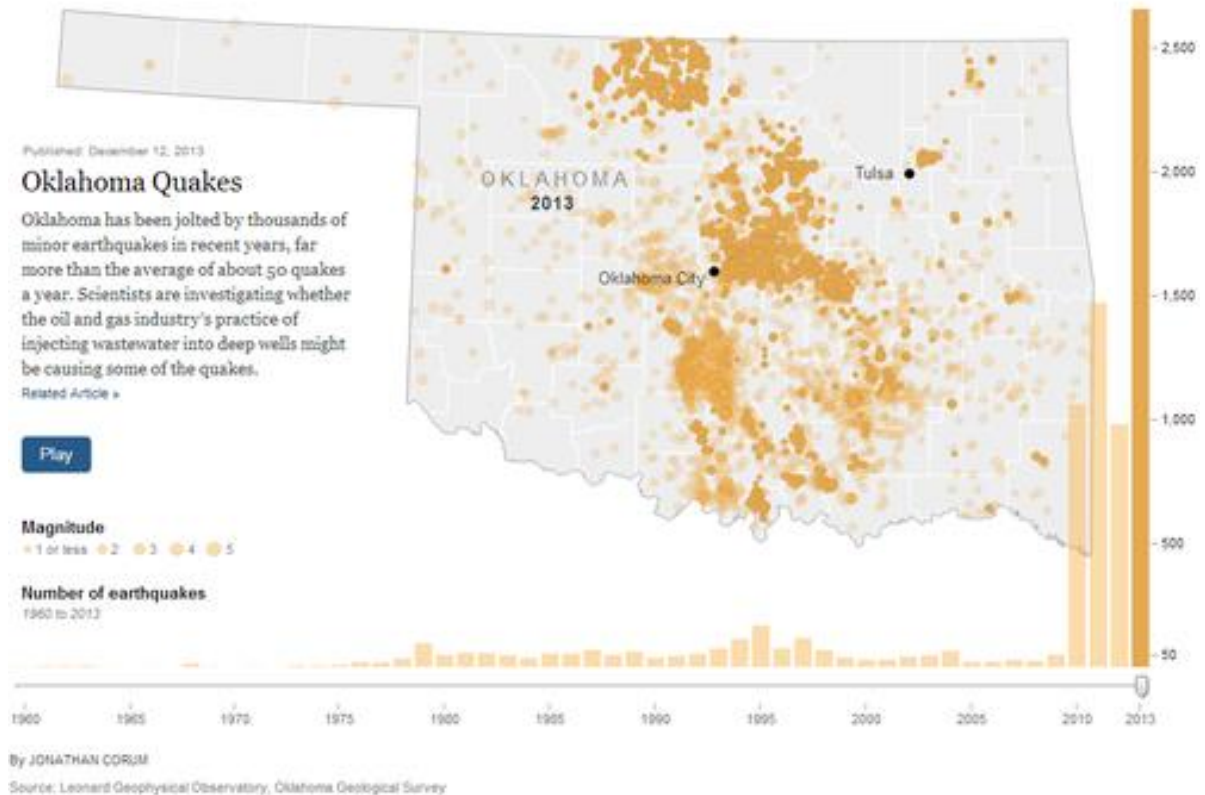
Many of the quakes in the latest swarm are centered near Liberty Lake in Logan County.

Nancy York lives in the area. Her tile floor, her ceiling and her walls were all damaged. She said the new cracks in her newly built home were caused by the constant quakes. Not only did York feel eight tremblers Friday, she heard them.

“Felt like bombs going off. It’s just a huge loud noise and then it’s like a reverb from that boom that just shakes the entire house,” York said...

“We have no way to predict the future. Earthquakes aren’t predictable. Certainly the more earthquakes we have, the more likely we are to have a larger one,” seismologist Austin Holland with OGS. said.

(Source: <http://www.koco.com/news/oklahomanews/around-oklahoma/why-are-oklahoma-earthquakes-so-loud-frequent/24511840#>)



Is this even prophesied in your Bible? Well, it sure is! Let’s answer the question being posed above: “**Why are Oklahoma earthquakes so loud, frequent?**” Here is the answer:

“Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices. Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel... Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with **EARTHQUAKE**, and **GREAT NOISE**...” (Isaiah 29:1,6)

God is distressing the Philadelphia Church of God in Edmond Oklahoma! For emphasis, let’s read it again: “**Loud, booming earthquakes** continue to rattle homes and nerves across Oklahoma on an almost daily basis, according to the Oklahoma Geological Survey.” – Is this not a SPECIFIC fulfillment of this prophecy? - **EARTHQUAKES coupled with GREAT NOISE!**

*“Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with **EARTHQUAKE**, and **GREAT NOISE...**”*

Now the so called experts are also quite baffled as to why a sudden increase in earthquake around Edmond, Oklahoma is happening.

Can we ignore what is currently happening to Oklahoma where His headquarters Church is situated? The Almighty God is distressing Ariel (Philadelphia Church of God) because of the 25 men of Ezekiel 8 who turned their backs on Him, while the people are in the spirit of deep sleep that needs to be shaken awake.

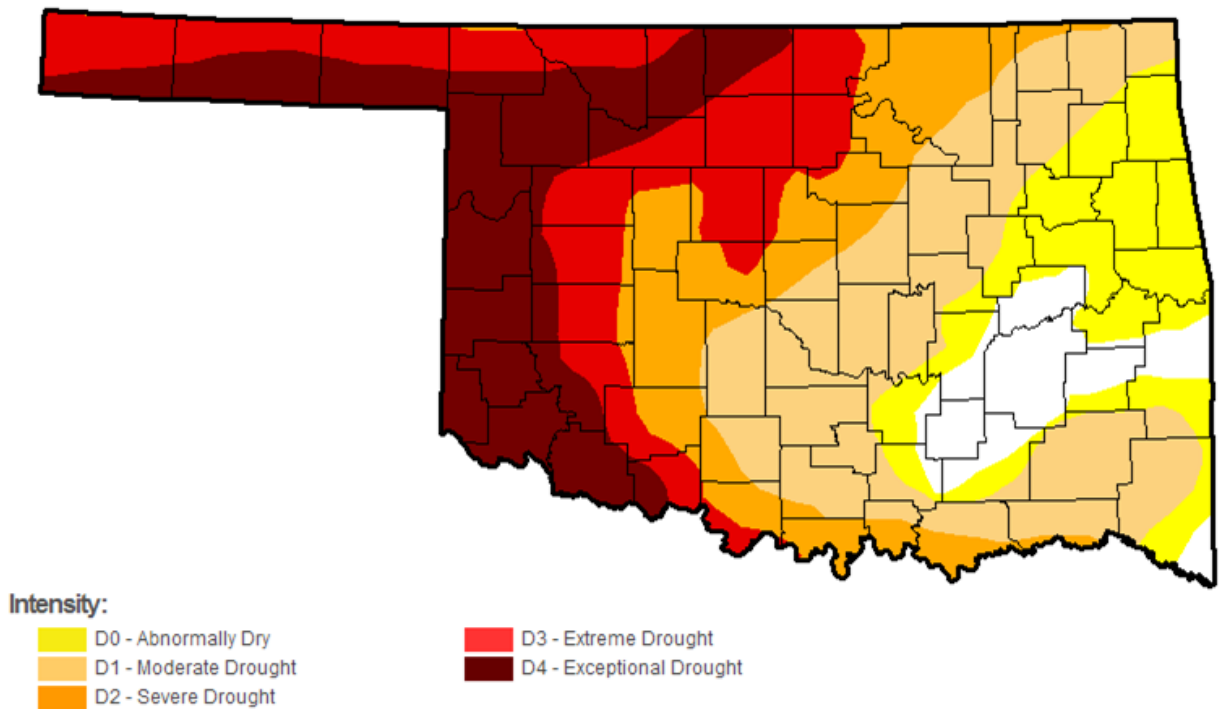
...WITH FLAME OF DEVOURING FIRE

Now let's move on to another part of Ariel's distress: “You will be visited by the Lord of hosts with ...the flame of a devouring fire.” (Isa. 29:6, RSV)

“Oklahoma is burning”: Heat ignites temperature records, wildfires in Southern Plains

BY JASON SAMENOW

May 5 at 12:55 pm



Drought Monitor for Oklahoma, effective April 30. Red signifies extreme drought, dark red exceptional drought. (U.S. Drought Monitor)

A sweltering pool of hot air set up over the Southern Plains this weekend, smashing records in Kansas and Oklahoma, and stoking wildfires.

“Oklahoma is burning, both literally and figuratively,” writes Gary McManus, the state climatologist for Oklahoma, in “The Ticker” of the Oklahoma Climatological Survey.

The extreme heat coupled with exceptionally dry conditions has transformed the region into a tinderbox, and multiple wildfires erupted Sunday...

The intensity of the heat wave is unprecedented this early in the season according to some weather records...

Sunday’s records were focused in western and northern *Oklahoma which is experiencing extreme to exceptional drought conditions*. The state is off to its second driest year since 1921, and has a 6 inch rainfall deficit through April, McManus says.

We may ask ourselves this question: Is the prophecy in Isaiah 29 really for the Philadelphia Church of God being the spiritual Ariel? Then read the article below for your reference:

Disaster magnet: Oklahoma at risk of fires, tornadoes, and earthquakes – all at the same time

BY JASON SAMENOW

May 7 at 2:36 pm

If you’re averse to natural disasters, consider avoiding Oklahoma today – a hotbed for hazards.

Fires, tornadoes, and earthquakes are all possible in the Sooner state today.

*** The western part of the state is in “extreme” fire danger**

Extreme to exceptional drought, very low relative humidity and triple digit heat have combined to create explosive fire potential.

“Any fires that develop will spread rapidly,” writes the National Weather Service, which hoisted a red flag warning for the western Oklahoma. “Outdoor burning is banned...”

Today’s fire outlook (National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center)

“Don’t even breathe or blink your eyeballs,” writes Oklahoma’s state climatologist Gary McManus only half-jokingly. “The friction from either could start a fire. Just sit motionless somewhere in an asbestos suit”...

*** The western and central part of the state is under a slight risk of severe thunderstorms, with some tornado potential**

“Model solutions strongly suggest the potential for splitting supercells capable of very large hail and damaging winds. Some potential for isolated tornadoes will also be present,” writes the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center (SPC)...

*** There is a heightened earthquake threat in the central part of the state**

On Monday, the U.S. Geological Survey issued a rare special statement to call attention to the tremor risk:

“The rate of earthquakes in Oklahoma has increased remarkably since October 2013 – by about 50 percent – significantly increasing the chance for a damaging magnitude 5.5 or greater quake in central Oklahoma,” the statement says.

So if a tornado, fire, and earthquake strike at the same time, what do you call it? ***A firenadoquake?***

(Source:http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/capital-weather-gang/wp/2014/05/07/disaster-magnet-oklahoma-at-risk-of-fires-tornadoes-and-earthquakes-all-at-the-same-time/?wprss=rss_local&clsrld)

Have you got your answer? Is the prophecy in Isaiah 29 really for the Philadelphia Church of God in Edmond, Oklahoma? Yes or no?

SETTING A MARK

Now take a careful notice of this undeniable fact and for emphasis, let's read again the rare *special statement that the U.S. Geological Survey has issued*: ***“The rate of earthquakes in Oklahoma has increased remarkably since October 2013 – by about 50 percent.”***

This book was first sent to all the ministers of the Philadelphia Church of God on September 5, 2013 (PCG's Feast of Trumpets) through their individual emails and on September 25, 2013 (PCG's 7th Day of the Feast of Tabernacles) a CD copy was sent to the PCG Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma as well through a courier. The package probably arrived around the very day the US federal government entered a shutdown on October 1, 2013.

Here's the question: Were the increase in the rate of earthquakes in Oklahoma and the US government shutdown in any way related to this message that you are

reading?

Let's pause for a while and look closely at Stephen Flurry's countenance during his October 10, 2013 *Trumpet Daily* presentation i.e., after he has read this book. Here's what he said:



“There was that letter we read recently about the individual who said all these things about the original Elijah and the prophecy of the end time Elijah and he had all these ideas of how what that end time Elijah would be like, how it shake the nations and so on. And as we got into the actual history and what Jesus Himself said about the original Elijah you find that it's very different than what that man thinks.” (*The Trumpet Daily, Your Daily Duty*; Time - 17:20 to 17:47)

Is it really? Then why did he appear untidy in front of the camera as he began to grow his beard and he has not even combed his hair? His countenance has shown that the message in this book has greatly impacted him. Now with all the prophecies coming to pass for spiritual Ariel (Isaiah 29), can we now consider this possibility as the fulfillment of the prophecy contained in Ezekiel chapter 9?

“And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and *set a mark* upon the foreheads of the *men that sigh and that cry* for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.” (v. 4)

If we shall apply this spiritually, Jerusalem would be the headquarters of the PCG in Edmond, Oklahoma and there we can find “*men that sigh and that cry* for all

the abominations that be done in the midst thereof” – that in a sense could also probably be part of the *great noise* of Isaiah 29 when God visits them in His house (*Armstrong Auditorium*) “*as in the day of a solemn feast.*” (Lam. 2:7)

Let us consider the phrase “*set a mark*”: the word “*set*” comes from the Hebrew word “*tavah*” H8427: To mark out, *scrabble*

While the word “*mark*” is “*tav*” H8420 which comes from H8427: A mark; by implication a *signature*

“*Scrabble*” in the dictionary also means, *scribble* which is TO WRITE HASTILY OR CARELESSLY WITHOUT REGARD TO LEGIBILITY OR FORM.

Could this “*mark*” be in any way connected to the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE that you are currently reading right now? Well, it could be - for this book exposes all the abominations that are being done in the midst of spiritual Jerusalem which can make God’s people to *sigh* and *cry*.

Now, let us understand the story flow here and comprehend what Mr. Flurry wrote regarding the vision which the prophet Ezekiel saw.

Begin at My Sanctuary

Chapters 8 through 11 in Ezekiel are all one vision. I believe it is one of the most important visions in the Bible for us in this end time. It talks about the failure of God’s Church in some striking detail. It also tells us how we can conquer the god of Ezekiel 28. IF WE ARE TO UNDERSTAND THESE CHAPTERS, WE MUST DO SOME SPIRITUAL DIGGING.

“And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord God fell there upon me” (Ezekiel 8:1). Here are some very religious people. In fact, this is a vision of God’s Church in the end time. This prophet was transported right into our times, in vision. He saw and explained it all, so we don’t have to be in the dark about what has happened.

(p. 47, *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet*)

Mr. Flurry said that for us to understand these chapters we really need to do some spiritual digging, i.e., a *spiritual archeology* so to speak. According to him, Ezekiel chapters 8 through 11 are all one vision. And that is rightly so. If that would be the case then immediately after the vision of the 25 men who turned their backs on God on chapter 8 being concluded in verse 18: “Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine

eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.”

The next logical thing to happen is written on Ezekiel chapter 9. And here is what Mr. Flurry wrote about it:

A Massive Slaughter

There should be no chapter break as we enter chapter 9 because this next chapter gets into the specifics of God’s punishment for what is happening in the temple. God begins to condemn national Israel as well.

“He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer’s inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar” (Ezekiel 9:1-2). The incense altar was made of solid gold. But here we have the brasen altar, which is where the burnt offerings were slain and sacrificed in the temple. This is a warning to be delivered to God’s Church, as well as to the world!

The context of Ezekiel 9 shows us that these “men” are actually angels who report directly to God (verse 11). So, we see six angels with slaughter weapons standing by the brasen altar about to slaughter, not animals, but GOD’S OWN SINNING MINISTERS and people! A massive slaughter is about to begin!

Again, that massive slaughter could have happened after the 25 men have turned their backs on God. And most likely it shall begin to happen during a solemn feast (Lam. 2:7). Let’s consider some chronological order of events:

“And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the *mark*; and *begin at my sanctuary*. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city. (Ezek. 9:5-7)

This is another heaven and earth shaking event that will happen to God’s people during this *last end*. God has commanded the man with the writer’s inkhorn to set a mark on all the foreheads of those who sigh and cry once this BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE has been delivered.

“And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? Then said he unto me, *The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The Lord hath forsaken the earth, and the Lord seeth not.* And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.” (vv. 8-10)

It appears even to the prophet Ezekiel that everyone in God’s Church will be destroyed.

“And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.” (v. 11)

This is the reason why the *book of remembrance* must be delivered to spiritual Judah and spiritual Jerusalem. Because there will be a massive slaughter that will happen. We ought to have the mark! We must sigh and cry for all the abominations that are being done in the midst of the PCG Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma.

“Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities.” (Jer. 4:5)

The word “declare” also means, “*expose, explain, report*”. While “publish” means, “*hear intelligently, cause to hear or tell, discern, make a noise.*”

God has orchestrated a *prepared deception* in Jeremiah chapter 4 so that impostors in God’s Church will be exposed and through the *book of remembrance*, the Ezekiel 4 siege will also be explained and reported to all the PCG membership (spiritual Judah), and it will be forcibly caused to be heard and told - even to the point of making a noise to the PCG Headquarters (spiritual Jerusalem) by which they must discern and hear intelligently. This warning must first be delivered to the ministers inside the Philadelphia Church of God! They ought to eat and digest the little book, *Malachi’s Message* because there is another Judas-like betrayal in their midst.

The “*book of remembrance*” and being “*treacherous to the wife [Church] of your youth*” are keys to reveal a turning away from what God taught us. The Laodiceans fail to remember. They don’t just lack “drive and energy.” They are treacherous because they are part of a Judas-like betrayal! (2 Thessalonians 2). This is the epitome of what a Laodicean is! “And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for *YOU*... And ye shall *know* that I have sent this commandment unto you...” (Malachi 2:1, 4). (p. 139, *Malachi’s Message*)

God is sending ANOTHER WARNING to all of His ministers who once again became “treacherous to the wife (Church) of your youth” because they failed to remember God’s signature through Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. They are now heading to a REPEAT of a Judas-like betrayal of Christ.

WILL YOU MAKE A NOISE? WILL YOU SIGH AND CRY? WELL, IT’S YOUR CHOICE TO MAKE.

THE SPIRIT OF DEEP SLEEP

Although there were several physical manifestations that God has given spiritual Jerusalem (PCG): thunderstorms, tornadoes, earthquakes, a plague of shrieking crickets, fire, yet what will they do?

“Stop and wonder [at this prophecy, if you choose, whether you understand it or not; soon you will witness the actual event] and be confounded [reluctantly]! Blind yourselves [now, if you choose; take your pleasure] and then be blinded [at the actual occurrence]. *They are drunk, but not from wine; they stagger, but not from strong drink [but from spiritual stupor].* (v. 9 *Amplified Bible*).

Notice that even though Ariel (PCG HQ) shall be given this message, they will be confounded and blinded from understanding it. Their feelings will be just like a drunken person – they stagger yet not from strong drink but from spiritual stupor or grogginess. Look at what happened to Stephen Flurry after reading this very message – his countenance was comparable to an intoxicated man who drank too much alcohol. Consider the screenshots of his *Trumpet Daily* presentations.

Why does Stephen Flurry suddenly grow his beard? Why such a sudden change in his clean image? It seems that he was not letting his father, Gerald Flurry know of the very prophecy he has read regarding Isaiah 29’s prophecy.

But will he and the other 24 PCG ministers accept God’s message? It is prophesied that they won’t. What could be the most probable reason why they disregard such fulfilled prophecies?

“For the Lord hath poured out upon you the *spirit of deep sleep*, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.” (v. 10)

It seems that God has already allowed them to fall asleep. Just like when Christ allowed His own disciples to sleep during *the last hour before He was betrayed* by the son of perdition. Consider carefully the account in Matthew chapter 26, and see that it is a prophecy specifically for us now in this last hour:

The Last End - A Book of Remembrance

The Trumpet Daily



A Partial Government Shutdown Is the Least of America's Worries

October 4, 2013 • 24 minutes

The Trumpet Daily



Your Daily Duty

October 10, 2013 • 25 minutes

The Trumpet Daily



Netanyahu Sounds the Alarm

November 4, 2013 • 26 minutes

“And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep (*the first time*), and saith unto Peter, *What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.* (vv. 40-41) – Mrs. Barbara Flurry died of congestive heart failure on **September 5, 2004** (Ezek. 24:15-27).

1. “He went away again *the second time*, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. *And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.* (vv. 42-43) – *Armstrong Auditorium* was built and inaugurated on the 6th year death anniversary of Mrs. Barbara Flurry on **September 5, 2010** (Zech. 5:9-11).
2. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed *the third time*, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, *Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed*

into the hands of sinners.” (vv. 44-45) – the date of *Tishri 1 (the Feast of Trumpets)* by which all of God’s feasts is anchored to be determined, fell on 9th year death anniversary of Mrs. Barbara Flurry on **September 5, 2013** (Lam. 2:6, Isa. 29:1)

Remember that it was Christ’s own disciples that have fallen asleep during that last hour and NOT any other group of people.

Now can we say honestly to ourselves: Have we been spiritually awake to discern what God is trying to tell us with that date – **September 5**? We direly need to see our spiritual condition! Our big problem concerns our HEART! (Ezek. 24:15-27; Jer. 17:1, 5, 9, 10; Zech. 7:8-12). - “*Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*”

September 5, 2004 - this very date when the wife of Mr. Flurry died kept on haunting us to remind us of what we need to repent of – she died with a congestive HEART failure. And spiritually speaking, so will we if we don’t repent toward God and let Him heal us of our own spiritual sickness. We need the *Sun of Righteousness* with healing in his wings to heal us (Malachi 4:2). But first, we ought to WAKE UP!

“Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.” (v. 46, read also verse 47)

But it seems that all of the physical and spiritual shaking seems not to matter to those 25 top leaders of the PCG anymore (Ezek. 8:16-18). They shall just point their fingers to the “Laodiceans” in the outer court AS ALWAYS.

“And ***the vision of all*** is become unto you as the words of ***a book that is sealed***, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:” (v. 11)

We must remember that the context of this prophecy is about the “woe to Ariel”; the “add ye year to year”; and God’s *last end* siege,” which means, “***the vision of all***” must then refer to ALL the vision that the apostles and prophets saw pertaining to ***the last end*** – Peter, John, Paul, Jude, Daniel, Habakkuk, Haggai, Zechariah, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, etc. – i.e., all of God’s revelation that has been written in a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE during His appointed time. Revelation comes only from the Father of lights who has the power to unseal or unlock a prophecy, and if someone who claims to be learned and has not understood this BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE, it is actually God who Himself has prevented such revelation from being understood. God even compares them to those who are not learned.

“And **the book** is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.” (v. 12)

We must always remember that this 29th chapter in Isaiah is still in the context of God besieging spiritual Jerusalem (v. 3) and of adding another set of annual festivals to the existing annual festivals (v. 1) - “Add yet another year; let the feasts run their round [but only one year more]” – (*Amplified Bible*)

So this means that this prophecy could ONLY be applied specifically this year (2013), when there are two sets of feasts – one set of annual feasts on top of another. The only key to understanding this BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is of course, by way of remembrance.

“Wherefore I will not be negligent **to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.** Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, **to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;** Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease **to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables,** when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.” (2 Pet. 1:12-16)

As the Apostle Peter said that we are not to follow “**cunningly devised fables.**” – Does the work in Ireland come from **CUNNINGLY DEvised FABLES?** Can you **REMEMBER** a prior work there in Ireland which has been done by Mr. Armstrong before?

Now, what do we mean by “cunningly devised”? Well, it came from the Greek word, “*sophizo*” which means, “to render wise in a *sinister* *acceptation*, to form *sophisms*, that is continue plausible error.”

Let us define some words for better understanding: the word “*sinister*” in the dictionary also means, *evil, ominous, foreboding*, while “*acceptation*” means, a generally accepted understanding of a concept.

The word “*sophism*” means, an argument apparently correct in form but actually invalid; especially such an argument used to deceive; a plausible but fallacious argument; a deceptive or fallacious argumentation. While the word “*fable*” means falsehood or lie.

Putting all the words together, it seems that there is an *evil favorable reception of a falsehood* that we should be very aware of which requires a great deal of *remembering*. Let us then further test the spirit.

THE SECRET COUNSEL OF MEN

There was an announcement made last July 13, 2013 during the PCG Youth Camp at Edmond, Oklahoma about the prospect of the **PCG returning to the Bricket Wood**, Hertfordshire County, England where the second Ambassador College campus was once situated (1960-1974). Mr. Flurry said that they wanted to have another college there and eventually establish an office which would also be used for the planned archeological dig in Ireland in search of the “ark of the covenant” and the possibility of acquiring the stone of destiny as well. It has not been quite clear though if they are just planning to buy it or has already bought some parcels of the real estate for \$6.8 million. But the final deal or negotiation however would most probably be sealed around September / October 2013 according to their estimation.

Former members of the Worldwide Church of God can remember a *generally accepted understanding* that a second Ambassador College campus was established by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong during 1960 in *Bricket Wood*, England. That after 14 years of operation, Mr. Armstrong has closed its doors, the reason of which has not been clearly stated. Here is a brief description of what could have been the probable cause:

The Bricket Wood campus operated for 14 years on the former estate of Sir David Yule several miles north of London. There are a variety of speculations as to why Bricket Wood closed. ...While funding was given as a primary reason, others speculate that *it was due to a fallout among the Worldwide Church of God ministry in the United Kingdom*. Leading administrators on the campus included Ernest L. Martin, Roderick C. Meredith, Ronald L. Dart, and Raymond F. McNair.

Source: <http://dictionary.sensagent.com/ambassador+college/en-en/>

To further analyze what has really happened, here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote in the November 2, 1981 *Pastor General's Report* and later in the November 16, 1981 *Worldwide News* about what has transpired during that 1974 debacle:

Sin entered Pasadena leadership. The Church stopped its phenomenal growth. I had to deal with sins near the top in 1971 and 1972. In the spring of 1974 **a ministerial rebellion**, led to a considerable extent by two top-ranking ministers at Pasadena, resulted in some 30 or more ministers leaving the Church...

Even now, at this late date, I learn that this “about face” altering of a decision THE LIVING CHRIST put in to His Church caused great consternation among loyal ministers and members in Britain. But by this maneuver of Satan, the people of God's Church started off the track. I say “started off.” For watering down of God's truth on healing, the Sabbath, and many more vital doctrines followed in its wake.

But as Satan maneuvered to start ALL HUMANITY off the track in the garden of Eden, so in these latter days he maneuvered to use the women of God's Church to start the END-TIME Church off the track. ***And the whole Church was deceived!*** (*Pastor General's Report*, Vol. 3, No. 41; November 2, 1981 pp. 3-4)

What?! *The whole Church was deceived* then, even Mr. Armstrong? Is it really true?

Do you think that same wily Satan could not deceive people in God's Church today? Of all the people on earth, WE are the very ones he wants most to deceive. He has the rest of the world deceived already. And remember a deceived person does not know he is deceived - else he would not *BE* deceived! (*ibid.*)

In this *last end*, would there be another instance wherein the whole Church could have been deceived once again? The principle by which the deception is being perpetrated is prophesied in Isaiah 29:15 - “Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?”

This is also the same principle that was used by Satan through the WCG liberal ministers - they got the whole Church off the track. In order for us to fully understand we need to do a lot of *remembering*.

1. *Remember* the technique that Satan used to deceive Eve in the Garden of Eden.
2. *Remember* the technique that Satan used to deceive the whole Church during the 1970's.

Well, we don't have to get too far, there has only been one technique Satan has used to initiate his deception – through *one seeming minor question* which comes in so many forms. After this query, the next thing he will do is to appeal to one's VANITY.

It was all done so SUBTLY! That is how Satan works. Now let's understand what DID HAPPEN!...

How cleverly, without our suspecting it, did Satan influence leading ministers to derail the Church in many ways! I want, now, to take you brethren through a history of ***this seemingly minor question*** of female makeup as it progressed during the '50s, '60s and '70s in the Church. ...This may be somewhat of ***a minor question***, yet it was used by Satan to help derail the Church! It is only one of a number of points that led us off track. ***This question*** was raised in the Church in the mid '50s... “***The question*** of lipstick and other forms of makeup had to be settled” ...So actually ***the question*** was first raised by women who felt face-changing was wrong, not by ministers. ...Many articles followed on ***the question***. These articles covered many specific points and specific scriptures. There was an effort to get to every detailed point or question even in “the gray areas.” (*ibid.*)

Now let us consider again recent Church history: During a Bible study in PCG Headquarters in Edmond Oklahoma, there is *one verse* that was asked by a PCG minister in Jeremiah 4:15 which reads; “For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.” (From Mr. Flurry’s sermon titled “*Revelation 12*”, dated December 08, 2012). *Dan*, as Mr. Flurry said refers to *Southern Ireland*.

It was Mr. Wik Heerma, a PCG Headquarters pastor, who asked that QUESTION regarding Jeremiah 4:15, which Mr. Flurry said he himself had some *further questions* about it. But during that sermon of his, he mentioned that this particular verse gives an indication that a work has to be done in Ireland even emphasizing the possibility of finding the *Ark of the Covenant* in it. And he also said that the PCG shall be having a feast site in Ireland by 2013.

But look closely; here goes the same subtle strategy that Satan has employed time and time again – through a QUESTION!

Does this mean that we in the PCG are once again in the midst of Satan’s cunning deception? If we will consider the context of the specific fulfillment of Isaiah 29 about Ariel and the Ezekiel 4 siege, indeed we are in the midst of such a deception!

But who is Satan using? A SECRET COUNSEL OF MEN inside the *Philadelphia Church of God*! These are the same 25 men in Ezekiel 8 who turned their backs on God!



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And it was intellectual to follow intellectual liberals in the ministry (NO LONGER) who reasoned that this little detail and that little point could be interpreted to see "no harm in it" — and after all, if we don't see any harm in it, isn't it all right to do what the world does?

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How far does God compromise with SIN? God had the power to wink His eye at sin and forgive sin outright, without having to sacrifice His only begotten Son. But God did not compromise one millionth of an inch with sin. Rather than that He "gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not PERISH."

God's Church, the now imminent Bride of Christ, is not going to rise to meet the returning Christ in the air with painted faces and plucked and repainted eyebrows!

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I want, now, to take you brethren through a history of this seemingly minor question of female makeup as it progressed during the '50s, '60s and '70s in the Church. Brethren, CAN WE remove prejudice, vanity and self-will from our minds and OPEN OUR EYES TO GOD'S TRUTH? We are not going to face God in "THE JUDGMENT" like the world. WE ARE FACING IT

the Church in the mid '50s. In the July, 1955, *Good News*, the following under my by-line began on page 1 under the headline, "What the Church Ruled on Makeup."

"The question of lipstick and other forms of makeup had to be settled. Some in the Church held very definitely that 'makeup is wrong; it's worldly.' There was in some cases an attitude of prejudice and accusation against those who wore it."

So actually the question was first raised by women who felt face-changing was wrong, not by ministers. The next paragraph continued, "But others insisted, 'I can't see any harm in wearing makeup.'"

Many articles followed on the question. These articles covered many specific points and specific scriptures. There was an effort to get to every detailed point or question even in "The gray areas."

But we need to learn that God's law is a PRINCIPLE to be applied. It has to do first of all with an ATTITUDE OF MIND.

The Church RULED AGAINST THE USE OF MAKEUP based primarily on specific "do" and "don't" scriptures, rather than the application of the PRINCIPLE

points — the first four defining the PRINCIPLE of love toward God, the last six love toward neighbor. From there it expands in principle to cover any and every question that may arise.

But when and how did this thing of sin begin? It all began with the super archangel, the cherub Lucifer. He was "perfect in his ways" from the day God created him. Then iniquity (lawlessness) was found in him. His heart was "lifted up" in VANITY because of his beauty (Ezekiel 28:15-17). The wisdom of his mind was lifted up in VANITY. This violated LOVE in the form of obedience and submission to God.

A spirit of competition entered his mind. He said: "I will ascend into heaven [God's throne]. I will exalt my throne above the stars [angels] of God." SELF-exaltation, vanity, jealousy, envy, rebellion against authority, competition, desire to "GET" and "TAKE" seized his perverted mind.

Sin, spiritually, is self-centeredness, self-exaltation, desire to be beautiful, vanity, coveting, desire to GET and TAKE, to exalt the self, jealousy and envy, competition, oft-resulting violence and war, resentment and rebel-

lion against authority. A very few women argued a bit, but I remember specifically of none who rebelled and left the Church. As near as I could observe our women were happy to leave their faces as the Master Designer made them.

The Church was being blessed and growing — up to about 1968. For 35 years God had caused it to grow at the phenomenal and unmatched rate of 30 percent average increase per year. Then, beginning 1968, Christ the living Head of the Church, began to send me to capitals of nations all over the world. I was unable to give day-to-day management at headquarters. Sin entered Pasadena leadership. The Church stopped its phenomenal growth. I had to deal with sins near the top in 1971 and 1972. In the spring of 1974 a ministerial rebellion, led to a considerable extent by two top-ranking ministers at Pasadena, resulted in some 30 or more ministers leaving the Church.

In early fall of 1974, my son caught me on the run as I was leaving for Tokyo and Manila, where I held a big campaign. It was a time when certain "scholars" among our leaders were engaged in "doctrinal research." I had not realized until later that most of them were actually researching to try to prove Church teachings were in error, rather than to discover truth. I admit now and repent of the fact that, not realizing the real motive, I approved this doctrinal research team.

My son said this team had found we had the wrong meaning on four such detailed specific scriptures, and the use of makeup was OK.

Those who know me best know I have a single track mind. That is, I can concentrate deeply on one subject at a time, but when my mind is on one subject, I often do not really "get" something said to me. I was handed a short statement regarding those four specific scriptures. I had especially based much of the decision on Isaiah 3:16 and contextual verses, and on the Adam Clarke commentary of it. I took the note with me. On the plane, I typed the brief statement that appeared on page 322 of the Oct. 23, 1974, Bulletin. I did not return to Pasadena for several weeks.

In my absence my brief statement appeared with my signature (See MAKEUP, page 4)

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now! Judgment has begun at the House of God! You and I are being judged now!

Some of us have weakened. Some of us have been caught off guard. I am human like all of you, and I was caught off guard and without at the time realizing it, ALLOWED this liberalism to creep stealthily into God's flock! I now repent of that and the living Christ leads me to do what He inspires me to do to correct it and get this holy Body of Christ BACK COMPLETELY ON THE TRACK. For we have not been fully back on the track even yet!

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We did make the mistake of applying God's spiritual Law as the world applies man's laws. The average policeman today has to enforce six times as many specific laws as he is capable of remembering. I am reminded of a comic strip "There Ought to Be a Law." Every day someone thought up a reason for making a new specific law to cover some new minor infraction. It depicted the ridiculous system of man's laws.

Actually, God's spiritual Law is expressed in just one simple four-letter word — LOVE. We apply that law to given circumstances.

Jesus, for example, "magnified the Law and made it honorable." At Mt. Sinai He, as viewed, expanded it into 10

lion against authority.

These are the PRINCIPLES of spiritual sin. There is also the matter of physical sin — transgression of physical laws. Often physical sickness and disease result from this transgression. While Jesus paid the death penalty for our spiritual sins by His shed blood, He also paid the penalty of physical transgression of laws that operate in our bodies and minds "by His stripes." Many do not seem to understand that healing is "forgiveness of sin" — this physical sin — because Jesus paid that penalty in our stead "by His stripes."

But the Church in the 1950s, still GROWING in knowledge as well as in numbers, ruled on makeup based on specific scriptural "do's and don'ts" — as we then interpreted them. Actually

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It was all done so SUBTLY! That is how Satan works. Now let's understand what DID HAPPEN!

“Woe unto them that *seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord*, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?”

We have to thank God that He has not left us in the dark, and we can know how these men works. They have employed the same strategy as what the liberals have done in the past – they “*seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord.*” Here is what Mr. Armstrong further wrote on this very principle in which he himself was not fully aware of such *secret counsel of men*:

In early fall of 1974, my son (Garner Ted) caught me on the run as I was leaving for Tokyo and Manila, where I held a big campaign. ***It was a time when certain “scholars” among our leaders were engaged in “doctrinal research.” I had not realized until later that most of them were actually researching to try to prove Church teachings were in error, rather than to discover truth.*** I admit now and repent of the fact that, ***not realizing the real motive***, I approved this doctrinal research team. (*ibid.*)

But one may ask, so what? That was already in the past; surely God would not allow His Church to be deceived again. This is the *Philadelphia Church of God* and we are God’s only true Church. We are the only ones who are doing God’s Work! It will never happen to us. Besides that, Mr. Flurry is *That Prophet*, he is God’s apostle and we have God’s government! We don’t have to worry about Satan’s deception. And so was Mr. Armstrong, he was even the end-time fulfillment of Elijah the prophet, and also an apostle doing God’s Work with God’s government. Yet God allowed him and the whole Church to be deceived.

Mr. Armstrong taught us that the fulfillments of Bible prophecies are usually in DUAL stages. So does that mean we can expect a duality of a Church-wide deception in this *last end*? Without a single doubt there is one before the Great tribulation and prior to the flight to the place of safety.

HE IS IN THE DESERT, HE IS IN THE SECRET CHAMBERS

“*For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.* Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, ***he is in the desert***; go not forth: behold, ***he is in the secret chambers***; believe it not.” (Matt. 24:24-26)

Notice what the context of the deception would be: there shall arise false Christs and false prophets who would be involved in a work in the “*desert*” and in the “*secret chambers*.” For us to better understand what those words could really be referring to, let us look for the word “*desert*” in *Strong’s*; it comes from the Greek word “*eremos*” (G2048): *lonesome*, that is, (by implication) **waste** (usually a noun, **G5561** being implied): - **desolate**

In *Strong’s Concordance* here is **G5561**:

Feminine of a derivative of the base of G5490 **through the idea of empty expanse; room, that is, a space of territory** (more or less extensive; often including its inhabitants): - coast, **county**, **fields**, **grounds**, **land**, region.

So the word “**desert**” does not necessarily mean a “**wilderness**” as previously have been thought of, but it could also pertain to a **desolate place which is devoid of inhabitants; an empty expanse, room that is a space of territory, county, fields, grounds**.

What is a county?

A territorial division exercising administrative, judicial, and political functions in **Great Britain** and **Ireland**.

Source: <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/county>

By looking at the definitions, we can decipher what Christ really is specifically talking about regarding this *Church-wide deception* in the *last end*. Now let’s look at where the PCG is currently planning to have an office and a college campus – back in **Britain** where most likely an archeological dig in **Ireland** would be directed from.

Remember that Mr. Armstrong has closed the Bricket Wood college campus on May 1974 and he has never re-opened it since then. But 40 years later, on May 7 to 11, 2014, Mr. Gerald Flurry and his son, Stephen were accompanied by UK/Europe Regional Director Brad Macdonald to seek potential sites for a new college campus in Britain since “God was not opening a door to purchase the Bricket Wood campus”

Although the prospect remained slim for *Bricket Wood* campus to be considered again because, according to them, it “had a bad ending.” Yet, here are some thoughts to consider about its name which is quite interesting:

Derivation of: **Bricket Wood** – this area was once heavily wooded, indeed vestiges of this ancient wood remain today. Apparently the name is a compound of OE ‘beorht’ (briht), ‘**bright, light**’ and ‘iggoð’, ‘islet’. As the Rivers Ver and Colne lay some distance away, this may refer to the original tiny settlement of ‘Smug Oak’ which in turn may refer to a ‘small, hollowed-out place’, **secret place**, i.e. an ‘island’ homestead carved from the surrounding woodland.

Source: ‘Park Street’s Past’ by Cyril Martin (1995).

Considering the name *Bricket Wood* from its original derivation, could it also mean: “A BRIGHT LIGHT IN A SECRET PLACE”? Well, it could be, since the *Church-wide deception* of 1974 was associated in this place – *Bricket Wood*.

Do we not even wonder that the date when they went looking for a new campus (May 2014) fell exactly 40 years from the date *Bricket Wood* was closed (May 1974) by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong? Remember, that the number 40 in God’s numerology is associated with testing and trial.

And even though it was announced by Mr. Gerald Flurry’s during his May 2014 sermon titled, “*The Last Hour*” that they are already considering another real estate in Britain for the new college campus, the PCG membership are still quite lost as to where in Britain that new prospected campus would be situated. The only information that was given was that, it is located in the northern part of where the office in Britain is. It appears that it is being *kept secret*. So as of this writing, it is still a SECRET PLACE.

Would this SECRET PLACE be the same as the SECRET CHAMBER being discussed in Matthew 24:26? - “behold, he is in the **secret chambers**”

Or could it also be referring to the planned archeological dig in search for the Ark of the Covenant? At any rate, the PCG ought to be thinking that the ark could really be found in some *secret chambers* in Ireland that need to be excavated. Let’s consider an episode of *The Key of David* which discusses this subject:

FINDING THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

I want to talk to you today about a fascinating verse in Bible prophecy where it DOES imply that the Ark of the Covenant is going to be found in this end time. ...But the people in this world do not know where the Ark is, but I believe that the Bible and Irish history DO tell us where it is—that is, the nation that it is in. Not very specifically where, but in the nation where that Ark is today. And what does that have to do with us? What does it have to do with you?...

But let me read you a little more history, which is rather ancient, and at the same time it's somewhat recent. This is from a newspaper from New Zealand, Otago Witness, September 24, 1902. Now, that's the last century, but that was one of the most important papers in New Zealand at the time, and it was talking about a historian by the name of F.R.A. Glover, who was really one of the best Irish historians when it comes to talking about Jeremiah. And here's what that article said in that paper, entitled The King's Pedigree: "He sent her Majesty a letter intimating the nature and result of his labors"...

But Glover states that ***Queen Tea-Tephi was buried in Tara Hill. Now, she was buried with the Ark and the original two tables of stone according to Glover, which means the Ten Commandments.*** Now, here is a quote from Glover's book, "England, the Remnant of Judah and Israel, the Israel of Ephraim," which is Britain, actually, and here's what he said, just a short quote I want to give you that is REALLY stunning, and he's quoting another Dr., Dr. Hennan, and he said: "'Tara,' says Dr. Hennan, 'is almost pure Hebrew for Torah, which means law,' that Tara Hill, that famous Tara Hill in Ireland, actually Tara means LAW! ***and the original tables of the law were in the Ark, which curiously enough, Irish history says is buried with Tea.***" Now, isn't that amazing history? ... So think about this verse in Jeremiah 3 and verse 16 because God tells us that the Ark is going to be found and even tells us roughly, generally, where it's going to be found. (Transcript from *The Key of David*, August 7, 2013 episode)

Now here is one of the many outside speculations about the location of the *Ark of the Covenant* which basically agrees with what has been discussed in *The Key of David* episode:

Proof that The Ark is buried at the location I need to excavate is contained in the *Irish Metrical Dindsenchas*, which state that ***Teia Tephi is buried in a mergech*** (Hebrew for a temporary resting place) ***beneath a Mound that at the time of its construction measured 60 - 62 feet in diameter at the Hill of Tara.***

The Mound of The Hostages is the only mound that fits that description and the Dindsenchas tell us that it was built by Eochaidh mac Duach Temin who was Ard ri and the husband of queen Teia (Taillte/Tailtiu).

The Dindsenchas also state that Teamur is the **SECRET PLACE** of "The Way of Life" and in The Bible Covenant in The Torah in Deuteronomy we are told quite clearly that The Covenant is "The Way of Life."

Teia was buried North-East of the Foradh. The Mound of The Hostages is North-East of the Foradh, where the Lia Fail was kept and used for inaugurating the kings of Ireland for more than a thousand years after Teia's reign.

She was buried to the South of the Assemblies/Synods. The Mound of The Hostages is South of the Rath of the Synods.

Her fortress/tomb was in the design of her breast-pin and wand - that is - like the Tara Brooch. The design of the Mound of the Hostages is like the Tara Brooch found at Betty's Town.

By combining the many references it can be established, without doubt, that:

1. Tephi was buried South of the Assemblies (Rath of the Synods) (Metrical Dindsenchas)
2. Tephi was buried North-East of An Foradh (Lebor Gabála)
3. "That a mound was raised over Tephi, measuring 62 feet by 62 feet".
4. That her mergech "is the **SECRET PLACE** of The Way of Life" (*The Ark of The Covenant* and Christ) (Dindsenchas - Teamair 4; p. 31; line 24).
5. That location, from the directions, when all put together, cannot be anywhere other than beneath (not in) the Mound of The Hostages.
6. *No-one but me with God's help*; as His Deorad Dé; has ever been able to find and assemble all of the relevant clues to the location of her tomb and its entrance which has therefore not been found previously by anyone else as far as is known and that the tomb is still sealed.
7. That Duma na n-Giall (the Mound of The Hostages) was built by Teia Tephi (Taillte)'s husband Eochaidh Garbh mac Duach...

The Secret Place of The Way of Life at Tara

"The Fort of Crofind (now called Tara) pen of victory, excels Boand (Bru na Boan|gus), millstone of combat. When Cormac was among the famous bright shone the fame of his career; no keep like Temair (Tara) could be found; she was the secret place of The Way of Life*"

Source: <http://100777.com/ark/evidences>

The *Philadelphia Church of God* was not the only one that knows the supposed location of the Ark of the Covenant inside a **SECRET PLACE** at Tara Hill where Queen Tea Tephi was buried. In the above research, the man even thought that he was the one that God will use in recovering the Ark of the Covenant.

"(B)ehold, he is in the *secret chambers*" – this also connotes a secret plan being concocted in the dark just like what Isaiah prophesied:

“Woe unto them that *seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord*, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?” (Isa. 29:15)

Could the plan for the acquisition of the Bricket Wood property a scheme laid out in the dark? Is God really in agreement with their decision or have they hidden it from Him? How can we know? The answer is in verse 16.

ESTEEMED AS THE POTTER’S CLAY

“Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay...” (v. 16) Mr. Armstrong was given by God the key of David to open or close a door –“he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth” (Rev. 3:7).

There was a *specific forerunner* of this prophecy of “turning things upside down.” Continuing from Mr. Armstrong’s article about the *makeup issue*:

My son (Garner Ted) said this team (doctrinal research team) had found we had the wrong meaning on four such detailed specific Scriptures, and the use of make-up was OK. ...I was handed a short statement regarding those four specific Scriptures. I had especially based much of the decision on Isaiah 3:16 and contextual verses, and on the Adam Clarke Commentary of it. I took the note with me. On the plane, I typed the brief statement that appeared on page 522 of the October 23, 1974 “BULLETIN.” I did not return to Pasadena for several weeks.

In my absence my brief statement appeared with my signature under it. WHAT I NEVER KNEW UNTIL NOW was that, after my signature, Mr. Wayne Cole, then director of Pastoral Administration, added a few pages giving the new liberal watered-down reasoning, changing the truth of God. Satan master-minded this in such manner that it all APPEARED under my signature, as if I fully approved all that followed my signature--when in fact I never saw it until the day before yesterday . It was subtly handled and KEPT FROM ME. I did not and never would have approved of what Mr. Cole without my knowledge published under my signature. (op. cit.)

Notice the subtlety of Satan here – he was able to make even Mr. Armstrong to approve of *the secret counsel – the doctrinal research team*. These rebel ministers knew that they needed Mr. Armstrong’s approval in order to make the doctrinal changes, starting with the *makeup issue*. They thought they would be able to forge Mr.

Armstrong with their hands as if they were the potter and Mr. Armstrong who represents God was the clay. This is indeed “*turning things upside down*” – a perversion at its best!

One classic example of what happened to one area, even to *Australia*, during the 1970’s rebellion because of too much **secrecy** – *they NEVER got back on track because the real problems were **concealed*** from Mr. Armstrong!

It is a “**mystery of iniquity**” (verse 7) **because it was hidden**. *It dared not show itself because of “he” who restrained it. He was a man who was seen and whose authority was feared—Herbert W. Armstrong.*

The *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary* translates verse 7 this way: “... the continuance of the mystery of iniquity working is only until he who now withholdeth be taken out of the way. Then it will work no longer in mystery, but in open manifestation.” When Mr. Armstrong was “taken out of the way”—then the mystery of iniquity began to work openly!

The mystery “doth already work.” It was at work before Mr. Armstrong died—but not openly. For example, ***the Work of God in Australia NEVER got “back on track” after the 1970s rebellion, as most other areas did. That is because the real problems were CONCEALED from Mr. Armstrong.*** The Philadelphia Church has received numerous letters from Australians detailing this deception that took place before Mr. Armstrong died. This is an example of what God means when He says the mystery “doth already work.” (*Malachi’s Message*, p. 83)

Now, here is what *Lange’s Commentary* noted regarding this *secret counsel of men* that acted as the potter:

He (the prophet Isaiah) further reproves those who imagine that they can carry out in ***the most profound secrecy the plans of their untheocratic policy*** (verse 15)...

Not merely is the plan secretly concocted, but the execution of it, too, takes place with all secrecy. ...verse 16 is an exclamation: ***O your perverting! That is, how ye pervert things! They act, as if their wisdom were greater than the wisdom of God, as if they could therefore review, determine, and according to their pleasure influence and direct the thoughts of the LORD, while they are but clay in the hand of the potter.***

We must remember that the context of Isaiah 29 is specifically for the *last end*. What happened during the 1970's was just a **precursor** of a future event – i.e., *the time we are living in right now!* Since there is duality in prophecy, there is yet one final fulfillment of verse 15.

Who then is the *potter* and who is the *clay*? It seems that there is another secret counsel, this time consisting of 25 men (Ezekiel 8:16), and they are making another “*untheocratic policy*” in this *last end*. That policy is actually a *perversion* itself. They are making God through His apostle becomes the clay; and they, through their deceit become the potter, that is, they *mold* and *shape* *That Prophet's* decision to align according to their pleasure and vanity. They are “*turning things upside down*” with their secret plan. Notice further what *Lange's Commentary* wrote:

If the potter were clay, and the clay were potter, then the clay could determine and direct the potter, could for this purpose lead him astray, deceive him, etc. Either, then, the (Jews) are perverse, or the potter is not clay. If indeed the clay were potter, then the former could justly say: he, the potter made me not, or he understands and observes nothing. ***This is what (Judah) says in imagining that he is able to lead astray the “Prophet”, that is, the omniscient LORD Himself.*** While (they) ...forge ...plans, they think that they knead them, as potters do their vessels, according to their pleasure, and unobserved by the LORD, while they themselves are yet but clay.

Is it really true that Mr. Flurry was the one who decided to re-open the England campus since he, just like Mr. Armstrong, has the *key of David* which can open or close a door? Or was he just being led astray by a *secret counsel of men* through their “*untheocratic policy*” which has no solid Biblical proof? These men inside the PCG are trying to *turn things upside down!* Mr. Armstrong closed the Bricket Wood campus, yet they want to open it again through Mr. Flurry! ***In actual fact, it was not Mr. Flurry but God Himself whom they are turning into clay and they are the potter! What a perversion!***

Certainly, what this secret counsel of men are actually molding and shaping is considered by God a “graven image.” Just like the “graven image” of Habakkuk chapter 2:

“What profiteth the *graven image* that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?” (v. 18) Here is what *Barne's Commentary* wrote regarding verse 18:

“That the maker of his work trusteth therein - ...He uses the very words which express the relation of man to God, ‘the Framer’ and ‘the thing framed.’ Isa. 29:16, ‘O your perverseness! Shall the framer be accounted as clay, that the thing made should say of its Maker, He made me not, and the thing framed say of its Framer, He hath no hands?’ The idol-maker is ‘the creator of his creature,’ of his god whom he worships. Again the idol-maker makes ‘dumb idols’ (literally, ‘dumb nothings’) in themselves nothings, and having no power out of themselves; and what is uttered in their name, are but lies. And what else are man’s idols of wealth, honor, fame, which he makes to himself, the creatures of his own hands or mind, their greatness existing chiefly in his own imagination before which he bows down himself...?”

Again, the *idol-makers* who make *dumb nothings* are the same “*molten image and the teacher of lies*” being mentioned here, which also refer to the secret counsel of men in Isaiah 29 who became the potter;

While the “**graven image**” as *Matthew Henry Commentary* suggests: “**is a DOCTRINE of vanities, it is falsehood and a WORK of errors.**” So this must refer to a work in this *last end* that is not based on *solid Biblical scriptures*, nor was it based on *Mr. Armstrong’s past teachings*.

Paraphrasing what *Barne’s Commentary* wrote: Is the work in England and in Ireland being fashioned to make the PCG appear *wealthy*, of having the *honor* above all the Laodicean groups out there and the *fame* that goes with it, which they make to themselves, the creation of their own hands or mind, their greatness existing chiefly in their own imagination before which they shall bow down to it?

Does the work in England and in Ireland fit the description of a “graven image”? Does that work even add to God’s glory or to their glory?

For us to understand what is God’s standpoint, let’s read in verse 19: “Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.” Now, consider the following:

“Woe unto him that saith to the **WOOD, Awake**” – Could this expression be referring specifically to the RE-OPENING of the **Bricket Wood** campus with the **CEDARS** of Lebanon in it?

“To the **DUMB STONE, Arise**, it shall teach!” – Does this utterance refer to the planned acquisition of **Edstone** Hall to be established as the new Herbert W. Armstrong college campus in England?

Or could those WOOD and STONE also be referring to the Druidic worship of the OAK tree as their sacred groves and the worship of the SUN through the STONE circles (also known as megaliths)? (As discussed in chapter 7, there are proofs of Druidism inside the PCG)

Remember again that the “**graven image**” is a **DOCTRINE** of vanities, falsehood and a **WORK** of errors.” While the “**molten image** and a teacher of lies” refer to **PERSONS** who have been **ordained** into God’s ministry who **teaches lies**, and they have forged this **WORK OF ERRORS** in the dark and hidden it secretly from *That Prophet*. And no matter how much these people **manipulate** this **DOCTRINE** of vanities, falsehood and a **WORK** of errors with **extravagance**, as far as God is concerned, “there is no breath at all in the midst of it.” – God did not give His Spirit into that WORK! He has no stamp of approval on it!

“Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter’s clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?” (Isa. 29:16)

It seems that the cunningness of the secret counsel will not be easily detected unless God reveals it. They will just say to this effect:

“Well, anyway, it was Mr. Flurry who decided to re-open the England campus, it was not us (‘he made me not’)! We are just following directions according to God’s government.”

But in reality, Mr. Flurry *has no understanding* of what was taking place – he has not perceived that he is being forged as clay in their hands – the secret counsel being the potter. As far as God is concerned, the decision to re-open the Bricket Wood campus is esteemed as the potter’s clay – the “graven image” of Habakkuk 2:18!

There is yet another irrefutable proof which fulfills the “*turning of things upside down*” prophecy of Isaiah, i.e., the TURNABOUT. Well, let us first consider its definition:

Turnabout

1. The act of turning about and facing or moving in the opposite direction.
2. A change or *reversal* of direction, trend, policy, *role*, or character

Now, let us consider the article written about a **ROLE REVERSAL** during the TURNABOUT singles’ activity in the Philadelphia Church of God’s website:

Turnabout Is Coming!

October 25, 2013

Singles, get ready for November 1-3—it's Turnabout Weekend! What is Turnabout? We're glad you asked!

Turnabout is an opportunity for the women to stop doing the waiting and start doing the asking. A tradition dating back to Ambassador College, the weekend is designed to give ladies the opportunity to “take on the responsibility of planning for and asking men on dates,” as the Armstrong student handbook states. Not only is turnabout a chance for women to serve the men, but it also gives the men a chance to appreciate the detail, creativity and effort the ladies put into each date.

In this short weekend, girls are free to pack their time full of dates with whomever they want. *The usual custom is to ask a different date for each of the three days, one for Friday night, one for Sabbath, and another for Sunday. Girls plan, ask and pay for the dates on the weekend.*

The *change of pace* serves a wonderful purpose.

Assistant dean of students Eric Burns said Turnabout “gives girls an appreciation of what is required to have a date ... They have to ask a person and plan a meaningful date,” which is the purpose behind *Turnabout*...

Ladies, feel free to organize your group dates or one-on-one dates for the weekend. Use the singles directory if you don't have options nearby. And men, get ready for some dates!...

(<http://www.pcog.org/34119/turnabout-is-coming/>)

Wow, this is another “graven image” being introduced to the Church - another one of those DOCTRINES of VANITIES! Surely the men could have really felt so much VANITY running through their veins during this ***Turnabout***.

As stated: “The *change of pace* serves a wonderful purpose” – does it really? Oh yes it surely does - it is just another wonderful proof of the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy: “Surely your ***turning of things upside down*** shall be esteemed as the potter's clay.” As far as God is concerned, with such “*untheocratic policy*” introduced by the secret counsel in the PCG, this group of people really wanted to become the potter and they want God to become the clay (this is already a perversion in itself). And whatever justification they might have about this TURNABOUT, the way God sees it, it's just another type of PERVERSION, period!

The same thing which the “doctrinal research team” during the 1970’s had done – they made Mr. Armstrong to approve a *DOCTRINE of VANITIES* which is the use of *make-up* and those liberals were the potter. How could these people have deceived Mr. Armstrong then and Mr. Flurry now? The answer is quite simple:

SICKNESS OF THE HEART

“Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as *this people* draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their *heart* far from me, and *their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men*:” (Isa. 29:13)

We must remember that this verse in Isaiah 29 is specifically intended for *Ariel*, the altar and lion of God (v. 1, spiritual Jerusalem) which we have proven to be referring to the *Philadelphia Church of God* Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Let’s look at how one Bible translation interprets verse 13: “The Master said: ***These people make a big show of saying the right thing***, but their hearts aren’t in it. Because they act like they’re worshiping me but don’t mean it” (*The Message*)

God says “*this people*” know how to look spiritually upright through the use of *lip-service* – they know how to make a big show of saying the right thing. They know about God’s law and every doctrine that the end-time Elijah has restored to the Church. And just like Diotrephes whose “...***big problem wasn’t in rejecting doctrine. He lusted for power.***” (*The Last Hour* booklet, p.111)

They know about God’s government which they have also *turned upside down* – they want the people in God’s Church to fear them rather than to fear God by just using the *magic word*, God’s government. And since they have God’s government, they use it to teach the people to obey their precepts or ordinances, which at times, are not backed up by *solid scriptural proof*. They want the people in God’s Church to look up entirely to them – no further questions to be asked, or else, you will be suspended or disfellowshipped altogether.

The result? ***The fear goes toward those men and not toward God. They terrorize God’s people by using God’s government.*** It’s also the same as making God the clay and they are the potter. Instead of those men conforming to God’s image, they want God to conform to their image. They are actually creating ANOTHER image for God and to make things much worse, they even use His very own government to do that! And just like the make-up issue of the 70’s, these men are like the women who are trying to paint another image on top of their very own image. What an abominable sin! Here is what *Lange’s Commentary* wrote regarding verse 13:

The Prophet urges the people to fear (God), and to trust in Him alone. ...*The Prophet, therefore, directs now his discourse against those who honor the LORD with merely external, ceremonial service, and not from the HEART* (verse 13)...

Notice very carefully: Why is it that the HEART always keeps coming to the forefront? The context in verse 13 is very much the same as what has been prophesied in Jeremiah 17:1, 5 about the sin of Judah. Now, do we have an occurrence in this *last end* that God could have used for spiritual Judah to see a problem which involved the HEART? To answer that, all we need to do is to REMEMBER. Remember the ailment and eventual death of Mr. Flurry's wife with a CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE? It pictures the spiritual condition of the *Philadelphia Church of God*! Three times has God used the date September 5 to get our attention, but it seems we have not discerned what the Spirit is saying to the Church! Continuing from *Lange's Commentary*:

(T)he Prophet connects what he has to say with the immediately foregoing. He indicates by this verbal form that what follows is occasioned by the ***stupid and perverse behaviour of the people*** (vers. 9 and 10). ***That perversity had its root in the people trusting more in themselves and their wisdom than in the LORD. They, therefore, thought that they could satisfy the LORD ...by the performance of outward ceremonial service...***
The punishment for this hypocritical conduct of the people towards (God) is that the LORD continues to deal with them in a wonderful way.

Again for emphasis, as *Lange's Commentary* noted that the punishment for the ***hypocritical conduct towards God*** being mentioned here is somewhat ***very strange*** – how strange could that be, you might think? Well, God still continues to deal with them in a ***wonderful way*** (see Isaiah 28:21). Now consider the article below of how God continues to deal with the *Philadelphia Church of God* in a *wonderful way* – but carefully notice that this is just like a *spiritual make-up* being applied to make the Church appear more physically beautiful which is comparable to the *make-up* issue of the 1970's.

Let us consider a recent activity made to prop up the image of the Philadelphia Church of God in the sight of the world and their Laodicean brethren in the outer court.



Helicopter Captures Aerial Footage of Herbert W. Armstrong College Campus

June 13, 2013

By Breanna Leiferman

A helicopter maneuvered over the campus of Herbert W. Armstrong College on June 12, capturing video footage and photography that will be used for television and editorial department projects...

(T)he Rosses ...taped individual buildings, including the Mail Processing Center, the men's and women's dormitories, the John Amos Field House and Imperial Academy. The Hall of Administration and Armstrong Auditorium were saved for last, since they light up especially well at night...

Television department manager Dwight Falk said, "...A shot that gives a smooth path up and over the auditorium is the type of shot that really shows off the beauty of the structure. *These types of shots will be able to be used countless times and really give the audience a breathtaking view of the auditorium and campus*"...

The footage captured during this flyover reflects the new campus entrance and the completed landscaping around the auditorium, as well as improvements across the campus...

The new aerial footage will be used in *Behind the Work* videos, *The Key of David*, for Armstrong Auditorium publicity and more.

<http://www.pcog.org/31956/helicopter-captures-aerial-footage-of-herbert-w.-armstrong-college-campus/>

But what really is more important to God - the *external physical beauty* or the *internal spiritual beauty*? The PCG seems not to get enough of *propping up its image* by conforming to the *standards of this world* by even getting a *certification* from the tourism industry in Edmond, Oklahoma:

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(p. 3, *The Philadelphian*, September 13, 2013)

Well, what happened to being *more a part of God's community*? What do you think God has to say? Now, look closely at what Mr. Armstrong further wrote about such *external beauty* - the make-up issue of the 1970s:

Auditorium staffers become ambassadors of tourism



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In February 2012, the Edmond Convention and Visitors Bureau invited Granger, as a representative of the Armstrong International Cultural Foundation, to participate in a 90-minute focus group to help shape the Greater Oklahoma City Area Tourism Ambassadors Program. As the program developed, instructors from the CTA program toured Armstrong Auditorium to learn more about what it offered to visitors. The course instructors used this firsthand knowledge to help teach future CTA trainees.

Since concert series and exhibit tour guide staff serve on the front lines representing the

Armstrong International Cultural Foundation to the community, Granger and Trebels gained approval to participate in the program in part so they could better promote and represent Armstrong Auditorium to other Certified Tourism Ambassadors in the community.

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Trebels added that undergoing the training will also "benefit the staff training for the exhibit and the concert series" to help teach them to actively serve those who visit Armstrong Auditorium.

"One example of this is how a patron should not be passed from one staff member to another to resolve an issue—having to explain things over and over again," he said. "The first staff member who encounters the patron with the issue should explain the situation to another staff member if it needs to go to somebody else. That way the patron does not have to relive the negative experience over and over again."

To prepare for the certification, Granger and Trebels studied a manual that distilled Oklahoma into a few hundred pages of: how tourism impacts the economy; principles of customer service; details and locations of key attractions; state history; historical development of Oklahoma City; key events; state military history; aviation history; transportation systems; state demographics; state aviation, aerospace, energy and biotechnology industries; culture; annual events; climate; influential citizens; major landmarks; sports teams and athletic competitions; state trivia; and future development plans. In the binder,

LEFT Marketing director Shane Granger (left) and head usher Edwin Trebels (right).

Armstrong Auditorium is listed among the premiere performing arts centers in the state, alongside the Civic Center Music Hall in Oklahoma City.

Trebels said it took 10-12 hours to study the material and prepare for the full afternoon training session and open-book exam at the Science Museum Oklahoma in Oklahoma City. The afternoon class featured two speakers who highlighted important information from the study material and answered questions. After qualifying on the exam, Granger and Trebels received CTA certificates and lapel pins.

Trebels said, "It's easy to think of Oklahoma as not a popular tourist location," but the manual stated that over 8 million people visit the greater Oklahoma City metropolitan area each year. "It has helped me realize better how Armstrong Auditorium fits in the larger field of the tourism industry as an 'attraction.'"

Trebels said he has already seen the benefits of going through the program. "The program also impressed upon me the need for further training of the entire front-of-house staff" in order to provide the best possible concert experience, he said.

"[A]ll CTAs are required to have an understanding of all the main attractions in the area," Trebels said. "Armstrong Auditorium is one of those attractions, so we'll become more well-known on the front line of the tourism industry in Edmond and Oklahoma in general. From there, we will become more known nationally and internationally. We will therefore become more credible and professional as an attraction as we continue to train the entire staff."

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Some ...will say it is adornment, and they mention how God adorned Israel. LET'S LOOK AT THAT SCRIPTURE A MINUTE! It's the 16th chapter of Ezekiel. It begins, "Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations." ***The ABOMINATIONS of Judah are the subject.*** Then God speaks symbolically of Israel and Judah as a newborn female child who grew up. She grew up polluted by the world, and at the time of love, God adorned her. How? *God used apparel as a symbol of righteousness.* Here He used the symbol of covering her with the FINEST apparel and adornment – HIS LAW - WHICH IS FINEST IN SPIRITUAL CHARACTER. THE APPAREL AND JEWELRY MENTIONED ARE NOT MENTIONED TO APPROVE WORLDLY ADORNMENT, BUT INDICATE THE FINEST QUALITY IN CHARACTER, as measured by God's spiritual LAW. God mentioned only the *finest* in *material* adornment to typify the finest in *spiritual* adornment...
The BEAUTY God lavished on Israel was SPIRITUAL beauty - of HIS WAY OF LIFE – the way of His LAW. (*op.cit.*)

When we go to verse 30, we can understand where it all began – “HOW WEAK IS THINE HEART, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an *imperious* whorish woman” Remember the emphasis of Mr. Armstrong: “***The ABOMINATIONS of Judah are the subject.***” This is specifically for the *Philadelphia Church of God* today!

The word “weak” in *Strong’s Concordance* also means “TO BE SICK.” Remember that this chapter 16 of Ezekiel is all about Jerusalem’s abomination which could very well be applied to the *Philadelphia Church of God Headquarters being spiritual Jerusalem* in this last end. So God says, HOW SICK IS SPIRITUAL JERUSALEM’S HEART! And how does God describes that sickness? Let us consider the meaning of the word “*imperious*” for us to clearly see what really that sickness is all about:

1. Befitting or characteristic of one eminent rank or attainments: commanding dominant
2. Marked by arrogant assurance: domineering

The word “***IMPERIOUS***” is also synonymous to the following:

1. ***Authoritarian*** – of relating to, or favoring blind submission to authority

2. **Autocratic** – of relating to, or being an autocracy (government in which one person possesses unlimited power)
3. **Despotic** – of relating to, or characteristic of a despot (a ruler with absolute power)
4. **Dictatorial** – of relating to or befitting a dictator (one ruling absolutely and often oppressively)
5. **Tyrannical** – being of characteristic of a tyrant (an absolute ruler unrestrained by law)
6. **Domineering** – inclined to exercise arbitrary and overbearing control over others
7. **Bossy** – inclined to domineer

All the meanings above speak vividly of what the people inside the *Philadelphia Church of God* has experienced during the Ezekiel 4 siege from THE HEART - those people who administer God's government in an *imperious* manner. (Remember that Mr. Flurry is the MOUTH OF GOD in this *last end*.)

Now, do we have a prior warning from God that involved the SICKNESS OF THE HEART in this *last end*? Indeed He has! Through the sickness and eventual death of the wife of Mr. Gerald Flurry with a CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE on *September 5, 2004*! Was that not enough evidence to prove that such a spiritual sickness exists inside the *Philadelphia Church of God*?

Well, it seems that's not enough, so God has to give another warning through the *September 5, 2010* inauguration of Armstrong Auditorium as a reminder. But has that been noticed? Not at all! Then He gives us the final warning – the *September 5, 2013* reckoning of all the feasts days which unfortunately has been given a cold shoulder by the PCG HQ ministry.

If Mr. Gerald Flurry is the MOUTH OF GOD in this *last end* and the PCG ministry is the HEART, and while Christ Himself said that “**out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks**” (Matt. 12:34; Luke 6:45); Does this mean that Mr. Flurry could already be speaking the abundance of the secret counsel in the PCG ministry (consisting of 25 men) which is actually a *doctrine of vanities, falsehood and a work of errors*?

“Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as *this people* draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their **HEART** far from me, and **their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men**.” (Isa. 29:13). Here again is what *Lange's Commentary* noted about this verse:

(T)he Prophet connects what he has to say with the immediately foregoing. He indicates by this verbal form that what follows is occasioned by the ***stupid and perverse behaviour of the people*** (vers. 9 and 10). ***That perversity had its root in the people trusting more in themselves and their wisdom than in the LORD. They, therefore, thought that they could satisfy the LORD ...by the performance of outward ceremonial service...***

The punishment for this hypocritical conduct of the people towards (God) is that the LORD continues to deal with them in a wonderful way.

God is doing a very, very *strange act* (Isa. 28:21), i.e., punishing a hypocritical conduct by dealing in a wonderful way. That in itself is a STRONG DELUSION coming from God. And the worst thing about this delusion is that no one can ever know if we are being deceived, except that God removes the scales from our eyes! Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote about such a deception?

Was mother Eve, the very first woman - a direct creation of God – insincerely evil? Did she have evil motives and intentions? No, Eve was DECEIVED! Undoubtedly she thought she was doing right. The forbidden tree, after all, “*was GOOD for food,*” and it was “*pleasant to the eyes,*” and, Satan had assured her, she would really not die. God knew better than that - she was an “immortal soul.” And besides, Satan had said, it would make her a god intellectually - it appealed to her intellectual VANITY. She couldn't see anything wrong with it. So “*she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*” (*op.cit.*)

But when and how did this thing of SIN begin? It all began with the super archangel, the cherub Lucifer. He was “perfect in his ways” from the day God created him. Then iniquity (lawlessness) was found in him. His heart was “lifted up” in VANITY because of his beauty (Ezekiel 28:15-17). The wisdom of his mind was lifted up in VANITY. This violated LOVE in the form of obedience and submission to God...

SELF-exaltation, vanity, jealousy, envy, rebellion against authority, competition, desire to “GET” and “TAKE” seized his perverted mind. Sin, spiritually, is self-centeredness, ***self-exaltation, desire to be beautiful***, vanity, coveting, desire to GET and TAKE, to exalt the self, jealousy and envy, competition, oft-resulting violence and war, resentment and rebellion against authority.

The PCG wants to GET the England college campus, and possibly TAKE the Ark of the Covenant and Jacob's pillar stone. And for what reason? - To exalt the SELF and to become BEAUTIFUL in the sight of all the Laodiceans and the whole world. But when you consider it thoroughly, it is all but VANITY! Very much like the *make-up issue* of the 1970s.

Now notice this very *vitaly important reminder* in Ezekiel 8:13-14 about women weeping for Tammuz, which according to Mr. Flurry is ABOUT WOMEN WEEPING AND WAILING FOR ANOTHER GOD! Remember that the specific fulfillment of this prophecy is about the *make-up issue* of the 1970s.

Let us then go to the next verse (v. 15), which is the continuation of the vision which the prophet Ezekiel saw: "Then he said to me, Hast thou not seen this, o son of man? *Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abomination than these.*"

God said to Ezekiel, "You turn AGAIN, and you can see a much GREATER ABOMINATION than *the make-up issue.*" When we mean "again" it means there was a prior point of reference which is the *make-up issue*. Does it mean that there would be another abomination much greater than the *make-up issue* of the 1970s? Take note in verse 16, that this GREATER ABOMINATION is directly tied to the 25 men in the inner court from the house of *spiritual Judah* (PCG) who turned their backs on God!

Verse 16 shows those 25 top ministers in the inner court, but their faces are toward the *east*. The entrance to the temple was on the east side. The holy of holies—where God was located—was on the west side! These ministers commit a wanton affront by turning their backs to God! This is the worst abomination of all!

These have to be God's own ministers who knew God intimately and then turned their backs to Him! They knew the great God "face to face"—and then turned away! This is the most abominable crime in the whole book of Ezekiel!

God is not addressing false ministers of this world in these verses—He is discussing ministers who knew God and turned away. These rebelling ministers think they are changing the doctrines of Herbert W. Armstrong, when actually they are turning their backs on God! A big difference!

The expression "between the porch and the altar" refers to where the ministers prayed to God in the temple (Joel 2:17). That means the prayers of God's own ministers have *become* sin! Of course they still pray. But they don't get through to God, because their backs are toward Him. What a grotesque spiritual disaster! (P. 57, *op.cit.*)

The work in England and in Ireland is what the prophet Ezekiel saw in his vision to be the GREATER ABOMINATION than the *make-up issue* of the 1970s! (For a detailed explanation, read again chapter 4, *A Prepared Deception*)

You may think this is not a big issue. But look at the fruits! In retrospect, we can see that SATAN WAS WORKING ON THE WOMEN, JUST AS HE WORKED ON EVE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN. This is not unprecedented. Now, it is one thing to be weak in faith, and it is QUITE ANOTHER TO TURN AWAY FROM GOD! WE HAVE WITNESSED AN ADAM AND EVE SCENARIO ALL OVER AGAIN. AND JUST AS IT DID IN THE 1970s, IT HAS DERAILED THE WHOLE CHURCH.

The god of this world has great power, and he can apply pressure and make you feel like nobody, when you are actually sons of the living God! This is what happened in God's Church—this is our pitiful history! Ezekiel is very specific here, when you look at it spiritually and look at the history of the Church. (p. 55, *Ezekiel, the End-time Prophet*)

If one can recall, God has already given us a definite admonishment of our spiritual condition through the illness and eventual death of Mrs. Barbara Flurry with a CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE on *September 5, 2004*, but what have we done? We ignored it. So God sent a second warning (*September 5, 2010*), and then a third and final one (*September 5, 2013*). But have we heard and listened to God's still small voice? The deception as we have seen revolved again on another EVE in this *last end*.

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” (2 Cor. 11: 3)

The Apostle Paul's fear was for the *yielding character* of the spiritual EVE (God's Church) to submit to Satan's subtle deception which will eventually lead to the corruption of our minds. This clearly shows us that there is one last final ADAM AND EVE SCENARIO all over again with the symbolic TWO TREES in front of us!

“For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (v. 4)

Now, here is the simplicity of Christ: The gospel of the Kingdom of God concerns the land of Jerusalem only (*The Eternal has chosen Jerusalem*). Other than that, whether it is England or Ireland, it must surely be another gospel being preached by another spirit. It's like we, as part of the spiritual Eve, are facing the TWO TREES

in this last end. Now, which TREE will you choose? The TREE OF LIFE (Jerusalem) or the TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL (England and Ireland), it's just that simple. No need to complicate.

AND JUST AS IT DID IN THE 1970s, THE WHOLE CHURCH IS BEING DERAILED AGAIN IN THIS *LAST END*!

THE SECRET COUNSEL OF GOD

If there is a *secret counsel of men who turn things upside down*, God has a counterpart, He also has *His own secret counsel who turn things right side up*.

“Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder...” (Isa. 29:14)

The word “proceed” from *Strong's Concordance* means, “to add or augment, AGAIN.” By substituting the word to the thought we have:

“Therefore, behold, I will AGAIN do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder...”

When we say AGAIN, it means there was a former reference that has already occurred. So this is yet another MARVELLOUS WORK on top of God's present Work. The context of this “*marvellous work and a wonder*” in verse 14 revolves around *adding year to year*, of Ariel being besieged by God, of the *secret counsel of men*, which are all written in *the vision of all* that is sealed and written as a *book of remembrance*.

“...for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.”

God has hidden the wisdom and the understanding of “*the vision of all*” the apostles and prophets regarding the *last end Ezekiel 4 siege*, which is written in a *book of remembrance*, from the prominent men in God's Church and to whom did God openly reveal it? To the Gentiles who are also spiritual Jews and who are also watchers from a far country (Jer. 4:16)

“The Lord hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he **openly (revealed)** in the sight of the (**Gentiles**).” (Psa. 98:2)

But who do you think will believe such a thing? Imagine, God revealing His righteousness to the Gentiles? Surely, God will not do that, some might argue. Do we tend to limit God? Has He not made even the donkey to prophesy against Balaam? Can He not make even the sun, the moon and the stars to prophesy for Him? Does it really matter who is delivering God's message? Let's read what the Apostle Paul wrote in

Romans chapter 10:

“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.” (vv. 10-21)

What really matter is that we must have the HEART to believe what God says. The messenger does not matter at all, it is God’s message that we should focus on. Don’t look to any puny insignificant men around you. Look to the Almighty God who has created the entire vast universe including those men of stature. The fear must be channeled back to God alone and no one else. We should not justify ourselves, but rather we should JUSTIFY GOD! That is God’s true righteousness in us! That is how *Christ is coming in the flesh!*

You do not even have to search for the *scribe* who has written this BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE; rather wait and hope and look for God and His righteousness for He will remember mercy and then He will show us His salvation. (Psa. 98:3)

“The **secret** of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.” (Psa. 25:14)

The word “*secret*” from Strong’s Concordance is H5475 meaning, “a session, that is, a company of persons (in close deliberation); by implication intimacy, consultation, *a secret assembly, a secret counsel.*”

Ariel proved to be one of the most obscure prophecies of Isaiah. This gives occasion to the Prophet's expressing himself in this manner regarding the reception and understanding of his prophecies. הכל הוות הכל denotes not merely the im-

mediately preceding prediction, but the prophecy of Isaiah in general. For why should it have happened thus with only those words that immediately precede? הוות (comp. xxi. 2; xxviii. 18) is synonymous with הוות chap. i. 1.

2. THE SECRET COUNSEL OF MEN, AND THE SECRET COUNSEL OF GOD.

CHAPTER XXIX. 13-24.

- 13 Wherefore the LORD said,
Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth,
And with their lips do honor *me*,
But have removed their heart far from *me*,
And their fear toward *me* is taught by the precept of men ;
- 14 Therefore, behold, 'I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people,
Even a marvellous work and a wonder ;
For the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish,
And the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hid.
- 15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD,
And their works are in the dark,
And they say, Who seeth us ? and who knoweth us ?
- 16 'Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay ;
For shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not ?
Or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding ?

Lange's Commentary illustrating two groups of people in Isaiah 29:

The SECRET COUNSEL OF MEN and the SECRET COUNSEL OF GOD

The secret counsel of God is composed of more than one person – it is a “*company of persons in close deliberation and consultation*”

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” (Amos 3:3). This just means that the secret counsel of God is in full agreement of the prophecies revolving around the *Ezekiel 4 siege, the book of remembrance* and all the other revelations that God has shown in the *second 1,150 day fulfillment of the vision of the evening and the morning in this last end.*

God is speaking through His secret counsel and His testimony is the spirit of prophecy. (Rev. 19:10). What will God do when He sees men inside His own Church that *seek deep to hide their counsel* from Him and who plot vain schemes in the dark?

“Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy? (Amos 3:7-8)

So God really has a secret counsel that fears Him to counterbalance the secret counsel of men that teach the fear of men.

This secret counsel of God has a work to do. (Their job description will be discussed in chapter 12).

If you understand what you are reading right now, then give thanks to our Heavenly Father for He has revealed it unto you: “The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: ***but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever***, that we may do all the words of this law.” (Deut. 29:29)

SHE REMEMBERED NOT HER LAST END

“***Jerusalem remembered*** in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: *the adversaries saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths.*” (Lam. 1:7)

Look at the context of spiritual Jerusalem’s affliction: “(T)he adversaries saw her, and ***did mock at her sabbaths.***” – does this refer specifically to the 2013 annual feasts of the PCG which was discussed in chapter 9? It does indicate that God did cause His solemn feasts to be forgotten in His own Church. (Lam.2:6)

“Her filthiness is in her skirts; ***she remembereth not her last end***; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter. O Lord, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified himself.” (Lam. 1:8-9)

“**SHE REMEMBERED NOT HER LAST END**” - is there any coincidence that even the title of this book is “***The Last End – a Book of Remembrance***”? Not at all! It is God who orchestrated all of this! No human could ever make such prophecies to perfectly fit into its every minute detail of fulfillment. Everybody in God’s Church shall be filled with *wonder* as to why such a predicament had befallen them.

Have the people in the *Philadelphia Church of God* remembered the first fulfillment of the 1,150 days of the Daniel chapter 8 LAST END?

Notice, what Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Philadelphia News*, May 2011 issue about the first 1,150 days:

1150 days: God’s warning to the PCG!

On March 11 of this year (2011) – the anniversary of the end of the 1150 days – a 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit Japan. I BELIEVE GOD IS SPECIFICALLY

WARNING THE PCG – AND REMINDING US OF WHAT WE HAVE TO DO!...

March 11 this year was a critical day. I think it reinforced the importance of the end of that 1150 days, and reminded us – as we are prone to forget – that WE HAVE AN URGENT MESSAGE THAT MUST BE DELIVERED, and that is why we are here! God doesn't give new revelation in vain... He wants it delivered to this dying world!

Malachi's Message explains what is happening right now in God's Church, and in the world. ***Everything revolves around that message in this Church.*** God is alive, and He shows that vividly through *Malachi's Message*...

That 1150 days was a nightmare: people turning from God and the truth being cast to the ground. Then God supplied the ANSWER – in the form of an URGENT MESSAGE!

THESE MARCH 11 EVENTS ARE LIKE *FLASHING RED LIGHT* FOR THIS CHURCH! They are a warning... God is warning you in these events! He's warning me! We must get our minds on this message, or we're going no place spiritually. (p. 1, Vol. 21, No. 4)

Have we gotten our minds on God's warning message of turning from Him? Have we remembered our experience of the first 1,150 days of the LAST END? If not, then we are doomed to repeat it – a second 1,150 days is inevitably being fulfilled before our eyes! *It seems that we have not remembered our last end!* We are following the 25 men of Ezekiel 8 that turned their backs on God! There is another CRISIS IN THE MINISTRY! We ought to remember the prophet Malachi's main concern and major work:

MALACHI HAD NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT THE JUDGMENT OF NATIONS. ***Notice: His main concern and major work was to keep the fear of God alive in the ministry*** (Malachi 2:1-8). ***There was a crisis in the ministry.*** Malachi's going to the temple priests was only a *type* of what is to occur in God's Church today. We'll see that from Malachi 1:6 to 3:3, every verse is directed specifically at the ministry. God will purify His ministers first of all. Some ministers have a deep love for God (Malachi 3:16), but other ministers "despise" God's name (Malachi 1:6). (p. 3, *Malachi's Message*)

That is how the ministry went astray before and NOW – they don't have a deep love for God. Now do we also dare to forget time and time again how SIN started in the first place? Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote regarding the *make-up issue* of the 1970's:

Look, finally, at SIN. It all started with SATAN, when he was the cherub Lucifer. Again look at HOW SIN BEGAN - with LUCIFER. God had created him perfect, and he was in all his ways, TILL he SINNED. How? His heart was lifted up IN VANITY, because of his BEAUTY (Ezekiel 28:15-17). Being BEAUTIFUL or desire for it led to VANITY. SELF-glorification! His mind went to his BEAUTY, in VANITY. Of course he would have denied having vanity just as mortals today.

Satan introduced SIN into humanity through a woman, mother Eve. She was MISLED, deceived. She didn't deliberately WILL to do wrong - to lead her husband into the first SIN! She was deceived, as our women have been today. Go back and read the beginning paragraphs of this article. It is precisely the way Satan has been getting to our women today. Women do not use makeup to PLEASE GOD today - for I can tell you ON HIS AUTHORITY it is NOT pleasing to HIM! Satan used human reason and makeup and WOMEN to START the ball of LIBERALISM AWAY FROM GOD and TOWARD SIN to rolling in the Church beginning October, 1974.

Finally, I repeat, sin, spiritually, is self-centeredness, self-exaltation, desire to be beautiful, vanity, coveting, desire to GET and TAKE, to exalt the self, jealousy and envy, competition, oft-resulting violence and war, resentment and rebellion against authority. These are the PRINCIPLES of spiritual SIN. (*op. cit.*)

In God's eyes, the *Philadelphia Church of God* love herself more than she loves God - whether she admits it or not. And because of her BEAUTY, it led to her VANITY and SELF-GLORIFICATION. So God has to do something to correct that and He will do so in a very, very strange way – this time He has to hide His power.

“And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: **and there was the hiding of his power.**” (Hab. 3:4)

Notice that this *hiding of God's power* is in the context of the flight to the place of safety (v. 3). When *That Prophet* shall be removed, God's people will be looking everywhere for God's words but to no avail:

“And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day. ***Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:*** And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.” (Amos 8:10-13)

This is the same prophesied SPIRITUAL DROUGHT in Jeremiah chapter 14. Yet God remembers mercy so He gives us this BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.

“He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God” (Psa. 98:3). But God’s people will not be contented; they will want to know who has written this book:

“Thine heart shall meditate terror. ***Where is the scribe? where is the receiver?*** where is he that counted the towers?” (Isa. 33:18)

They will search for *the scribe* and *the receiver* who counted the 25 prominent men of Ezekiel 8. But God has planned to hide His power (Hab. 3:4), so that search will be in vain. Well anyway, that’s not what is relevant and important – God’s message is, in this *last end*; God wanted the FEAR to be brought back to Him again, and not to any other puny, little man. That is what the BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is for: “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” (Mal. 3:16)

And God will look intently down from His throne in heaven to those people here on earth that are poor and of a contrite spirit and who trembles at His word: “Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: *but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.*” (Isa. 66:1-2)

HISTORY THAT BECAME PROPHECY

“HOW OFTEN HAVE WE HEARD THAT ‘HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF’? It does – time and time again.” This is how the newly revised “*The Former Prophets*” book was introduced by Pastor General Gerald Flurry. But do we believe that statement?

Does it really have some weight on it? With the recent acquisition of Edstone Hall to become the new home for the Herbert W. Armstrong college campus and regional office for the UK/Europe area, we need to “ASSESS THE ULTIMATE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENTS” (as written by Manfred Weidhorn, in his book *Sword and Pen*, about Winston Churchill):

We must remember that Mr. Armstrong has closed the Bricket Wood college campus on May 1974 and he has never re-opened it since then. But 40 years later, on May 7 to 11, 2014, Mr. Gerald Flurry and his son, Stephen were accompanied by UK/Europe Regional Director Brad Macdonald to seek potential sites for a new college campus in Britain since “God was not opening a door to purchase the Bricket Wood campus”

And just recently, during the 2014 Feast of Tabernacles, the Philadelphia Church of God members worldwide received a copy of a newly revised book which is entitled “*The Former Prophets – How to Become a King*“. The release of that book coincided with the announcement of the newly acquired Edstone Hall in Edstone, Wootton, Waven, Warwickshire, England. Actually there are a couple of other coincidences (if they can indeed be called as such or else it is a grand design by God), and they are as follows:

- The date (May 2014) when the PCG ministers went looking for a new campus in England ***fell exactly 40 years*** from the date Bricket Wood was closed (May 1974) by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. Take note that *the number 40* in God’s numerology is associated with *testing and trial*.
- The acquisition of the Edstone Hall was officially announced on the Opening Night of the 2014 Feast of Tabernacles which coincided precisely on the scheduled October 8, 2014 total lunar eclipse, (the 2nd in the series of four occurrences of what the mainstream media calls, a BLOOD MOON that happens between 2014 and 2015)
- Without any accompanying descriptive visual word, the number 25 (supposedly indicating the 25th anniversary of the PCG) that has been flashed during the video presentation of the Edstone Hall corresponded with the exact number of the 25 PCG leading ministers that are directly involved in that project and the prophesied 25 men of Judah from Ezekiel 8:16 who turned their backs on God.

Let us ask ourselves: Is the “*The Former Prophets*” book being given while the acquisition of the new Herbert W. Armstrong college campus in England being the central theme of that feast prophesied?

“And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. **Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets:** therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.” (Zech. 7:8-12)

Is this not a prophecy in this end time specifically aimed at spiritual Judah (Philadelphia Church of God)? As Mr. Gerald Flurry often said that most of the prophecy in the former prophets is for our time right now!

“The former prophets were written by prophets because they are mainly prophetic. And most of that prophecy is for this end time!” (The Former Prophets – God’s Royal Family)

The context of Judah’s heart being hardened as an adamant stone revolves around “hearing the law and the words that God sent through His Spirit by the former prophets.” But what is that law? It is about **HISTORY BECOMING PROPHECY**. Let’s further consider what Mr. Flurry wrote:

FORMER PROPHETS

How often have we heard that “history repeats itself”? It does—time and time again.

The Bible contains many prophetic books, including what are classified as the “major” and “minor” prophets. There also are “former prophets” in the Bible—comprised of Joshua, Judges, I and II Kings and I and II Samuel. These books are mostly about the history of Israel, but they are called former prophets for a reason. They were written by prophets and are filled with end-time prophecy. If we live the same lifestyles our forefathers did, we will attain virtually the same results—good or bad. **History becomes prophecy. Not all prophecy is history. But a lot of**

history becomes prophecy. History prophesies the fate of nations, whether they will thrive or collapse!

This is “a law of history.” It’s not about luck or happenstance. It is a law of history. If we break that law, the law breaks us! (ibid., p. 3)

The prophet Zechariah said that we should **hear the law of history through the former prophets**, or else, our hearts will be hardened like an adamant stone, and that very law according to Mr. Flurry will eventually break us if we refuse to acknowledge! The prophet Zechariah is reminding us that the law of history through the former prophets **APPLIES TO US** in the PCG – **HISTORY NOW BECOMES PROPHECY!**

Have we not known about the history of the Bricket Wood rebellion of 1974? That after **EXACTLY 40** years from that time, **WE HAVE RETURNED** to England to open the door which the end-time Zerubbabel (Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong) has closed? Have we heard the **LAW OF HISTORY** through **THE FORMER PROPHETS**? The distribution of “*The Former Prophets*” book in conjunction with the Edstone Hall property acquisition announcement signified a **HISTORY BECOMING PROPHECY** theme precisely timed to warn spiritual Judah – the Philadelphia Church of God! But will the 25 leading men of the PCG ever listen to the **LAW OF HISTORY** through **THE FORMER PROPHETS**?

“(T)hey refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear” (v. 11). What did the PCG refuse to hear?

“Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.” (vv. 9-10)

This is the same story-line in Ezekiel 4:17 when the people **grow numb** or **emotionally unresponsive** towards their own brethren in God’s Church. During the Ezekiel 4 siege, the leaders in spiritual Judah (the PCG), does not execute true judgment, does not show mercy and has no compassion on their less fortunate brethren. The ministry even led the people through the “no contact policy” to oppress the widow, the fatherless, the stranger, and the poor and has imagined evil against their brethren – **betrayal has become the number one key to survive**. Well, some might say, “This is God’s Church! It won’t happen to us! Surely God will not allow another falling away this time. Anyway, we have in our midst God’s last end apostle.” Do we fool ourselves into believing that since this is the true Church of God,

we won't be susceptible to repeat what the Worldwide Church of God has done in recent Church history?

“And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also... And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah.” (Jer. 7, 8, 11)

Why was Israel (Laodiceans) more justified than treacherous Judah (PCG)? Because “both the prophet and the priest go about into **“a land that they know not”** (Jeremiah 14:18). They both followed “a voice” of a man from Dan (Jeremiah 4:15) and they are leading God's people into it. (p. 257, *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance*)

Is this not happening now wherein the PCG will do a work into **“a land that they know not”** (Jeremiah 14:18)? And as conspicuously written in big, bold letters at the back cover of the revised *“The Former Prophets”* book: **HISTORY THAT BECAME PROPHECY** - this is a very strong indication from God that it is indeed happening right before our eyes for everyone to see! Returning back to England where the rebellion and betrayal in 1974 took place will obviously generate the same result (that is, without a single ounce of a doubt, **THE LAW OF HISTORY THROUGH THE FORMER PROPHETS** which it is sad to say, we have not learned from) – **“This is ‘a law of history.’ It's not about luck or happenstance. It is a law of history. If we break that law, the law breaks us!”**

To further analyze what has really happened, here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote in the November 2, 1981 Pastor General's Report and later in the November 16, 1981 Worldwide News about what has transpired during that 1974 debacle:

Sin entered Pasadena leadership. The Church stopped its phenomenal growth. I had to deal with sins near the top in 1971 and 1972. In the spring of 1974 a **ministerial rebellion**, led to a considerable extent by two top-ranking ministers at Pasadena, resulted in some 30 or more ministers leaving the Church...

Even now, at this late date, I learn that this “about face” altering of a decision THE LIVING CHRIST put in to His Church caused great consternation among loyal ministers and members in Britain. But by this maneuver of Satan, the people of God's Church started off the track. I say

“started off.” For watering down of God’s truth on healing, the Sabbath, and many more vital doctrines followed in its wake.

But as Satan maneuvered to start ALL HUMANITY off the track in the garden of Eden, so in these latter days he maneuvered to use the women of God’s Church to start the END-TIME Church off the track. **And the whole Church was deceived!**(*Pastor General’s Report*, Vol. 3, No. 41; November 2, 1981 pp. 3-4)

What?! The whole Church was deceived then, even Mr. Armstrong? Is it really true?

Do you think that same wily Satan could not deceive people in God’s Church today? Of all the people on earth, WE are the very ones he wants most to deceive. He has the rest of the world deceived already. And remember a deceived person does not know he is deceived – else he would not BE deceived! (ibid.) (pp. 517-518)

There will be others who will contend, “It’s totally preposterous! Surely that is ONLY history. But is it really?

ONLY HISTORY?

Traditional Christianity, and even many of God’s lukewarm people, say that the former prophets contain only history. Basically they are saying that these books are of limited value for us today. Such reasoning is ignorant and spiritually dangerous. Describing the former prophets as mere history damages people’s faith.

There is a lot more to these books than just history. The former prophets contain many vital spiritual lessons for us today that we need to understand. These books teach us about leadership. They teach us how to build faith. They give instruction especially pertinent to the ministry. (pp. 2-3, *The Former Prophets – How to Become a King*)

Some inside the PCG may argue, “Well, if the prophecy contained in the former prophets is not just history, we are quite sure it’s not for us but for the Laodiceans outside the PCG perimeter.

PRIMARILY FOR US

The former prophets are mostly prophetic. They contain spiritual history that is primarily for us today. God inspired these books mainly for our day – just before Jesus Christ’s Second Coming. The more I study into it, the more I believe these books are specifically for the Philadelphia Church of God (PCG)! Otherwise, why didn’t we understand it more when Mr. Armstrong was alive? We understood parts of it, but we need to understand it a lot better. God is adding more to our knowledge all the time.

We will never understand the lessons God wants to teach us if we don’t study the former prophets. But few people heed God’s warnings. And we are going to pay the ultimate price if we don’t learn these God-inspired lessons! (p. 5, *The Former Prophets – How to Become a King*)

Are we one of those few people who heed God’s warnings? If not, then “we are going to pay the ultimate price if we don’t learn these God-inspired lessons.” Now with this HISTORY THAT BECAME PROPHECY warning, God will be able to know who will sigh and cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst of spiritual Judah and Jerusalem (Ezekiel 9:4). The most abominable crime in the whole book of Ezekiel (as “That Prophet” Mr. Gerald Flurry has prophesied) involving the 25 men of Ezekiel 8 has already been fulfilled through the recent acquisition of Edstone (Ezekiel 8:15-18).

Whether we realize it now or later, in reality, the Philadelphia Church of God is now in the very midst of this specific prophecy:

“Woe unto him that saith to the wood (Bricket Wood), Awake; to the dumb stone (Edstone), Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. (Habakkuk 2:19)

These 25 top leading ministers of the PCG will try to establish Edstone in a grandiose way (“Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver”) to become a college campus (“Arise, it shall teach!”), yet it does not have God’s blessing on it through His signet (Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong). What they are actually doing is that, they are putting a branch in God’s nostrils! “They are trying to cut off the life of God’s Church!” (Mr. Gerald Flurry, Ezekiel booklet, p. 57).

God says through the prophet Habakkuk to these *antichrist impostors inside the PCG*: “Woe unto him!”

Can we easily identify these *antichrist impostors inside the PCG* who chose England and Ireland over Jerusalem? Could there really be a CONSPIRACY even inside God's Church today? Is it just history? (emphasis mine in bold)

When Did John Write?

Mr. Armstrong wrote a member letter Feb. 21, 1974, that, in a way, gives the heart of Church history. It's a good formula to follow to keep yourself grounded in what Mr. Armstrong taught.

"Before the end of the first century, the persecution had reduced the true Church," Mr. Armstrong wrote. "Many members had gone out of the true Church by the A.D. 90s (1 John 2:19). John was warning the brethren against the false ministers (1 John 2:4; 2 John 7, 10, etc.). Soon the false counterfeit church greatly outnumbered them."

There Mr. Armstrong established the time frame: the A.D. '90s.

Mr. Armstrong talked about all of John's books—his Gospel, his epistles, and the book of Revelation—being written around A.D. 85 to 95. This was considerably later than what I had thought. When I wrote The Last Hour booklet, I said I believed John wrote his epistles just before the A.D. 70 holocaust, around A.D. 67-68. I thought that timetable paralleled the period right before the Holocaust of World War II, and also the one about to occur. I realize now that I WAS WRONG ABOUT THAT DATE. John wrote these epistles closer to A.D. 90, when he was an old man. You can't nail these dates down specifically, but I think you can get a pretty close estimate.

BUT IT WAS NOT THE COMING HOLOCAUST OF A.D. 70. JOHN WAS FIGHTING AGAINST. IT WAS THAT GREAT SATANIC CONSPIRACY! People were BLOTTING OUT the history of God's Church, and JOHN WAS WORKING LIKE MAD TO PRESERVE THAT HISTORY — mostly in his epistles, but also, to a more general degree, in his Gospel and in Revelation. All of John's books tell us a lot about what was going on, but we can really peg it all to the epistles, which makes it far more meaningful.

John was battling that great conspiracy. People rose up in the Church and began kicking out those who were loyal to John and truly following God. These people were not only trying to blot out the history, but they were even murdering God's people! They did kill a lot of them.

That is reality in this world. God's people must not be naive about that as we proclaim God's truth. We can't sneak off into the dark and hide. God wants us to do the opposite: just put His message out there! Whatever happens, happens—but we must know that God is with us and will empower us!

God revealed the truth about John's epistles to me on May 5, 2001. I gave that first sermon about the "last hour" on that date, well into the Laodicean era. John wrote his epistles well into the Ephesus era as well. Why did God ensure that John recorded this history?

He gave His people this truth so we could combat anything that Simon Magus or any other heretic might have to say! I think we can appreciate this more when we realize what was in John's mind. He was answering all the questions God's people had, and it's some of the most inspiring material in the Bible! I'm sure this is what Christ was talking to him about when they had those long sessions, talking to each other so much. Jesus Christ was telling him what was coming and what he would have to do to help God's people. Christ didn't just do that to enjoy Himself socially: He was educating John to get this message to the people to save as many of them as He possibly could.

And even more importantly, it was prophecy for the last era of God's Church. That is, for God's people right now. (p. 9, *Royal Vision*, September – October 2012)

Read those last two sentences again: **"And even more importantly, it was prophecy for the last era of God's Church. That is, for God's people right now."** – Well that is HISTORY THAT BECAME PROPHECY for us TODAY! What you are seeing being done in Edstone is HISTORY of Bricket Wood THAT BECAME PROPHECY for us at this very moment! We ought to wake up! And we ought not to look to any man. **THAT GREAT SATANIC CONSPIRACY** that tried to blot out the history of God's Church during the apostle John's time is now being exposed in the *Book of Remembrance*. Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote about some lessons in history that could help us to fully grasp what is currently happening in our midst:

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

Have we learned the lessons of the history of God's Church? Have we seen that HISTORY WAS BOTH MEMORY AND PROPHECY? Have we seen the great cycles that history follows? Have we ASSESSED THE ULTIMATE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENTS? Let us consider a recent Church history:

Do we not even wonder that the date when they went looking for a new campus (May 2014) fell exactly 40 years from the date Bricket Wood was closed (May 1974) by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong? Remember, that the number 40 in God's numerology is associated with testing and trial. (pp. 525, *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance*)

Was that just a coincidence? If we will just use God's perspective and refrain ourselves from human reasoning, but instead prod ourselves to reason with God in order for us to be able to see that everything that transpires in this last end has already been written in a Book of Remembrance, that is, HISTORY THAT BECAME PROPHECY. Take a careful notice of how Mr. Gerald Flurry describes this Book of Remembrance:

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. (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.

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

If we consider ourselves to be kings, we really have to search out a matter and emulate the Bereans who “received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” (Acts 17:10-11) And the apostle Paul said:

“Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21)

Let us have some quick review of what Mr. Flurry wrote about THE LESSONS OF HISTORY:

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“(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...

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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). (p. 284-286, *ibid.*)

How further into the past have you seen? It will determine how further you can see into the future if you will become a king or not – for HISTORY IS NOW BECOMING PROPHECY.

We are here to do a Work today and to be prepared to do a far bigger Work. We have to qualify to sit on David's throne with Christ! And what a wonderful material God gives to help us in these books that show HOW TO BECOME KINGS FOR GOD. We have to keep getting more deeply into the Scriptures and into the mind of God to better understand what He is teaching us in the former prophets. He really does want us to become educated kings and priests! (p. 9, *ibid.*)

Chapter 11

Son of Man: A Sign in the Last End

“Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.” (Ezek. 24: 24). Take note of who has fulfilled this end-time Ezekiel. Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote about it:

A Modern Ezekiel Carries the Message

There is duality here. First, God sets a modern “Ezekiel” as a watchman. Then the PEOPLE set him as their watchman. UNDERSTAND THIS! In Ezekiel's day he was a P.O.W. - a prisoner of war, taken from his own country into Babylon. The *people* of Judah never set him as their watchman. But Christ's Apostle for our day *has been* set-first by Christ, then by the *people* of God-as their watchman. That is, one to *watch* events as they fulfill prophecy, to perceive and warn the people of the 20th-century house of Israel when such military invasion is reasonably imminent. He would have to be one with facilities available for warning the whole nations of America and the British peoples. WHO ELSE, in our time, knows *who are* the modern Lost Ten Tribes-the HOUSE OF ISRAEL? No other church or leader has this knowledge. (*The Plain Truth*, June/July 1980, p. 4)

Since Mr. Armstrong was the end time fulfillment of Ezekiel and yet there's a continuation of the prophet's work until our time, which means there's a need for another watchman to deliver Ezekiel's message during the *last end*, so God has to set up another watchman named as the "Son of man." You can notice it on Ezekiel chapter 24 that there are actually two personalities in the book of Ezekiel. Notice here in verse 24: "Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign:"- Who is God talking to here and being reminded of the prophet Ezekiel? It would be illogical if God was talking to Ezekiel and that Ezekiel would be a sign unto Ezekiel? Of course that's not the case here because it will be totally ridiculous. God is actually talking to another person apart from the prophet Ezekiel. And he is the *Son of man*. And what shall that *Son of man* supposed to be doing and being REMINDED of? - "according to all that he (Ezekiel) hath done shall ye do." The end time Ezekiel is to be a SIGN unto that Son of man.

Again, for further emphasis, one person was being referenced to and that was Ezekiel and the other one, the Son of man, is being urged and reminded to do something according to what the former has done. Therefore, Mr. Armstrong who fulfilled the end time Ezekiel is to become a ***conspicuous reference*** to Mr. Flurry, the *last end* fulfillment of the *Son of man*, who must do "according to all that he (Mr. Armstrong) hath done shall ye (Mr. Flurry) do." – "and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord God." (v. 24)

And who is going to constantly remind this Son of man about this very prophecy? Other ***watchers from a far country*** who escape the Ezekiel 4 siege!

"Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters, That ***he that escapeth*** in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears?" (vv. 25-26)

This *book of remembrance* that you are now reading is the accumulative fruit that serves as a *constant persuasion and reminder* to the Son of man to hear what has transpired in the Ezekiel 4 siege with his own ears so that everyone in God's Church "shall know that I am the Lord God."

Now understand this, the end time Ezekiel (Mr. Armstrong) is to become a *sign* unto the Son of man (Mr. Flurry) specifically for this *last end*. Mr. Armstrong, just like the prophet Ezekiel, knew where God's focus is: Did the people in God's Church get the message God wants to convey through the *ailment and death of Mr. Armstrong's wife? How about the wife of That Prophet?* Or are we like the people in Ezekiel's time that were puzzled? "Then the people asked me, Won't you tell us what these things

have to do with us?” (v. 19, *NIV*). In responding, Ezekiel put the focus right where God’s focus is – THE SANCTUARY!

Mr. Armstrong did the same thing like the prophet Ezekiel; he focused his attention to God’s Church and wrote a very extensive co-worker letter on March 2, 1967 regarding its spiritual condition at the time of his wife’s ailment. God also did use the ailment of Mr. Flurry’s wife to depict the spiritual condition of the Philadelphians in this *last end* yet we in God’s Church were not able to discern God’s small voice. And in the midst of the crisis years she died depicting the fate of the Laodiceans – thus, the prophecy in Habakkuk 3:2 is coming to pass: “in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.” As what has been proven in this *book of remembrance* is that, that ailment and eventual death on **September 5, 2004** has indeed been a big part of “the vision of the evening and the morning” and “the *last end* of the indignation” in Daniel 8 for several occasions.

Looking again in verse 1 of Habakkuk 3 we encounter the word *Shigionoth* which is in Strong’s concordance; “*shiggayown*: H7692”, a dithyramb or a rambling poem. Its Hebrew root word “*shagah*: H7686”, means, TO SIN THROUGH IGNORANCE, *make to wander, to stray*. Could God’s Church *sin through ignorance*?

“And if the whole congregation of Israel *sin through ignorance*, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which should not be done, and are guilty; *When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known*, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.” (Lev. 4: 13-14, consider the whole chapter; 5:15; Num. 15:27).

And if anyone commits *sin through ignorance*, one must *make atonement* (v. 20). Have we *ignored* God’s *real intention* for having *That Prophet’s* wife to be ill - to picture that which is *outside*? Or, does that condition pointed really to us, *inside* – those that support *That Prophet*?

Never forget: Things could end suddenly. I don’t know exactly what God’s time schedule is. I don’t know how much time we have left. I just want to make sure we keep God’s perspective, and never let some date or some land deters us from giving our all to God. *We can never afford to let up in this work*. This job is a test of how much we love the people in the world. Are we willing to put our lives on the line for them? Do you love them enough to give yourself as a sacrifice to the great God of Ezekiel 1? To give Him your all, with no

restrictions – *nothing holding you back from Him*, not even the death of a loved one? We must examine ourselves for areas where we may be holding back God's work...

Look seriously at yourself and see those problems you need to overcome. IF SOMETHING IS GETTING IN THE WAY OF GOD'S WORK, IT IS SERIOUS – EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT AWARE OF IT....That is His message today. DON'T ACT LIKE OTHER MEN. FOLLOW EZEKIEL'S EXAMPLE. *Nothing must get in the way of God's work* – not even mourning the loss of a loved one. "We must put in check any emotion or anything else that holds up God's work. We must be willing to give it all up if necessary. That is in the contract....This is not a small exercise God has called us to do....WE CAN NOT PUSH GOD INTO A CORNER OF OUR LIVES. HE MUST FILL OUR LIVES. (Mr. Gerald Flurry, the *Ezekiel* booklet, pp. 97-98)

"Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD. Also, thou son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters, That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears? In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: AND THOU SHALT BE A SIGN UNTO THEM; and they shall know that I am the LORD." (Ezek. 24: 24-27)

God has set Mr. Flurry as a SIGN unto us in this LAST END, just as Mr. Armstrong was a SIGN to us in this END TIME.

In Ezekiel chapter 12, God is telling Mr. Flurry: "...I have set thee for a SIGN unto the house of Israel". In verse 11, God further instructed him, "Say, I am your SIGN: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them:" (v. 6)

Even the prophet Jonah was a SIGN unto the Ninevites, and so was Jesus Christ: "For as Jonas was a SIGN unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation." (Luke 11:30).

Every prophet of God was a SIGN from God to the times or generations they were involved in – they were the SIGNS OF THE TIMES! But, *Jesus Christ was the ultimate sign from heaven when He came down to earth.*

Yet, the Pharisees and Sadducees cannot and did not discern the *sign from heaven* in front of them – *Jesus Christ Himself!* (Matt. 16:1-4). But when Christ asked

His disciples, about who He was, in verse 16, Peter answered, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus replied, “Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.” *God the Father did reveal unto Peter that Christ came from heaven – that He was the sign from heaven!*

Consider 1 John 4:2-3: “Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist.”

Christ is coming in the flesh; anyone who says otherwise has the spirit of the *antichrist*. Christ did come in the flesh *through* Mr. Armstrong and it was very evident that He really did the work *through* him during the Philadelphia era.

The same is true with all the apostles and prophets of God – which includes *That Prophet. Christ is coming in the flesh*. That is what makes a prophet, a SIGN from God – when Christ comes in their flesh and do the work of God in their respective assigned times or generations!

Anciently, just like the prophet Ezekiel was a SIGN in his time, and Mr. Armstrong being a SIGN in this END TIME; God then gave Mr. Flurry as a SIGN unto God’s Church – both to the Philadelphians and to the Laodiceans even to physical Israel (America, Britain and modern day Israel):

He is a SIGN in the LAST END. Even his first name “*Gerald*” which is derived from “*HERALD*” actually means, a “*HARBINGER*.” God names His servants as they are! And at the conclusion of the LAST END of the indignation, “*they shall know that I am the LORD*”

SIGN TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

God commanded to build His house to portray Jerusalem so it could be used as a sign and a warning that physical and spiritual Israel, as Mr. Flurry has prophesied, have indeed reached the point of no return. President Barack Hussein Obama was elected president on November 2008 while the IRON BARS were raised on PCG grounds on that same month and year. Is this in any way connected? Could it be that Mr. Obama would indeed fulfill a prophecy? Well, that specific prophecy is directly tied in to Ezekiel 4! And we can prove it here!

Again, here is what Mr. Flurry wrote in *The Philadelphia Trumpet* about what most likely the SIEGE OF AMERICA by its own President! (Read also his booklet,

America Under Attack)

The White House is neck-deep in scandals. ***Virtually all of them have to do with the government trying to control people and to take more power for itself.*** Look at the growing list of just the recent scandals: President Obama deciding to ignore laws he does not like, choosing not to deport illegal immigrants who would have been allowed to stay in the country if Congress had passed the “Dream Act.” ***The FBI admitting it uses surveillance drones over U.S. soil. The powerful Internal Revenue Service targeting the president’s enemies,*** mostly conservative and pro-Israel groups, to suppress their political involvement before the election. ***The Justice Department secretly seizing the records of more than 20 Associated Press phone lines in what was called a “massive and unprecedented intrusion”—*** while the attorney general claimed to know nothing about it. The Justice Department illegally monitoring the phone lines and e-mails of Fox News reporter James Rosen. ***The National Security Agency conducting illegal, covert surveillance programs in violation of the Fourth Amendment, keeping phone and Internet records of millions of Americans with the full cooperation of nine major Internet companies.*** The revelations just keep coming. ... In June, we learned that the National Security Agency (NSA) has a secret data warehouse in Utah, a “billion-dollar epicenter” where it can store massive amounts of information. And the phone records, e-mails and other digital communications the government has been tracking include yours. Microsoft, Yahoo!, Google, Facebook, YouTube, AOL, Skype and Apple have handed over *all kinds* of information about you, and claimed that they were forced to do so. The Associated Press reported that this revelation “illustrates how aggressively personal information is being congregated and analyzed ...” (June 13). ... ***Why all the secrecy? Washington claims it needs all this information for America’s war against terrorism.*** ... William Binney, a 32-year veteran of the NSA, was asked where the surveillance data was heading. He said: ***“It’s really a turn-key situation, where it can be turned quickly and become a totalitarian state pretty quickly. The capacity to do that is being set up”*** (emphasis mine). ***That is a chilling statement—it gets to the heart of the issue!*** Look at the potential power the government *already* has. Fox News’s Bob Beckel, a Democrat, said the NSA data mining “is **strikingly close to authoritarian rule** that has no place in this country and no place certainly under our Constitution.” Herbert Meyer served as an intelligence

specialist in the Reagan administration, as special assistant to the CIA director and vice chairman on the National Intelligence Council. **This man has compared the actions of this administration to what the Nazis did under Adolf Hitler.** (He didn't say these officials are like the Nazis, but that they are going about their plan *the same way* the Nazis did.) Even the *Germans* have severely criticized President Obama for this NSA program! Some critics say he's acting like the Gestapo. The NSA is amassing *enormous power*. If it ignores the laws of the land, it can get practically anything it wants. **Imagine what a tyrannical government could do with all that information. ... There is a *spiritual dimension* to what is happening, and you cannot understand these events unless you recognize that.** (pp. 1, 36; *From the Editor*, August 2013, *The Philadelphia Trumpet*)

For emphasis, as Mr. Flurry wrote, **“There is a *spiritual dimension* to what is happening, and you cannot understand these events unless you recognize that.”** Do you recognize the SPIRITUAL DIMENSION to this?

To better understand that *spiritual dimension*, let us discuss point by point how Mr. Flurry described what Mr. Obama has done so far to America and its constituents:

1. “*the government trying to control people and to take more power for itself.*”
2. “*secretly seizing the records ...for ...war against terrorism ...*”
3. “is strikingly close to authoritarian rule”
4. “compared the actions of this administration to what the Nazis did under Adolf Hitler.”
5. “he’s acting like the Gestapo”
6. “amassing *enormous power*”
7. “a tyrannical government”

Compare those listed above against what has transpired inside the *Philadelphia Church of God* – it is the direct fulfillment of the Ezekiel 4 siege! It is the irrefutable proof that indeed there is a SIEGE even inside God’s own Church! - That that SIEGE has to happen **first** inside the *Philadelphia Church of God* before it can become a SIGN to America. (Ezek. 4:3).

Now, here’s the question: Do the lay members inside the *Philadelphia Church of God* have experienced an ***exact spiritual counterpart*** of the above listed descriptions? Let us consider further:

President Obama's Sweeping New Powers

July 11, 2013

From theTrumpet.com

One year ago, U.S. President Barack Obama voted himself sweeping new powers over American citizens' private communications.

On July 6 last year, U.S. President Barack Obama signed an executive order giving the White House unprecedented control to interfere with the private communications of U.S. citizens.

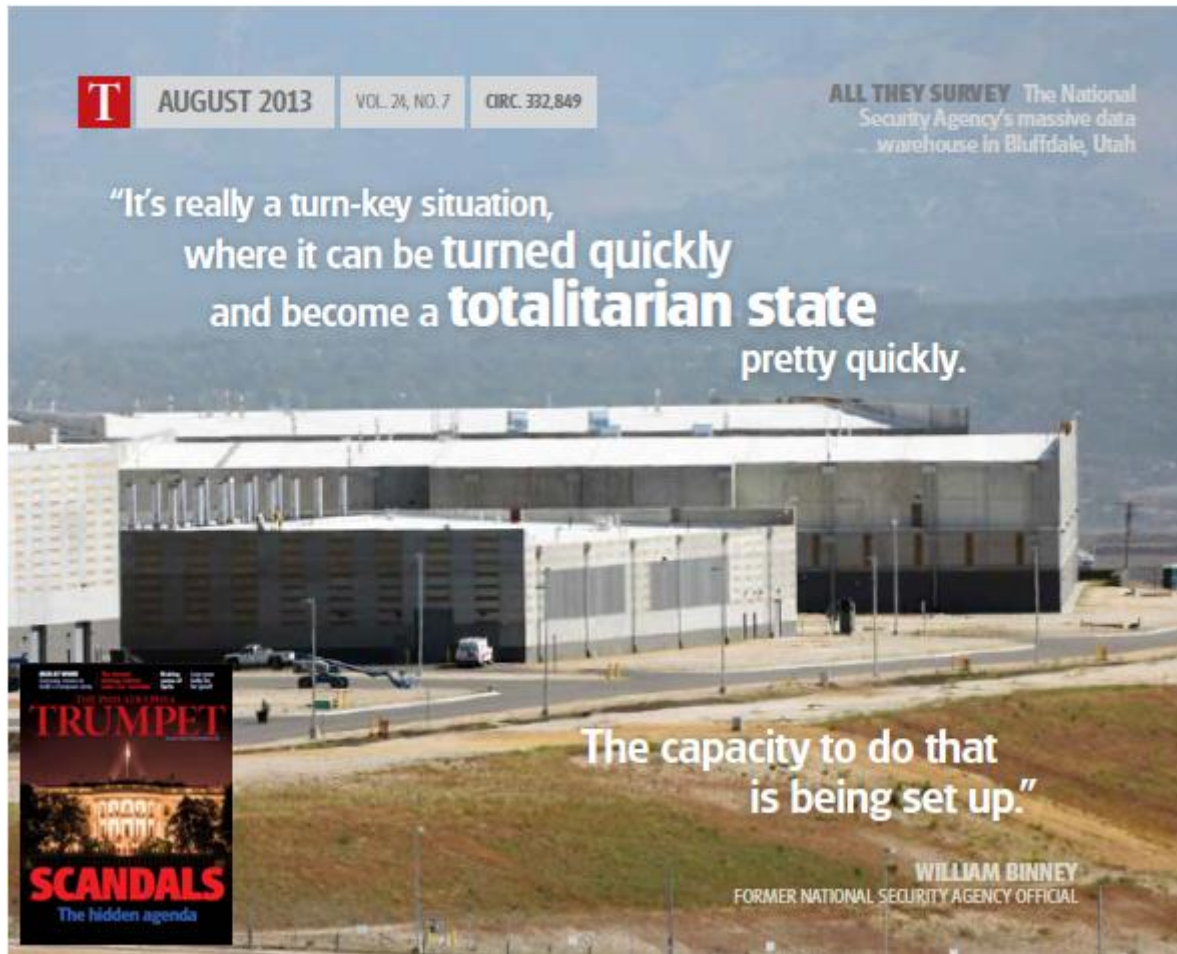
Draconian in both the nature of its language and the apparent intent of its application, the executive order grants powers hugely in excess of any contemplated by America's Founding Fathers when they established the nation's Constitution.

Couched in syntax that excuses the order as being in the interests of national security, Section 1 states that as a matter of policy, "The federal government must have the ability to communicate at all times and under all circumstances to carry out its most critical and time sensitive missions. ... Such communications must be possible under all circumstances to ensure national security....The views of all levels of government, the private and nonprofit sectors, and the public must inform the development of national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) communications policies, programs and capabilities"

Commenting on the new executive order, the Electronic Privacy Information Center observes, "The White House has released a new executive order seeking to ensure the continuity of government communications during a national emergency. ***The executive order grants new powers to the Department of Homeland Security, including the ability to collect certain public communications information.*** Under the executive order the White House has also granted the department the authority to seize private facilities when necessary, ***effectively shutting down or limiting civilian communications***" (July 11).

What does this mean? - ***"effectively shutting down or limiting civilian communications."*** Is this not the same as the NO CONTACT POLICY that was implemented FIRST to the people inside the *Philadelphia Church of God*? As prophesied in Ezekiel 4:3 "Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be

besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. ***This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.***”



Remember that the IRON WALL – the NO CONTACT POLICY was first set up inside the *Philadelphia Church of God* during the Ezekiel 4 siege, and this has become the SIGN to America! Notice the every detail that Mr. Obama employed in besieging America – he has his own *secret counsel*, his way of government administration is comparable to a tyrannical, totalitarian government which is like what the Nazis did under Adolf Hitler, he’s been acting like the Gestapo amassing enormous power unto himself. Sounds familiar? Has this happened inside God’s own Church during the *last end* Ezekiel 4 siege? No one can deny the direct parallelism of what is happening in America and the *Philadelphia Church of God* because it is God’s own prophecy being fulfilled before our very own eyes!

Can you clearly see that SIGN which God gave to the house of Israel? If you can see this Ezekiel 4 siege then that means the fulfillment of the next prophecy written in Ezekiel chapter 5 is just around the corner - even at the doors!

President Obama could even be the *physical counterpart* of the foolish shepherd of Zechariah 11:16-17 (For proof, read *America Under Attack*). Remember that there is a *spiritual counterpart* to this foolish shepherd inside the *Philadelphia Church of God*.

“For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces. Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.”

Chapter 12

God Remembers

The very first chapter of Mr. Flurry's book *Malachi's Message* is titled "A Call to Remembrance" to which we may ask; why has God inspired that to be introduced that way? And why has God inspired a *book of remembrance* to be written in this *last end*? Notice that everything revolves around remembering.

This is really more than a "book of remembrance." It's a message from Christ to those who remember past instructions. It's a wonderful message of encouragement. GOD CALLS THINGS WHAT THEY ARE! It revolves around remembering – by Philadelphians and by God." (p. 2)

The overarching theme of this *book of remembrance* is of course one of *remembering*. Again as Mr. Flurry wrote: "***It revolves around remembering*** – by Philadelphians and ***by God***." Notice this: God remembers.

Actually there is one prophecy in the Bible which God has so designed that requires a lot of *remembering* and it points us back to how

God is building His spiritual temple in a precise manner. *God remembers* every minutest detail of this spiritual structure, even the vessels that He uses whether it should be vessels unto honor or unto dishonor. He is very meticulous in selecting the finest spiritual material of His temple very much like what King David had done in

preparing the physical materials for the *First Temple* in Jerusalem. You will be *astonished* at how precise God remembers, that is, either He remembers *iniquity* or He remembers *mercy*.

The prophecy that requires a lot of remembering was written by the prophet Daniel in chapter 9 – the *70 weeks* prophecy. This prophecy gives us the amazing perspective of how God will transform the physical temple in Jerusalem into a glorious spiritual temple that will dazzle the entire universe – even Jesus Christ stood from His throne in heaven because of the excitement that it brings. This vision stretches from the time King Artaxerxes gave the decree in 457 BC up to the time of Christ's return and the rebuilding of the Ezekiel temple in Jerusalem.

As the prophet Haggai wrote: For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; 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.” (Hag. 2:6-9)

THE SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY

So many Bible scholars have differing interpretations about the *seventy weeks* prophecy in Daniel chapter 9:

“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.” (v. 24)

God will prove to us through the pages of the Bible that this prophecy, without a single doubt, could easily be considered as the most wonderful and breath-taking prophecy that you will be able to know and understand. It is a heaven and earth shaking revelation from our Heavenly Father! And once you understand the conclusion of this *70 weeks* prophecy, it will literally blow your mind away! It ought to be the most exciting and the most anticipated prophecy we should ever be looking forward to. No other prophecy could even compare to the excitement that it brings to God's Heavenly Throne.

To begin with, let us take a closer look at this 70 week prophecy - its outcome has to fulfill and satisfy six things:

1. to finish the transgression
2. to make an end of sins
3. to make reconciliation for iniquity
4. to bring in everlasting righteousness
5. to seal up the vision and prophecy
6. to anoint the most Holy

According to some commentaries, the first three has already been fulfilled, while the last three still awaits its final fulfillment.

But looking at it carefully, even during Christ's *first* coming as God in the flesh; He was able to fulfill all six. Yet, as we shall see later, a *duality* is prophesied to be fulfilled in our time right now before the Great Tribulation to finally *bring in everlasting righteousness*.

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.” (v. 25)

It is already a common knowledge among students of Bible prophecy that this 70 week prophecy is actually equivalent to 490 years (applying the day for a year principle, Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:6).

The beginning of the *first* fulfillment of the *70 weeks prophecy* was from the *decree* given by King Artaxerxes on his seventh year reign in the year 457 B.C. - the account is written on Ezra 7:7-28;

“Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the Lord, and of his statutes to Israel. *Artaxerxes, king of kings*, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time. *I make a decree*, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee ...*And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree* to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily ...Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? ...Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.” Consider the time sequence breakdown:

- 7 weeks in years – This must have been fulfilled during Nehemiah's *second visit* to Jerusalem (Neh. 13:15-31, see *JFB and Lange's Commentaries*). According to the *Elephantine papyri*, this specific event must have happened in 408 B.C. - 49 years after the decree of King Artaxerxes in 457 B.C. (See *Archeological Confirmation of the Time of Nehemiah's Return* in the book, *Archeology and Bible History* by Joseph P. Free and Howard Frederick Vos, pp. 210-211)

In 408 B.C., the city of Jerusalem has been completely rebuilt; the *gates* and the *streets* were used as an *avenue* to profane the Sabbath where merchants and sellers were lodged even on the front *physical* WALLS which Nehemiah had built previously within 52 days to serve as their protection (vv. 20, 21; see also Neh. 6:15). But when he returned on his *second visit* during that time in 408 B.C., he saw that those WALLS were used to profane the Sabbath, so he had commanded to close those *gates* and the *streets* (v. 19) and commanded the Levites to cleanse and guard the gates to sanctify the Sabbaths (v. 22).

He also saw that the Jews have transgressed against God by marrying strange wives (v. 23, 27) which they have children with (v. 24). He even had to contend with the nobles of Judah (v. 17, 25). Here is what *Lange's Commentary* wrote:

A dozen years later again on Nehemiah's ***second visit***, there is a necessity for a most stern application of Nehemiah's personal and official power *to cure the same old evil, which seems to have been bolder than ever.*

And do you know who was behind all of the evil and profanity? - "And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was *son in law to Sanballat the Horonite*: therefore I chased him from me." (v. 28)

Remember *Sanballat*? He was a very zealous enemy of God's work. (Neh. 2:10, 19; 4:1, 7; 6:1, 2, 5, 12, 14)

"...*the street shall be built again and the wall*" – the fulfillment of this prophecy revolves around the return of the Jews to their former work of doing evil in God's sight after Jerusalem had been completely rebuilt. It was introduced by someone who was related to the enemy of God's work, and he was from among the *priesthood* - the *spiritual* WALL! Their sins apparently have *separated* the people from God *again*. (Isa. 59:2)

“Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.” (v. 29)

Apparently, the *spiritual* WALL (the priesthood) that was previously cleansed and purified during the rebuilding of the Second Temple has been defiled *again*. And one thing that we have to take particular notice is that *Malachi* was the minor prophet during the time of Nehemiah’s *second visit*. Thus, **God remembered** the corrupt priesthood through the prophet Malachi! God has immediately answered Nehemiah’s prayer. Apparently, 240 years later, in 168 B.C., God allowed Antiochus Epiphanes to desecrate the temple. Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote about Antiochus:

He was responsible for setting up the abomination of desolation. In 168 B.C., Antiochus pillaged and desecrated the Jews’ temple in Jerusalem. Greek historian Polybius observed that he “despoiled most sanctuaries.” He also burdened the Jews with unbearable taxes. “Throughout the turbulent changes of its past history,” wrote Werner Keller in *The Bible as History*, “Israel had been spared none of the horror and ignominy which could befall a nation. But never before, neither under the Assyrians nor under the Babylonians, had it received such a blow as the edict issued by Antiochus Epiphanes by which he hoped to crush and destroy the faith of Israel” (see also 1 Maccabees 1:44 in the Hebrew Bible). – *Daniel Unsealed at Last*, p. 16

Now, even in this end time, God still **remembers** these people through *Malachi’s Message*. Now here are some of the accounts regarding Nehemiah’s *second visit* which corresponded with the appearance of the prophet Malachi:

The abuses which *Malachi* mentions in his writings correspond so exactly with those which *Nehemiah* found on his **2nd visit** to Jerusalem. (Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malachi>)

While in *Lange’s Commentary*, here’s what is written:

(W)e find *Malachi* condemning the very same abuses, which *Nehemiah* found existing in his **second visit** to Jerusalem, we may reasonably conclude, that they were contemporaries, and sustain the same relations to each other.

That was what happened after the 7th week (in years) in Daniel 9’s *seventy week*

prophecy “the street shall be built again and the wall” – it discusses a point in time when the Jews have started doing what was contrary to God’s own work of rebuilding and restoring the temple in Jerusalem unto the Messiah’s first coming. And who were the perpetrators? The priesthood! - Thus, the need for the prophet Malachi’s message.

Will there be a duality of this specific prophecy (“*the street shall be built again and the wall*”) which involves an enemy of God’s Work from among the priesthood or ministry who shall *defile the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood* by returning to a former work which is contrary to God’s own work, even marrying a strange wife (spiritually speaking) during the fulfillment of the duality of the 70 week prophecy in this *last end*?

Let us take a brief look as to what Ezra and Nehemiah’s jobs were: Basically, Ezra’s job was to cleanse and purify the *spiritual* WALL (the priesthood) which guarded the law, while Nehemiah’s job was focused on building the *physical* WALL around Jerusalem to protect them.

In this *last end*, there is a counterpart of that WALL, as Mr. Flurry has mentioned in his *Opening Night Message* for the *2013 Feast of Tabernacles*: “we’re building (or have built) a WALL around this Church to protect us.” But what do you think will he see during his *second visit*? Apparently, the WALL (the PCG ministers plus the NO CONTACT POLICY) that he built has been greatly abused and used to separate the people from God. (Ezek. 4:3)

Now, let’s move to the next time sequence: “And after *threescore and two weeks* (on top of the initial 7 weeks on verse 25) shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: ...And he shall confirm the covenant with many for *one week*: and *in the midst of the week* he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease” (Dan. 9:26-27).

- After 69 weeks (483 years), comes the final 1 week (7 years) - Christ confirms the covenant with many
- *In the midst of that 1 week* (3 ½ years) – Christ has to be cut off, but not for himself to “to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity” (v. 24; see also Heb. 9:11-28)

Now here is what all the Bible prophecy students has not fully understood which has been actually concealed until now – the *latter thoughts* of verses 26 and 27. Some have erroneously attributed these verses to the abomination of desolation that was set up by a Seleucid Greek king Antiochus Epiphanes IV, some apply it to the Roman general Titus, (who later became emperor that ascended to the throne of his father

Vespasian), while others avoid it altogether. Even Bible commentaries were confused as to how they might reconcile the conclusion of the 70 week prophecy. The one point they agree though is about the Messiah being cut off in the midst of the week. And there is a reason for that confusion; it is not yet time to be understood.

But now in this *last end*, God's appointed time has come and He has given us the knowledge and the understanding of the *mysterious conclusion* to the longstanding prophecy in Daniel chapter 9.

God at several times inspires His prophets to write Bible prophecies in forms of *chiasmus*. Verses 26 and 27 are no different, because He wanted to hide the true meaning until His appointed has come. Well, that time has indeed already come.

Let's begin our analysis with the *time element* being discussed in verses 26 to 27; notice that both verses pertain to the *last one week* remaining after the 69th week (483 years) of the *70 weeks prophecy*. That means that everything written therein has to be fulfilled inside that *one week time frame*.

And within that time period, another prophecy which was written by the prophet Ezekiel has to be triggered and has to be fulfilled as well – i.e., the countdown to a DETERMINED future event (siege of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.) as a consequence of the actions of the *desolator* and those that supported him. Take particular notice that the commencement of the countdown for that specific *determined* future event has to be triggered when the prophecy in Daniel 9 has to be uttered "THAT SAME YEAR" by the *desolator* during the *one week* (seven years) time frame.

Now let's continue by arranging the two verses (26 and 27) in its *chiastic* form:

26 "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself:"	27 "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,"
"...and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined."	"...and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Here is what shall appear upon rearrangement of the *chiasmus* for verses 26 and 27. Remember that the events indicated in the verses should happen within the allotted time frame of *one week* (seven years):

“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: ...And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease” – FIRST PART

“...and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined ...and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.” – SECOND PART

Now, let us go briefly on the FIRST PART: The start of the last week or the 70th week began when Christ about 30 years old and was baptized by John the Baptist on the autumn of 27 A.D. on the river of Jordan. (Matt. 3:13-17; Luke 3:21-23). John was at first hesitant to baptize Him but, “Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; *it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.*” Then John consented” (v. 15, NIV). Notice that Christ mentions the 4th point in Daniel 9:24, “*to bring in everlasting righteousness.*”

After Christ’s baptism, He went into the wilderness and fasted 40 days and 40 nights to battle Satan, the prince of the power of the air. (Matt. 4:1-2; Eph. 2:2). Then immediately after that titanic battle with Satan, Christ began His earthly ministry (Mark 1:14-15). Throughout His ministry, he has always been in the watchful eyes of the Pharisees (and the Sadducees as well). But how did the Pharisees come into being in the first place?

In the years before the rise of Rome, the Jews, after centuries of captivity, finally won their freedom from a tyrannical (Greek) king named Antiochus Epiphanes, one of the greatest despots of the ancient world... *The belief among the Jews was that God had punished Israel by delivering it into the hands of occupying nations for its failure to follow the Law of Moses. Now, with their freedom finally won, some key leaders of the Jews resolved that they would never again come under bondage from their rebellion, and so they determined they would follow God and honor His commandments so that Israel would know His blessings rather than His curses and punishments. In its zeal to observe the commandments, the nation gave birth to several fanatical groups dedicated to*

promoting holiness. At the forefront of this movement was a group that came to be known to us as the Pharisees. (Source: <http://www.centralcal.com/crist2.htm>)

In the final year in Christ's ministry prior to the Passover of 31 AD, the chief priests (Sadducees) and the Pharisees have gathered together in a council for a plot to destroy and kill Christ.

John 11:47-53 - "Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. *And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest THAT SAME YEAR, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest THAT YEAR, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.*"

Notice carefully that it is very important to take note of what happened on THAT SAME YEAR, THAT YEAR – when the high priest Caiaphas uttered the specific prophetic fulfillment of Daniel 9:26;

"And after threescore and two weeks *shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself*: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined."

The apophthegms of great men have been worthy of special regard: A divine sentence is in the lips of the king; therefore this divine sentence was put into the lips of the high priest, that even out of his mouth this word might be established, *That Christ died for the good of the nation, and not for any iniquity in his hands.* He happened to be high priest that year which was fixed to be the *year of the redeemed, when Messiah the prince must be cut off, but not for himself* (Dan. 9:26), and he must own it ...This year was the year of the expiration of the Levitical priesthood; and out of the mouth of him who was that year high priest was exhorted an implicit resignation of it to him who should not (as they had

done for many ages) offer beasts for that nation, but offer himself, and so make an end of the *sin-offering*. (*Matthew Henry Commentary*)

And what year was that when Caiaphas the high priest spoke that prophetic utterance regarding a prophecy in Daniel 9:26? It was prior to the Passover of 31 AD (John 11:55-57)

“And the Jews' passover was *nigh at hand*: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves. Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast? Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew it, that they might take him.”

Remember that the Passover is observed on the first month of the Jewish calendar, so it just means that the commandment given by the Sadducees chief priests and the Pharisees to seize and put Christ to death had to be in the year 30 AD! It is clearly THAT SAME YEAR, THAT YEAR when Caiaphas the high priest had specifically fulfilled Daniel 9:26!

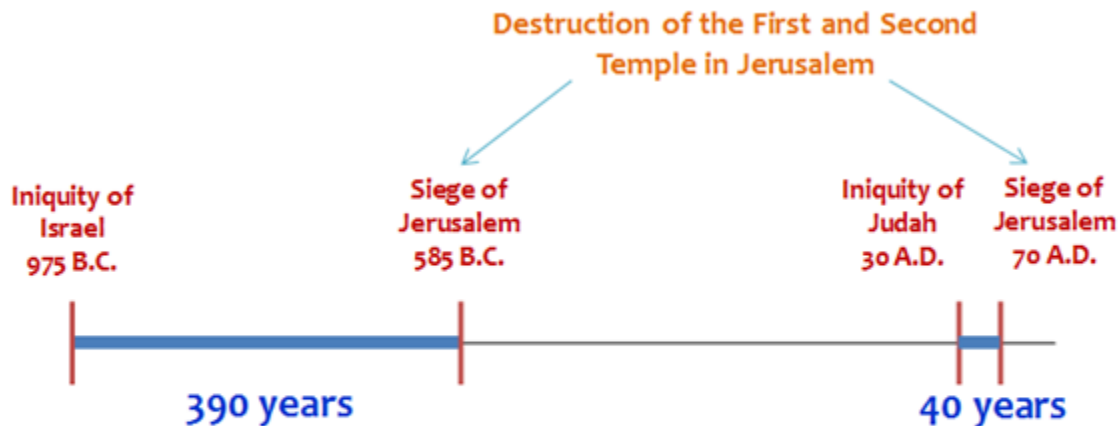
Remember again that God through the prophet Ezekiel has already given a DETERMINED time frame before Jerusalem has to be besieged, before its second temple has to be destroyed by the Romans. See how important the revelation about the Ezekiel 4 siege is. It allowed us to plot the exact years that God has DETERMINED before the desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel has to occur which amounted to 40 years. (“...thou shalt bear *the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.*” - Ezekiel 4:6. Read again the explanation of this prophecy in chapter 7 of this book – the *Ezekiel 4 Siege*)

Now look closely; the prophecy in *Ezekiel 4* has everything to do with the *siege of Jerusalem*, and God has already DETERMINED a time frame prior to the actual fulfillment in 70 AD. He wants us all to see what really triggered the siege of Jerusalem – it's the IRON WALL - the *chief priests* and the *Pharisees* who plotted to destroy the Messiah in 30 AD!

To better understand what specific events have been fulfilled in verses 26 and 27, we need to split each thought one by one. Let us start with verse 26 which are actually separated by a colon and a semi-colon:

1. “And after threescore and two weeks *shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself.*”

2. "...and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary;"
3. "...and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined."



God gave the prophet Ezekiel a two-fold pre-determined years prior to Jerusalem's siege and destruction of the Temple of God: 390 years were given for the house of Israel, while as for the house of Judah, 40 years was DETERMINED.

Let us define some key words to reveal the true meaning of each thought:

Destroy – A primary root; to *decay*, that is, ruin: cast off, *corrupt*

- Decay
 - *undergo a change*; become different in essence; losing one's or its original nature
 - *to deteriorate*; *to weaken* or *disintegrate*;
- Corrupt
 - make illegal payments to in exchange for favors or influence; *bribe*
 - to destroy or subvert the honesty or integrity of
 - to ruin morally; *pervert*
 - to taint; *contaminate*

Sanctuary – could also mean “*saints*” in Strong's Concordance.

Flood – *deluge*, *outrageous*

- Deluge
 - an overwhelming amount or number
 - something that overwhelms as if by a great flood

- Outrageous
 - violent or unrestrained in temperament or behavior.
 - grossly offensive to decency, authority, etc.; causing horror
 - of or involving gross injury or wrong.
 - greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation

War – in Strong's; From H3898 (in the sense of fighting), a *battle* (that is, the engagement)

- Battle
 - a protracted controversy or struggle
 - any fight, conflict, or struggle, as between two persons or opposing forces.

Desolation – in Hebrew is shamem H8074: a primitive root; to *stun* (or intransitively *grow numb*), that is *devastate* or *stupefy*: - make *amazed*, be *astonied*, *astonish*, wonder

- Stun
 - to stupefy, as with the emotional impact of an experience; astound
- Devastate
 - to confound or overwhelm, as with grief or shock
- Stupefy
 - to stun, as with strong emotion.
- Amaze
 - to affect with great wonder; astonish
 - to overwhelm with surprise or sudden wonder; astonish greatly.
- Astonish
 - to fill with sudden wonder or amazement
- Wonder
 - one that arouses awe, astonishment, surprise, or admiration; a marvel
 - the emotion aroused by something awe-inspiring, astounding, or marvelous
 - a feeling of puzzlement or doubt.

Now let us substitute the words that we have defined to understand the real meaning of each thought. You will also be utterly amazed at what you will be able see which has not been revealed by God before. Verse 26 is not about an armed conflict between physical armies as what has been previously thought of. The meaning has long been in obscurity because it was *concealed* by God until His appointed time has come in this *last end*.

Here goes the SECOND PART: To begin with, who could most possibly be the “people of the prince” being discussed here? And who is this prince anyway? This is

Satan, the *prince* of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2).

As it is written, “And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. Then entered **Satan** into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and **communed** with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money” (Luke 22:3-5).

Then in John chapter 18, we can read of the details of how “*the people of the prince*” came for Christ’s arrest through Judas’ betrayal after being possessed by Satan for quite some time; “Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.” (v. 3)

We must not forget the context that it was the chief priests and the Pharisees who initiated this through their council, in which the high priest Caiaphas has specifically fulfilled the prophecy of Daniel 9:26 (John 11:47-53); therefore, the “*people of the prince*” points us directly to *the chief priests and Pharisees* who *corrupted* and *perverted* the minds of the whole city of Jerusalem through their false accusations against Christ which resulted to His own disciples’ faith to *decay* spiritually, i.e., their faith *deteriorated*, *weakened* and eventually, they *disintegrated* and disappeared from view by the time Christ was arrested and brought to the council. We may also argue that it was Judas Iscariot who betrayed Christ, but notice also that he repented of what he has done and he hanged himself for that.

“Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.” (Matt. 27:3-5)

These *chief priests and Pharisees* were the ones who have started the *tumult* among the people and *persuaded* the *overwhelming outrageous crowd* (*a great flood of violent people*) to seek Christ’s destruction for their own personal gain. (Read from the illustration table to better understand the chronological events surrounding the actual fulfillment of verse 26)

At the *end* of that *great conflict* and *controversy* whether Christ really was the Messiah and the Son of God which He claimed He was, the multitude of people after witnessing Christ’s death were *devastated* and have been filled with *astonishment* seeing heaven and earth shaking events – the sun darkened, the earth shook and rent the veil of the temple into two, graves were opened and many bodies of the saints were

The Last End – A Book of Remembrance

Daniel 9:26	ACTUAL FULFILLMENT
“And after threescore and two weeks <i>shall</i> Messiah be cut off, but not for himself:”	"And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest THAT SAME YEAR, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest THAT YEAR, <i>he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.</i> " (John 11:49-53)
“...and the <i>people of the prince</i> that shall come” > Satan, the <i>prince</i> of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2)	"Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation." (John 11:47-48)
“...shall <i>destroy</i> the city and the <i>sanctuary</i>;” > Destroy - <i>decay</i>, <i>corrupt</i> * <i>Decay</i> - <i>undergo a change</i> - <i>deteriorate</i>, <i>weaken</i>, <i>disintegrate</i> * Corrupt - make illegal payments to in exchange for favors or influence; <i>bribe</i> - to ruin morally; <i>pervert</i> - to taint; <i>contaminate</i> > Sanctuary - <i>saints</i>	• So great was the perversion and corruption which the chief priests and the Pharisees had done to the multitude of the city of Jerusalem just to kill Jesus that it even affected Christ's own disciples which started with Judas Iscariot taking the 30 pieces of silver bribe just to betray Him. (Matt. 26:14-16, 55; Mark 14:10-11, 43; Luke 22:2-6, 47; Acts 1:16-17) • Even Peter, the chief among the disciples (saints) has been affected and undergo a change - being reduced from a feisty supporter of Christ to a mere weakened observer, resulting in denying Him three times. (Matt. 26:51, 69-75; Mark 14:66 – 72; John 18:10, 15-17, 25, 27) • Most of the disciples (saints) disintegrated and were nowhere to be found when Christ was arrested; when He underwent a mock trial before the Sanhedrin; when He suffered severe humiliation, brutal scourging; and while He hung in agony on the wooden stake as if they have totally disappeared from view (save John - John 19:26-27). • One of the saints' (Thomas') faith deteriorated - he even doubted Christ's resurrection. (John 20:24-29)
“...and the end thereof shall be with a <i>flood</i>,” > Flood - deluge, outrageous * Deluge - an overwhelming amount or number (of people) * Outrageous - violent or unrestrained in temperament or behavior. - grossly offensive to decency, authority, etc.; causing horror - of or involving gross injury or wrong.	The chief priests and the Pharisees contaminated the minds of the people of Jerusalem by persuading the multitude the end result of which was an outrageous overwhelming crowd wanting Christ to be destroyed through crucifixion. (Matt. 27:20-25) "And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people ...And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man ...But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him ...And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed . And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required." (Luke 23:13, 18, 21, 23-24)
“...and unto the end of the <i>war desolations</i> are determined.” > War - battle * Battle - a protracted <i>controversy</i> or struggle - any fight, <i>conflict</i>, or struggle, as between two persons or opposing forces. > Desolations - <i>stun</i>, devastate, stupefy, amaze, <i>astonish</i>, <i>wonder</i> * Stun -to stupefy, as with the emotional impact of an experience; <i>astound</i> * Devastate - to confound or overwhelm, as with grief or shock * Amaze - to affect with <i>great wonder</i>; <i>astonish</i> * Wonder - one that arouses awe, <i>astonishment</i>, surprise, or admiration; a marvel	At the end of the <i>conflict</i> and the <i>controversy</i> whether Christ was indeed speaking the truth that He is the Messiah, the Son of God, the people were stunned with what they have seen and experienced after He died: "Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the (spirit). And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. <i>Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.</i> " (Matt. 27:50-54; Mark 15:37-39; Luke 23:45-48) And after 3 days and 3 nights, even Christ's own disciples were filled wonder: "Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre" (Luke 24:22; Matt. 28: 1-11; Mark 16:1-14). Then Christ personally appeared to His disciples "And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit ... And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered ..." (Luke 24:36-41)

resurrected back to life! (Matt. 27:50-54; Mark 15:37-39; Luke 23:44-45).

Who could not be *astounded* and *overwhelmed with grief and shock* at such a sight? For all we know, it was just written there and we seem not to care that much because it was a mind boggling mystery. For quite a very long time, we didn't know its meaning because it has been hidden, but God has now given us the full understanding of the fulfillment of the prophecy in Daniel 9:26 and the whole purpose of the 70 week prophecy.

Even when Christ was resurrected after 3 days and 3 nights, His very own disciples were also filled with *wonder* and were *astonished* among themselves, although for quite some time Christ has been telling them of what shall truly come to pass.

Paraphrasing what the prophet Daniel wrote in verse 26: "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the chief priests and the Pharisees that shall come shall pervert and contaminate the city with lies and false accusations against Him which shall corrupt, weaken, and disintegrate the saints; and the end result shall be a tumultuous overwhelming outrage of the people to destroy the Messiah, and unto the end of the controversy and conflict about the Messiahship of Jesus Christ, an overwhelming grief, shock, wonder and astonishment are determined."

Consider this: Without God revealing the Ezekiel 4 siege, specifically the identity of the IRON WALL, the *seventy weeks prophecy* of Daniel 9 could never have been fully understood which makes it really very critical to the whole vision.

Now let us move to verse 27 and again split each thought to unlock the full meaning of the vision:

1. "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,"
2. "...and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation,
3. "...and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Let us go through each thought:

1. "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease."

Notice that there are *two-fold intentions* here: First is to “confirm the covenant with many”; the second one, is to “cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.” The first one happens continuously for “one week” (7 years) until it “lead to the conclusion of a new, strong, and firm covenant with many” (*Lange's Commentary*) at the end of that “one week;” while the other one happens “in the midst of the week” with an **ultimate goal** of bringing the physical sacrifices to an end. Both intentions started when Christ preached the gospel of the Kingdom when He began His ministry on the autumn of 27 AD. And for 3 1/2 years leading up to April 25, 31 AD (Wednesday), Christ suffered brutal scourging and a violent death to **fulfill** and **bring to completion** a specific prophecy – “he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease” (Heb. 9:11-28; 10:1-4). Yet there is another one that must be **completed** - the end of the 70 week prophecy.

2. “...and for the *overspreading* of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the *consummation*.”

Let us define again some important words:

Overspreading – from H3671; an edge or *extremity*, *pinnacle*

- Extremity – the outermost or farthest point or portion
– the greatest or most intense degree
- Pinnacle – the highest point; the culmination
– the highest level or degree attainable; the highest stage of development

Consummation – from Strong’s H3617; a completion

- Consummation – an ultimate goal or end.
– the act of consummating; a fulfillment
– the act of bringing to completion or fruition
- Completion – the act of completing or the state of being completed

Three and a half years later from Christ's death and resurrection, on 34 AD, another completion has to take place at the end of the week of the *70 weeks* prophecy. But that **consummation** is tied to the **highest degree** of **abomination**, which as the Apostle Paul wrote, when someone who is in the **highest authority** in the temple of God "opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped;

...shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thes. 2:4); and he uses that authority to destroy God's messenger and His work which will make him become a **desolator** (*antichrist*) at that particular **culmination**.

Von Lengerke, "***the desolator comes upon the pinnacle of abomination***"; (also Hengstenberg, Maurer, Reinke); de Wette, "***the abomination of the desolator shall stand on the pinnacle of the temple***"; Havernick, "***on the head (or summit) of the abominations is a desolator***"; ... Fuller, "***and over the covering of abominations stands a desolator***"; (*Lange's Commentary*)

The **pinnacle** of **abomination** was first reached by those who have the **highest authority** in the temple of God, the **CHIEF PRIESTS** and the *Pharisees*, i.e., when they plotted and eventually destroyed the Messiah and His work by **overspreading** their lies and false accusations against Him which **spread over** like a wildfire among the people of Jerusalem, even affecting the faith of His own *saints* to *weaken* and *deteriorate*.

Now there's another **extremity** of **abomination** and this time it was Stephen's turn to become a *true and faithful witness for God* by letting *Christ come in his flesh*.

As several men from the synagogue arose and disputed with him, Stephen, just like what Jesus Christ had to go through, was brought to the council by those in the synagogue who "stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes" (Acts 6:8-15). To whom Stephen spoke boldly, "Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: ...When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth" (Acts 7:52, 54). At that point, for the second occurrence, this time at the end of the "one week," those sitting in the temple of God have again reached the **pinnacle** of **abomination** by casting Stephen out of the city to be *stoned to death*, thus **bringing to fruition** God's purpose for the 70 week prophecy – **building His spiritual temple of which Christ is the chief cornerstone**. (Isa. 66:1-2; Eph. 2:20)

3. "...and *that determined* shall be poured upon the desolate."

What is "*that determined*" being mentioned here? Remember what was DETERMINED in Ezekiel 4 for the iniquity of Judah? (Ezek. 4:6) And when it started? Again, the 40 years prior to the 70 AD siege and destruction of Jerusalem will

bring us to THAT SAME YEAR 30 AD when the high priest Caiaphas declared the prophecy in Daniel 9:26 (John 11:49). Here is what *Lange's Commentary* wrote:

(A)nd that determined shall be poured upon the desolate; rather, "...judicial punishment shall be ***poured out upon the desolator;***" i.e., the abomination of desolation shall continue only until the ***Divinely determined judgment*** shall be ***poured out upon the desolator.***

Even Jesus Christ reminded the multitude of people who were present at that crucifixion of ***God's determined judgment***: "And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, *Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.* For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" (Luke 23:27-31)

The abomination of desolation inside the temple of God shall continue until *God's determined judgment* shall be poured upon the *desolator* – the *chief priests and Pharisees* who perpetrated it. These *desolators* were given 40 years to continue with what they were doing, i.e., from THAT SAME YEAR in 30 AD when the high priest Caiaphas pronounced the prophecy in Daniel 9:26, then GOD'S DETERMINED JUDGMENT has to be poured out on them. In 70 AD, when the Roman general Titus besieged, ransacked and destroyed Jerusalem and its temple, Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy was fulfilled to the letter!

On the contrary, Judas Iscariot's *determined judgment* was swift: "Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood," he wanted to kill himself by hanging but he fell off the cliff "falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and his bowels gushed out." His corpse was even laid on "*the field of blood*" which the chief priests and elders bought in his name with the thirty pieces of silver that he returned to them – the price of betraying Christ! (Matt. 27:3-8; Acts 1:16-18) - "...and *that determined* shall be poured upon the *desolator*"

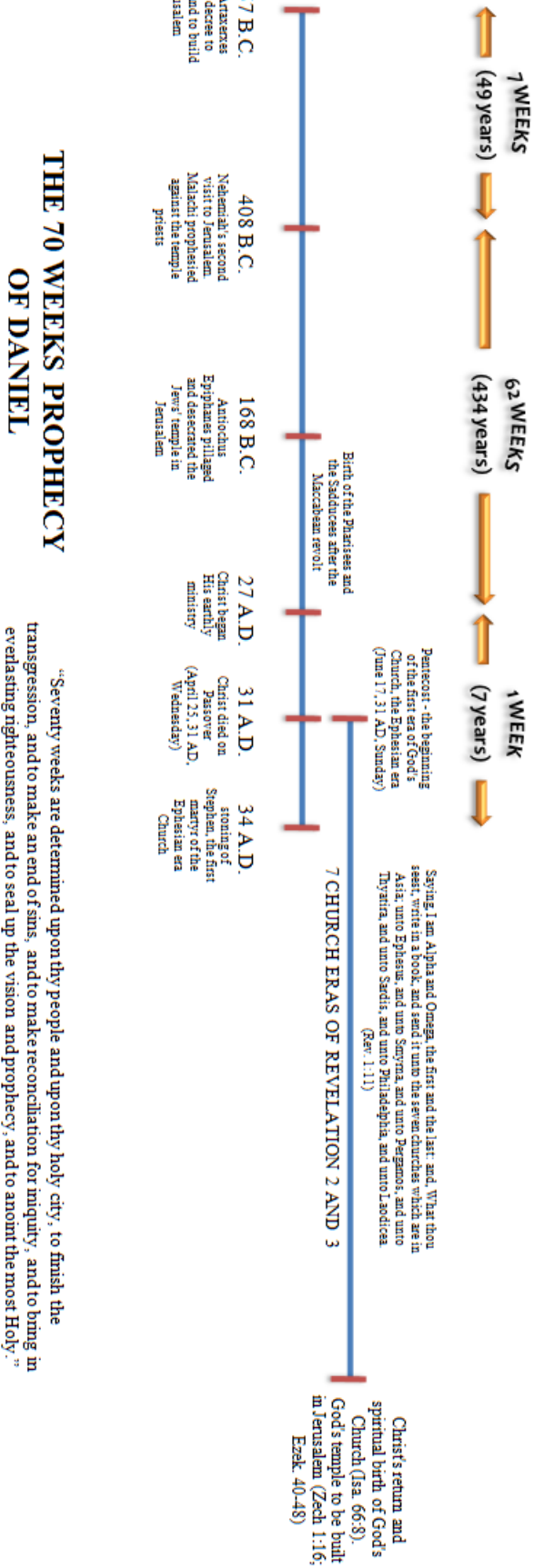
Going back to Daniel 9:24, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."



The siege and destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans under the command of Titus, A.D. 70 (Artist: David Roberts 1850)



The desecration and destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD: 40 years after Caiaphas the high priest uttered the prophecy in Daniel 9:26 THAT SAME YEAR in 30 AD (John 11:49), thus fulfilling the prophecy that has been DETERMINED in Ezekiel 4:6; and also in Daniel 9:27 - "...and that DETERMINED shall be poured upon the *desolator*."



THE 70 WEEKS PROPHECY OF DANIEL

"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."

The phrase “to seal up the vision and prophecy” has a very significant meaning, specifically, the word “prophecy”.

According to Strong’s Concordance, the word *prophecy* here comes from the Hebrew word *nabiy*: H5030, (naw-bee’); from H5012; a prophet or (gen.) inspired man:--prophecy, that prophesy, prophet.

The word *nabiy* occurs 314 times in 287 verses, and all of the time it has been used, it referred to a person – *a prophet that prophesy*. Only once has this word been used to refer to *prophecy* – only in Daniel 9:24! So if we use the word *prophet* here it would read, “to seal up the vision and *the prophet*”; Also in the *Revised Standard Version* we can read: “to seal both vision and *prophet*.” (See also the *Amplified Bible*).

Let’s define some words in *Strong’s*:

Seal: H2856 (chatam); to close up; *make an end*, stop, seal.

Vision: H2377 (chazon); *revelation*, vision.

“To seal up the vision and *the prophet*” - This prophecy has first been fulfilled through Christ’s death: He gave his life on the cross and took on Himself our human guilt for our sins – it *put an end* to His life and so with the vision or revelation of the 70 week prophecy. With His death, He has fulfilled the first five (5) conditions:

1. to finish the transgression
2. to make an end of sins
3. to make reconciliation for iniquity
4. to bring in everlasting righteousness
5. to seal up the vision and prophet

While with Christ’s resurrection after 3 days and 3 nights, He has yet to fulfill the next prophecy - “to anoint the *most Holy*.” And that was fulfilled during *Pentecost day* of 31 A.D. in Jerusalem, God gave His Holy Spirit to His newborn Church – “the most Holy” (*sacred saints*, see Strong’s Concordance). Mr. Armstrong wrote:

Synoptic History of the Church

Finally, we come to a brief history of the Church from its foundation in A.D. 31 to the present. ***The Church started on the day of Firstfruits called Pentecost, in June of A.D. 31. The Holy Spirit came from heaven upon the 120 disciples***

assembled in Jerusalem with a miraculous display such as has never before nor since occurred.

The 120 were all of “one accord.” Suddenly “there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind” (Acts 2:2). Have you ever been in a tornado or a hurricane? I have. Wind can make a very loud sound. This sound filled “all the house where they were sitting.” Next “there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ***And they were all filled with the Holy [Spirit]***, and began to speak with other tongues [languages], as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (*Mystery of the Ages*, p. 212)

God’s Church was given an earnest of God’s Holy Spirit on the Pentecost day of 31 A.D., thus, fulfilling the latter part of Daniel 9:24 – “***to anoint the most Holy.***”

“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.*”

One might ask: Is there a duality of the *70 week* prophecy in Daniel chapter 9 specifically in this *last end*? How can we know if there is a need for it?

KNOW THEREFORE...

For many years it has been so painstaking to grasp as to what specific event could possibly trigger the commencement of the duality of the literal *70 week prophecy*. At first, it has been thought that it was the construction of God’s House in Edmond, Oklahoma – the *Armstrong Auditorium*. But considering the place where it should happen, it has to be in Jerusalem and more so, it has to be specifically where the original temple was located and next, it must involve God’s people in it and lastly, there has to be some form of an authoritative order being granted to begin the project. But first, let’s look at the original Hebrew words of the following:

Commandment:

Strong’s H1697 dâbâr *daw-bawr'*

From H1696; a word; by implication a *matter* (as spoken of) of *thing*; adverbially a *cause*: - ***chronicles***, *commandment*, communication, ***decree***, deed

Restore:

Strong's H7725 (shûb)

A primitive root; to *turn* back (hence, away) transitively or intransitively, literally or figuratively (not necessarily with the idea of *return* to the starting point); generally to *retreat*; often adverbially **again**: - **dig**, restore, cause to return, *make to return*, send back.

Build:

Strong's H1129 bânh *baw-naw'*

A primitive root; to *build* (literally and figuratively): - begin to build, **obtain children**, make, repair, **set up**.

Let us list what specific fields need to be satisfied for us to “KNOW THEREFORE...” In order to perfectly fit to the criteria on the fulfillment of the prophecy in Daniel 9:25, it must have the following:

1. The location must be in *Jerusalem*, specifically on the original *First and Second Temple* site.
2. There must be some form of a *decree* from the government in Jerusalem to authorize the project.
3. The work must revolve around the *dig (restore)*.
4. That dig must be *set up (build)* involving *God's people (obtain children)*.
5. The activity must be *chronicled* just like what Ezra did. (See also the other meaning for the word “*commandment*” which is “*chronicles*”)

Now notice the meaning of the word “*restore*” it could also mean to “DIG (AGAIN)” while the word “*build*” could signify “OBTAIN CHILDREN” or “SET UP”– Does it mean then, that the “*decree*” revolves around authorizing a *group of people* to *dig again* yet on a different location which has never before been granted so far, that is, to *set up* an archeological project, perhaps, on that new dig site? Let us start to *know* and *understand*:

Dear TRUMPET WEEKLY subscriber:

Great news! **On Monday, June 18 (2012)**, Israeli archaeologist Dr. Eilat Mazar telephoned me and excitedly said, “***I finally got the unrestricted license we need to excavate around the Ophel city wall.***” As many of our *Trumpet* readers

know, the Ophel wall is situated between the southern wall of the Temple Mount and the ancient City of David, just outside the Old City walls in Jerusalem.

Many of you also know that earlier this year we announced that ***our very own Herbert W. Armstrong College students and alumni—19 of them to be exact—were headed to Jerusalem to work on Dr. Mazar’s dig for the summer.*** Several weeks after we made that announcement, we were disappointed to learn that the dig had been postponed, due to complications over obtaining the excavation license.

But now, Dr. Mazar has the license in her hand—and she’s ready to go! The dig is tentatively set to begin in early September and we are planning to send over another group of students to volunteer on ***the most important archaeological excavation on earth.*** It may be a slightly smaller group, though, since the excavation will take place during the fall semester.

The night after I received that exciting phone call, I met with Dr. Mazar and her primary financial donor—a businessman from New York—for dinner. During the meal, both Dr. Mazar and her donor said this phase of digging would be “much bigger” than the first phase, which took place over the winter of 2009-10.

Besides covering more ground, literally, much of the area we are about to dig has never before been excavated—at least not in modern times.

So everyone is expecting big things to be uncovered during this excavation. And the last phase, remember, turned up a 70-meter-long and 6-meter-high wall that was constructed during the reign of King Solomon!

Source: *Trumpet Weekly Newsletter*, June 22, 2012

Now let us define some words so we can compare:

Decree

- an authoritative order having the force of law.
- a legally binding command or decision entered on the court record (as if issued by a court or judge);

License

- grant authorization
- the act of giving a formal (usually written) authorization
- formal permission from a governmental or other constituted authority to do something

Can you see any difference between a *decree* and a *license*? It looks very much the same to me. They both require a formal authoritative order from the government to pursue a desired activity, which is in this case, an activity inside the *original* Jerusalem Temple Mount which is now called Mount Ophel. Now let us go back to the required fields that must be satisfied to fit into the “*Daniel 9:25*”:

1. **Jerusalem** – “As many of our *Trumpet* readers know, **the Ophel wall** is situated between the southern wall of the Temple Mount and the ancient City of David, just outside the Old City walls in **Jerusalem**.”
2. **Decree** - “I finally got the **unrestricted license** we need to excavate around the Ophel city wall.”
3. **Dig (again)** – “the most important **archaeological excavation** on earth”; “Besides covering more ground, literally, much of the area **we are about to dig has never before been excavated**—at least not in modern times.”
4. **Obtain children to set up** – “**our very own Herbert W. Armstrong College students and alumni—19 of them** to be exact—were **headed to Jerusalem to work on Dr. Mazar’s dig** for the summer.”
5. **A chronicled activity** – the activity of the dig is being registered and recorded in the website, www.keytodavidscity.com

One last thing we must not forget, which is actually the most important field to UNDERSTAND is that, that archeological project in Jerusalem has to be in the context of the PREPARATION FOR JESUS CHRIST’S COMING! “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to **restore (DIG AGAIN)** and to **build (OBTAIN CHILDREN TO SET UP) Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince...**”

Now, brace yourself, for without a single doubt in your mind, you will be able to see with your own eyes that what has been started last *June 18, 2012* was indeed the start of the literal 70 week prophecy of Daniel chapter 9, Read it and see it for yourself - the title of the article: “PREPARING JERUSALEM FOR ITS KING:

God Shall Yet Choose Jerusalem

We have already noted certain prophecies where God said He would pile “heaps” upon Jerusalem—which He did. But God has also prophesied to “*choose Jerusalem again*” (Zechariah 2:12; see also Zechariah 1:17). Notice what Mr. Armstrong wrote to co-workers in 1968, when he sent Ambassador

College students to volunteer at the Temple Mount excavations in Jerusalem, under the direction of Benjamin Mazar, Eilat's grandfather. He said God had commissioned His people to "CLEAN UP THE FILTH AND RUBBLE IN THAT AREA THAT WAS THE ORIGINAL JERUSALEM AND CITY OF DAVID (actually several acres of ground—this is a major operation of excavation)" (Dec. 10, 1968).

And WHY is this important? Mr. Armstrong asked. "Because Christ has said He will yet choose Jerusalem, and make it the capital city of the whole World Tomorrow! Jesus is coming in all the supernatural power and glory to rule the world. His throne will be there. Do you not suppose it will be in the very spot He chose for David's throne? Jesus is to sit on David's throne! Where was David's throne? It was on this very spot where we are now cleaning up and hauling off the rubble of century after century of accumulation! And even David is to be resurrected! That is the spot we are cleaning up!

So there is a physical preparing, as well as spiritual, in preparing the way for Messiah's coming! Further, God says we are to shout, with amplified power, to the cities of Judah the glad message that the Messiah is soon coming. This is leading to the opportunity to do this (Isaiah 40:1-11)."

Mr. Armstrong said they were cleaning up the "very spot" where David's throne was located, but actually they weren't—they were just a little ways north of that spot, on Mount Moriah (the Temple Mount). He did indicate a desire for the volunteers to work their way down toward the City of David, but they never made it that far. *God left that for us to do.*

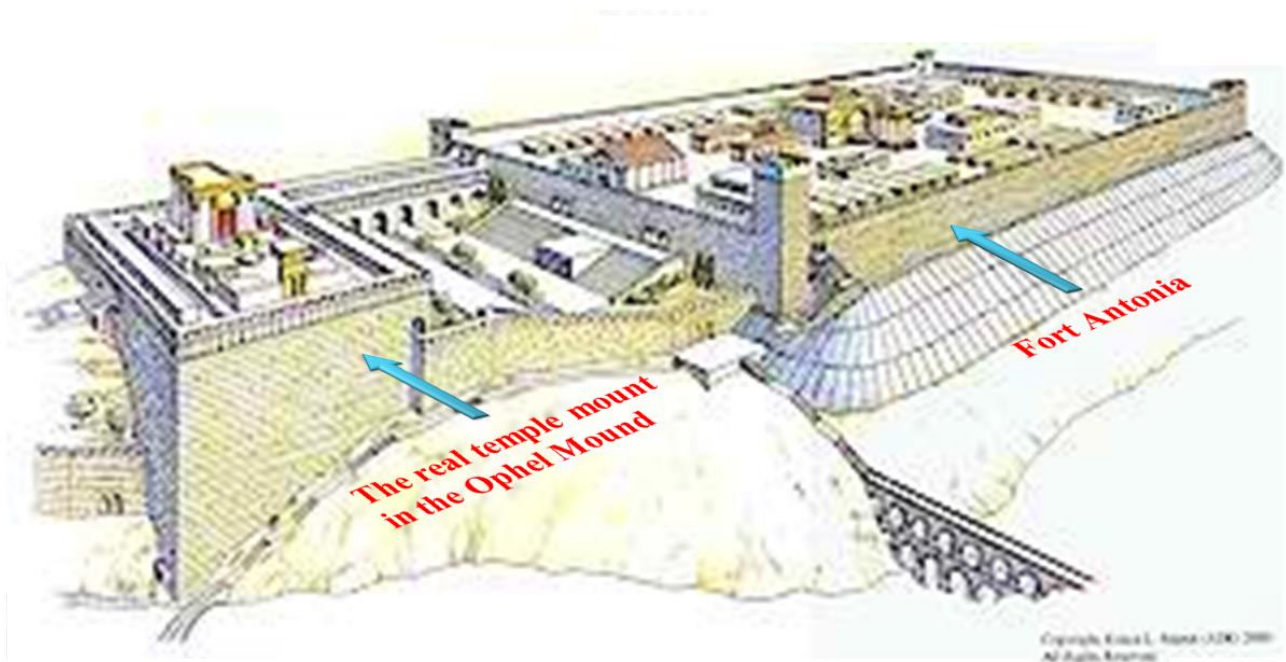
And as Mr. Armstrong indicated in that letter, this all leads into the wonderful World Tomorrow when Christ will rule this Earth (Jeremiah 3:16-17) from the throne of David: "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall *give unto him the throne of his father David*: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32-33).

Mr. Armstrong wrote, "HOW REMARKABLE that this scriptural prediction says plainly that the messianic future world ruler—long, long looked for by many if not most Jews—is to reign ON THE THRONE OF DAVID!" (*Plain Truth*, op. cit.). (*The Philadelphia Trumpet*, May 2007, pp. 8-9)

Do you now *know and understand* why the word “restore” means to “*dig again*”? It is because there was a prior archeological work that was done by Mr. Armstrong before, yet it was not in the exact spot where they ought to be digging. The Philadelphia Church of God was also involved in a similar DIG AGAIN, yet the spot being discussed in the article was King David’s palace (2007). Remember that the location has to be where the *First and Second Temples* were located.

PREPARING JERUSALEM FOR ITS KING

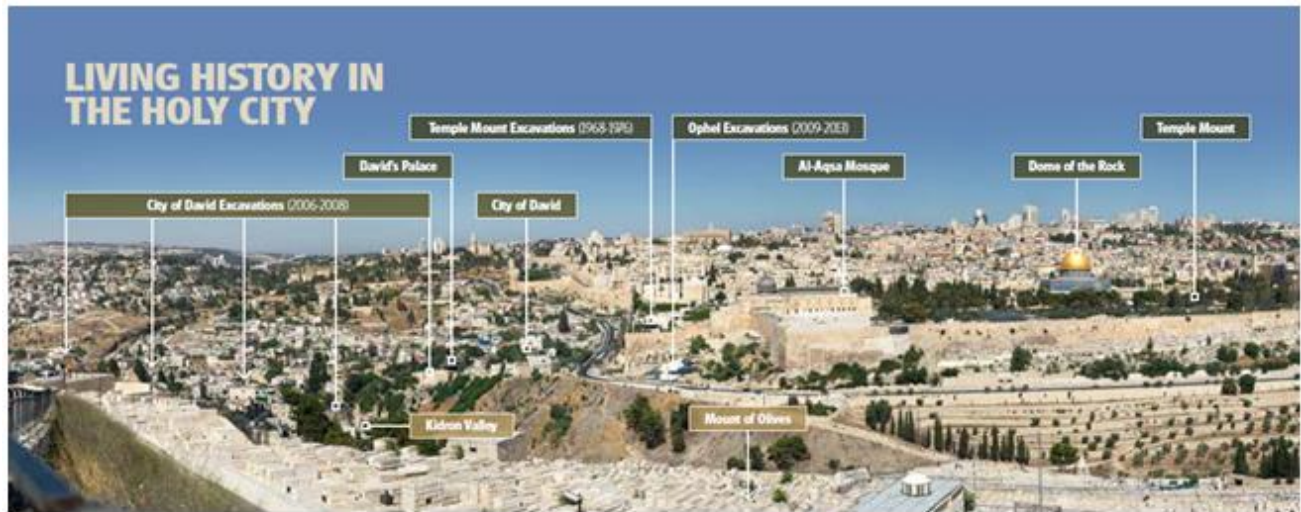
For years, the whole world was made to believe that the Dome of the Rock was built on top of the original location where the temples built by King Solomon and Zerubbabel were once situated. But Dr. Ernest L. Martin asserted that the Ophel Mound is the real site of the *First and Second Temples* which he claims in his book, “*The Temples that Jerusalem Forgot.*” In that book he emphatically asserted that what is commonly known as the Temple Mount today is in fact the Roman Fort Antonia.



In his booklet, *Jerusalem’s Temples*, Mr. Flurry wrote,

“Dr. Martin’s book contains astonishing material about the ancient temples. In his introduction, he stated that the ancient temples were located on the Ophel mound – not what is known as the Temple Mount today. The Ophel mound is

just south of the ‘Temple Mount’ and includes the area Herbert W. Armstrong College students have been digging in for several years.” (p. 3)



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So it is indeed very significant for the Philadelphia Church of God to be involved in the exact and correct site where the *First and Second Temples* were situated. That was the *context* of the decree of King Artaxerxes in 457 B.C. – *the house of the Lord at Jerusalem* – the *Second Temple*, and not King David’s palace as previously have been thought of. Even King Cyrus knew about this very important fact.

“Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and **he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.**” (Ezra 1:1-3)

Yes, again I ask: Who is there among you of all His people? If God really is with you, then go and support the archeological dig there in Jerusalem to “CLEAN UP THE FILTH AND RUBBLE IN THAT AREA THAT WAS THE ORIGINAL JERUSALEM AND CITY OF DAVID” to prepare that place for the Messiah. **God shall yet choose Jerusalem!** Not England and definitely not Ireland!

The Millennium will all be about Jerusalem and none else. We ought not to compare England or Ireland to be the gauge or measuring stick to picture the Millennium. It should only be Jerusalem! Or else we are already committing SPIRITUAL ADULTERY! It is even comparable to marrying strange wives as the Jews did in 408 B.C.! (Neh. 13:23, 26, 27)

The Ark of the Covenant could even be possibly found in Jerusalem and not in a SECRET PLACE in Tara Hill in Ireland! Aside from that, the archeological dig in Ireland will not continue on until the Millennium, but the Jerusalem excavation will.

BEHIND THE WORK

Preparing Jerusalem for Its King

With hands-on help from Herbert W. Armstrong College students, 3,000 years of buried history is coming to life in Jerusalem. God is, even now, preparing the very spot from which Jesus Christ will rule the world during the Millennium. BY STEPHEN FLURY

A PART OF ITS ONGOING struggle against feared, radical Islam is fighting fiercely on the intellectual battlefield as well—especially regarding Israel's historical ties to Jerusalem.

According to a new book by Dave Gold, former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, Yasser Arafat preposterously claimed to President Clinton at the 2000 Camp David summit that Solomon's temple was not in Jerusalem (*The Fight for Jerusalem*). Two years later, in a newspaper interview, Arafat further advanced the myth, claiming that Solomon's temple wasn't even in Palestine.

According to Gold, temple denial "quickly became a new Palestinian dogma that was even repeated, with the fiercest conviction, by Western educated Palestinian officials who are assiduously courted by the international media" (ibid., emphasis mine throughout).

In an article titled "Reclaiming Biblical Jerusalem," Rachel Ginsberg wrote about the territorial gains Palestinian propaganda has also made in the field of academia.

"For a growing number of academics and intellectuals, King David and his united kingdom of Judah and Israel, which has served for 300 years as an integral remnant of the Jewish nation, is simply a piece of fiction. The biblical account of history has been dismissed as unreliable by a cadre of scholars, some of whom have an overtly political agenda, arguing that the traditional account was resurrected by the Zionists to justify dispossessing Palestinian Arabs" (Aish.com, Nov. 6, 2005).

This revisionist history has even been accepted by certain Israeli scholars, Ginsberg noted. "Israel's Finkestein, chairman of Tel Aviv University's Department of Archaeology, began championing a theory several years ago that

the biblical accounts of Jerusalem as the seat of a powerful, unified monarchy under the rule of David and Solomon are essentially false. ... He concluded that David and Solomon, if they existed at all, were merely 'hill-country chieftains' and Jerusalem a poor, small tribal village. He claims that the myth of King David was the creation of a cult of priests trying to create for themselves a glorious history."

This trend toward historical revisionism is what makes the most recent excavations of Dr. Eilat Mazar so controversial. Since 2005, she and her team of archaeologists have been unearthing a massive stone structure from the original Jerusalem, called the City of David in the Bible (visit theTrumpet.com to read "King David's Palace Found?" in our March 2007 issue). Mazar believes she has found King David's place of residence—the royal palace. Because of her discovery, Gold wrote in his book, "The 'revisionists' had suffered yet another blow. Jerusalem, under the united monarchy of David and Solomon, could no longer be credibly characterized as a minor village" (ibid., pp. c8).

Since October of last year, Herbert W. Armstrong College has had the honor of jointly participating with Dr. Mazar's crew on the Jerusalem dig. Three of our volunteer students returned from the site in March. We plan to increase our involvement in Jerusalem over the summer.

Here we will look at the City of David—past, present and future—and show you how Armstrong College, in a very practical, hands-on way, is helping to prepare Jerusalem for the return of Jesus Christ to this Earth!

The City of David
Before King David established Israel's capital in Jerusalem, the city was a li-

ble stronghold (Joshua 15:8). When David became king in the 10th century B.C., he detested the thought of an enemy fortress retaining its location right in the middle of Israel's territory. And so, after seven years of ruling from Hebron, David's army attacked the Jebusite city.

The Jebusites were so certain they could defend against David's attack that they taunted the young king—saying even the blind and lame could defend the city (2 Samuel 5:6). David challenged his military generals, saying whoever captured the stronghold would be given command of the armies in the field. So Joab proceeded to lead a sneak attack by climbing up into the fortified city through a water conduit, resulting in its capture (verse 7-8). "So David dwelt in the tent, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Mills and inward. And David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him" (verse 9-10).

And so the kingdom of Israel under David's reign became a world-ruling empire, according to the Bible. But revisionist historians claim this account overstates the significance of David's reign. For some, the biblical version is little more than a fable.

The Bible says the king of Tyre built David a palace after he had conquered the Jebusite fortress and turned it into the City of David—or Jerusalem (verse 11). "But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to war with David, and David heard of it, and went down to the stronghold"—or, the fortress (verse 12). This verse had a profound impact on Eilat Mazar's mind while she prepared for the dig.

"The Bible says that David heard about it and 'descended to the fortress,'" Ginsberg wrote in her article, "imply-

ing that he went down from his palace, which was higher up on the mountain than the citadel city." She then quoted Dr. Mazar: "I always asked myself: Down from where? It must have been from his palace on top of the hill, outside the original Jebusite city." Many archaeologists had assumed that David's palace must have been located within the walled city. But why would the king of Israel build his royal palace inside the cramped city walls of the old Jebusite fortress. Mazar wondered? The old city was only about 9 square acres in size. Relying on the history recorded in 2 Samuel 5:7, however, it made sense. Once David heard about the Philistines' approach, he left his palace at the peak of Mount Zion and "went down" to the stronghold—entered the walled city, in other words.

So Mazar started digging immediately north of the City of David, right at the top of Mount Zion. And after just one season of digging, she discovered a massive wall, up to 10 feet wide in some places, and running 500 feet in length, east to west.

This scarred makes sense even looking at Jerusalem today. Just north of Mount Zion is Mount Moriah, where Solomon, David's son, built the first temple, located on what is called the Temple Mount today. So when David captured the Jebusite stronghold and made it Israel's capital, he later expanded the city northwest, building his own palace adjacent to the walled city, at the top of Mount Zion. Then, in the moment just north of there, Solomon constructed a magnificent house for God. And that's about how Jerusalem remained for the next four centuries.

During the first phase of the dig in 2005, Dr. Mazar found a bulla, or clay disc used to seal scrolls, with the inscription "Yehuchal" on it. This is the name of the Judean prince mentioned in Jeremiah 39:3 (Jehoiachin), indicating that Judean royalty ruled from the palace David built for more than four centuries—right up to Babylonian conquest of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.

"For me, finding the bulla was tremendous," Mazar explained. "Yehuchal was no longer just some name in a biblical account

that I might not even have been sure was true. He was a real person. We now have his business card. The account is a real account. It is very rare to find such precise evidence for a narrative in the Bible. ... Today the scholarly approach to 'Tanach' [the Bible] is that it's not true unless you can prove it true. Maybe we should do a little reverse. Why don't we say it's true unless we can prove otherwise?"

How refreshing—a scholar who operates on the assumption that what the Bible says is actually true.

Jerusalem in "Heaps"
In ancient Israel, God had placed His name in Jerusalem (2 Kings 19:31). But after evil kings introduced all sorts of abominable practices within the temple, God promised to cast off this city and the temple (2 Kings 21:17). And, of course, that is exactly what happened. About 120 years after Israel's captivity at the hands of the Assyrians, God caused the Jews also to be driven out of their land into captivity and slavery.

God prophesied through His servant Jeremiah, "And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons, and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant" (Jeremiah 24:1). The Hebrew word for "heaps" in this verse means heap after heap of ruins—or waves of ruins. The Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem was so thorough that very little remained of the ancient city (see also Jeremiah 26:18 and Micah 3:12). Seventy years after Jerusalem was destroyed, about 50,000 Jews returned in order to rebuild the ruined city. This history is recorded in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. This time, the city of Jerusalem and the second temple weren't nearly as impressive as the first ones. Nevertheless, this rebuilt city remained intact for about 300 years—until the second century A.D. during the Macabean Revolt.

During that period, the Syrians had gained control of much of Judah—and the Jews, led by Simon of the Maccabees, set out to remove the Syrians entirely from the region. According to Jewish historian Josephus, the last Syr-

ian stronghold to fall during the Macabean Wars was the citadel fortress on top of Mount Zion. Simon cut off supply lines into the city in order to starve its inhabitants into submission.

"He [Simon] also took the citadel of Jerusalem by siege," Josephus relates, "and cast it down to the ground, that it might not be any more a place of refuge to their enemies when they took it, to do them a mischief, as it had been till now. And when he had done this, he thought it their best way, and most for their advantage, to level the very mountain itself upon which the citadel happened to stand, that so the temple might be higher than it." Simon convinced the Jews of the necessity of the project, and the people went to work. "So they all set themselves to the work, and leveled the mountain, and in that work spent both day and night without intermission, which cost them those whole years before it was removed, and brought to an entire level with the plain of the rest of the city. After which the temple was the highest of all the buildings, new the citadel, as well as the mountain wherewith it stood, were demolished" (Antiquities of the Jews, 13.161, 162).

And so, to this day, there appears to be one mountain—where the Temple Mount is located (Mount Moriah)—and the topography slopes downward from there, heading south. This history covered by Josephus is important for a couple reasons. First, after Mount Zion was leveled off, it was essentially left desolate for generations to come as Jerusalem construction and expansion essentially pushed northward and westward. As Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, "It is significant that few buildings now stand on the multiple-acre area of the original Jerusalem, now being excavated"—referring to an excavation of the area his organization was part of in 1949 (Peace Treaty, April 1949). Second, by removing the top of Mount Zion, Simon and the Jews essentially spent three whole years getting rid of the heaps that God had prophesied to send upon the ancient city.

With that in mind, consider this comment from Ginsberg: "What most amazed

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In other words, THE JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS WILL CONTINUE RIGHT ON INTO THE MILLENNIUM. "The capital seated on her hills shines conspicuous as the only elevation in a very wide region," says Lange. Jerusalem, in a very literal sense, will be a city that is set on a hill (Matthew 5:14). "And it shall come to pass in the last days," the Prophet Isaiah wrote, "that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it" (Isaiah 2:2). How

wonderful are the prophecies of God! Yes, there is a great spiritual excavation going on in preparation for Christ's return (see Amos 9:11-12).

But as Mr. Armstrong brought out in his 1968 letter, there is also a *physical* preparing for the Messiah's appearance. "If the spot of the original throne of David is, in fact, to be the coming seat of world government, then all that accumulated debris of century after century must be cleared off before that event can occur! Exciting?" Mr. Armstrong asked (*Plain Truth*, op. cit.). "Beyond words to describe, it is!" (*ibid.*, p. 9)

When Dr. Mazar got the authorization from the government by being granted the *unrestricted license to excavate* around the Ophel city wall area on *June 18, 2012*, it was a perfect fit description of the *commandment* or *decree* in Daniel 9:25 which we can consider as the actual fulfillment of the start of the 70 week prophecy in this *last end*.

...AND UNDERSTAND

What has been discussed about the PCG's Jerusalem Work as a preparation for Christ's Second Coming could already have been fulfilled, yet something very, very tragic has happened – Satan through his Simon Magus group inside God's Church has cleverly thwarted God's plan AGAIN (and so they thought) – they have successfully brought His Church to turn away from the initial intention of preparing Jerusalem for its King. They utter, **VICTORY!**

Now what do you think will God do? Will He just sit idly by while there is an evil group of 25 men of Ezekiel 8 that does their demolition job by *leaving* the 3rd and final phase of His Work in Jerusalem *undone*? Surely God has a backup plan.

"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)

God will definitely finish His Work and He will cut it short. But notice carefully: God will cut short His Work in RIGHTEOUSNESS. But in whose righteousness is the context being referred to here? Let's read it in verse 30:

*"What shall we say then? That **the Gentiles**, which followed not after righteousness, **have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.**"*

The SHORT WORK will be done by God through the Gentiles. With such a statement, many in God's Church will say, "It's insane! It can't be! Why will God use

the Gentiles to finish His Work?” “Only full blooded Israelites have the right to finish God’s Work.”

So read it again with your own eyes – **God will finish His Work and cut it short in the Gentiles’ RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS BY FAITH.** How will God do it? Through the duality of the 70 weeks prophecy written by the prophet Daniel:

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the **commandment to restore** and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.” (Dan. 9:25)

To better understand what God shall reveal to us about this verse, which for so many years had been concealed from the prophet Daniel, let us consider the other meanings contained in Strong’s Concordance:

Commandment:

H1697: BOOK, message

Restore:

H7725: CALL TO MIND, RECALL

CALL TO MIND in the dictionary means:

- to remember or cause to be remembered

RECALL in the dictionary means:

- to remember something from the past
- remembrance of what has been learned or experience
- to ask someone to return
- to bring back to mind
- a call to return

What? Did we get it right? God through the prophet Daniel wants us in this *last end* to **know** and **understand** about A BOOK TO REMEMBER SOMETHING FROM THE PAST; about A MESSAGE OF REMEMBRANCE OF WHAT HAS BEEN LEARNED OR EXPERIENCED; about a WORK TO ASK SOMEONE TO RETURN. Is this specifically referring to *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance*? Without any shadow of a doubt it is!

Now let us go even further and see with our own eyes the context of this prophecy. Let us again consider the other original Hebrew words in verse 25 for better understanding:

Build:

H1129: obtain children

Going forth:

H4161: the rising of the sun (the East)

So it appears that this “*commandment to restore*” or a *book to remember something from the past* has been designed by God to **OBTAIN CHILDREN** in Jerusalem (God’s Church) unto the Messiah the Prince – Jesus Christ! This is a clear indication of the **SPIRITUAL PREPARATION** being done by God the Father for His Son’s Bride!

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and **his wife hath made herself ready**.” (Rev. 19:7)

Know therefore and understand that the *Book of Remembrance* has been written and sent to PREPARE Christ’s Bride unto the Messiah the Prince! And where did it come from? **From the EAST!** Well, don’t believe me or any man, believe your own Bibles.

God has set a specific COUNTDOWN here to deal with the transgression being perpetrated inside His own Church which we have been *caused to be reminded* constantly through the death of the wife’s prophet – Mrs. Barbara Jeanne Flurry on September 5.

Does this mean that we are to literally count the days from the time the *Book of Remembrance* has been sent to spiritual Jerusalem (i.e., Philadelphia Church of God Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma)? There are actually several dates in which the book was sent to the PCG ministry in Edmond:

- September 5, 2013 (through email – death anniversary of Mrs. Barbara Flurry)
- September 25, 2013 (CD copy – 7th day of the PCG’s Feast of Tabernacles as written in Haggai 2:1)
- October 5, 2013 (through emails – ADD YE YEAR TO YEAR of Isaiah 29)
- October 25, 2013 (through emails – 7th day of God’s Feast of Tabernacles)

- June 18, 2014 (printed copies – the first printed copies were out of the publishing house exactly on Father’s Day, June 15, 2014)

Paraphrasing what the prophet Daniel wrote in verse 25: “Know therefore *and understand*, that from the going forth of the **BOOK TO REMEMBER SOMETHING FROM THE PAST** and to **OBTAIN CHILDREN** in God’s Church in preparation for Christ’s Second Coming...” - we can literally count the days to it, although there shall be some troubles around before that awesome event happens, yet God’s Church ought to make themselves ready by reading the *Book of Remembrance*. “Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.” (Revelation 3:11). Don’t let any man take your crown. How can we secure that crown? By following what the apostle Paul said:

“Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21)

What good thing will the NEW WORK in Edstone, Warwickshire, England do to God? Will it add to God’s glory? Will it prepare God’s Church for Christ’s imminent return? The impostors inside God’s Church cannot even support their claim about the Edstone work with solid biblical proof. God is so FURIOUS that **He attempts to communicate with us through severe natural phenomena which are IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE**. Look at what is currently happening around you. Read the headlines:

Killer US Snowstorm: 20 Dead as New York State Braces for Record-Breaking Snowfall

November 20, 2014

The United States is preparing for further waves of snowfall after a huge snowstorm killed at least seven people in New York State.

Further deaths in relation to the hazardous weather conditions were reported in New Hampshire and Michigan. Since the extreme weather hit the US at the weekend, 20 people have died across the country...

Governor Andrew Cuomo deployed the New York State National Guard to the worst-hit areas to assist residents with the severe weather conditions.

The state has dispatched 526 ploughs, 74 large loaders and approximately 24 large snow blowers to move mounds of snow blocking residences.

“This is a historic event,” he said. “When all is said and done, this snowstorm will break all sorts of records, and that’s saying something in Buffalo.”

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/worshipers-return-to-synagogue-israel-begins-razing-homes/2014/11/19/b26b6d1e-6f7e-11e4-893f-86bd390a3340_story.html

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USA sneezes and Britain gets a cold: UK to freeze NEXT WEEK as temperatures drop to -7C

November 19, 2014

BRITAIN is on heightened alert for a catastrophic big freeze to grind the country to a halt with the first blast from the North Pole due NEXT WEEK.

Forecasters have in the past few hours rallied to warn a freeze is now ALMOST CERTAIN with snow blizzards, arctic gales, and record low temperatures just around the corner.

After weeks of speculation they now agree a major and potentially unprecedented whiteout capable of crippling Britain for four months could arrive in just TEN DAYS.

Airports and local authorities are being urged to prepare as the mercury threatens to plunge to -7C next week.

Even the currently mild south is braced for chaos with widespread ice and frost on the cards from Monday when thermometers are set to plummet by an almost unheard of 24C in 72 hours.

Source: <http://www.express.co.uk/news/nature/537436/UK-weather-USA-cold-arctic-temperatures-hit-Britain>

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Fear of deadly ‘religious war’ between Jews and Muslims raised after synagogue attack

The Washington Post

November 19, 2014

JERUSALEM — Israelis and Palestinians expressed fear Wednesday that their decades-old conflict was moving beyond the traditional nationalist struggle between two peoples fighting for their homelands and spiraling into a raw and far-reaching religious confrontation between Jews and Muslims.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/worshipers-return-to-synagogue-israel-begins-razing-homes/2014/11/19/b26b6d1e-6f7e-11e4-893f-86bd390a3340_story.html

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Sydney heatwave and New York snowstorm: how to read the world’s weird weather

Blistering heat across Australia but frigid conditions across much of the continental US – what’s going on?

As Sydney braces for 38-degree heat and a total fire ban on Friday and some inland towns of NSW face their sixth heatwave since October, regions of north-eastern United States are digging themselves out of two metres of snow or more.

Source: <http://www.smh.com.au/environment/climate-change/sydney-heatwave-and-new-york-snowstorm-how-to-read-the-worlds-weird-weather-20141120-11qtjx.html#ixzz3Jk66yqjY>

What is actually happening to America, Britain (and its commonwealth nation Australia) and the Middle east Jews is connected to the prophet Isaiah's prophecy:

“Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices. Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel. And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee... Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.” (Isaiah 29:1-6)

God is distressing spiritual and physical Ariel, i.e., the spiritual Jews in the Philadelphia Church of God Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma and the Middle East Jews in Jerusalem. One may ask: Why was Britain (and even Australia) included in the picture? Actually those are the two places where the drunkards of Ephraim who esteemed God as a clay in their hands can be located.

And up to now, local residents of Edmond, Oklahoma are still seeking for answers on the the multiple seemingly endless earthquakes in their area which actually started to increase since 2010.

Little do the Oklahomans know the real spiritual reason behind such a spike in frequency of earthquake visits which even surpassed that of California:

“As Oklahoma continues to experience more earthquakes than California this year, residents are questioning why regulators haven't taken any meaningful action to guard against increased seismic activity...

The rate of earthquakes in Oklahoma has increased remarkably since October 2013 — by about 50 per cent — significantly increasing the chance for a damaging magnitude 5.5 or greater quake in central Oklahoma,” says the USGS report.

Source: <http://www.desmogblog.com/2014/11/19/oklahoma-ignores-link-record-earthquakes-fracking-wastewater-disposal-wells>

And the real reason? It is because God's Work in Jerusalem by spiritual Ariel - the Philadelphia Church of God in Edmond, Oklahoma was **left undone** and **turned**

aside in favor of the work in Edstone in England. Why is God distressing the two Ariels? Because there is actually a *familiar spirit* who has crept in unaware inside God's Church – Satan the devil through his Simon Magus group taking charge of God's Work - esteeming God as a clay in their hands. Yet, he and his minions' fate is already sealed:

“And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a **familiar spirit**, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust. Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly.” (vv. 4-5)

Notice that all of this is going to happen very suddenly because God is sending a STORMY WIND in His fury to expose these possessed *impostors* inside God's own Church who has already set up the abomination on top of abomination which fulfilled the prophecy in Daniel 8 - the transgressors are come to the full! The LAST HOUR BETRAYAL has already come to pass (emphasis mine in bold):

Later that week, Mr. Gerald Flurry determined that the door to Bricket Wood was closed and directed **Mr. (Brad) Macdonald** to search for other estates. Along with regional office manager David Howard and editorial department writer Richard Palmer, Mr. Macdonald spent two weeks parsing dozens of possibilities and visiting more than 20, the last of which was **Edstone on May 5**. On May 8, Mr. Flurry and his son flew to England and viewed six estates over the next two days. On May 14, the PCG submitted an offer on the estate in Warwickshire, which was quickly accepted and became official in early June.

Notice the timing of when the Edstone property was found? It was on **May 5, 2014** – EXACTLY 13 years after Mr. Flurry declared the LAST HOUR prophecy on May 5, 2001! And considering the name of BRAD which means TREASON or TREACHERY, what actually happened on May 5, 2014 is a great indication of the fulfillment of the LAST HOUR BETRAYAL of the antichrist inside the Philadelphia Church of God! His family name tells it all: MACDONALD – SON OF THE WORLD'S RULER. And who is the ruler of this world today? It's none other than SATAN the devil! (2 Corinthians 4:4). Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote about the *book of remembrance* in the context of a Judas-like betrayal:

The “*book of remembrance*” and being “*treacherous to the wife [Church] of your youth*” are keys to reveal a turning away from what God taught us. The Laodiceans fail to remember. They don’t just lack “drive and energy.” They are treacherous because they are part of a Judas-like betrayal! (2 Thessalonians 2). This is the epitome of what a Laodicean is! “And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for *YOU*... And ye shall *know* that I have sent this commandment unto you...” (Malachi 2:1, 4). (p. 139, *Malachi’s Message*)

Returning back to England where the rebellion and betrayal in 1974 took place will obviously generate the same result, that is, without any shadow of a doubt will lead to another Judas-like betrayal. It is also THE LAW OF HISTORY THROUGH THE FORMER PROPHETS which it is sad to say, the PCG has not learned from. As written by Mr. Gerald Flurry in the *Former Prophets* book – “**This is ‘a law of history.’ It’s not about luck or happenstance. It is a law of history. If we break that law, the law breaks us!**” Now, the history of the Bricket Wood college campus in England is about to be fulfilled before our own eyes through the Edstone college campus.

And with such development, God has already hastened the *Day of the Lord*. Are you prepared for the *Day of the Lord* that is hastening even as you read this? How can we know? Let us consider what Mr. Gerald Flurry said in his *Key of David* program (emphasis mine in bold):

Look if you want **a sign of when this Day of the Lord hastes greatly well you’re gonna see that His own Church turned away and that’s when it’s all began.** That’s when this day really began to make haste, and as Revelation 10 says then there was no more delay. God really began to let things move very fast and exceedingly fast toward the Day of the Lord (*The Day of the Lord Hastens Greatly*, November 23, 2014 air date)

Have you noticed it? **The sign of when this Day of the Lord hastes greatly began when His own Church turned away!** Has this happened before our own eyes through the NEW WORK being set up in Edstone, Warwickshire, England? Well, a *second sign* that the *Day of the Lord* is already at the doors can be found in Zechariah chapter 14, when one half of Jerusalem shall be forcefully taken from the Middle East Jews by the Palestinians through their THIRD and FINAL INTIFADA:

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city." (vv. 1-2)

And another indication that the *Day of the Lord* is very, very near - Pope Francis has already said: "We are in World War Three." We really have to watch Jerusalem very closely as never before because this prophecy in Zechariah 14 is about to be fulfilled with such great haste that it will lead directly to the *Day of the Lord*.

And as physical Jerusalem is being besieged and about to be cut in half; spiritual Jerusalem (the Philadelphia Church of God Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma) has long been under the Ezekiel 4 siege. And while under that siege, there has been so much violence as well, several grievances, full of strife and contention. Righteous judgment has never gone forth because of the impregnable IRON WALL that separates God (through His prophet, Mr. Gerald Flurry) and the lay members:

"The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see. O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save! Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention. Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth:" (Habakkuk 1:1-4)

The question anyone could ask is WHY? "...***for the wicked doth compass about the righteous***; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth." So what has God done to SAVE His people from the Ezekiel 4 siege?

"Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you." (v. 5)
Let us consider some original Hebrew words from *Strong's Concordance* to better understand verse 5:

Behold

H7200: Consider

Heathen

H1471: Gentile, a foreign nation

Regard

H5027: have respect

Work

H6466: ordain

Putting all the other meanings together, verse 5 can now be read like this:

“**Consider** you among the **Gentiles**, and **have respect**, and wonder marvelously: for I will **ordain** a work in your days, which you will not believe, though it be told you”

What?! God shall ordain a work among the Gentiles? Do you think anyone will believe it? No way! In actual fact, whether we believe it or not, it is a very, very **strange act** done by God Himself. Imagine, **ordaining a strange but a marvelous work and a wonder, among the Gentiles?** These Gentile spiritual Jews are the same watchers from a far country who give out their voice by reason of Jerusalem because the *Eternal has chosen Jerusalem* and not any other estate (Isaiah 28:21; Isaiah 29:14; Jeremiah 4:16-17; Zechariah 3:2).

They are the same Gentile group from *the East* who **send forth** the “**commandment to restore**” or the “**book to remember something from the past**” to obtain children in God’s Church unto the Messiah in Daniel 9:25. God through this very short Gentile work wants everyone in His Church to be able to recognize His voice through *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance* before the Day of the Lord comes.

“I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov’d. And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, **that he may run that readeth it**” (Habakkuk 2:1-2). Here is what *E.W. Bullinger Commentary* wrote:

that he may run that readeth it – that he that readeth it may flee.

What do you think is that particular book which is being spoken of here in this prophecy? To know the answer to that, let us consider what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about a certain book that will be instrumental for anyone to be spared from the Great Tribulation (emphasis mine in bold):

It is a **book of remembrance** because they remembered what they were taught! **That is why God spares them from the Great Tribulation** (Malachi 3:17; Matthew 24:21-22; Revelation 3:10) and gives them a headquarters position in His Kingdom forever (Revelation 3:12).

Got it? You can escape the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord by reading the *Book of Remembrance*! The vision given to Habakkuk and the prophecies of all the other prophets pertaining to this *last end* has already been written and made plain in *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance*. But before the Day of the Lord, how will God prepare His people?

“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 prophet, and to anoint the most Holy.” (v. 24)

So as part of the SPIRITUAL PREPARATION of Christ’s Bride, God has determined a literal 70 week COUNTDOWN for the people inside His Church to MAKE HERSELF READY to:

1. Finish the transgression
2. Make an end of sins
3. Make reconciliation for iniquity
4. Bring in everlasting righteousness
5. Seal up the vision and prophet
6. Anoint the most Holy

Again, how will God do the things listed above in order to PREPARE the Church for Christ’s Second Coming? God will do it through *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance*! Here is what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about this book:

“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). Why a book of remembrance? This is not the book of life. It is a special book which concerns a unique group of people who fear the Eternal and fellowship a lot.

These are the Philadelphians who remembered. We are warned to remember what we were taught (Malachi 4:4-6). Many prophecies about the end time discuss a turning away from past instructions (2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 15; Revelation 3:7-21). It is a book of remembrance because they remembered what they were taught! That is why God spares them from the Great Tribulation (Malachi 3:17; Matthew 24:21-22; Revelation 3:10) and gives them a headquarters position in His Kingdom forever (Revelation 3:12).

The Laodiceans fail to escape because they forget—and turn to a lukewarm message. God remembers the Philadelphian group because they remembered Him.

“Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not” (Malachi 3:18). If we are going to be able to discern between those who serve God and those who serve Him not, it will be because we remember what we were taught. Without that precious God-inspired knowledge, Satan will deceive us! That is a very serious statement—but it’s biblically based.

This is really more than “a book of remembrance.” It’s a message from Christ to those who remember past instructions. It’s a wonderful message of encouragement. God calls things what they are! It all revolves around remembering—by Philadelphians and by God. Much of our remembering revolves around an “Elijah” and the things God taught us through him. Then God remembers the Philadelphians, and He protects and rewards them in the future. (pp. 1-2, Malachi’s Message 2008 edition)

Is this not what this book, *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance* is all about? It’s all about REMEMBERING past instructions – “remembering by Philadelphians *and* by God.” This is the NEW UNDERSTANDING of Daniel 9:25 which concerns spiritual Jerusalem in this *last end* that we ought to deeply comprehend. God has meticulously planned for the fulfillment of this prophecy precisely timed in this *last end* for His Son Jesus Christ’s Bride to *make herself ready* (Revelation 19:7)

Going back to Habakkuk’s plea for an answer for his HOW LONG question (Habakkuk 1:2), here is God’s answer:

“For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.” (Habakkuk 2:3, NIV)

When is that appointed time? Now, there is even a fulfilled prophecy that “*speaks of the end*” - ***The Last End – A Book of Remembrance***.

“A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth. O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy” (vv. 1-2). Look at how precise God has been in fulfilling this prophecy in Habakkuk chapter 3:

- September 5, 2004 – the day That Prophet’s wife, Mrs. Barbara Jeanne Flurry died. (“revive thy work in the midst of the years”)
- September 5, 2010 - House of God (Armstrong Auditorium) was inaugurated (“in the midst of the years make known”)
- September 5, 2013 – the wrong reckoning of Tishri 1 – Feast of Trumpets (“in wrath remember mercy”)

What is the connection of those dates September 5 to the duality of Daniel 9:26?: “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary;”

Messiah (Strong’s Concordance)

H4899: anointed; usually a consecrated person (king, priest, or saint)

The word “Messiah” in verse 26 could also pertain to an anointed king, priest or saint which could refer to the end-time Eliakim who is the nail in a sure place that shall be “*removed, and be cut down, and fall.*” (Isaiah 22:25). He is also the son of man who is to be a sign in this last end (Ezekiel 24:27)

“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and **in the midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,” (Daniel 9:27)
The first time this 70 week prophecy was fulfilled, it was Christ who fulfilled this prophecy, yet in its duality, it will be Christ coming in the flesh through the *last end son of man*. Through his removal, the spiritual death and sacrifices brought about by the Ezekiel 4 siege will cease, and so does the Laodicean era.

Now, can you remember the time when Mr. Gerald Flurry fainted during a Sabbath service while he was giving a sermon about a prophecy in Ezekiel 4 on January 4, 2014? We have been given a very dire warning by God through that incidence and it is no small thing, yet it seems we haven’t learned that lesson, thus *history will become prophecy*:

“And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the Lord, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.” (Jeremiah 4:9)

To better understand this prophecy, let’s read from the co-worker letter dated May 6, 2014 by Mr. Gerald Flurry:

In August of 1977, Herbert W. Armstrong died at his home in Tucson... “Shortly after they’d told me what had happened,” Mr. Armstrong later wrote, “I felt that if my work in God’s hands were finished and God didn’t have any further use for me in His Work, that I would rather have remained dead. Because if they hadn’t intervened I would have been buried in two or three days” (Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong, Volume 2)...

Mr. Armstrong kept mentioning that incident because the Church did not get the lesson. Just like Christ, Mr. Armstrong was probably weeping for the Laodiceans, and trying to get their minds **off the man** and onto THE BEING WHO DOES THE RESURRECTING!

I want to relate that history to something that happened to me recently. On January 4, I **ed** on stage while giving a sermon. A few weeks before that incident, **I told a regional director I believed some of our members looked to me and even the other ministers too much.** I wanted to make sure the ministers were helping the people be aware of that. However, before I had a chance to do anything about it, this incident occurred. **I think that was God’s way of saying that He agreed with me. I didn’t necessarily like the way He demonstrated that, but it shows me that He motivated what I was thinking.**

We need to remember that a minister is just a puny little man. Of course, God works through men, but we are just men. (pp. 1-2)

Mr Flurry was emphatic of this very subject - ***of people in God’s Church looking too much on him and the other ministers.*** He said that God agreed with him and even demonstrated their alignment of thinking through his fainting spell on January 4, 2014 while giving a sermon about Ezekiel 4 prophecy.

This co-worker letter has just proven the veracity of the fulfillment of the Ezekiel 4 siege inside the Philadelphia Church of God. This spiritual siege was indeed designed by God to know who among His people will look to Him or to those puny little men. And so far, He has been learning quite a lot about each one of us. We are

now in the midst of a COUNTDOWN. Again as the prophet Habakkuk asks, “HOW LONG?” (Habakkuk 1:2):

“**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 prophet**, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and **understand**, that from the going forth of the **commandment to restore** and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.” (Dan. 9:24-25)

As already have been proven, the duality of the 70 weeks prophecy in this last end is now upon us. *The Last End – A Book of Remembrance* has already been SENT FORTH to spiritual Jerusalem in God’s appointed time and He is already OBTAINING CHILDREN. Are you making yourself ready as a Bride for the Messiah the Prince? Well, it’s your choice to make.

THE STREET SHALL BE BUILT AGAIN AND THE WALL

What could be the reason why the Church has “to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity”? To answer that, let us proceed with Daniel’s 70 week prophecy beginning with this expression: “the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.” (Dan. 9: 25)

For several years every Bible commentary seems to be baffled by this seemingly difficult expression which is actually a part of a sealed prophecy that requires the Heavenly Father unsealing it for us through His Son Jesus Christ coming in the flesh, and it would only be unsealed during His appointed time in this last end.

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: *the street shall be built again, and the wall*, even in troublous times.”

Notice that the *street being built again and the wall* could most probably have no direct connection with Jerusalem, as there are actually two thoughts being discussed here which are separated by a colon: one is, “to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince” while the other is “the street shall be built again, and the wall.” But notice carefully their time sequence is intertwined – that after seven weeks from the *decree*, the latter thought shall commence and to continue side by side with the former thought.

To start with, let us consider the word “*street*” which is from the Hebrew word “*rechob*” H7339: From H7337; a width, that is, (concretely) **avenue** or area: - broad place (way), street. See also **H1050**. Next, let us look for the meaning of the word “**avenue**”:

1. A broad roadway lined with trees.
2. *Chiefly British* The drive leading from the main road up to a country house

Now to better understand what this word “*street*” really refers to in this *last end*, let us also consider Strong’s **H1050**:

From **H1004** and H7339; *house of the street*

And as for **H1004**: Hebrew word “*bayith*” meaning a **family house**, palace, house court, temple.

Now let us put all the puzzle pieces together: First, the “*street*” being discussed in Daniel 9:25 describes an **avenue** which according to the dictionary was derived chiefly from a *British* word which means a **broad roadway, lined up with trees** that will lead you to a **palatial country family house**.

Whether it would be Bricket Wood or any real estate in England as announced by Mr. Gerald Flurry on May 2014, God’s prophecy would be fulfilled.

To help us further *understand*, let us continue with the next word: “*build*” in *Strong’s Concordance* is H1129 (*bânâh*): A primitive root; to *build* (literally and figuratively): - begin to build, obtain children, make, repair, **set up**. And from the dictionary, the word “**set up**” means:

1. To raise to and place in a high position
2. To put forward (as a plan) for acceptance
3. To make carefully worked out plans for
4. To come into active operation or use
5. To establish in business by providing capital, equipment, or other backing

While the word “**again**” is H7725 (*shub*): a primitive word; *to turn back, to turn away*, generally *to retreat*; often adverbially *again*. The word “*turn back*” in the dictionary means:

1. To go in the reverse direction
2. To stop going forward
3. To refer to an earlier time and place
4. To stop the advance of

“Turn away” means, to *deflect*, avert, depart.

- *Deflect* – to turn aside especially from a straight course or fixed direction; to *deviate*
- *Deviate* –to stray especially from a standard, principle or topic

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NEWS OF THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD

Pastor general now in Britain, seeking potential sites for new college campus



EDMOND—Pastor General Gerald Flurry departed from Oklahoma City on May 7, bound for London along with his son, Evangelist Stephen Flurry. The two are currently meeting with United Kingdom/Europe Regional Director Brad Macdonald and are visiting estates for sale in England.

The pastor general announced in a sermon on May 3 that he felt God was not opening a door to purchase the Bricket Wood campus near St. Albans, England. In that sermon, “Building the Work of God,” he said that Bricket Wood and the other college campuses in Pasadena, Calif., and Big Sandy, Texas, “had a bad ending” because those who led them fell away from God.

Mr. Flurry revealed that PCG officials have been looking for other estates in England that could suit the purpose of a college campus and office facility, and he indicated that they were pleasantly surprised to find a large number of beautiful estates available that are considerably less expensive than the Bricket Wood campus.

He also quoted Herbert W. Armstrong from Aug. 28, 1963: “But let me repeat: The Work of God—proclaiming in mighty

power worldwide the true, original gospel of Jesus Christ, administering to those precious children of God whom He gives us for our hire—cannot continue to grow and to complete the commission of Christ unless these colleges continue to grow. They train the dedi-

ABOVE The pastor general is seeking a property that would serve a similar function to the former Ambassador College campus located in Bricket Wood, England.

cated and consecrated men and women who must carry on the active phases of this great Work. And the colleges cannot grow unless facilities expand!”

“Do his statements apply to us today?” Mr. Flurry asked. “Yes. Ambassador College then, Herbert W. Armstrong College today, makes the Work possible.”

He also said, “I think God wants us to have a work in Britain that is considerably bigger than what we have now.”

Mr. Flurry and his son have visited a small number of estates this week and plan to return to Edmond on May 11. PHILP NICE

Now let us put it all together by substituting the defined words of “the street shall be *built again*” in Daniel 9:25, and we have the following meanings:

1. The work in England shall be *raised and placed in a high position to turn away* from God.
2. As planned, the college campus in England shall be *put forward for acceptance to go in the reverse direction* for the Work of God.
3. The acquisition of a college campus in England is *a carefully worked out plan to stop going forward* the preparation of Christ’s wife for His return.
4. Once the college campus in England has *come into active operation or use it will stop the advancement* of Jerusalem as God’s chosen estate.
5. Opening the college campus in England through the *establishment of a business office there by providing capital, equipment, or other backing* signifies a *deflection or deviation* from what Mr. Armstrong had done – to close the British campus for good.

The word “wall” is H2742 (charuts) in *Strong’s Concordance*; properly *incised* or (active) *incisive*; hence a **trench as dug, gold as mined**; (figuratively) *determination*; also *eager decision*.

“Incise” in the dictionary means: to carve figures, letters or devices: *engrave*.

Engrave? Sounds familiar? Remember the “*graven image*” of Habakkuk 2:18-19? That “graven image” which according to *Matthew Henry Commentary* is **a DOCTRINE of vanities, falsehood, and a WORK of errors** that the *idol priests* inside the Philadelphia Church of God had laid over with gold and silver extravagance so to speak, yet there is no breath of life from God at all in the midst of it.

Yes, that “*graven image*” on Habakkuk chapter 2 and the “wall” being spoken of in Daniel 9:25 are **ONE and THE SAME!** It is the planned **archeological dig** to find the Ark of the Covenant in Ireland! It does seem that the 25 men of Ezekiel 8 were **eager in their decision** and really **determined** to search and **dig out** the **gold plated** Ark of the Covenant in the *secret place* tomb of Queen Tea Tephi in Tara Hill!

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the **commandment** to **restore** and to **build** Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: **the street shall be built again**, and **the wall**, even in troublous times.” (Dan. 9:25)

Have you understood? Ask God for His Spirit that you may be able to know and understand.

Now can we even compare this as a counterpart of what Nehemiah had previously seen when he went the second time to Jerusalem in 408 B.C. during the 49th year?

Has the start of “*the street shall be built again, and the wall*” prophecy on the 49th day from the acquisition of the license to dig again in the Ophel area actually happened? Has the ministry and the covenant of the ministry been defiled through the plan to return to a former work of evil by spiritually marrying strange wives (England and Ireland above Jerusalem) which could have been first introduced on the 49th day? Have they profaned even God’s annual Sabbaths? Has God remembered this people as Nehemiah had requested 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.” (Neh. 13:29)

God revealing the *Ezekiel 4 siege* in this *last end* is a SIGN in itself that He has answered Nehemiah’s prayer. God remembers the iniquity of *spiritual Judah* (*Philadelphia Church of God*)! And Mr. Flurry has to bear that iniquity on himself including the iniquity of spiritual Israel! (Ezek. 4:4-6). And that iniquity revolves around the impregnable wall of separation – the spiritual IRON WALL! Now let’s go to the main theme of this prophecy and the result that it has to produce:

“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.” (v. 24)

Taking a closer look at this prophecy, it has to fulfill six things:

1. to finish the transgression
2. to make an end of sins
3. to make reconciliation for iniquity
4. to bring in everlasting righteousness
5. to seal up the vision and prophet
6. to anoint the most Holy (the Church)

According to some commentaries, the first three has already been fulfilled, while the last three still awaits its final fulfillment.

But looking at it carefully, even during Christ’s *first* coming as God in the flesh; He was able to fulfill all six. Yet a *duality* is prophesied to be fulfilled in our time right now before the Great Tribulation to finally bring in everlasting righteousness.

But you may ask: Why is there a need for a *second* fulfillment of the 70 week prophecy? Remember that God has profaned His sanctuary. Everyone in His Church, even the *Philadelphia Church of God*, has committed *idolatry* and *spiritual adultery* by going after other gods in this *last end* – the *pinnacle* of which was the work in England and in Ireland. Remember also that Mr. Flurry as the *son of man* in Ezekiel chapter 4 has to bear the iniquity of the house of Israel (Laodiceans) and the iniquity of the house of Judah (Philadelphians) - (vv. 5-6). Now, do you think God will not require a *second* fulfillment of the 70 week prophecy seeing a *Church-wide transgression*?

NAIL IN A SURE PLACE

Since there is a need for a *second* fulfillment of the 70 week prophecy, “To seal up the vision and *the prophet*” - could this be also related to the end time Eliakim described as the “nail in a sure place” as stated in Isaiah 22:23-25 during the *second* fulfillment of the 70 week prophecy? Let us first consider this:

In the *first* fulfillment of the 70 weeks prophecy (a day for a year), it started with the physical restoration of God’s physical temple in Jerusalem in preparation for Christ FIRST COMING as GOD IN THE FLESH in His PHYSICAL TEMPLE, and it culminated with God giving His Holy Spirit to those chosen people who were BORN OF WATER (Acts 1:5, 2:1-4; John 3:5) to become GOD’S SPIRITUAL TEMPLE ON EARTH as GOD’S CHURCH with Christ in their midst. (1 Pet. 2:4-5; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; Rev. 2 and 3)

Mr. Armstrong said that Christ has completed His earthly ministry but He just laid the foundations – it is not finished yet.

Completion of Jesus’ Earthly Ministry

By the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus had completed preparations for founding his Church. He had finished the work he, as a human had come to do. Then he gave his life on the cross. He took on himself our human guilt for our sins...

The foundation for the Church of God had been laid.

Christ himself is the Head and chief cornerstone—the main foundation. His apostles, with the prophets, formed the remainder of the foundation. The apostles were chafing at the bit to get started—to

go forth proclaiming the gospel message. But God has wisely used restraint, with patience, taking a proper step at a time. So Jesus cautioned his apostles to

wait! “Tarry ye,” he commanded (Luke 24:49), “in the city of Jerusalem, *UNTIL* ye be endued with power from on high.”

Ten days later came the annual Day of Pentecost, originally named the Feast of Firstfruits (Numbers 28:26). ***On that day the Holy Spirit came! On that day the Church was founded!*** *That day symbolized the very firstfruits for God’s kingdom. God’s feast days picture God’s spiritual harvest. The very first portion of God’s spiritual harvest of humans finally to be born of God—made God Beings—is the Church!* (ibid., pp. 180-181)

Mr. Armstrong said that Christ has completed His earthly ministry, but notice that He just laid the foundations – it is not finished yet. There is where the *second* fulfillment of the 70 week prophecy comes in – for God’s Church to become a HOLY TEMPLE. As Mr. Armstrong wrote in his book, *Mystery of the Ages*:

“The Church, then, is to *grow* into a HOLY TEMPLE - the spiritual temple to which Christ shall come” (pp. 190)

But first, just like the former 70 week prophecy, God has to “finish the transgression; make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity” AGAIN. Why? Because as prophesied in Ezekiel 4:4-6, the *son of man* (Mr. Flurry) bore the iniquity of the house of Israel (Laodiceans) and the iniquity of Judah (Philadelphians). And how will God intend to fulfill it? - He will have to “to seal up the vision and the prophet” AGAIN.

“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit. 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.*” (Heb. 6:1-6)

But do we want to crucify Christ again because of our sins? It will put Him to an open shame! So God has designed this *second* 70 week prophecy to be fulfilled with *Christ coming in the flesh* through His last end Apostle to die instead:

“And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons. *In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it.*” (Isa. 22:23-25)

Mr. Flurry, just like Mr. Armstrong, shall be “removed and be cut down” by God as indicated in verse 25: “In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be *removed*, and be *cut down*, and *fall*.”

The Hebrew word for “*remove*” is *muwsh*, which means - cease, depart, remove, *take away*. While the word “*cut down*” is *gada'*, which according to Strong's Concordance: a prim. root; TO FELL A TREE; gen. to destroy anything:--cut (asunder, in sunder, down, off), hew down.

The “nail that is fastened in the sure place” refers to the *last end* Eliakim. And as the Hebrew words suggest that that “nail in a sure place” shall be REMOVED – TAKEN AWAY, and CUT DOWN as TO FELL A TREE. *So the last end Eliakim SHALL BE REMOVED just like Mr. Armstrong!*

And just like what God has done to Mr. Armstrong, so will He do to Mr. Flurry – take him out of the way! (2 Thes. 2:7; Ezek. 24:24) And notice that the context of the removal of the NAIL is all about an archeological dig! (Isa. 22:24)

Do you now see why God called Mr. Flurry as THE NAIL THAT IS FASTENED IN THE SURE PLACE? Because *Christ is coming in his flesh*. And just as Christ bore the sins of the world, Mr. Flurry has to bear the iniquities of both the house of Israel (Laodiceans) and the house of Judah (Philadelphians). (Ezek. 4:5-6) – the reason there is a need for the *second* fulfillment of the *70 week* prophecy. God has yet to “finish the transgression, make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity” in order to bring in everlasting righteousness through the spiritual birth of God's Church to God's Family. Again, let us KNOW and UNDERSTAND:

“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.” (Dan. 9:24)

Take note that an appointed time is DETERMINED – i.e., *70 weeks*. We ought to KNOW and UNDERSTAND! We must know and understand what would be the end result of this *70 weeks* prophecy – “to anoint the most Holy.” *God's Church* is the *most Holy*, so we ought to really become HOLY - without spot or any spiritual

blemish. But before God can do that, first, He has to fulfill what is DETERMINED for His people: “to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to seal up the vision and prophet” for the *second time*, so He can “anoint the most Holy” to be able “to bring in everlasting righteousness.” Again consider this for emphasis:

In the *first* fulfillment of the *70 weeks* prophecy (a day for a year), it started with the physical restoration of God’s physical temple in Jerusalem in preparation for Christ FIRST COMING as GOD IN THE FLESH in His PHYSICAL TEMPLE, and it culminated with God giving His Holy Spirit to those chosen people who were BORN OF WATER (Acts 1:5, 2:1-4; John 3:5) to become GOD’S SPIRITUAL TEMPLE ON EARTH as GOD’S CHURCH with Christ in their midst. (1 Pet. 2:4-5; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; Rev. 2 and 3)

In the *second* fulfillment of the *70 weeks* prophecy (literal days) in this *last end*, it started with the spiritual restoration of God’s spiritual temple in spiritual Jerusalem through the *Book of Remembrance* to prepare for Christ SECOND COMING as the GLORIFIED CHRIST to His SPIRITUAL TEMPLE, and it will culminate with God’s Church to be BORN OF THE SPIRIT (John 3:6; Isa. 66:8) to become GOD’S SPIRITUAL TEMPLE IN HEAVEN as CHRIST’S WIFE to come down to this earth with Him. (Rev. 11:19; 12:1; 19:7-16).

Now if this vision has not stirred you well enough, I don’t know what else can. This vision of the *70 week* prophecy has even made Christ stood up from His throne when it was first consummated. Now, what do you think will He do next when He sees the duality of that *70 week* prophecy being finally consummated?

Well, this prophecy definitely is quite a dumbfounding, mind-numbing and thought provoking vision that came straight from our loving and ever merciful Heavenly Father through His Son Jesus Christ who eagerly awaits the birth of their *most Holy* nation! (Isa. 66:1-24)

HE SHALL CONFIRM THE COVENANT

Now understand this further: Verse 27 of Daniel 9 states that, “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for *one week*: *in the midst of the week* he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease” Christ died on a *Wednesday*, April 25, 31 A.D. *Passover* to fulfill this specific prophecy. After that He was resurrected, and ascended to heaven after 40 days (Acts 1:3, 11), then 10 days after, God gave His Holy Spirit on

Pentecost day to the 120 *sanctified saints*, thus fulfilling “to anoint the most Holy” prophecy.

But notice that there still yet 3 ½ years remaining in that first 70 week prophecy. Actually, these were consummated in 34 A.D. with the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:59-60). He was the very first *martyr* that was produced after God founded His Church on June of 31 A.D. Let us flash back to that specific event that has lead to the stoning of Stephen:

His story was written in Acts chapter 6 where he was chosen as one of the seven deacons to take care of the daily distribution of the brethren’s needs which has caused murmurings among the Greek converts against the Hebrews. (vv. 1-5)

“And the word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.” (v. 7) - this is the fulfillment of the prophecy, “And he shall *confirm the covenant with many for one week*”

“And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.” (v. 8) - For this very reason, just like Christ, Stephen did not escape the eyes of those in the synagogue and they also disputed with him (v. 9). Eventually, those in the synagogue “stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council” (v. 12)

Then came the HIGH PRIEST in the picture AGAIN just like what happened to Jesus Christ (Acts 7:1)

Now here is the detailed chronological turn of events leading to the *consummation* of the 70 week prophecy in 34 AD: Let us begin where Stephen was already speaking inside the council concerning King David, “Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob. But Solomon built him an house.” (v. 46-47)

At this point, Stephen continued giving emphasis on the mindset of the people, the priests and the scribes of what has become their CORE PROBLEM – they have focused much on the *physical material temple* that has been built for God. “Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet” (v. 48). Then he quoted the prophet Isaiah’s prophecy in verses 49 to 50:

“Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: *where is the house that ye build unto me?* and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but *to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.*” (Isa. 66:1-2)

Stephen basically told the people that the *physical temple* which has been built for God doesn't matter to Him if those who dwell in it are *betrayers and murderers* (vv. 51-53). ***He reiterated that what God looks for is a spiritual temple that is actually built with people who are POOR AND OF A CONTRITE SPIRIT AND TREMBLE AT GOD'S WORDS!*** The Apostle Peter also reinforces that thought. Let us read from "*The Epistle of Peter: A Living Hope*":

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (verse 5). PETER IS VERY CHURCH-ORIENTED, BUT PETER NEVER USES THE WORD *CHURCH*. Why? We can use the word church so often, and without thinking, that it loses its true meaning. I believe Peter used words that would have greater impact on people who were struggling spiritually or who were falling away. He was doing all he could to stir them. *He called them "lively stones" or followers of the Rock, Jesus Christ – not a church.*

We are living stones who are becoming like the Rock.

We have to be "built" into a spiritual house – again he didn't use the word church. He wanted them to vividly see that we must be building with the Holy Spirit. (pp. 14-15, 2011 edition)

If you will look closely at the whole chapter of Isaiah 66, it is actually this prophecy which Stephen and the Apostle Peter have in their minds, because this is what God has been planning all along with the *70 weeks* prophecy – how God shall build His spiritual temple. It started with Christ "in the midst of the week" and it was concluded with Stephen witnessing for God even unto his death consummating the *70 weeks* prophecy in 34 AD – the *first LIVELY STONE for God's spiritual house!*

Do you want to know what was Christ's reaction when He saw what was happening to Stephen – "But he, *being full of the Holy (Spirit)*, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and ***Jesus standing on the right hand of God***, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and ***the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.***" (vv. 55-56)

Jesus was filled with so much excitement seeing the very *first fruit* of His sacrifice "*in the midst of the week.*" Notice that it has been inspired to be written twice emphasizing that Christ was seen **STANDING** on the right hand of God when in fact He should be *sitting* on His throne. He can't help but **STAND** from His throne and **looked** intently on Stephen who was *full of God's Holy Spirit* – this is actually the

specific fulfillment of Isaiah 66:1-2; “Thus saith the Lord, *The **heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me?*** and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but ***to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.***”

Notice that ***Christ looked at Stephen*** from His throne – “***to this man will I look.***” We ought to become just like Stephen and be full of God’s Holy Spirit – *to become poor and of a contrite heart, and trembles at God’s words*. Do we tremble at God’s words? Do we tremble at what we are reading right now? Can we become like Stephen who became a *true and faithful witness for God* by letting *Christ come in his flesh*? Stephen’s name in the original Greek actually means a “crown.” Well, his name does perfectly fit his stature in God’s eyes. This was how the 70 week prophecy was consummated in 34 AD.

Do you now see how WONDERFUL and AWESOME this prophecy in Daniel 9 is? What is MUCH MORE AWESOME is the dual fulfillment of that 70 week prophecy in this *last end* because it will lead directly to the next stage – THAT OF BEING BORN AGAIN!

Zion Gives Birth

God’s Church is experiencing severe birth pangs. “A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompense to his enemies. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children” (Isaiah 66:6-8).

Zion is God’s Church. The literal translation at the end of verse 8 is, “For Zion has both travailed and brought forth.”

There is a very happy ending! This nation to be born at once is going to be comprised of Israelites and Gentiles...

Surely Isaiah 66 is the GREATEST “BORN AGAIN” CHAPTER IN THE BIBLE! NEXT TO CHRIST’S COMING, IT WILL BE THE GREATEST EVENT EVER TO OCCUR IN THE UNIVERSE!

The Zion of God is about to give birth. Now we are experiencing birth pangs. But hang on, the most SPECTACULAR BIRTH EVER SEEN BY MAN – OR – GOD IS ABOUT TO OCCUR!

“Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the Lord: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God” (Isaiah 66:9). Sometimes we get worn down and depressed. It can even look hopeless. But keep your mind on God. If we do our part, God will make our birth certain. NOTHING CAN STOP IT! (*Isaiah’s End-Time Vision*, p. 19-21)

Do you now see how significant this *70 week* prophecy is in this *last end*? As Mr. Flurry said that, “NEXT TO CHRIST’S COMING, IT WILL BE THE GREATEST EVENT EVER TO OCCUR IN THE UNIVERSE!”

AND IF YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THE WHOLE CHAPTER OF ISAIAH 66 IS ACTUALLY THE CONCLUSION TO THE *70 WEEKS PROPHECY* OF DANIEL 9! - which further proves that there is indeed a duality of the *70 weeks prophecy* in this *last end* because Zion has yet to give birth to God’s spiritual children.

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

But before that spiritual birth has to occur, notice what has to happen first:

“He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. *Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions*, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and *chose that in which I delighted not.*” (Isa. 66:3-4)

Here God describes a group of people that perform temple services yet contrary to God’s will, which is according to their own ways. This description however actually leads us directly to ***the scribes and the Pharisees***: “Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying *The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat*: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; ***but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.***” (Matt. 23:1-3)

Actually, the Pharisees and the Sadducees were just precursors of a *last end* fulfillment of the *antichrists* sitting in the temple of God. (2 Thes. 2:4)

The Pharisees as what we have defined earlier means, “*one who separates himself*” while the Sadducees derived their name from “*Zadok the priest*,” who could possibly fill in the description of those first century *antichrists* in this *last end*? Remember that it was the Pharisees and the Sadducees who plotted to destroy Christ,

therefore they were the *antichrists* then! And it was Judas Iscariot who betrayed Christ making him the antichrist and the son of perdition.

But there is a *last end* counterpart to that *antichrist* and the *many antichrists* that will come as Mr. Flurry wrote in his booklet, “*The Last Hour*” (pp. 1-2). They will come at the very end of the LAST HOUR. Now what will be the context of that betrayal this time? Notice that this betrayal is also an *abomination* to God and it makes everything *desolate* even inside God’s Church! Let us consider what Mr. Flurry wrote:

Abomination of desolation—those are, I believe, the strongest, most condemning words in the Bible! If God inspires these to be the strongest words in the Bible, He does so for good reason. So please read and study carefully to make certain that you understand. The physical abomination of desolation will appear in Jerusalem at the beginning of the Tribulation, just as the Church has always taught. But let’s remember, there is also a *spiritual* abomination of desolation that has already been set up within God’s Church in this end time. (*Daniel Unsealed At Last*, p. 31)

Let’s go back to Isaiah chapter 66: “***Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions***” (vv. 3-4). What could possibly be this *spiritual abomination* that is being mentioned here? An *abomination* as God inspired the prophet Isaiah to write, is actually doing what is contrary to His will.

In this *last end*, can we consider this as an *abomination: choosing* England and Ireland over Jerusalem which God has chosen? God says, that this group of people “*chose that in which I delighted not*” – Is this not *betrayal*? Is this not an *abomination* in God’s eyes? God has not chosen England, neither did He choose Ireland, He has only chosen Jerusalem! Now, *God has chosen those places to be their delusions*. (Remember the “*Prepared Deception*” in chapter 4?)

Now here is the specific fulfillment of the *Ezekiel 4 siege* involving the IRON WALL. Remember that we are still in Isaiah chapter 66 – conclusion of the 70 weeks prophecy:

“Hear the word of the Lord, *ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake*, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.” (v. 5)

God is addressing those who tremble at His word and were cast out because of the Ezekiel 4 siege. He is going to do something on those who became part of the IRON WALL.

As what has been written in Daniel 9:27, “...and *that determined* shall be poured upon the *desolator*.” Here is its counterpart: “A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, *a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompence to his enemies*” (v. 6). What you are reading right now is that VOICE OF THE LORD THAT RENDERS RECOMPENCE TO HIS ENEMIES - those people who became victims of the Ezekiel 4 siege. God shall pour out to the *spiritual desolators* in His Church that which He determined – A JUST RECOMPENCE. This is the same as what is written in Ezekiel chapter 9:

“And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.” (vv. 4-7)

That is how *God remembers*.

“...and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the *consummation*,” (Dan. 9:27)

Let’s go back briefly to the *consummation* of the *70 weeks prophecy* in 34 AD and we can see the *pinnacle of abomination* then were perpetrated by the *desolators* sitting inside the temple of God.

“Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the **betrayers and murderers**:” (vv. 51-52)

The *pinnacle of abomination* for the “in the midst of the week” *consummation* (31 AD) was when Christ was *betrayed* and *murdered* by the CHIEF PRIESTS and PHARISEES sitting inside the temple of God. This time, Stephen, at the end of the “one week” *consummation* (34 AD), was again faced with that same *pinnacle of abomination* – **betrayers and murderers** sitting in the temple of God!

Now, as we move to this *last end 70 week prophecy*, it seems that the *pinnacle of abomination* is now about to be reached. As discussed in chapter 4 (*A Prepared Deception*), this abomination is being perpetrated by ***the 25 men in the inner court of the LORD'S house from the house of Judah!***

“Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into ***the inner court of the LORD'S house***, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about ***five and twenty men***, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? *Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?* for they have filled the land with violence (Ezekiel 4 siege), and *have returned to provoke me to anger* (England): and, lo, they put the branch to their nose (Ireland).” (Ezek. 8:15-17). In the *Ezekiel* booklet, Mr. Flurry explained how great this abomination is:

The entrance to the temple was on the east side. The HOLY OF HOLIES—where God was located—WAS ON THE WEST SIDE! These ministers commit a wanton affront by turning their backs to God! THIS IS THE WORST ABOMINATION OF ALL! These have to be God’s own ministers who knew God intimately and then turned their backs to Him! They knew the great God ‘face to face’—and then turned away! ***This is the most abominable crime in the whole book of Ezekiel!*** (p. 57)

This is the same prophecy in Daniel 8:23; “And in the latter time of their kingdom, *when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.*”

When Stephen died the *pinnacle of abomination* was reached – the *transgressors are come to the full*, so to speak (Acts 7:58-60; 8:1-2). Now look closely: at that precise time, when that *highest degree of abomination* was reached, *Simon Magus who employed sorcery and witchcraft stood up and came on the scene.*

“But there was a certain man, called *Simon*, which beforetime in the same city *used sorcery*, and *bewitched the people of Samaria*, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had *bewitched them with sorceries.*” (vv. 9-11)

THE HOUSETOP

The same is true in this *last end*, once that *highest level* of *abomination* has been reached, “a king of fierce countenance and understanding dark sentences shall stand up.” Now, let’s consider what is written in Matthew chapter 24:

“When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:). Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: *Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house.*” (v. 15-17)

Let us look for the original Greek words for some of the words in *Strong’s Concordance*:

“Not” in the Greek appropriately means “*God forbid*”

“*Come down*” means, *to descend, to step down*

“*Take*”: by Hebraism, (compare H5375) *to expiate sin*

H5375 is *nasa’* in Hebrew which also means *forgive, pardon*

Expiate in the dictionary means, *to make amends for, to extinguish the guilt incurred by*

To expiate sin means,

- *to make amends for sin,*
- *to extinguish the guilt incurred by sin*
- *forgive sin*
- *pardon sin*

“*Any thing*” can also mean, “*any man or any person*”

“*House*” could also mean “*family or household*”

It looks like *God forbid* whosoever is on the housetop to *descend* or *step down* for him *to make amends for sin*, even *to be pardoned for it* or *to be forgiven from it*, and God included *any member from his family*. God seems to be so full of indignation that He forbids any form of repentance from this person who is on the housetop including his whole household.

But who do you think is on the *housetop*? Could this be literal or just being used figuratively? Remember that this is Daniel's prophecy about the abomination of desolation inside God's temple (Church) so we ought to get the context from there for us to UNDERSTAND what this is all about. This has to be referring to the conclusion of the *70 weeks prophecy* in Daniel 9:27 – "...and for the *overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate*, even until the consummation..."

Again as for the meaning of the word "OVERSPREADING", in Strong's Concordance, it can also mean "A PINNACLE OF A BUILDING." While in *Lange's Commentary* here's what is written:

Von Lengerke, "***the DESOLATOR comes upon the PINNACLE of abomination***"; (also Hengstenberg, Maurer, Reinke); de Wette, "***the abomination of the DESOLATOR shall stand on the PINNACLE OF THE TEMPLE***"; Havernick, "***on the HEAD (or SUMMIT) of the abominations is a DESOLATOR***; ... Fuller, "***and over the covering of abominations stands a DESOLATOR***;"

So WHO is on the HOUSETOP? It's the DESOLATOR in God's Church! - "***the abomination of the DESOLATOR shall stand on the PINNACLE OF THE TEMPLE***" – once this desolator reached the highest position of authority in the temple or the highest point of abomination, God said that He will not allow him to go down to repent of his ***sins including his own family!*** Let us look at a similar prophecy in Habakkuk chapter 2 (v. 9):

"Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, ***that he may set his nest on high***, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!" Here's what is written in *Matthew Henry Commentary* regarding this verse:

The crime for which this woe is denounced is much the same with that in the foregoing article - an insatiable desire of wealth and honour; it is *coveting an evil covetousness to his house*, that is, *grasping at an abundance for his family*. Note, Covetousness is a very evil thing in a family; it brings disquiet and uneasiness into it (*he that is greedy of gain troubles his own house*), and, which is worse, it brings the curse of God upon it and upon all the affairs of it. Woe to him that gains an evil gain; so the margin reads it... Now observe, What this covetous wretch aims at; it is ***to set his nest on high***, to raise his family to some greater dignity than it had before arrived at, or to set it, as he apprehends, out of

the reach of danger, that he may be *delivered from the power of evil*, that it may not be in the power of the worst of his enemies to do him a mischief nor so much as to disturb his repose. Note, It is common for men to pretend it as an excuse for their covetousness and ambition that they only consult their own safety, and aim to secure themselves; and yet they do but deceive themselves when they think *their wealth* will be a *strong city* to them, *and a high wall*, for it is so only *in their own conceit*, (Prov. 18:11).

This DESOLATOR inside God's Church thinks that by going up the ladder of authority in God's Church "**to set his nest on high**, to raise his family to some greater dignity ...that he may be *delivered from the power of evil*."

What then is the reason GOD FORBIDS whosoever is on the housetop to come down and repent of his sin? The answer is in verse 10:

"Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul." Continuing from *Matthew Henry*:

What he will get by it: *Thou hast consulted*, not safety, but *shame*, to thy house, by cutting off many people, v. 10. Note, **An estate raised by iniquity is a scandal to a family**. Those that cut off, or undermine, others, to make room for themselves, that **impoverish others to enrich themselves**, do but consult shame to their houses, and fasten upon them a mark of infamy. Yet that is not the worst of it: "*Thou hast sinned against thy own soul*, hast brought that under guilt and wrath, and endangered that." Note, Those that do wrong to their neighbour do a much greater wrong to their own souls.

It seems that this DESOLATOR has come to his position of authority in God's Church (in the PINNACLE OF THE TEMPLE) mainly because of cutting off many people in God's Church through several *suspensions* and *disfellowshipment* of members, he even "*impoverish others to enrich themselves*." Has this not happened in recent history even inside the Philadelphia Church of God? Who could this DESOLATOR be?

Let us consider a historical documentary of a clan who "**set his nest on high**" - produced by the *British Broadcasting Corporation* (BBC) network and broadcasted on October 1, 2007 which is entitled, *Highland Clans – Episode 2: Macdonald*. It was hosted by Paul Murton. Here's a part of the transcript excerpted from that episode:

Macdonald – Lords of the Isles

Paul Murton: For 400 years, the Macdonalds ruled the seas, building a vast empire here at the Highlands in Islands. *They became so powerful they challenged the authority of the kings of Scotland.* But ultimately, the struggle for supremacy sent father against son and a bloody fight for the very soul of Clan Donald...



The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) network produced a 30 minute documentary on October 1, 2007 about the Clan Donald which was hosted by Paul Murton.

Paul Murton: Across the world, a 120 million people claim clan ancestry and millions of these belong to probably the biggest and most famous clan of them all – Macdonald. And the story of this mighty highland clan starts with one extraordinary man.

Somerled, was the greatest of the Celtic warrior kings. In the 12th century *Righ nan Eilean*, the king of the Isles defeated the Vikings and rule to such power that he and his descendants, ***the Macdonalds, challenged the kings of Scotland...***

Eight hundred years ago the Vikings raided and pillaged the communities of the Hebrides and all along the west coast of Scotland. And it was here in the islands that ***they built a network of fortresses that allowed them to totally dominate the local population...***

To gain a better picture of this remarkable figure and his importance to the story of Clan Donald, I landed on the isle of Mull. Author and local historian Kathleen MacPhee has taken me to where Somerled's story began.

Paul Murton: Kathleen, what kind of man was Somerled?

Kathleen MacPhee: I think he was a person of tremendous character, determination, intelligence. He it was who had the charisma to rally the people and get them to fight back against the Viking thugs. ...He gradually started to take over not just Morven, but Mull ...and then Kintyre, Lorne, middle Dale

...The idea came into his head that perhaps he could become a king of his own territory ...He created a kingdom which actually challenged the king of Scotland...

This challenge by Somerled resulted to the titanic clash between two mighty armies struggling to control the destiny of Scotland which is known in the history books as the *Battle of Renfrew* in 1164.

Narration: After the battle, Somerland's kingdom was not swallowed up by Scotland. The death of the "King of the Isles" eventually led to the formation of Clan Donald. I've come to face the abbey to speak with historian Andrew Macdonald (Brock University, Ontario). I wanted to find out about the birth of what is perhaps the greatest dynasty in Highland history.

Paul Murton: Andrew, what happened after the *Battle of Renfrew*?

Andrew Macdonald: Well, the first thing that happened was that Somerled's kingdom or empire was divided up amongst his sons. And within a couple of generations one of the dominant figures that emerges in the west was Somerled's grandson named Donald and it is from Donald of course that we get the Clan Donald, the Macdonalds that eventually go on to become the most powerful families in the region.

Paul Murton: What was the key to Clan Donald's success?

Andrew Macdonald: ***Sometimes it's easier to work from within the system than it is to oppose it from without.*** One of the best examples of what I'm talking about is in this abbey all around us, because even though it was founded by the man who defeated Somerled, it was actually patronized by Somerled's descendants including Donald. They gave money to the abbey; they pumped money into it; they were benefactors. In fact what we see in the 13th century is these men coming much closer into contact with the Scottish kingdom itself. The descendants of Somerled ceased to use the title of "king" that Somerled had used and they now tend to describe themselves as "lords" or in one document of 1284 as "barons of the realms of Scotland"

Paul Murton: But originally they were fighting against the crown and now they are fighting with the crown. That's a complete turnaround. What was in it for them?

Andrew Macdonald: Well, I think what was in it for them was again ***opportunism, a means of enhancing their power and their prestige and that's exactly what happens.***

Narration: Instead of fighting the Scottish crown, the Macdonalds were now courting its favor... After his coronation in 1306, Scotland's new king, Robert the Bruce was forced on the run, but was given sanctuary from his enemies on Iona by a young Macdonald chief, Angus Og. And when in 1314, Bruce faced the might of England at Bannockburn, Angus Og was at his side. ...Bruce sent the Macdonalds into battle with the words: "My hope is constant in thee." The Scots drove the English from the battlefield...

Without Clan Donald, Scotland would never have won its independence from England. Angus Og was richly rewarded with his loyalty to Robert the Bruce. With royal backing, the Macdonalds were soon riding high, about the end of the 14th century, had become the most important and powerful clan in the Highland in Islands...



Some of Macdonald's coat of arms

Throughout the 14th to 15th centuries, the Macdonalds ruled the Hebrides in Highlands. And from Lochalsh in the north to Kintyre in the south, they control vast areas of the Scottish mainland. To defend their territory they built a series of impressive castles right across the west of Scotland...

Successive generations of Clan Donald chiefs would have stood here to survey a huge empire that at one point surpassed even that of their great ancestor Somerled... Here in Iona, far from the reach of the Scottish kings, the Macdonalds truly were the "Lords of the Isles."

The most convincing evidence of Macdonald's supremacy can be found in the most unexpected of places. Loch Finlaggan lies right in the middle of Iona and is miles from the sea. Surprisingly, it was here that Clan Donald, rulers of the great maritime empire built their seat of power.

Dr. David Caldwell of the National Museums of Scotland has spent 10 years excavating this historic sight. His findings have given him a unique insight of into Finlaggan's importance...

What's even more surprising is the significance of the smaller of the two islands in the loch.



Loch Finlaggan
The Clan Donald ancestors were Lords of the Isles and their main stronghold was at Loch Finlaggan on Islay where they held their court.

Paul Murton: What's the name of the wee island?

Dr. David Caldwell: *Eilean na Comhairle* which is Gaelic for "council island" and that's where they hold their council meetings and that's where the administration of the isles took place. Every summer, vast numbers of people came here and they could see the bateau meeting on the island but yet they couldn't actually get in the way, they had to see it all from a distance.

Paul Murton: This is really formally; it's a government is it not?

Dr. David Caldwell: ***This lordship of the Macdonald's was like a separate state*** which had the same set of government apparatus as other great states in Europe and it's what really marks of an importance of the lordship

Paul Murton: Does the lordship in a sense represent an alternative Scotland?

Dr. David Caldwell: The Gaelic title “Lord of the Isles” can also be translated as “King of the Isles.” *They saw themselves as a Celtic society and more importantly I think that’s the way they were challenging the Stewart kings as the potential kings for the whole of Scotland.*

Narration: The “Lords of the Isles” had a deeply troubled relationship with the Stewart kings of Scotland who would intent on imposing their authority on the whole country. ***But the Macdonald’s formidable military strength allowed them to keep the “crown” at bay.***

Paul Murton: ***Bigger thorn on the sides of the Scottish kings was almost second nature to the “Lords of the Isles.”*** They saw themselves as independent in their own right and did everything in their power to stay that way. ***This struggle for independence came to head in 1462, when John Macdonald, 4th lord of the Isles, chief of Clan Donald, entered into an alliance with Scotland’s number one enemy.***

Narration: England was at war with Scotland; ***John Macdonald made a secret pact to support the English against the Scots.*** This wrecked alliance would trigger a bitter family feud. It was here at Bloody Bay, just off the coast of Mull, that *John Macdonald clashed with his son and heir, Angus Og.* Historian Domhnall Uilleam Stiubhart (University of Edinburgh) has researched how the struggle ultimately led to the demise of Clan Donald’s lordship of the Isles...

Paul Murton: Domhnall Uilleam, what on earth would the “Lords of the Isles” doing in supporting the ancient enemy England?

Dr. Domhnall Uilleam: Well, it’s one of these things in history where it seemed a very good idea at the time, but you know looking back a bit maybe it wasn’t such a good idea after all. Both sides had very good reasons for making a treaty at the time the king of England when he was planning an invasion, he needed help in the north of Scotland, and who’d better give him the help in the north of Scotland than the “Lord of the Isles.”

Paul Murton: But surely ***John “Lord of the Isles” was a traitor*** this time?

Dr. Domhnall Uilleam: Really you could say what the “Lord of the Isles” was doing was merely trying to protect his own state if you like or ***a state within a state*** against a very aggressive and perhaps rather brutal bunch of gangsters down in Edinburgh that were trying to take it away from him.

Paul Murton: Did John “Lord of the Isles” pay any penalty for this ***treachery***?

Dr. Domhnall Uilleam: Yeah, well, the king of Scotland, James III and the king of England, Edward IV, they had a sort of love in the early 1470’s. *Edward IV*

decided to daub in the “Lord of the Isles.” “Lord of the Isles” was found out; king of Scots had to do something about it. He was stripped of his titles and very much put under the thumb of the king of Scotland. And also, henceforth, the title, the “Lord of the Isles” was now in the power of the king of Scots to grant and not in the power of the Islanders themselves. So that’s a big change. He fell out with an awful lot of people in the lordship most notably his own son, Angus Og Macdonald. Angus drove him out of the house, and oral tradition tells us, made his father sleep under an old rotten boat on the seashore. Things had gone that bad.

Paul Murton: What has Angus got into this picture? Is he trying to take over the role of the “Lord of the Isles”?

Dr. Domhnall Uilleam: Yes, it was getting to the point where he is seeing his inheritance just being taken away from him piece by piece.

Paul Murton: So Clan Donald is deeply divided at this point with father and son at each other’s throat?

*Dr. Domhnall Uilleam: Yeah, the tensions grow and this is where it all explodes, the *Battle of Bloody Bay* when the greatest sea battle Scotland has ever seen, perhaps one of the greatest sea battles of its time in the whole of Western Europe.*

Paul Murton: And who won?

Dr. Domhnall Uilleam: In a sense Angus Og Macdonald won when he beats his father. But the long term losers were the Clan Donald as a whole...

*Paul Murton: It’s estimated the Macdonalds lost up to half of its fleet in the *Battle of Bloody Bay*. And with the lost of this naval might, the lordship of the Isles would never be the same again. Without the backing of his clan, John remained “Lord of the Isles” only in name...*

Paul Murton: Up here is the burial ground of relic Oran. There’s an Oran’s chapel; it’s a very beautiful, very simple building overlooking the Sound of Iona. And traditionally, it’s here that the great Macdonald chiefs, “Lords of the Isles”, have their final resting place.

*Narration: But **John Macdonald** never made this journey. In 1493, he was finally stripped of his title by the king of Scotland. Poverty-stricken, the 4th and last “Lord of the Isles” died a few years later in Dundee, far from Clan Donald’s ancestral heartland...*

*But of course, **John Macdonald**, the very last “Lord of the Isles” never made it here to lie amongst the bones of his ancestors. And somehow this “exile in*

death” if you like, symbolizes for me not just the end of a great dynasty, but the end of the possibility or dream of a Gaelic centered, Gaelic speaking Scotland.

(Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0080w7v>)

But what does the family name *Macdonald* mean?

This is probably the most famous of Scottish clan surnames. Recorded in the modern spellings of MacDonald and McDonald, the derivation is from the pre 10th century Gaelic name Mac Dhomhnuill. This is a compound which translates literally as “***The son of the world ruler.***” Whilst this may not have been the actual meaning fifteen hundred years ago, it is perhaps not entirely coincidental that one branch of the clan are known as “*The Lords of the Isles.*”

(Source: <http://www.surnamedb.com/Surname/mcdonald#ixzz32deuUpv3>)

It is noteworthy to consider a namesake, another *John Macdonald*, this time inside the Philadelphia Church of God who happens to be a Regional Director for the Asia and the Pacific region and Africa. What makes this even more interesting is that, the PCG has also shown its desire for the crown of England or most probably acquire the stone of Scone. Whichever the case may be, the topic here is all about the *crown AGAIN* and another *John Macdonald*. History it seems is repeating itself. Another thing to take into consideration is the name of his own son - PCG UK / Europe Regional Director *Brad Macdonald*.

Brad in *Celtic male names of Wales* means **TREASON**.

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In the dictionary, here is the meaning of **TREASON**:

1. the offense of acting to overthrow one's government or to harm or kill its sovereign.

2. a violation of allegiance to one's sovereign or state.
3. the ***betrayal of a trust*** or confidence; ***treachery***.

Does it look like we are seeing yet another *history repeating* incidence involving this highland clan? This last end *John Macdonald* has another son whose name is ***Kirk***, which from the Old Norse meaning **CHURCH, dwells at the church, dwells near the church**.

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Does it ring a bell? Surely, even *God remembers* the Church, John Macdonald, the crown at bay and the treachery from the history of the most famous of the highland clans which was even documented by BBC! View it yourself and see it with your own eyes and hear it with your own ears.

There is another SON OF THE WORLD RULER who is now at the HOUSETOP: Another *John Macdonald* is currently holding the office of Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific/Africa, while his son covers the UK/Europe region – a vast area of the world you might say.

This present *John Macdonald* has already built his own church WITHIN God's own Church; he has already established his own government WITHIN God's government as what his forefather has done historically. Now even his own son, *Brad* (meaning TREASON) has even accompanied God's prophet in buying a parcel of land in Britain - the LAST HOUR BETRAYAL is already coming to pass: "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the ***transgressors are come to the full***, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up." (Daniel 8:23)

THE STONE CRIES OUT

How will God deal with this DESOLATOR in God's Church? He will through the fulfillment of verse 11: "For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it."

The word "stone" used in verse 11 is the same Hebrew word for "stone" in Psalms 118:22 which refer to *Jesus Christ* being the *head stone which the builders*

refused. Mr. Flurry said during the 2013 Feast of Tabernacles that we are builders for God. Does this verse apply to us inside the Philadelphia Church of God? Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Habakkuk* booklet concerning verse 11:

“For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it” (verse 11). This verse undoubtedly has a spiritual *and a physical* application. Stone, wall, beam, timber—these are elements of a *physical* house. Who can understand this verse of great symbolism? *Stone* is referring to God (i.e. in Genesis 49:24 He is called “the stone of Israel”). Christ isn’t silent or passive about what is going on. He is crying out today...! (p. 16)

Notice that the phrase “*of the wall*” is actually two Hebrew words: The first word “*of*” in Strong’s Concordance can also mean, “*a part of, because of, by reason of*”; while the word “*wall*” that has been used here is the same Hebrew word (H7023; qiy, qir, qiyrah) that was used in Ezekiel 4:3 referring to the IRON WALL! So why is Christ crying out today? Christ is coming in the flesh through Mr. Gerald Flurry and even individually through each member of His Church, yet He is being refused by the *builders* inside His own Church!

“To whom coming, as unto a *living stone*, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as *lively stones*, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.” (1 Pet. 2:4-6)

The reason why “the living STONE” is crying out today it’s mainly *because of* the IRON WALL! Imagine Christ coming in the flesh through the individual “lively stones” which are supposed to be *a part of* the spiritual structure being built, but it is actually Christ that is being refused by the IRON WALL! - “For the stone shall cry out *because of* the wall”

Now let’s move to the next thought: “...and the *beam out of the timber* shall answer it.” Here is what Mr. Flurry further wrote in his *Habakkuk* booklet:

Beam comes from *kaphiyc*, which means to join together or connect. *Strong’s Concordance* says it is a girder beam to connect. What is it connecting? *Soncino*

says this beam is “derived from a root meaning ‘to fasten’ and signifies ‘a connecting girder.’” (*ibid.*)

Carefully notice here that the “beam” or “a connecting girder” comes FROM or OUT OF the timber. But what is that timber symbolize? The word “timber” in *Strong’s* is H6086; “**a tree** (from its *firmness*).” Let us consider what Mr. Flurry wrote about this *tree*:

Individuals go astray. Churches go astray. Christ never goes astray! A man is not the trunk of the tree. An organization is not the *trunk of the tree*. ***God’s Word is the trunk of the tree. And what Christ established through Mr. Armstrong for over 50 years is a big part of the tree trunk...*** Mr. Armstrong talked repeatedly of sticking to the “*trunk of the tree*.” In all of these major end-time prophecies, we see a Laodicean Church moving away from the “*trunk of the tree*.”... The WCG was destined to split. Those members with the *strength* to stay with what “Elijah” taught - the “*trunk of the tree*” - are going to be God’s “jewels” who are taken to a place of safety and given an incredible reward! (*Malachi’s Message*, p. 9, 115, 136)

The foundational mysteries of life that God revealed to Mr. Armstrong through his book, *Mystery of the Ages* is a big part of the ***tree trunk***. Now here is what Mr. Flurry wrote about it:

All of the foundational mysteries of life are revealed in that book. Every vital question about life’s purpose is answered... *Mystery of the Ages* contains all of the vital answers. Study that book and the Bible is no longer a mystery. It should remove the confusion and blindness from God’s Laodicean churches! It shows where the Stone is! It points to God’s government and His law. *Mystery of the Ages* should connect all of God’s people to the Stone. It should hold the temple, or Church, together. It should unify God’s people into one voice. (*op. cit.*, p. 17)

So the “timber” in Habakkuk 2:11 is actually the book *Mystery of the Ages*! But one may ask, what about the “beam”? We must remember that the “beam” has to *come out of the timber*. And what has *come out* because of *Mystery of the Ages*? Is it not *Malachi’s Message*? So, the BEAM is none other than *Malachi’s Message*! It *connected* all of God’s people around the world about what was happening inside the

Worldwide Church of God THEN! Christ cried out through *Malachi's Message!* That book is God's ANSWER to the spiritual abomination of desolation THEN - but how about now? There is yet another spiritual abomination of desolation happening again, this time inside the Philadelphia Church of God. So there is a duality here.

This time the “*timber*” would now refer to the *two books* revealed to two prominent men in this age: *Mystery of the Ages* by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and *Malachi's Message* by Mr. Gerald R. Flurry. And what could be the “*beam*” this time? It is this book that you are currently reading right now – *The Last End: A Book of Remembrance!* It will *connect* all of God's people around the world about what is happening inside the Philadelphia Church of God. The STONE is crying out through this message because of the Ezekiel 4 IRON WALL. This is God's ANSWER to those who were asking, as to what is happening in God's own Church in this *last end*. (Ezek. 24:19) - “...and the *beam out of the timber* shall answer it.” For emphasis, let us again consider what Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Habakkuk* booklet about verse 11:

“For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it” (verse 11). This verse undoubtedly has a spiritual *and a physical* application. Stone, wall, beam, timber—these are elements of a *physical* house. Who can understand this verse of great symbolism? (*op. cit.*)

Can we understand this verse of great symbolism? Remember that what has been discussed is the *spiritual* application, but what about the *physical* application? Could it be referring to *God's physical house* in Edmond, Oklahoma – the *Armstrong Auditorium*? Could it be that the inauguration of *God's physical house* on September 5, 2010 has indeed become the starting point of the *second* 1,150 day fulfillment?

This BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE will be given in *God's appointed time* - at the end of the *second* 1,150 days to all of God's people around the world! Well, it is actually God the Father who has designed, planned and orchestrated all of these things to perfectly fit into His plan!

STRANGE APPAREL

“Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes” (Matt. 24:18). What do *clothes* or *apparel* symbolize in the Bible?

God will sacrifice the Laodiceans for a great purpose. “And it shall come to pass

in *the day of the Lord's sacrifice*, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are *clothed with strange apparel*" (Zephaniah 1:8). The destruction of the Laodiceans is not just some senseless slaughter. God has PLANNED and DESIGNED IT. It is the "day of the Lord's sacrifice." Why is God doing this? Because He wants the whole world to come to repentance. He wants all of mankind to recognize the pitiful state of their spiritual lives.

God plans to punish all who wear "strange apparel." What does this mean? ***God uses the symbol of clothing to picture a person's religious life.*** Revelation 19:7-8 show that fine linen represents the righteousness of the saints. But these people—God's Laodiceans—have "strange apparel." ***This symbol of "strange apparel" refers to false religion or unrighteousness.*** The whole world must come to recognize God's true religion and then never fall away from it!

We know Herbert W. Armstrong is dead and awaiting the first resurrection at Christ's return. But if he were alive now and were taken to the church that Christ used him to establish, he would see a ...***strange apparel.*** (*Zephaniah's Day of the Lord*, p. 6)

If Mr. Armstrong were alive now, will he be able to recognize a work in Ireland, or even consider reopening the England campus? It seems that he won't be able to, because God's signature cannot be found in it.

Notice carefully, that even the cohorts (of that DESOLATOR) who works in the field (i.e., in England and in Ireland), *God forbids them to make amends for their sin* and to be able to take any spiritual clothes of righteousness to put on themselves. God seems to be fuming mad with these Laodiceans inside the Philadelphia Church of God! He does not even want them to repent and would not grant them His pardon and forgiveness. He is reserving them to be punished in "*the day of the Lord's sacrifice*"

THE SUCKLINGS

"And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!" (Matt. 24:19) Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote about this verse from his *Personal* in *The Philadelphia Trumpet*:

The Spiritually Immature

Let's take a closer look at Matthew 24:19; "And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!"

Why would God be concerned about nursing children and not the sick and the elderly when it is time to flee? Because God is speaking to us *spiritually*, not physically. The focus here is on the nursing mothers. But if properly translated, ***it focuses on the nursing children.***

Several Greek interlinear translations read “***to those suckling***” – not “to them that give suck.” One of *Webster’s* definitions of *suckling* – is to draw milk from breasts.” So the focus is on the children – not the mothers. Unborn children are also discussed in verse 19. This verse has the same spiritual meaning as Isaiah 28. God is warning His own Laodicean, spiritually immature Church. They shall lack the faith to flee when they see the abomination of desolation! (*The Faith to Flee*, November 1995 issue)

In Hebrews chapter 5, the apostle Paul contrasted two types of people inside God’s Church: one is a *suckling* or a *babe* (*spiritually immature*) and the other an *adult* or of *full age* (*spiritually mature*):

“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” (vv. 12-15)

The *spiritually immature sucklings* use only milk which makes them unskillful in the word of righteousness, while the *spiritually mature men* eat strong meat which makes them discern both good and evil. This book is full of very STRONG SPIRITUAL MEAT and this is intended only for those who are SPIRITUALLY MATURE.

“The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the *horns of your altars*” (Jer. 17:1).

As what has been discussed in chapter 7, the sin of *spiritual Judah* (the people inside the *Philadelphia Church of God*) has been written with a diamond point iron pen, which means, it has been hardened like an adamant stone (Zech. 7:12).

The people look to the *power of their ministers* more than *the power of God*. The ministers basically taught and urged the members to look to them for even the smallest and slightest decision in their lives. The members cannot decide for themselves anymore.

Every little thing has to be decided by the ministers. This resulted in putting their trust in men which makes their “heart departeth from the Lord.” (Jer. 17:5) – they became “unskillful in the word of righteousness,” i.e., *spiritually immature* – SUCKLINGS!

CEDARS OF LEBANON

In the context of the planned acquisition of the Bricket Wood campus, Mr. Flurry said in a sermon, that the PCG is comparable to the *cedars of Lebanon*, and he even quoted *Song of Songs* chapter 4: “Come with me from *Lebanon*, my spouse, with me from *Lebanon*: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir and Hermon, from the lions' dens, from the mountains of the leopards.” (v. 8)

But reading from Zechariah chapter 11 we see a different story: “Open thy doors, *O Lebanon*, that the fire may devour *thy cedars*. Howl, fir tree; for *the cedar is fallen*; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, *O ye oaks of Bashan*; for the forest of the vintage is come down.” (vv. 1-2)

Notice that the context of this prophecy is about the “*idol shepherd*” who is holding the instrument of a *foolish shepherd* (vv. 15-17, read again chapter 6, *Beauty and Bands* for the prophetic fulfillment and explanation). According to the prophet Zechariah, these shepherds are comparable to the *cedars of Lebanon* and the *oaks of Bashan*. Who could they be in this *last end*?

“The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning *Judah* and *Jerusalem*. ...For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is *proud* and *lofty*, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: And upon all the *cedars of Lebanon*, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the *oaks of Bashan*, And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up, And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall” (Isa. 2:1, 12-15)

Notice that even the prophet Isaiah who addressed the above prophecy to *Judah* and *Jerusalem* used the *cedars of Lebanon* and the *oaks of Bashan* to picture its pride and loftiness. But what has this OAK have to do with spiritual *Judah* and *Jerusalem*? Let us consider what this tree really mean:

OAK (Heb. אֵלֶךְ), the main trees of Israel's natural groves and forests. The three species which grow there have in common their strong and hard wood and all attain a great height and reach a very old age. The Hebrew name, *allon*, means strong (Amos 2:9). ***Extensive oak forests still exist in Bashan, and these,***

together with the cedars of Lebanon, symbolized pride and loftiness (Isa. 2:13; Zech. 11:2). The people of Tyre made the oars for their ships from the *oaks of Bashan* (Ezek. 27:6). ***Some oaks served as sites for idol worship*** (Hos. 4:13), and burial took place under them (Gen. 35:8). The oak is long-lived and when it grows old or is cut down it has the ability to renew itself, putting out new shoots from the stump or roots that in time develop into a strong tree...

*Jerome notes that Titus sold 10,000 Judean captives under this tree. ***Since the third century many Jewish and Christian pilgrims have mentioned that this tree is considered sacred.*** It is an ***evergreen*** of the species *Quercus calliprinos*, which constitutes most of the groves in the hills of Judea and Galilee...

(Source: http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/judaica/ejud_0002_0015_0_14992.html)

One may ask; how can the Philadelphia Church of God be connected to this prophecy regarding the ***oaks of Bashan***? Remember that it was proven in chapter 7 that the early practitioners of *Irish dancing* were the ancient Druids who used that dance as a religious ritual to *worship the oak tree* and the sun.

Add to that, the derivation of the name *Bricket Wood* came from the original tiny settlement of “*Smug oak*.” Does it mean then that, as far as God is concerned, the acquisition of the Bricket Wood campus with *cedars of Lebanon* in it and the work in Ireland are irrefutable symbolism of their *pride and loftiness*?

Let’s look again at Zechariah’s prophecy: “Open thy doors, *O Lebanon*, that the fire may devour *thy cedars*. Howl, fir tree; for *the cedar is fallen*; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye *oaks of Bashan*; for the forest of the vintage is come down. There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.” (v. 3)

It looks like the end result of that work by those idol shepherds are going to be devoured by fire – their glory shall be spoiled, even their most treasured pride, Jordan, which is their much anticipated place of safety, will also be spoiled.

This group of people cannot escape the Great Tribulation because *God remembers* everything that they had done – these idol shepherds abused His people and His government.

ROBBERS CAVE – A PCG Landmark

An annual retreat was held last March 5 – 9, 2014 in a state park located in Sans Bois Mountains of southeast Oklahoma which was attended by students and faculty mem-

bers of the Herbert W. Armstrong College of the Philadelphia Church of God:

HWAC students, faculty retreat to Robbers Cave

EDMOND—More than 100 Herbert W. Armstrong College students and faculty remembered their spiritual history and built unity March 5-9 following midterm exams during the college's 12th annual spring excursion to Robbers Cave State Park. The yearly outing began in 2002, the first academic year of the college, when about 10 students plus a few faculty members and members from the headquarters congregation caravanned 192 miles to the San Bois Mountains of southeast Oklahoma and *the state park that is known by its association with outlaws Belle Starr and Jesse James, who hid in the area's sandstone caves in the 1800s.* (*The Philadelphian*, April 3, 2014, p. 13)

Prominent leaders of the PCG are beginning to put a great emphasis on a certain place where Stephen Flurry supposedly read *Malachi's Message* for the first time:

"So what do you think?" the minister asked when his son paused while reading the manuscript. "Well, that definitely will get you fired," his son responded. It was July 1989, and the young 19-year-old was on a Y.E.S. camping trip with his father at Robbers Cave in southeastern Oklahoma during the summer break. But it would turn out to be much more than a simple, everyday summer camping excursion. It became a pivotal moment in the history of God's Church and ***marked Robbers Cave State Park as an important historical location for the Philadelphia Church of God.*** (*A Significant Historic Landmark*, March 25, 2014)

But one might ask: Has this been prophesied in your Bibles? Is there any specific Biblical reference that could point us to that particular place, i.e., ROBBERS CAVE? Let us consider what the prophet Jeremiah wrote:

"Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the Lord." (Jeremiah 7:11)

In *Strong's Concordance*, we find the original Hebrew word for "den" being transliterated as:

me'arah H4631: From H5783; a cavern (as dark): **CAVE**, den, hole

ACTIVITIES



LEFT HWAC dean of students Stephen Flurry (right) shares a laugh at Robbers Cave with (from left) students Tyrel Schlote, Abraham Blondeau and Michael Cocomise.

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"My dad picked me up at the airport and we drove directly to Robbers Cave in southeastern Oklahoma," Evangelist Stephen Flurry wrote in *Raising the Ruins*. "For four months, my dad had been working on his paper, telling no one about it. When he picked me up on July 14, he had a rough draft of *Malachi's Message* tucked away in his briefcase, in the trunk of the car. During the drive, he told me about a number of other things going on in the Church—again, things I was totally unaware of. He later said he wanted me to read something he had written that explained all of this."

Stephen Flurry put off reading the paper until Sunday morning, a few hours before they left the campsite. "After getting a synopsis of its contents from my father, I was nervous and a little scared about reading it. That's why I put it off," he said. He sat down to read inside their cabin, the one next to where he and his family now stay when they visit Robbers Cave every year along with the rest of Herbert W. Armstrong College.

"As I read, I could tell my dad was anxiously awaiting any kind of feedback. He was very fidgety—constantly in and out of the cabin, trying to 'keep busy' while I took the time to read" (ibid). Before it was time to leave, Mr. Stephen Flurry read through about half of the manuscript.

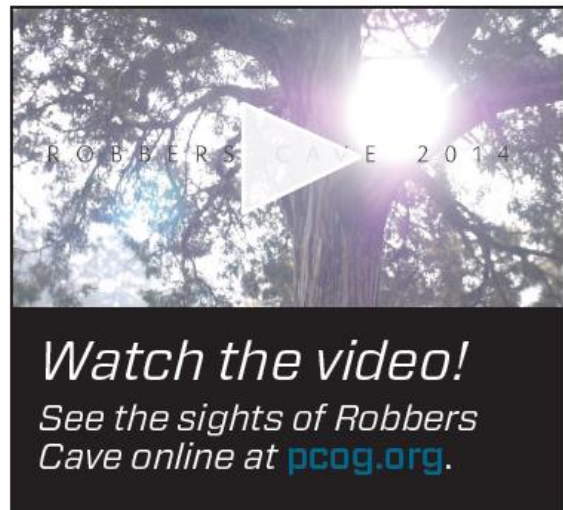
Right there, in that cabin at Robbers Cave Campsite Number One, the revelation in *Malachi's Message* was being shared for the first time. After the death of Mr. Armstrong, the Worldwide Church of God was being torn apart; yet off in remote rural Oklahoma, the first person besides Mr. Gerald Flurry was learning God's revelation about what was really happening.

"Its content certainly rang true," he wrote in *Raising the Ruins*, "it was inspiring in fact—but I couldn't yet commit to accepting the material without first digging into Mr. Armstrong's foundational teachings. [My dad] agreed the content would undoubtedly get him fired. But believing it was from God, he fully intended to deliver the message to church leaders in Pasadena."

The manuscript indeed got then-Predaching Elder Gerald Flurry fired on Dec. 7, 1989. The Philadelphia Church of God was raised up less than five months after *Malachi's Message* was first delivered to his son at that wooded campsite. Because of this history-shaping event, Robbers Cave has become a significant landmark for the PCG. Herbert W. Armstrong College has retreated to the campsite almost every year since 2002, and Mr. Stephen Flurry has never missed a campout.

Every year, he returns to the campsite with his family and dozens of others whose lives were also changed by the book he was the first to read nearly 25 years ago.

"Every time I go back to Robbers Cave, I can't help but think about all that has hap-

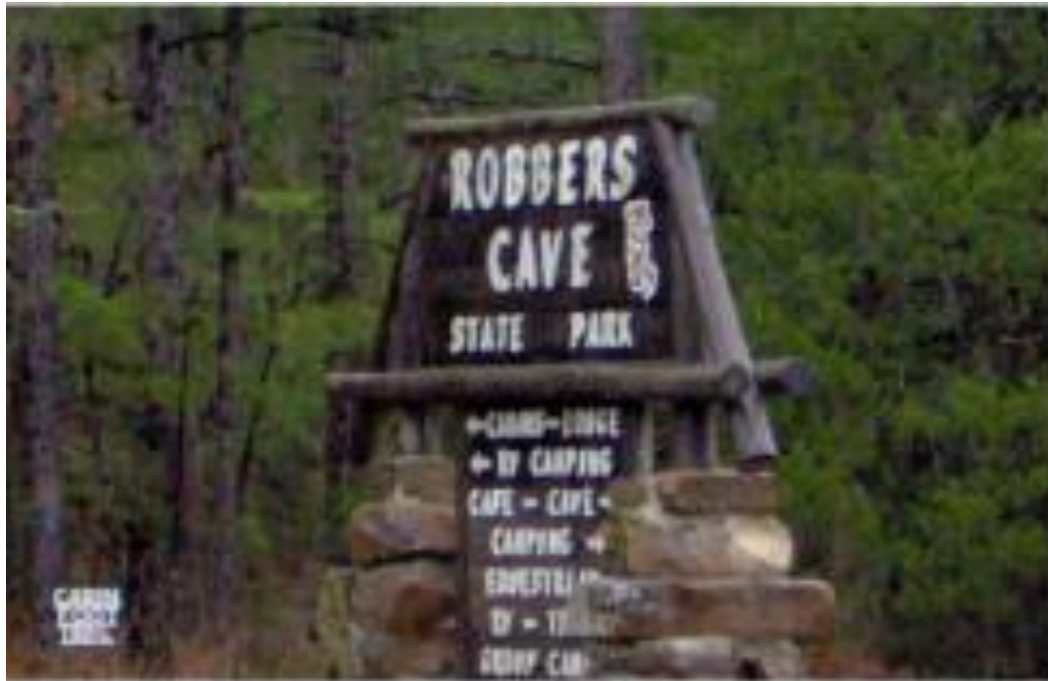


pened since that initial reading," he said. "What a work God has raised up!"

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We may then substitute that word “CAVE” to the word “DEN”, thus the verse can also be read this way:

“Is this house, which is called by my name, become a ROBBER’S CAVE in your eyes? ...”



Look at this prophecy carefully: A house or a Church which is called by God’s name is associating itself with a ROBBER’S CAVE. It does seem very obvious now that it is referring to none other than the Philadelphia Church of God (which is called by God’s name) by having the ROBBER’S CAVE state park as its LANDMARK. Can anyone dare challenge this prophecy?

“...BEHOLD, EVEN I HAVE SEEN IT, SAITH THE LORD“!

Even God has seen the very fulfillment of this prophecy. It has been laid before our own eyes! Now see for yourself and refute this fact if you can. As *Matthew Henry Commentary* further wrote:

Behold, I have seen it, saith the Lord, have seen the real iniquity through the counterfeit and dissembled piety. Note, though men may deceive one another with the appearances of devotion, yet they cannot deceive God.

Does it mean that there are men inside God's own Church to whom this message is being addressed? Does God want us to clearly see those men who have "counterfeit and dissembled piety"? For emphasis, let us again consider what that place (Robbers Cave), has been well known for:

"...the state park that is known by its association with outlaws Belle Starr and Jesse James, who hid in the area's sandstone caves in the 1800s. (op. cit.)

The state park has been named as such because of its historical affinity to the robbers and outlaws! Well, someone may argue, "That would be totally ridiculous! The Philadelphia Church of God is God's Church and surely God will not allow His Church to be branded as *robbers and outlaws*." Or, is the prophecy really addressed to the PCG anyway?

"The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, ***all ye of Judah***, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord" (Jeremiah 7:1-2).

As discussed in chapter 2, we have already proven ***the identity of spiritual Judah*** and to whom this message really is for. This prophecy is primarily for the *Philadelphia Church of God*. But what could be the reason behind this turn around? Why does it have to happen to the PCG?

Let us consider what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote in his *Jeremiah* booklet regarding this prophecy:

Spiritually, God's saints are the temple today. Jeremiah is discussing God's house, temple or people. HE STOOD IN THE GATE OF THE TEMPLE, WHERE THE WORSHIPERS HAD TO SEE AND HEAR HIM! Of course, the people accused him of leaving God's temple. They said he was a traitor who was betraying them.

But remember, this is primarily a prophecy for today.

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are these" (verses 3-4). Jeremiah warned them to repent and stop listening to lying words. What were these lying words? *The temple, the temple, the temple*. Their statement was the same as what God's people today are saying: *the*

church, the church, the church! Or, to state it another way—“This is God’s Church,” or, “You can’t leave God’s Church,” or, “This is still God’s Church.”

All these statements are LYING WORDS! It was a problem in Jeremiah’s time, and he prophesied it would be a problem today in God’s own Church! These are lying words because the statements imply that these are God’s people doing God’s Work. That is simply not true.

God’s faithful people today, just like Jeremiah, have a commission to warn God’s UNFAITHFUL people that they are going astray spiritually.

If God’s people are going astray, THEN IT BECOMES A SIN TO REMAIN WITH THEM. A plea to remain in a sinning church becomes “LYING WORDS”! (verse 8).

Some people ask, “Well, can’t God control His own leaders?” The answer is NO, He cannot, because He has made them free moral agents and they must CHOOSE right over wrong. God won’t force obedience on His leaders or His followers. CHARACTER IS BUILT BY VOLUNTARY CHOOSING THE WAY OF GOD.

The Bible is full of examples where God’s people were led astray by sinful leaders.

“Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; *And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name*, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?” (verses 9-10). These people turned away from God as they sanctimoniously talked about loving God and His temple! Just having God’s name doesn’t make it God’s Church. Jeremiah says the temple is only *called* by God’s name and he condemned them for rejecting God’s Word. (*Jeremiah and the Greatest Vision in the Bible*, pp. 59-60)

The Philadelphia Church of God is under the Ezekiel 4 siege, and while under that spiritual condition, the people inside have witnessed stealing, murder, adultery, lies, even burning incense unto Baal through the Irish dance and other pagan doctrines; and walking after other gods through the work in England and Ireland instead of walking after God with the work in Jerusalem.

“But this thing commanded I them, saying, *Obey my voice*, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but

walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and *went backward, and not forward.*” (vv. 23-24)

What happened to the PCG’s work in Jerusalem? Why has the PCG “*went backward, and not forward*”? Because they have not obeyed God’s voice, instead they have listened to *a voice* that declares in Dan (Ireland) and who publish “nothingness” from mount Ephraim (Britain and Australia) - Jeremiah 4:15.

Do we dare come and stand before God inside the Philadelphia Church of God – which is called by God’s name and still justify ourselves in doing all the abominations before God and yet appear deeply religious before Him?

Again as Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote, “God won’t force obedience on His leaders or His followers. CHARACTER IS BUILT BY VOLUNTARY CHOOSING THE WAY OF GOD.”

Now upon learning of this prophecy, will you choose to accept God’s Word or utterly reject it?

THE DRUNKARDS OF EPHRAIM

In the September-October 2014 issue of *The Philadelphian* (a newsletter published by the Philadelphia Church of God on a bi-monthly period), we can read an eye catching advertisement on the last page:



Now, it obviously appears that the 25 leading PCG ministers has already successfully bought the real estate in England for good - the transactions of which, they have hidden from the membership. These ministers did not have any inkling, that what they have just done has already been prophesied long ago:

“Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!” (Isaiah 28:1)

Let’s consider several commentaries on what they have to say about this verse in Isaiah:

Albert Barnes Commentary

To the crown of pride – This is a Hebrew mode of expression, denoting the proud or haughty crown. There can be no doubt that it refers to the **capital of the kingdom of Ephraim; that is to Samaria.**

E. W. Bullinger Commentary

Crown of pride – pride’s crown, or proud crown (i.e. **Samaria**)

Cambridge Bible

Samaria, with its ramparts and white terraced streets crowning the summit low hill, which rises in the middle of a fertile valley (1 Kings 16:24), is compared to the chaplet of flowers that wreathes the flushed temples of a reveller (cf. Song of Songs 2:7-8)

Adam Clarke Commentary

Woe to the crown of pride – By the crown of pride, etc., **Samaria** is primarily understood.

Jamieson-Fauset_Brown Commentary

crown of pride – Hebrew for “proud crown of the drunkards,” etc. [Horsley], namely **Samaria, the capital of Ephraim**, or Israel.

If the CROWN OF PRIDE does refer to SAMARIA, then what has this got to do with the recently acquired HWA Campus in ENGLAND and the British descent PCG MINISTERS? Before we can answer that, let us consider first what the end-time Elijah, Mr. Herbert Armstrong wrote. He was emphatic when he wrote in his

book, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* about the master key in unlocking Bible prophecies:

One might ask, were not biblical prophecies closed and sealed? Indeed they were—until now! And even now they can be understood only by those who possess the master key to unlock them. ...And the one central master key to prophecy as a whole is the identity of the United States and the British nations in these prophecies for today! (pp. 9, 13)

That central master key is the identity of physical Israel – the United States and the British nations, even including the modern Jewish nation. But could there be a spiritual counterpart to that master key, i.e., the identity of spiritual Israel and spiritual Judah? To answer that, let us read what Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Royal Vision* about the identity of spiritual Judah:

The Key of the House of David

Isaiah 22:20-25 contain an end-time prophecy that God has revealed a great deal about to us – about Eliakim. Verse 21 says the man who fulfills this role “shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.” There is a spiritual and physical application to these scriptures, but we look mainly at the spiritual today.

The “house of Judah” here is the faithful Church of God. You could say it is “the house of the Jews.” **WE ARE JEWS – SPIRITUAL JEWS!** And this man is a father to Judah.” (July-August 2012 issue, p.6)

MR. FLURRY EMPHASIZED THAT THE “HOUSE OF JUDAH” IN SPIRITUAL APPLICATION TO SCRIPTURES IS INDEED REFERRING TO THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD! Well, how about Ephraim (or its spiritual counterpart)? Who could they be?

Who, then, according to your Bible, is the real Israel (racially and nationally) of today? Ephraim and Manasseh! Ephraim and Manasseh together received the right to the name Israel. It was to become the national name of their descendants. And their descendants were never Jews! Fix this fact firmly in your mind!...

After several generations, the tribe of Joseph, divided into the two tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, came to call themselves British. They retained a few Hebrew earmarks. Berithor b'rith in Hebrew means “covenant,” and ish means “man.” Thus, in Hebrew, British means “covenant man,” which, truly, they are...

Remember—in passing on the birthright to the two sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh (Genesis 48:16), Jacob said, “Let my name be named on them”—on Ephraim and Manasseh—who today are Britain and America. This tells on whom this most terrible of national calamities is to fall—on Britain and America. (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, pp. 47, 147, 174)

If we will deduce what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote that the PCG is the spiritual Jews and spiritual Jerusalem would be the PCG Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma; could we then safely say that spiritual Ephraim refer to those British descent ministers inside the Philadelphia Church of God? If that would be the case, then spiritual Samaria would be England or Britain – the capital of the kingdom of Ephraim!

Therefore, the CROWN OF PRIDE being referred to by the prophet Isaiah in chapter 28 would be the recently established office and campus in England, which is the capital of spiritual Ephraim and that in turn, would appropriately be the spiritual Samaria. We must remember that it was ***King Jeroboam, of the tribe of Ephraim who caused Israel to sin*** (1 Kings 15:30). Would another Ephraimite leader cause the people in the Philadelphia Church of God to sin and rebel against God? Do you think it is a far fetched idea? Then consider a recent Church history recorded by Mr. Gerald Flurry in his book:

The mystery “doth already work.” It was at work before Mr. Armstrong died—but not openly. **For example, the Work of God in Australia never got “back on track” after the 1970s rebellion, as most other areas did. That is because the real problems were concealed from Mr. Armstrong.** The Philadelphia Church has received numerous letters from Australians detailing this deception that took place before Mr. Armstrong died. This is an example of what God means when He says the mystery “doth already work.” (p. 83, *Malachi’s Message*)

We must remember that the 1974 ministerial rebellion emanated from the crown of pride of Ephraim – Bricket Wood in England. Take note that the Australians are also from the tribe of Ephraim. Moreover, the current PCG Regional Director of UK and Europe Brad Macdonald is himself an Australian, and he was the one who assisted Mr. Gerald Flurry in visiting estates for sale in England. The question is: Do the Ephraimites have a tendency to conceal and hide? Read it with your own eyes the irrefutable answer concerning the drunkards of Ephraim in verse 1:

“(F)or we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: (Isaiah 28:15)

With how the PCG ministers have handled in *secret* the purchase of the Bricket Wood then, and now with the final announcement of a deal that was made for the real estate in England, it obviously suggest that they have already *turned things upside down* which is being esteemed as the potter’s clay:

“Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter’s clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?” (Isaiah 29:15-16)

It seems that the cunningness of the secret counsel will not be easily detected unless God reveals it. They will just say to this effect:

“Well, anyway, it was Mr. Gerald Flurry who decided to establish campus in England, it was not us (‘he made me not’)! We are just following directions according to God’s government.”

But in reality, Mr. Flurry *has no understanding* of what was taking place – he has not perceived that he is being forged as a clay in their hands – the secret counsel being the potter. (Most likely, Mr. Flurry under the influence of these drunkards of Ephraim, would be speaking of the acquisition of the estate in England this coming Feast of Tabernacles 2014 – maybe even during his Opening Night Message, thus making it the theme for the whole feast.)

As far as God is concerned, the decision to re-open the Bricket Wood campus then, which eventually has been diverted to a campus somewhere in England is esteemed as the potter’s clay – the “graven image” of Habakkuk 2:18!

There is yet another irrefutable proof which fulfills the “*turning of things upside down*” prophecy of Isaiah, i.e., the TURNABOUT. Well, let us first consider its definition:

Turnabout

1. The act of turning about and facing or moving in the opposite direction.
2. A change or reversal of direction, trend, policy, role, or character

Now, consider the **ROLE REVERSAL** during the **TURNABOUT** singles’ activity in the Philadelphia Church of God’s website:



The prophet Isaiah described the condition of spiritual Ephraim: “Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine! Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.” (Isaiah 28:1-2)

The drunkards of Ephraim is overcome with wine and in a spirit of deep sleep - which makes their vision blurred and they have stumbled in their judgment in choosing to establish a campus and office facilities in England.

“But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment” (v. 7). And this is how God will speak to these drunkards of Ephraim in 550

His Church: **“For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.”** (v. 11)

But will they hear God’s speech? In verse 12, it is quite clear that they won’t listen, instead they will FALL BACKWARD – they are choosing ENGLAND (and IRELAND) instead of JERUSALEM.

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

How can we be so sure that this prophecy is indeed for the ministers in the Philadelphia Church of God in Edmond, Oklahoma (spiritual Jerusalem)?

“Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.” (v. 14)

Let’s pause for a moment and think about this: Is it possible that there could indeed be Druids inside the Philadelphia Church of God even in its Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma? The prophecy written in verse 15 is a very strong indication that a Simon Magus group has already infiltrated God’s Church. Consider this: The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim is Samaria – the same is true for Simon Magus (or Simon the Druid) who was also from Samaria. While as for spiritual Samaria, which is England, it is the crown of pride of the Druids who practice sorcery, witchcraft, and pagan worship. Even Mr. Armstrong wrote about this in his book:

Yes, the British Isles heard Christ’s gospel! But they accepted, instead, the idolatry of the Druids, pagan worship, and the counterfeit “Christianity” of the Roman Babylonian mystery religion, and even spawned the devil’s religion of the evolutionary concept. (p. 131, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*)

For a brief background, there’s an article written in the Trumpet.com website, entitled *Who Were the Druids?*, wherein it discusses the history of the split between the kingdom of Judah and the kingdom of Israel (which is situated in the region of **Samaria**) whose leader was Jeroboam:

The rebellion was led by Jeroboam, a prominent leader from the northern tribe of Ephraim (verse 20; 2 Chronicles 10:3). Following the revolt, Jeroboam was made king “over all Israel.”

This was the moment Israel split into two kingdoms. The northern kingdom, situated in the region of Samaria, the Bible continued to call “Israel.” This kingdom consisted of 10 tribes and was led by King Jeroboam...

Further on it has been discussed in that article that Druidism was actually the religion that was set up by King Jeroboam:

Druidism was in fact the defining religion of the Celts, the people who lived in the British Isles, including Ireland, before the arrival of the Romans in the first century A.D.

1 Kings 12:28-33 records that King Jeroboam established centers of religious worship in Ephraim (in the border city of Bethel) and in Dan. Here, among the tribes of Ephraim and Dan in particular, Jeroboam placed his pagan priests on “the high places which he had made.” Isn’t it interesting that a few hundred years later, both Britain (Ephraim) and Ireland (Dan) were the centers of Druidism? This pagan religion was practiced in parts of Western Europe, but, just as it did during the time of Jeroboam, it thrived in, and emanated from, Ireland and Britain!

Druidism arrived in the British Isles in waves; (ibid.)

If this Druidism was in fact the religion that was set up by King Jeroboam from **Samaria** which was eventually brought to the British Isles, then it follows that it was the same religion Simon Magus practiced – so he could indeed be appropriately called, **Simon the Druid!** Here is what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about this man (emphasis mine in bold):

Simon Magus

One of the most defining aspects of the first-century Church was its encounter with Simon Magus. This is extremely important history for us to understand. Mr. Armstrong set the stage in *The Incredible Human Potential*: “In **Samaria**, north of Jerusalem, lived a Gentile people whom the Jews of Christ’s day spurned, calling them ‘dogs.’ They had been moved there from areas of the Babylonian Empire about 700 B.C. by various kings, including Shalmaneser of Assyria (2 Kings 17:18, 21-24, etc.).” Now notice this statement: “They had brought with them into the land of Samaria their

own Babylonian mystery religion. In the eighth chapter of Acts you'll read of their religious leader in the time of Christ, Simon Magus the Sorcerer."

Acts 8 says this man "used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God" (verses 9-10). This is the way of religions in this world: **Leaders want people to look to them.** That is pitiful! We have the living God to look to! Still, this false priest was an impressive man. All those in Samaria, from the least to the greatest, said he was the great power of God! He was not an ordinary man...

Simon was completely bound up in lawlessness! The word carries this sense: "that in which all the virtues are so bound together that perfection is the result, and not one of them is lacking to that perfection" (Thayer's). Simon had perfect lawlessness. This is what Satan is all about! He is bitter, hateful against God, and perfectly lawless. His false religion preaches that doctrine of lawlessness—though he does a remarkable job of masking it as righteousness...

The epistle of Jude speaks of these followers of Simon Magus: "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 4). Mr. Armstrong explained that these "certain men ... ungodly men" were Simon's disciples, infiltrating the Church. Their doctrine was to turn God's grace into lawlessness!...

A Momentous Prophecy

Simon Magus craved power. He wanted to be a leader with a large following—but he wanted even more. He wanted to have his own organization, and he wanted political power to implement his message and force it on people—even to kill them if they didn't submit! Simon Magus went to Rome in the time of Claudius. There are many other accounts of Simon's traveling to Rome and becoming one of the great gods to the city and to the people of Rome. There are records which show that Simon "prophesies that Rome will be the scene of his crowning glory, when he will be adored as a god," citing Dictionary of Religion and Ethics, Volume 2. How pitiful! Men want a following of other deceived men to delude themselves into thinking they're something great.

God is trying to get us to see that He is recreating Himself in mankind! That is mind-staggering human potential! He's creating Gods! And yet the most these

men can think about is to gain a following! When a person descends into that attitude, there is no end to it. **He just wants more power, and more, and more.** We shouldn't even be thinking that way! We should simply be trying to serve God any way we can, or we can get ourselves in serious trouble.

Simon did not accomplish his goal during his lifetime. But later, the church he founded, being headquartered in Rome, did gain control over the Roman Empire. When you look at the history of that church, you see what happened. It has been a **MURDEROUS AFFAIR!** (Royal Vision September-October, pp. 3, 5-6)

“Simon Magus craved power.” “He just wants *more* power, and *more*, and *more*.” – He wanted to gain a large following and wanted more power for himself. He has the same lust for power as Diotrophes. As Mr. Gerald Flurry told the ministry during the 2011 Ministerial Conference (Lecture #5) that “we are going to have Diotrophes in our midst – it’s prophesied!” That this end-time Diotrophes “wants to put himself on the spotlight; he loves preeminence and wants to have authority over the others; and that he wants to run the show”, Mr. Flurry added. Further on, quoting from *The Last Hour* booklet, he said:

DIOTROPHESES

“I wrote unto the church: but Diotrophes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not” (3 John 9). Here is an example diametrically opposite that of Gaius. **Diotrophes was a minister, a regional director.** The Greek here shows that “he loves to be first.” Gaius loved to do anything he could to help the men who were serving John. Gaius put God’s servants and work first. Diotrophes just loved to put HIMSELF first! When everything was falling apart in God’s Church, he loved to be first! That attitude consumed him. And he probably lost his eternal life. He was eaten alive by vanity and that vulgar desire to be number one....

“Interestingly, the name Diotrophes means ‘nourished by Zeus.’ Does that give you a clue about what was happening to this man? He was just like a man in God’s end-time Church. **And MOST PEOPLE TODAY THINK THIS MAN OF SIN HAS SO MUCH LOVE! THEY THINK HE SETS A MARVELOUS EXAMPLE OF LOVE BECAUSE HE TALKS ABOUT IT ALL THE TIME! – AS HE BUTCHERS GOD’S LAW OF LOVE.** Diotrophes was a type of the end-time antichrist. His big problem wasn’t in

rejecting doctrine. He lusted for power. His big problem was that he wanted the top office! That is exactly what Satan's problem was! This evil man operates in the spirit of Satan. He may have been possessed by the devil."
(pp. 110-111)

In reality it was Satan who was behind Simon Magus and Diotrephes:

Simon was practically Satan incarnate, it would seem. Again, who is really in the bond of lawlessness? Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 show that this is Satan's lifestyle; it is the way he lives! He hates the law! He turned away from God, turned a third of the angels away from God, turned this world away from God—and in this end time, even turned most of God's own people away from God. He is in the bond of lawlessness! And he has a frightening power to deceive! (p. 5, op. cit)

That is what Satan, Diotrephes, Simon Magus, and the drunkards of Ephraim have in common - *a lustor craving for power*. In the dictionary it is called **MEGALOMANIA**:

1. A psychopathological condition characterized by delusional fantasies of wealth, power, or omnipotence.
2. An obsession with grandiose or extravagant things or actions.
3. A highly exaggerated or delusional concept of one's own importance.

Source: <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/megalomania>

This same *megalomaniac* Simon Magus group has been behind the MURDEROUS AFFAIR of killing people if they didn't submit – which brings us to the specific prophecy in verse 15 concerning the drunkards of Ephraim who wanted God's people to look to them:

"Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us:"

Well you might say that it is a bit odd and strange for God to actually allow the group of Simon Magus to infiltrate even the ministry of the Philadelphia Church of

God:

“For the Lord shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, **his strange work**; and bring to pass his act, **his strange act**.” (v. 21)

Why would God do such a STRANGE WORK – such a STRANGE ACT, even using STAMMERING LIPS and ANOTHER TONGUE to speak to these drunkards of Ephraim? And how does He see His sanctuary in this last end?

“For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.” (v. 8)

This is the same prophecy proclaimed in Ezekiel chapter 24: “Then I answered them, The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.” (vv. 20-21)

Which brings us to the prophesied outcome of what shall happen to the drunkards of Ephraim and their crown of pride – the new campus and office facility in England:

“The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:” *...And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.*” (vv. 3, 18)

Yet there is a warning to those who will not believe this very prophecy when it is spoken by God through ANOTHER TONGUE:

“Now therefore **be ye not mockers**, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Lord God of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth. **Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech.**” (vv. 22-23)

Who then will be able to understand this prophecy in the last end when God speaks? Those who are “weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts”:

“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little” (vv. 9-10). And just like what the apostle Paul explained:

“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the

word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” (Hebrews 5:12-14)

Eventually, in the end, the secret counsel of men - *the drunkards of Ephraim* will be exposed by God:

“Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and **the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place...** This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.” (vv. 16-17, 29)

We must remember that the 1974 ministerial rebellion in the WCG and the great consternation among the members in Britain, was in the context of the whole Church being deceived. And the Bricket Wood campus and office in England – the crown of pride of Ephraim, was very much a part of that recent history of God’s Church that we should not take lightly.

“Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.” (Ezekiel 8:17)

THE TRANSGRESSORS ARE COME TO THE FULL

On the evening of October 8, which signaled the first day of the 2014 Feast of Tabernacles of the Philadelphia Church of God, members were quite in a state of shock and a bit perplexed – the Opening Night Message was given unexpectedly by a jubilant Evangelist Stephen Flurry. The question in their mind was – WHY STEPHEN FLURRY? Why did he give that very important message to set the theme and the tone for the whole feast? And why not Pastor General Gerald Flurry as has been accustomed for the past 24 years? It seems someone has “*turned things upside down*” - “*Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter’s clay...*” (Isaiah 29:16).

It becomes very obvious now that *the secret counsel of men* has already successfully achieved their ultimate goal: the evidence of which was the formal announcement of the recently acquired real estate in England – the EDSTONE HALL! As it appears in a UK website advertisement:

“This property has been removed by the agent. It may be sold or temporarily removed from the market” –

This suggests that Edstone Hall has already been sold to the PCG. As indicated in that website, the price tag was initially pegged at 3 Million GBP (4.8 Million USD), while it appears that it has been negotiated at around 2.8 Million GBP (4.5 Million USD) as intimated by Stephen Flurry. Here is a brief description as found in the website:

Edstone Hall is set within some 22 acres of gardens and parkland leading down to Edstone Lake – a nature reserve with an abundance of wildlife. Located on the outskirts of the small village of Wootton Wawen, Edstone Hall is well placed for access to Stratford-upon-Avon 4.5 miles, Henley-in-Arden 4.5 miles, Leamington Spa 10.5 miles, Solihull 15.5 miles and Birmingham International Airport and the NEC some 18.5 miles. Furthermore, the M.40 and M.42 motorways are within easy access, providing fast links to London to the South and Birmingham to the North, some 22 miles away. Train services are available from Warwick Parkway, Henley-in-Arden and Stratford-upon-Avon. There are varied sporting activities locally, including Racing from both Warwick and Stratford, golf courses at Henley-in-Arden and Stratford plus boating on the River Avon and Stratford Canal.

Source: <http://www.rightmove.co.uk/property-for-sale/property-25504078.html>

6 bedroom house for sale

£3,000,000

Edstone Hall, Edstone, Wootton Wawen, Warwickshire,
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In that Opening Night Message, Stephen mentioned with great excitement how the PCG has been doing God's work for 25 years – even posting a big prominent number 25 on the screen side by side with the Edstone estate background. Yet, the PCG's 25th year anniversary is supposed to be on December 7, 2014. Why the number 25? Is it fulfilling a specific bible prophecy? Was the number 25 really for the anniversary of the PCG work or an indication of the 25 ministers who were directly involved in that project as per Evangelist Wayne Turgeon's list would indicate? Whatever the case may be, there is a specific prophecy that has been fulfilled to the letter:

“Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about **five and twenty men**, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.” (Ezekiel 8:15-16)

Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Ezekiel* booklet, “Verse 16 shows those 25 top ministers in the inner court ...God is not addressing the false ministers of this world in these verses – He is discussing ministers who knew God ...The expression ‘between the porch and the altar’ refers to where the ministers prayed to God in the temple (Joel 2:17)” (p. 57).

According to *Lange's* commentary, these 25 men are high ranking ministers! Could these 25 men also refer to Joshua and his fellows in Zechariah 3:8? Notice that Joshua and his fellows' folly seem to revolve around choosing another land more than Jerusalem in verse 3 (the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem).

The 25 PCG ministers have chosen England and Ireland over Jerusalem for the 3rd and final phase of God's Work! Is this not an abomination to God? (We must remember what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote recently that the book of Ezekiel is addressed to the PCG!) And he also wrote: “***This is the most abominable crime in the whole book of Ezekiel!***” (op. cit)

“Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose” (v. 17). Now here is what Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Ezekiel: The End Time Prophet* booklet about this verse:

Ezekiel— Addressed to the PCG

NEW REVELATION ABOUT WHEN AND HOW THE GREAT TRIBULATION
BEGINS. A SURVEY OF THE FIRST FIVE CHAPTERS OF EZEKIEL.

CURRENT EVENTS IN SYRIA, IRAQ, UKRAINE, LIBYA AND countries all over the world are building toward a super catastrophe. Already we are living in a NEW HORRIFYING REALITY! Politicians, analysts and even regular news watchers can see that more plainly every day. What they don't realize is



From the Editor
GERALD FLURRY

that the Prophet Ezekiel forecasted this modern situation we face—and he accurately illustrated what is about to happen and how it is all going to end.

I want to survey the book of Ezekiel and give you the whole picture of what this prophetic book is about.

Ezekiel of the Old Testament is somewhat of a counterpart to what the book of Revelation is to the New Testament. Ezekiel contains a story flow of prophecy as the book of Revelation does. Understanding what God revealed in this book will help us prepare for the

prophetic events that are coming.

Ezekiel covered some territory that the other prophets usually did not, and on a rather large scale. He describes a lot of horrifying events that God prophesied. He also balances that terrible news with good news, such as one of the most beautiful chapters in the Bible about the Bride of Jesus Christ. But there's no escaping the stark detail with which Ezekiel prophesies what is coming on the modern descendants of Israel and the world.

Never in the history of man has Ezekiel had such a profound meaning as today! In this article, we will focus on the first five chapters of his book.

THE GOD OF EZEKIEL 1

We really need to understand the introduction to Ezekiel, especially the first three chapters. I know of no other biblical book's introduction that is pointed directly at the Philadelphia Church of God (PCG) the way this one is. It helps us get the priority right: It describes the great God and what He is doing through His people.

Ezekiel 1:1 is about getting to know God: "Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God." Ezekiel saw this fiery spectacle and other visions like nobody else in the Old Testament did!

First, Ezekiel saw a vision of God! "And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire" (verse 4). Beginning in verse 5, he describes four cherubim shuttling God around on a resplendent vehicle wherever He wants to go. "And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning. ... And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the ALMIGHTY, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings" (verses 14, 24). Notice how Ezekiel describes God: "the Almighty."

This has a parallel in the book of Revelation. In the first chapter of that book, the Apostle John describes a fiery vision of God he received—much like Ezekiel. Then he went on to use the name "Lord God Almighty" 10 times—more than any other book

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in the New Testament (aside from quotes of the Old Testament). Seeing that vision put John's mind on the "Lord God Almighty," and made John a DIFFERENT MAN! It helped him see God far more *deeply* than he ever had before.

Ezekiel also talked about "the Almighty God" (Ezekiel 10:5). When you get visions like that, you begin to see things differently! The visions Ezekiel received really stirred and changed him, just like the visions John received.

Do you know God as these men did? We in God's Church see God working all the time. The miracles that empower this Church are not from men—God is doing it. But we sometimes don't see Him as He really is—the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY behind this Work who accomplishes *everything* we do!

THEY HAVE RETURNED

“Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose” (Ezekiel 8:17). “Provoke me to anger” really should read “provoked to be bitter or rebel against.” And the older texts correct that last phrase to read “God’s nose.” That’s how it should read. These Laodiceans are taking a branch and sticking it up into God’s nostrils—the area that gives the Church its breath of life. They are trying to cut off the life of God’s Church! ...But notice, ***they have returned to do this. People rebelled and turned away, and have now returned to try to cut off the very breath of life in God’s Church! Where is that happening?*** (p. 57)

Mr. Flurry asked, “Where is that happening?” Take note that it is the house of Judah that committed this abomination before God. Could this prophecy be referring to spiritual Judah (PCG)? And is this spiritual Judah really does refer, without a single doubt, to the Philadelphia Church of God? Again here is what Mr. Flurry wrote:

The “house of Judah” ...is the faithful Church of God. You could say it is “the house of the Jews” WE ARE JEWS – SPIRITUAL JEWS!” (Royal Vision, July-August 2012, p.6)

MR. FLURRY EMPHASIZED THAT THE PCG IN SPIRITUAL APPLICATION IS INDEED THE “HOUSE OF JUDAH”! So in principle, when we read of the spiritual house of Judah in scriptures concerning prophecy in this end time, we can apply it directly to the PCG who resides in the INNER COURT. While spiritual Israel will have to be the Laodicean groups in the OUTER COURT. But keep in mind also that there are two women inside the PCG (Zechariah 5:9-11), so there are also Laodiceans among them.

Now notice very carefully in verse 17, that the house of Judah has returned to provoke God to anger. Does this mean that there was a prior instance wherein God has been provoked the first time and yet another provocation is happening again during the last end? Well, one can only utter this word “return” if there was a former occurrence that has served as a reference point. You can only return to a place or condition if you had been there before. For emphasis, let us consider again what Mr. Flurry wrote in the

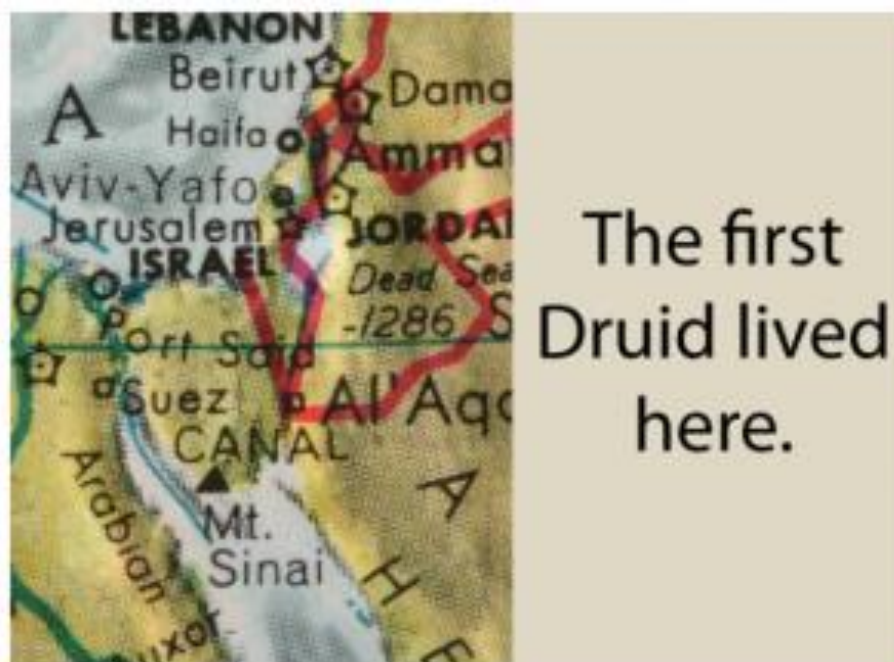
Ezekiel booklet about a group of people who is sticking up a branch into God's nostrils:

These Laodiceans are taking a branch and sticking it up into God's nostrils—the area that gives the Church its breath of life. They are trying to cut off the life of God's Church! ...But notice, **they have returned to do this**. People rebelled and turned away, and have now returned to try to cut off the very breath of life in God's Church! Where is that happening? (op. cit.)

Again, remember that this is in the context of a prophecy for the house of Judah which in spiritual application refers to the Philadelphia Church of God. As being mentioned here that “these Laodiceans are taking a branch and sticking it up into God's nostrils” – so it must only refer to the Laodiceans INSIDE the PCG who is in the INNER COURT where the prophet Ezekiel saw in his vision (Ezek. 8:16). It could not refer to the Laodiceans outside the PCG, because they are not of the house of Judah, spiritually speaking. Mr. Flurry then asked, “Where is that happening?”

Well some PCG ministers may argue, “That is completely ridiculous! It is not referring to the PCG. We are not returning to *Bricket Wood* as what we may have intended at the first. This is a completely new site in England which God has opened the door for His work.” Is it really? Or is it a prepared deception by God Himself?

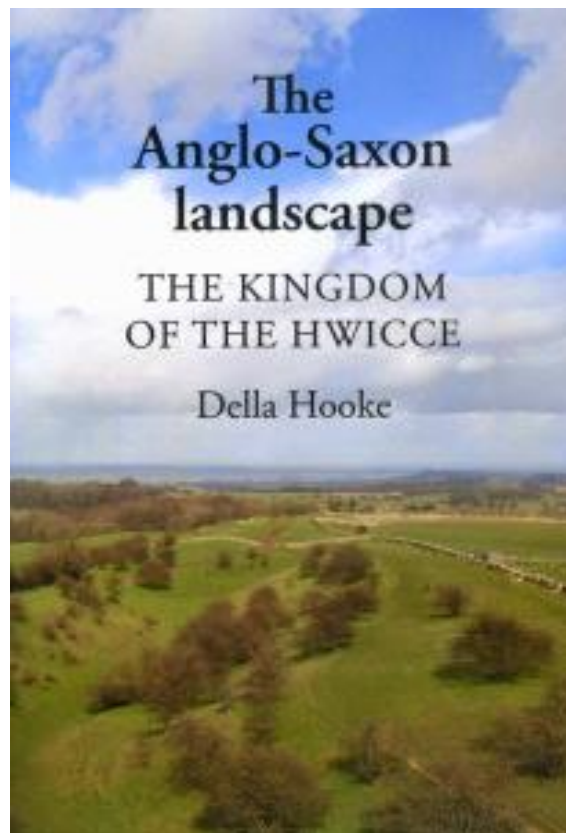
“Then said I, Ah, Lord God! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.” (Jeremiah 4:10)



Who could be behind this ABOUT FACE from God? It's *the drunkards of Ephraim!* And these drunkards have led the people of God to their CROWN OF PRIDE – spiritual SAMARIA – the capital of King Jeroboam's religion, i.e., England! How can we be so sure that England is indeed now the capital of King Jeroboam's religion? Read the article written by *TheTrumpet.com* columnist and PCG Regional Director of UK/Europe, Brad Macdonald about the origins of the Druids and their religion, and how it was migrated to the British Isles.

The questions are: Could there be Druids among the ministers of the Philadelphia Church of God? What is the relation between Druidism and the newly acquired real estate in Edstone? To begin with, let us consider the address of the new Herbert W. Armstrong campus and PCG Regional office for the UK/Europe: **Edstone Hall, Edstone, Wootton Wawen, Warwickshire, B95.**

One may ask: What is so significant about the location of the new Herbert W. Armstrong campus in Warwickshire, England? Well, it was actually once a part of a dominion of a certain kingdom of the Hwicce. We can trace the history of this kingdom in a book written by Della Hooke in which she wrote about the Anglo-Saxons (i.e., ancient kingdom of Israel). Consider this other source:



Kingdom of the Hwicce

The Kingdom of the Hwicce was a tribal area of Anglo-Saxon England. The area corresponds approximately to the Severn valley, and to the modern counties of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire, and the South-West of Warwickshire.

During the Iron Age approximately the same area had been the province of a Celtic tribe called the Dobunni. Following the advent of Christianity the area became the Diocese of Worcester.

Origins and Meaning of the Name

The name Hwicce is related to wicca, and witch. Claims have been made that the Hwicce were the tribe of witches; although that is not necessarily the origin of the tribal name.

‘Wicca’ was an Old English word meaning a magician or sorcerer. A similar word ‘wicce’ was used to denote a sorceress.

‘Wicca’ is the origin of the word ‘witch’. Shown at the right are the entries for ‘witch’ from the Oxford English Dictionary.

Witch (witʃ), *sb.*¹ Now *dial.* [OE. *wiċca* masc.; see next.] A man who practises witchcraft or magic; a magician, sorcerer, wizard.

Witch (witʃ), *sb.*² [OE. *wiċce* fem., corresp. to *wiċca* (prec.), rel. to *wiċcian* WITCH *v.*] **1.** A female magician; sorceress; in later use, *esp.* a woman supposed to have dealings with the devil or evil spirits and to be able by their co-operation to perform supernatural acts.

‘Wicca’ has its origin in a Germanic word ‘wicce’ meaning a sorcerer. These words are ultimately derived from an Sanskrit root, WEG, which has the meaning of weaving fate and spells. It is not clear how or why the tribe of the Hwicce came to have this name.

Source: <http://warwickshirewicca.blogspot.co.uk/2013/09/kingdom-of-hwicce.html>

Take note that the Kingdom of Hwicce includes the county of **WARWICKSHIRE** where Edstone is situated! Here is another piece of information (emphasis mine in bold):

Hwicce

The Hwicce (or Hwicca) emerged from obscurity, probably from within territory controlled by the West Seaxe, to form their own kingdom. The British kingdoms based on *Caer Gloui* (Gloucester), *Caer Ceri* (Cirencester) and most of *Caer Baddan* (Bath) were overrun in a large-scale Saxon attack in 577 and their last kings killed in battle. **The people who formed the Hwicce (sometimes spelled as Hwicca)** took the opportunity to move into this territory and settle, with communities centred on Gloucestershire and Worcestershire that were apparently independent of the West Seaxe. It may be the case that this mixed Angle and Saxon warrior group simply marched into the pre-existing British kingdom (*Caer Gloui*) and assumed control, retaining all its Briton-founded features in place. While it is very clear that at the start the southern part was firmly held by Saxons, the northern part seems to have been occupied by Angle groups from the east, with Anglian culture to be found in the Avon valley...

Local Belgae, who were perhaps already semi-German, fusing with German *foederati* in late Roman Britain and then with Saxons to form the population of the new kingdom, people who were sometimes known as the *Gewissae* (the early West Saxons) and later also as the Hwicce.

Details about the Hwicce are very sketchy, even down to the origins of their name. However, analysis of that name seems to suggest it is a Saxon one. Hwicce uses the German 'hw' which is a reduction of 'kw' or 'gw' ('k' and 'g' are interchangeable). So an older form of Hwicce would likely be 'kwicche' or 'gwicce' – and the latter is remarkably similar to *Gewissae*, a name used for the very first West Saxons prior to their conquest by Cerdic in 519. **Hwicce**, or *Gewisse* ('ge-wit', those who know, cognate with 'witch') may have emerged because the Saxons found themselves impressed by the still extant Roman culture and learning in the region (albeit greatly diminished over the course of a century and-a-half), effectively calling themselves the 'Educated Men' because they had acquired some Romano-British semblance of civilisation. The Saxons of the Thames Valley may have had exactly the same idea (and may even have been the founders of the Hwicce, carrying their name with them).

Source: <http://www.historyfiles.co.uk/KingListsBritain/EnglandHwicce.htm>

There is a Wicca map that corresponds approximately to the Severn valley, and to the modern counties of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire, and the South-West



of **Warwickshire** county where **Edstone** is located. With such a strategic location, this would make the Druids truly faint with delight in such a surplus of Druidism, sorcery and witchcraft to choose from – what a KINGDOM it is for WICCA and what an abomination it is in God's eyes!

How about that for a place to establish a campus and a regional office - **rich in witchcraft and paganism**. On top of that, there in the county of Warwickshire lies the most important site for modern witchcraft – the *Rollright Stones* (emphasis mine in bold)



The King Stone

Rollright Stones and Magic Circles

5 September 2014

The Rollright Stones form an ancient stone monument on the Warwickshire/Oxfordshire border. The stones were described by Bede, the 7th Century chronicler of Britain, as 'The Second Wonder of Britain'. **They were described by Doreen Valiente as the most important Wiccan site in Britain.** The stone circle at Rollright is some 4500 years old; one group of the stones (The Whispering Knights) is 6000 years old...

The Circle of the Druids

An old spelling of the name Rollright is Rowldrich. The antiquarian William Stukeley, believed that the name Rowldrich was derived from a Celtic word, Rholdrwyg:

dently of the form of the larger group, Dr. Stukeley relied upon its etymology, deriving Rollrich, not from Rollo the Dane, but from Rholdrwyg, the wheel or circle of the Druids; and this, without doubt, is the true interpretation.

That word is composed of two elements, ‘rhol’ meaning a circle, and ‘drwyg’ meaning Druid, hence ‘Circle of the Druids’. The Celtic ‘rhol’ is similar to the modern word ‘roll’, which means circular.

The archaeologist Arthur Evans was skeptical of that derivation...



Rollright Stones

The Rollright Stones in Modern Paganism

Doreen Valiente’s ‘An ABC of Witchcraft Past and Present’ includes two articles about the Rollright Stones. The first article, ‘Witchcraft in the Cotswolds’, describes some instances of 20th Century ritual use of the stones at Rollright.

An article on Wikipedia (Rollright Stones) claims that Doreen Valiente (often described as the most influential women in modern witchcraft) and Gerald Gardner (the founder of modern wicca) took part in a ritual at the Rollright Stones:

“In 1959, the Bricket Wood coven of Gardnerian Wiccans met for a ritual at the King’s Men, at which they hoped to reunite with the group led by Doreen

Valiente who had splintered from them several years before. Pagan studies scholar Ethan Doyle White suggested that this site was chosen because it was neutral ground not owned by either coven and because it had folkloric associations with the supernatural. Doyle White argued that the megalith's folkloric associations with witchcraft were a key reason why Wiccans chose to adopt the site as a place for ritual"

Source: <http://warwickshirewicca.blogspot.co.uk/2014/09/rollright-stones-snd-magic-circles.html>

With all the proof presented above which gives us a glimpse of the historical and modern association of the county of Warwickshire to Druidism, paganism and witchcraft; add to that, what has just transpired during the October 8, 2014 Opening Night Message given by Stephen Flurry (which was marked with a heavenly sign), the prophecy declared by the prophet Daniel resonates with crisp and crystal clarity:

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when **the transgressors are come to the full**, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up" (*Daniel 8:23*). Here is how *Amplified Bible* renders this verse :

"And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors [the apostate Jews] have reached the fullness [of their wickedness, taxing the limits of God's mercy], a king of fierce countenance and understanding dark trickery and craftiness shall stand up."

As stated above, "the transgressors" is being referred to "the apostate Jews," so spiritually speaking it must be pointed to the Philadelphia Church of God – the spiritual Jews as Mr. Gerald Flurry has written about. This could be the 25 men who orchestrated the ABOUT FACE apostasy from what the end-time Zerubbabel had done – these men have opened the door which Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has closed in 1974 – England, the spiritual Samaria which is the capital of rebellion during the 1970's.

"For **rebellion** is as the sin of **witchcraft**, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry..." (*1 Sam. 15:23*)

Look and search intently about the location where the new campus in England is situated – in the county of *Warwickshire* where it was once a dominion of **the Kingdom of Hwicce (Wicca or Witches)**! (And still is.)

We can now confidently say, that the king of fierce countenance both spiritual and physical can now STAND UP and reveal himself – i.e., one inside God's Church and the other, on the world scene. As for the spiritual king of fierce countenance inside

God's Church, he really do understand dark sentences – Druidism, sorcery and witchcraft. Everybody inside the PCG ought to watch how this king will rise up. The last hour betrayal has already been fulfilled and consummated with the purchase of the Edstone Hall in Warwickshire, England.

Is the purchase of that land really a NEW REVELATION from God as the 25 PCG leading ministers have claimed? Have they really seen a NEW LIGHT?

It seems that these 25 men HAS TURNED to a supposedly "new light" (in Jeremiah 4:15) in the west where the sun sets, and in so doing, God's work on the Ophel has gone down behind them. It is as if they saw a "new vision" (Zech. 10:2). But, is it God's vision? Is it God's light?

"Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place. Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: **they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.**"(Jer. 14:13-14). Now, where did that "false vision" come from? It's from "**the deceit of their HEART**"! In the *Royal Vision* November-December 2012, Mr. Flurry wrote:

TRANSFORMED AS ANGELS OF LIGHT

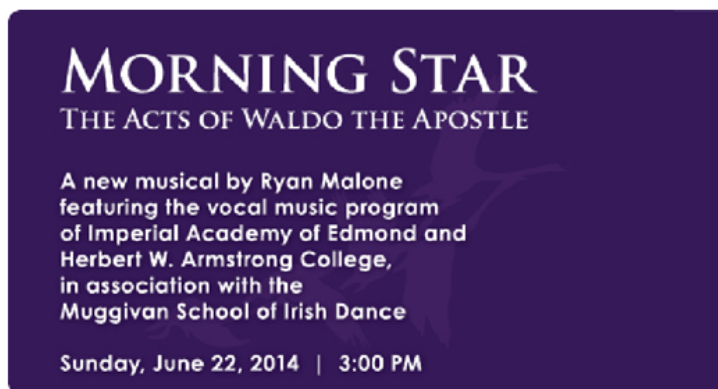
Paul continued by warning about "false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness" (2 Cor. 11:13-15). Paul was dealing with this in about A.D. 58 with the Corinthians, who sadly turned away so quickly. Should we marvel that people transformed themselves into the apostles of Christ? It is the same old story that God's people have had to battle all along. You see it all the time. ...They come as angels of light. They can act like they really believe what we are saying, but maybe they don't. Maybe they are just lying. Satan comes as an angel of light – but he lies. If we use God's Holy Spirit, we will discern who these liars are! ...We have to hear and understand the Spirit or we will make many mistakes we shouldn't be making." (p. 2)

It is most likely Satan's light in the WEST that these 25 men had seen – and they have turned unto it and followed it! Thus in so doing, they have turned their backs

on God!

Is there any irrefutable proof that the 25 PCG ministers have indeed turned to a NEW LIGHT? Consider the *MORNING STAR Musical* that was initially performed during the 2014 PCG Ministerial Conference in Edmond, Oklahoma. It was supposed to re-enact the life of Peter Waldo during the Thyatira era. The story of the Smyrna era should have been considered over that Thyatira, so why choose Thyatira over Smyrna? In actual fact, there are only two eras who were of good report in Revelation 2 and 3 – the Smyrna and Philadelphia eras.

Going back to the “MORNING STAR – The Acts of Waldo the Apostle”, there are quite a number of dubious misrepresentations on the logo that has been produced for that musical (See image):



There are 3 prominent stars that resembles a pyramid like shape which implies the TRINITY. Whereas, the ray of light coming from the top star connects to the candle light that looks like a CROSS.



The text is in the Latin language which means, "LIGHT SHINES OUT OF DARKNESS". If we will consider the word "MORNING STAR" in Latin, it is actually "LUCIFER".

Now just go to the Google search in the image section and type the words, “LUX LUCET IN TENEBRIS” and you will find several images of the logo that has been used to represent the followers of Peter Waldo. (See sample images below for your reference). You will notice that NEVER will you find any pyramidic or triangular arrangement of the stars, neither did any of the logos presented, have any differences in the size of the 7 stars.



Unlike in the PCG version of the logo wherein there are several key points to take particular scrutiny –

1. There are 3 prominent stars that resembles a pyramid like shape which implies the TRINITY.
2. Whereas, the ray of light coming from the top star connects to the candle light that looks like a CROSS.



3. The text “LUX LUCET IN TENEBRIS” is in the *Latin* language which means, “LIGHT SHINES IN DARKNESS” (Why not use the English language instead? In principle, as Mr. Armstrong opined, “Furthermore, these words are in the LATIN, not a BIBLE language.” – p. 17, *Who is the Beast?*, 1960 edition)



4. Since we have used Latin for the phrase, what if we will consider the word “MORNING STAR” in Latin as well: It is actually “LUCIFER” – “the light bringer”

Now pause for a while and go ask yourself if the evidences that have been presented are solid proofs of the NEW LIGHT that the PCG Ministers have seen.

If not, then consider the *Morning Star Musical*; it is replete not only of music but with the ever popular ritual worship dance of the Druids for the oak tree and the sun – the IRISH DANCE with a subtle *reel around the sun* act infused in the midst of the performance. Moreover, this musical was even played during the Sabbath evening of the 2014 Feast of Tabernacles!

This was the second time a musical was played during a Sabbath evening, the first one being the *Jeremiah Musical* during the 2013 Feast of Tabernacles. What more can you ask for?



The Last End – A Book of Remembrance

Notice carefully in the above photograph the supposedly “MORNING STAR” on top of the background while the *Imperial Academy* students perform the Irish dance. Now consider the photograph below of a typical *Riverdance* Irish dance performance; have you noticed the striking similarity wherein the sun is pictured in the background as well? Is this not a sickening sight to behold?



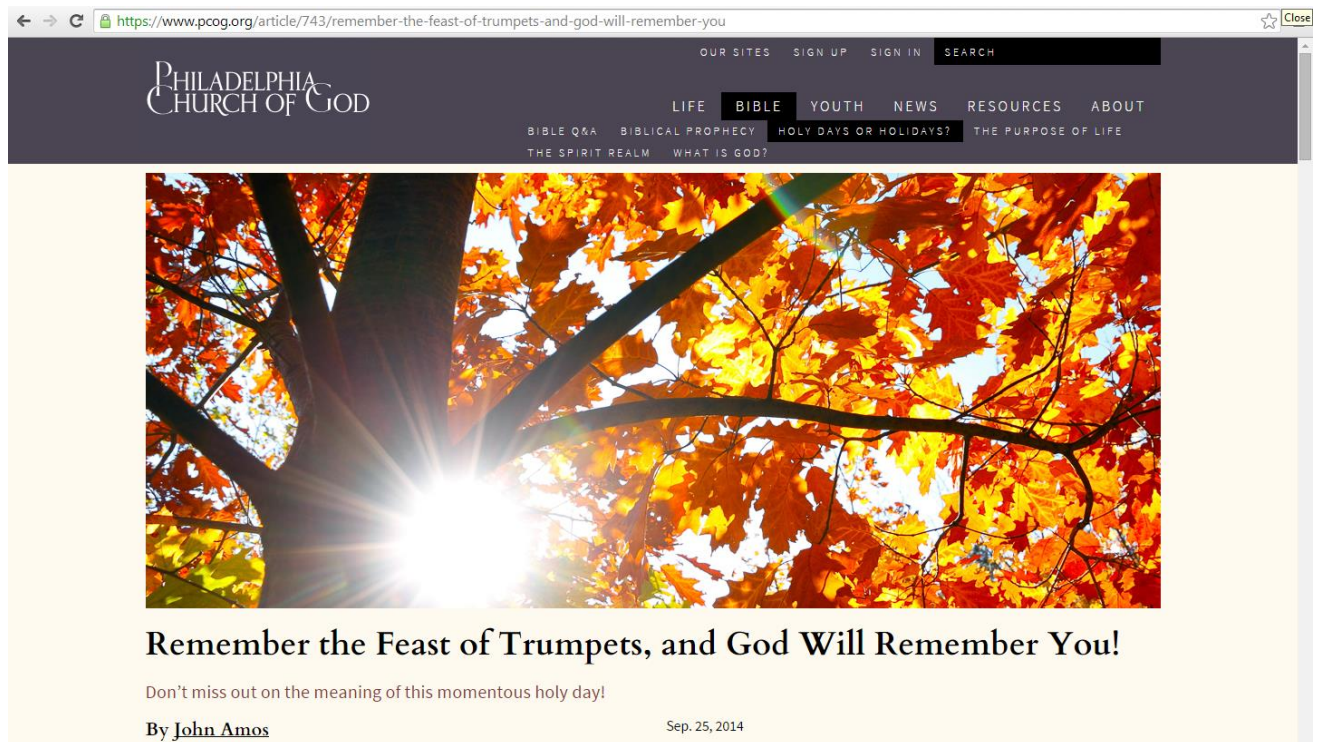
The REEL AROUND THE SUN as performed by the Irish dancers.

Now here's the creepy part of the *Morning Star Musical*, the photo has been perfectly timed to make it appear that the IA dancers are levitating.

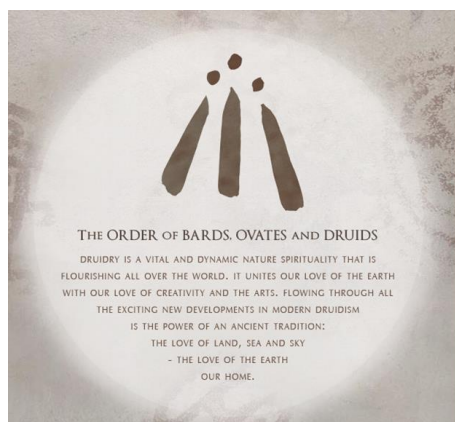


God Remembers

There is another evidence of Druidism in the Philadelphia Church of God – the prominence of the use of the ***oak tree and the sun*** in their website, feast brochure and IDs. Here is one example that you may ask yourself, “What could be the connection of the ***oak tree and the sun*** to the Feast of Trumpets?”:



You want another proof of Druidism? Notice the resemblance of the logo of the Druidry website and that of *Morning Star Musical* below. Do you see the striking similarity of the three-pronged pattern of each logo? The Druids call this, ***Awen***.



Awen

Inspiration.

Balance

The ultimate creed of the Druid is within balance. The creed of the Druid is the knowledge that there cannot be life without darkness and life without death. A Druid understands that with light and darkness there is a balance and one cannot outweigh the other and that all these things are part of the greater balance.

Source: <http://www.angelfire.com/home/darkrealms/druid.html>

The three rays of The Awen concentrate upon the stone of speech as do the rays of the summer solstice and of the spring and autumn equinoxes upon the altar stone at Stonehenge. The Awen symbolizes the Source of Light in the cosmos and in man whence come the Druidic virtues of courage, brotherhood, and selfless service; and also the Druidic wisdom much of which has been handed down in the form of triads:

God is of necessity three things: the greatest part of life, the greatest part of science and the greatest part of force; and of each thing there can be but one greatest part.

Three things are continually increasing: fire or light, intelligence or truth, and spirit or life; and these things will end by predominating over all others.

Source: <http://www.neopagan.net/AODbooklet.html>

The origins of Awen

While the concept of Awen and its solar connections are popularly regarded as Revivalist, rather than an ancient Celtic symbol, some Druidesses and Druids do believe that Awen, translated as flowing spirit, may be an ancient concept that was Christianised...

This may originally have been a solar goddess ceremony and may predate the Druid tradition and the three bars may have represented the triple or three aspected Goddess Brigid, Goddess of the Sun and of Fire. The rays are sometimes positioned within the centre of a Triple Circle to represent the Three Celtic realms, Earth, Sea and Sky or the circles of existence and the passage of the soul or simply enclosed in a circle.

Source: <http://www.cassandraeason.com/divination/druidry/awen.htm>

Now ask yourself, are these not glaring manifestations of the veil of Astarte inside the Philadelphia Church of God? Well, one thing is for sure, truly “THE TRANSGRESSORS ARE COME TO THE FULL.”

ABOMINATION ON TOP OF ABOMINATION

The leading ministers of the Philadelphia Church of God in Edmond, Oklahoma are greatly anticipating with so much pride and vanity the most awaited final payment for the Edstone Hall in Edstone, Wootton Wawen, Warwickshire, B95, England which is going to happen on November 12, 2014. Yet on the otherhand, these same ministers are quite agitated and disturbed by a certain book that exposes the abomination that has been set up by the Druids inside spiritual Jerusalem, i.e., the Philadelphia Church of God Headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma!

There is now a directive from the PCG ministry to burn the The Last End – A Book of Remembrance once a lay member receives it. One PCG minister even gave a bible study about this book which according to him, has no author, even branding it as a dissident literature that attacks the Church. That minister has given a specific instruction to the lay members to burn that book should they ever receive a copy of it. Why did they have to do that? What are they afraid of? What is actually happening has already been foretold in your Bibles:

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

These “sinners in Zion” ought to be afraid, because the date of the settlement for the final payment of the new Herbert W. Armstrong college campus in Edstone Hall, is being marked by a heaven and earth shaking event – there’s a super-typhoon Nuri which has been described as “one of the most powerful storms of the year” will pounce on most of the American soil during the precise time of the payment settlement. One scientist even said, it is more powerful compared to Hurricane Sandy which is expected to affect nearly 250 million Americans due to the repercussion of the storm that could trigger a polar vortex that would last for several weeks.

But who are these “sinners in Zion” anyway? What have they done in particular? Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about them in his Ezekiel – The End-Time Prophet book - the 25 men of Judah (PCG) who turned their backs on God:

NEWS

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD MINISTERS AROUND THE WORLD



“In verse 16 of Ezekiel 8, it talks about 25 men. I would have to believe that today there were around 25 ministers, right at the top—Joshua and his fellows (Zechariah 3), we could say—who went along. Then, adding abomination on top of abomination, they turned their backs on God. We can well imagine, at that point, that core group intimidated and threatened the other 35 or so ministers into going along with the rebellion. Altogether there were 70 Adams at the top who weakly just let it all happen!” (p. 55, *Ezekiel – The End-Time Prophet*, 2002 printed edition)

Now notice here the discrepancy above: Adding 25 to 35 gives us 60 which God has allowed to happen for everyone to see that the prophecy of this 25 men of Judah is specifically for this last end. How can we be so sure? Take a closer look at the attached copy of *The Philadelphian* newsletter below to see for yourself the EXACT number of PCG ministers around the world now and be astounded as to the accuracy of that prophecy.

The other 35 ministers as Mr. Flurry prophesied were intimidated and threatened into going along with the rebellion against God as they “weakly just let it all happen.” It is clearly indicated in the *Ezekiel – The End-Time Prophet* book that although there are a core group of 25 top leading men (of which Evangelist Wayne Turgeon has a list of their names), the other 35 ministers just weakly followed of turning their backs on God. Continuing from the quote:

Ezekiel 13:22 says, “with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad.” Soncino renders that, “You have cowed the heart of the righteous.” That’s what this is about. People are easily cowed and led around like sheep...

Those aren’t the type of people God will put at His headquarters for eternity! The very elect will not allow themselves to be so led astray. Can you and I be intimidated away from the God of Ezekiel 1? We should be unflappable. Satan repeatedly follows this pattern. This is the inner temple, where only true ministers are supposed to serve God, ...It is terribly abominable because these leaders had the truth and are turning away from it!

This vision gets even worse. “Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these” (Ezekiel 8:15). Think about this. These are prophecies that God recorded millenia ago. He knew exactly what would happen in the Church and had it all

written down. He knew just how Satan would conquer His people. And He knew that His very elect would rise up and fight against that. (*ibid.*)

Yes these prophecies have been written millenia ago. What these 25 men did not understand is that God **“knew exactly what would happen in the Church and had it all written down. He knew just how Satan would conquer His people. And He knew that His very elect would rise up and fight against that.”**

God really knew what will happen in the Church specifically in this last end and He has indeed written it down through The Last End – A Book of Remembrance. It is God’s tool in exposing how Satan has conquered God’s people in this last end and the terrible abomination perpetrated by the 25 men of Judah (PCG) who turned their backs on Him. Apparently, the PCG has not learned the lessons of history - now the Bricket Wood debacle is HISTORY BECOMING PROPHECY for the Edstone Hall property.

Since we have already proven here that there are indeed Druids among the top PCG ministers who turned things upside down resulting to Jerusalem being abolished and instead turned to England for the 3rd and final phase of God’s Work. What could be the importance of England to the Druids?

Let us apply the points highlighted above and let us go deeper into the past so that we can see a clear picture of what shall be the result of the Edstone Hall acquisition in England and its relevance to the Druids inside the PCG. To better understand how important England is to every Druid, let us consider the following quote from a book:

Blake’s further claim that the patriarchs were Druids and that Britain was “the Primitive Seat of the Patriarchal Religion” (pl. 27) establishes a particular identity between Jews and the English, but one that transcends contemporary mythologists and antiquaries’ theories of an Ur-culture from which all peoples, languages, mythologies, and religions are descended...

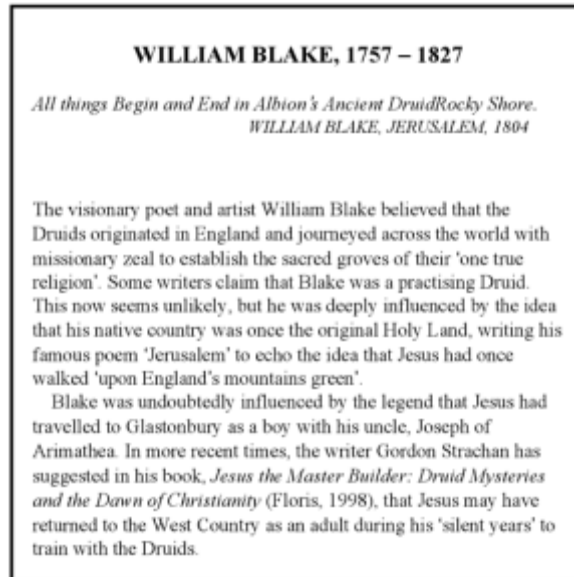
Therefore, Blake tells the Jews, “Your ancestors derived their origins from Abraham, Heber, Shem, and Noah, who were Druids: as the Druid Temples (which are the Patriarchal Pillars and Oak Groves) over the whole Earth witness to this day” (pl. 27). Druids becomes patriarch throughout all the nations of the earth, for they all practice sacrifice and vengeance in place of true religion.

Later, when Blake urges the Jews to “Take up the Cross O Israel & follow Jesus” (pl. 27), he is urging the return of all to the original, universal religion of

mutual love and forgiveness, that Ur-religion of Jesus as well as Jerusalem.

(Source: **William Blake's Jerusalem: Structure and Meaning in Poetry and Picture** By Minna Duskow)

Who is William Blake anyway? Does he have any connection to the Druids in the first place? In actual fact, Blake is the Chosen Chief of The Most Ancient Order of Druids from 1799 to 1827. Well, how about that for a credential.



Source: **The Book of English Magic** by Philip Carr-Gomm, Richard Heygate

Moving on, have you read it with your own eyes? The Druids believe that **“the patriarchs were Druids and that Britain was ‘the Primitive Seat of the Patriarchal Religion’”**! Further on, the Chosen Chief of the Druids tells the Jews that **“Your ancestors derived their origins from Abraham, Heber, Shem, and Noah, who were Druids: as the Druid Temples (which are the Patriarchal Pillars and Oak Groves) over the whole Earth witness to this day”** (pl. 27). Whoa! **THAT IS AN ABOMINATION TO GOD!** It's so sickening! And adding **ABOMINATION ON TOP OF ABOMINATION**, the Druids even claim that theirs is the true religion of Jesus Christ!

You want to know more ABOMINABLE claims of the Druids? The Chosen Chief of the Most Ancient Order of Druids William Blake even believes **“that Britain, not Palestine, was the original Holy Land. ‘All Things Begin and End in Albions Ancient Druid Rocky Shore.’”** (Source: *A New Imperial History: Culture Identity and Modernity in Britain and the Empire*)

The Druids believe that England is the original Holy Land and not Jerusalem! And if that would be the case, then it follows that the Ephraimite Druids inside the Philadelphia Church of God will indeed choose England over Jerusalem. That is the main reason why the 3rd and final phase of God's Work in Jerusalem was aborted because England is the original Holy Land for the drunkard Ephraimite Druids – it is their CROWN OF PRIDE! Let us further look deeply into the minds of the Druids:

Selections from 'Jerusalem' To the Jews

(Jerusalem, f. 27.)

Jerusalem, the Emanation of the Giant Albion! Can it be? Is it a truth that the learned have explored? **Was Britain the primitive seat of the Patriarchal Religion?** If it is true, my title-page page is also true, that **Jerusalem was, and is, the Emanation of the Giant Albion.** It is true, and cannot be controverted. Ye are united, O ye inhabitants of Earth, in One Religion—the Religion of Jesus, the most ancient, the Eternal, and the Everlasting Gospel. The Wicked will turn it to Wickedness, the Righteous to Righteousness. Amen! Huzza! Selah!

'All things begin and end in Albion's ancient Druid rocky shore.'

Your Ancestors derived their origin from Abraham, Heber, Shem, and Noah, who were Druids, as the Druid Temples (which are the patriarchal pillars and oak groves) over the whole Earth witness to this day. You have a tradition that Man anciently contain'd in his mighty limbs all things in Heaven and Earth: this you received from the Druids.

- William Blake (1757–1827). The Poetical Works. 1908

Source: <http://www.bartleby.com/235/313.html>

Have you noticed that? If you will ask the Druids (of which Blake was just a representation of), **Jerusalem was just an emanation of England! That the biblical patriarchs Abraham, Heber, Shem, and Noah were actually Druids.** With that in mind, will the top 25 PCG ministers eventually tell the membership that the ONE TRUE RELIGION OF JESUS CHRIST IS IN FACT DRUIDISM? Let us apply some lessons of history from Churchill's perspective and "ASSESS THE ULTIMATE SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENTS" behind the Edstone Hall property in England and its connection to the Druids inside the Philadelphia Church of God. How can we do that? **By LOOKING FURTHER INTO THE PAST, SO WE CAN SEE FURTHER INTO THE FUTURE!** Let's begin by looking into a poem which Blake wrote:

God Remembers

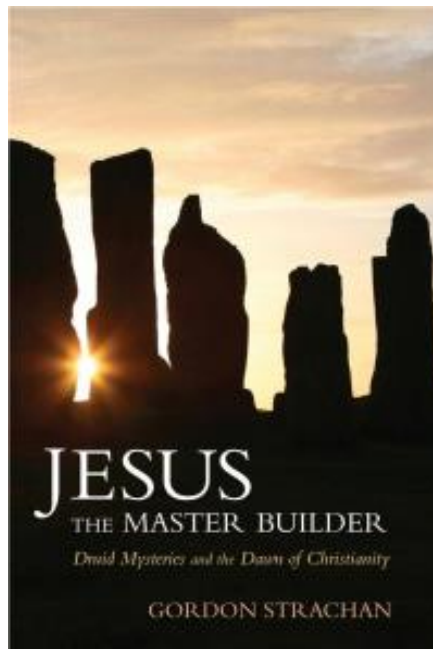
And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green:
And was the holy Lamb of God,
On England's pleasant pastures seen!
And did the Countenance Divine,
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
**And was Jerusalem builded here,
Among these dark Satanic Mills?**
Bring me my Bow of burning gold;
Bring me my Arrows of desire:
Bring me my Spear: O clouds unfold!
Bring me my Chariot of fire!
I will not cease from Mental Fight,
Nor shall my Sword sleep in my hand:
**Till we have built Jerusalem,
In England's green & pleasant Land**
- from *Milton: A Poem*

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/And_did_those_feet_in_ancient_time

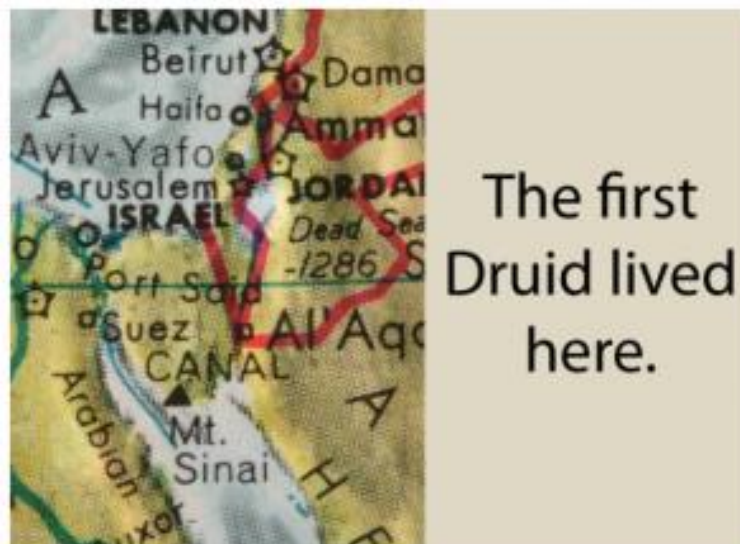
Now here's a little trivia: Did you know that this EXACT piece has been sung even during the 2012 *Feast of Tabernacles Entertainment Night*? The song rendition during the concluding performance of that *Entertainment Night*, the word "England" was intentionally replaced with the word "Israel." This music piece was given by none other than the PCG Regional Director for Africa, Asia and Oceania, John Macdonald.

What do you think will the next ABOMINABLE thing that the Ephraimite Druids inside the Philadelphia Church of God will do after the Edstone Hall acquisition? Will they build "Jerusalem in England's green and pasture Land"? If that would be the case, then what happens to the "IT ALL BEGINS AND ENDS IN JERUSALEM" prophecy by Mr. Gerald Flurry? (As for the Druids: "All things begin and end in Albion's ancient Druid rocky shore.")

What will they teach in the college campus there? That Jesus Christ actually went to England to be taught by the Druids? Or that Jesus Christ was Himself a Druid? Will the Edstone Hall property in England become the new Headquarters of the Philadelphia Church of God which is "among the "dark Satanic Mills" of Warwickshire?



These things could be the most probable inner motive behind the Edstone Hall property acquisition of the Ephraimite Druids. Well it's an ABOMINATION ON TOP OF ABOMINATION! And the sad part of the story is this, the people inside God's Church are sleeping while these abominations are taking place, i.e., while the transgressors are come to the full! One might say that these "Druid" claims inside the PCG just came from wild imaginations of some sort, yet consider what the PCG Regional Director for the UK/Europe, Brad Macdonald wrote about the Druids – he said that the first Druids actually lived in Israel. Now, what do you think will he say next? That the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were also Druids?



“For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.” (Jeremiah 4:15). The word “**affliction**” also means “**wickedness**” in Strong’s. So it could be read this way, “...**and publishes wickedness from mount Ephraim.**” This is a prophecy for this last end! The drunkards of Ephraim are already publishing WICKEDNESS! Some may argue, what’s wrong with being a Druid? Let’s consider what the end time Elijah, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote about this group of people:

Yes, the British Isles heard Christ’s gospel! But they accepted, instead, the idolatry of the Druids, pagan worship, and the counterfeit “Christianity” of the Roman Babylonian mystery religion, and even spawned the devil’s religion of the evolutionary concept. (p. 131, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, 2009 2nd edition)

Got it? The Druids are pagan worshipers and idolaters! Whether we realize it now or later; whether we accept this message or not; it doesn’t matter anyhow, God’s prophecies will still be fulfilled – His words will still stand!. We ought to wake up from the deep sleep that we have been lulled into. Open your Bibles and prove this message if this is from a man or from God. Test the spirit. Do not let the desolator in God’s Church take your crown! He is the son of the world’s ruler! In reality, the Philadelphia Church of God is now in the very midst of this specific prophecy:

“Woe unto him that saith to the **wood (Bricket Wood)**, Awake; to the **dumb stone (Edstone)**, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. (Habakkuk 2:19)

These 25 top leading ministers of the PCG first tried to AWAKEN the Bricket WOOD estate, but failed to do so. Now they will try to establish Edstone in a grandiose way (“Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver”) to become a college campus (“Arise, it shall teach!”), yet it does not have God’s blessing on it through His signet, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. In their deceived minds, they think that by using the namesake of the end-time Elijah on the college campus would make the Edstone Hall valid in God’s eyes. Instead, what they are actually doing is that, they are putting a branch in His nostrils! “They are trying to cut off the life of God’s Church!” (Mr. Gerald Flurry, Ezekiel booklet, p. 57).

God says through the prophet Habakkuk to these antichrist impostors inside the PCG: “Woe unto him!” Actually, these 25 men of Judah (PCG) is the same group of Joshua and his fellows that are called by God, MEN OF SIGN!

“Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the Branch.’ (Zechariah 3:8)

This last end Joshua was the one who excitedly announced the Edstone Hall acquisition during the Opening Night Message for the 2014 Feast of Tabernacles. Take a closer look at where this last end Joshua faltered:

“And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even **the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem** rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?” (vv. 1-2)

The last end Joshua’s folly revolved around choosing another place, which in this case, it’s the Edstone Hall in Warwickshire, England over choosing the work in Jerusalem! What happened to the PCG Jerusalem Regional office that has been previously set up there to do the “Work to finish its God-given commission before the return of Jesus Christ to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem”?

One final note—we have a Jerusalem mailbox! If you’d like to say “hello” the old fashioned way—through “snail” mail—the address is: Armstrong College, P.O. Box 8230, Jerusalem, Israel, 91081. We’d love to hear from you!

Thank you again, dear reader, for your tireless support for God’s latter-day Work. This is truly a team effort—and we sincerely appreciate your faithful support!... (Source: Trumpet Weekly, June 22, 2012)

Then suddenly on October 8, 2014, this same last end Joshua jubilantly announced the NEW PHASE of God’s Work in Edstone, England. Why the sudden TURNAROUND? Have we abandoned the Jerusalem Work altogether?

“If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.” (Psalms 137:5-6, NIV)

Notice also that this last end Joshua and his fellows have been called by God MEN OF SIGN for a reason. Look at these undeniable facts:

- The announcement of the Edstone Hall during the Opening Night Message of the 2014 Feast of Tabernacles was marked with a BLOOD MOON or a total lunar eclipse on October 8, 2014.
- The final settlement of the Edstone Hall property in England on November 12, 2014 coincided with the passage of super typhoon Nuri that causes a BOMB CYCLONE that covers most of America with Arctic blast.
- Now here's another SIGN from the heavens to MARK this November 12, 2014 event, that God does not agree with the Work in Edstone, Warwickshire, England – He is very, very FURIOUS.

For emphasis, let us again read what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about this specific prophecy:

Ezekiel 13:22 says, “with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad.” Soncino renders that, “You have cowed the heart of the righteous.” That’s what this is about. People are easily cowed and led around like sheep...

Those aren't the type of people God will put at His headquarters for eternity! The very elect will not allow themselves to be so led astray. Can you and I be intimidated away from the God of Ezekiel 1? We should be unflappable. Satan repeatedly follows this pattern. This is the inner temple, where only true ministers are supposed to serve God, ...It is terribly abominable because these leaders had the truth and are turning away from it!

This vision gets even worse. “Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these” (Ezekiel 8:15). Think about this. These are prophecies that God recorded millenia ago. He knew exactly what would happen in the Church and had it all written down. He knew just how Satan would conquer His people. And He knew that His very elect would rise up and fight against that. (p. 55, Ezekiel – The End-Time Prophet, 2002 printed edition)

Are you one of God's very elect? Will you rise up and fight against the ABOMINATION ON TOP OF ABOMINATION happening inside God's own Church today? As That Prophet, Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote in his Former Prophets book: **This is “a law of history.” It's not about luck or happenstance. It is a law of history. If we break that law, the law breaks us!”**

Now that law of history is going to break the Philadelphia Church of God if we don't repent TOWARDS God.

A STORMY WIND IN GOD'S FURY

Does anyone know the deep spiritual reason why there is a so called BOMBOGENESIS or BOMB CYCLONE that has happened which resulted in the Arctic blast that engulfed more than two-thirds of US, in which even Britain has not been spared? Do even the 25 top leading ministers of the Philadelphia Church of God know why this is happening? Is it even specifically prophesied in your Bibles?

God's 'Unlimited Broadcasting Station'

The Bible teaches that not only is nature the creation of God's mind, it is, in fact, **a vital instrument through which He communicates with us**. This Book—which most people have on their bookshelf, but few understand—gives us the other side of the picture, which all of the best scientific instruments cannot!

These days, any person bold enough to consider nature God's "unlimited broadcasting station" is mocked as a religious crackpot. This is too bad. Because the Bible actually claims to pinpoint the causes of weather cataclysms, and to forecast longterm weather trends!

Could it be that God is indeed employing nature as His "unlimited broadcasting station"? **That He is cursing our weather patterns and increasing the destructiveness of natural circumstances in an attempt to communicate with us? The Bible shows that this is exactly what He is doing. It shows that He is currently delivering a message via nature that we all desperately need to hear and respond to!**

The disasters we see increasing are in fact a tool that the Creator of the natural world has reserved for Himself, to use at His pleasure—in order to speak with us! After all, we don't tend to listen very well. But severe natural phenomena are IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE.

Yet for most people, even as our planet is coming apart, the message is still not resonating.

The question is, are you prepared to listen? (pp. 8-10, Why Natural Disasters?)

But are we really prepared to listen? Do we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear what God is showing us through the heaven and earth shaking events that are happening around us that are so **IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE?**

We Are In The Bullseye: Experts Warn “By Midweek, All Hell Is Going To Break Loose!”

Michio Kaku joins CBS This Morning to warn 250 million Americans that “we are in the bullseye” and by midweek, “all hell’s going to break loose” as America prepares to be pummeled by something sounding almost Biblical, ‘Bombo Genesis’. Kaku warns that air, train and vehicle traffic could be paralyzed next week, and schedules disrupted: “A massive disruption that will peak around November 13th to November 15th” Kaku informs us, before telling us that we could feel the ‘ripple effects’ throughout November. Kaku also warns “the Earth is changing” and we need to get used to seeing more “violent swings.”

Source: <http://www.sun-gazing.com/bullseye-experts-warn-midweek-hell-going-break-loose/>

POLAR VORTEX WARNING: Latest winter weather models show UK faces MONTHS of heavy snow

A FREAK series of rare atmospheric events is set to plunge Britain into the worst winter of modern times with heavy snow paralysing the entire country within WEEKS.

By: Nathan Rao / Published: Wed, November 12, 2014

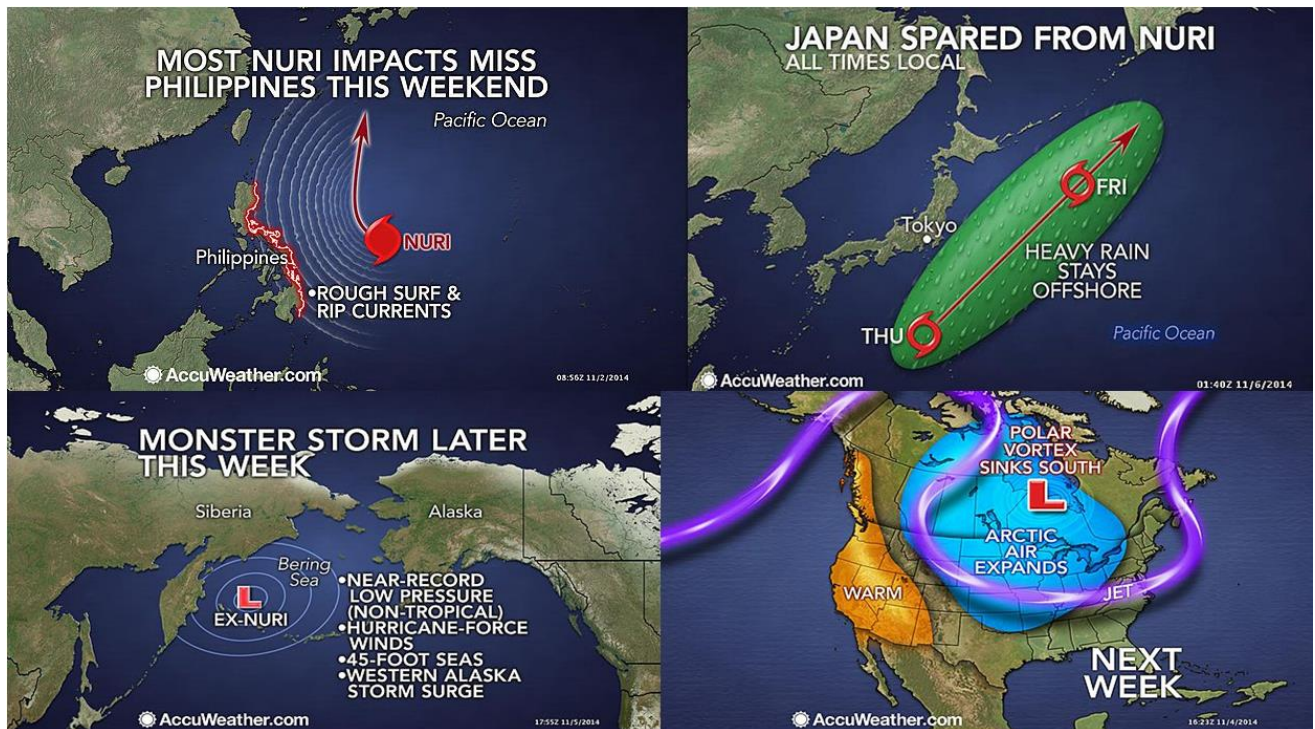
Shocked forecasters warned tonight the latest high-tech weather models point to a CATASTROPHIC big freeze in late 2014 with THREE MONTHS of blizzards and Arctic gales.

They fear a lethal and unprecedented combination of low pressure, above-average rainfall and a freak Polar vortex will come together in a perfect storm of misery for **Winter 2014**.

Moist air from the Atlantic currently causing the mild, wet and windy weather threatens to collide with **bitter Arctic winds**.

It means a dramatic plunge in the current mild temperatures will turn torrential rain to blizzards capable of smothering the ENTIRE COUNTRY in feet-deep snowdrifts.

Source: <http://www.express.co.uk/news/nature/534304/Winter-weather-forecast-UK-heavy-snow-months-polar-vortex>



Other news of where Typhoon Nuri had gone before it wreaks havoc in the American soil:

***Typhoon Nuri Spares Philippines, Targets Japan
Nuri to Pass East of Japan, Close Call for Tokyo***

Well how about the EXACT PERFECT TIMING of the multiple earthquakes that shook Oklahoma on November 12, 2014? Now you may be wondering why are all this things being cited? Because there is a very momentous event being highlighted on November 12, 2014 by the the drunkards of Ephraim:

PCG Gains New Campus in Britain

UK/Europe regional office to expand dramatically

By Grant Turgeon

Nov. 12, 2014

EDMOND—The Philadelphia Church of God officially purchased a new campus in England on November 12. United Kingdom/Europe Regional Director Brad Macdonald received the keys today from a Sotheby's real estate agent, marking the official closing of the deal and opening of a new chapter for the Church's work in Britain and Europe.

The estate will serve as a new location for the Church's regional office in England. A handful of students from Herbert W. Armstrong College will also travel to England to support the Church's work in the region...

"I believe God has long been preparing Edstone for His Church," Mr. Macdonald said. "Edstone is ideal for the PCG—a perfect combination of majesty and functionality. It's dignified and impressive, yet practical and sensible."

Receiving the key to Edstone Hall capped off a two-year quest for a new campus in England. In December 2012, PCG Pastor General Gerald Flurry asked Mr. Macdonald to search the London area for estates that could fulfill the needs of an expanded work in Britain and Europe. Mr. Macdonald soon discovered that the former Ambassador College campus in Bricket Wood was for sale. The college there closed 40 years ago, in 1974.

Source: <https://www.pcog.org/article/884/pcg-gains-new-campus-in-britain>

What's this November 12, 2014 acquisition of the Edstone Hall property got to do with all those heaven and earth shaking events? Some will say that it's because Satan is so angry with the PCG because of the new Edstone Hall campus and regional office, so he caused those calamities to intimidate the Church. But this has been prophesied long ago by the prophet Isaiah specifically for Ariel (PCG):

*"Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt!... Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and **with earthquake**, and great noise, **with storm and tempest**, and the flame of devouring fire."* (Isaiah 29:1, 6)

For a clear perspective on what is precisely happening, let us consider what *That Prophet*, Mr. Gerald Flurry has to say about this subject and its prophetic significance:

Ezekiel is an end-time book and it talks about three great crises right at the very end, and they're all tied together. And what really ties them together is God's wrath is in every single one of them, and they're right here at the end time, and we see other problems building in this nation of ours and other nations. And what does it all mean?

Here we've seen Hurricane Sandy or Tropical Storm Sandy do the worst damage, and is called by many the worst storm ever that hit America. And did you know that it actually is a part, plays a role in these three end-time rises? I'll show you more about that as we go along. (Transcript 13-02, THREE END-TIME CRISES, Key of David program air date November 11, 2012)

Notice here that Mr. Flurry discussed Hurricane Sandy at the time, yet there is another storm but much more powerful than the one he mentioned:

Superstorm Nuri packs more energy than Hurricane Sandy. It's headed our way and we are in the bull's eye. This weekend it's gonna plow into Alaska creating 50 foot waves then by midweek ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE. - Michio Kaku

Continuing from the *Key of David* program Mr. Flurry said (emphasis mine in bold):

But Ezekiel also discusses a storm. The storm that he discusses is a **spiritual storm** which precedes two physical storms or the two greatest crises EVER to strike this Earth. So we need to understand these prophecies; they're all about the end time. In fact, they are CONCLUDED by the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, Himself, so that makes it essential understanding for all of us if we want to know what the outcome of all these problems are going to be. So if you look at these three crises you'll see that in every single one of them God says His wrath or His anger or His fury is IN those three crises, and it's like one package of God's wrath that concludes the crisis at the close and introduces Jesus Christ and His rule to this world. That's how important it is. (ibid.)

What is that SPIRITUAL STORM that Mr. Flurry is discussing here? Is it more appropriate for that prophecy to be applied today than when he first delivered it? The answer is YES, because there is an ABOMINATION ON TOP OF ABOMINATION happening inside God's own Church! Even the transgressors are now come to the FULL! On November 12, 2014 HISTORY BECAME PROPHECY for the Philadelphia Church of God.

Notice Ezekiel 13 and verse 9, we'll begin these three prophecies or these three crises, "And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD." God says "You shall know!" We're going to KNOW the Eternal God. EVERYBODY'S going to know the Eternal God; that's the best news you could possibly ever hear at this stage of history. (ibid.)

The prophets inside the PCG have seen VANITY and DIVINE LIES – the Edstone Hall campus and regional office in England is a direct rebellion against God through His signet Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong! Mr. Armstrong closed the work in Bricket Wood England in 1974, yet this people opened it through Mr. Gerald Flurry in Edstone – they have turned things upside down!

“Then the Lord said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.” (Jeremiah 14:14)

Look at how deceived this *prophets that prophesy lies in God’s name* (i.e. by using God’s government) – the 25 men of Ezekiel 8 is prophesying a *false vision* and *divination* (*witchcraft* in Strong’s), and *a thing of nought* and *the deceit of their heart*. Consider the comment that has been made below by the PCG UK/Europe Regional Director:

“I believe God has long been preparing Edstone for His Church,” Mr. (Brad) Macdonald said. (op. cit.)

Oh how true that statement was! God has indeed long been preparing Edstone for His Church, but not as what he thinks. It is actually A PREPARED DECEPTION by God Himself!

“Then said I, Ah, Lord God! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.” (Jeremiah 4:10)

“This people” are the same Simon Magus group who has *crept in unawares* inside every era of God’s Church:

“For there are ***certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation***, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Jude 1:4)

And God has made sure that this evil group of men has already been exposed in His *Book of Remembrance*:

“***I will therefore put you in remembrance***, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.” (v. 5)

Now let’s consider how these people have swayed Mr. Gerald Flurry about a certain email which they have forwarded to him (since Mr. Flurry does not know how

to use a computer, these Ephraimite drunkards - the same Simon Magus group inside the PCG, has exploited it by filtering and blocking every email and letter that goes to him, even setting up a personal secretary who is also an Ephraimite):

They told me about an email where somebody from a foreign land said he was going to do something like the ISIS terrorists to me. And when you think about that well you say, well Satan loves to do that, he loves to try to intimidate people and scare people...

But you know something brethren, it's not that type of email that really concerns me most. Do you know what concerns me most? What concerns me most is... Satan still continues to be the MASTER OF DECEPTION! (November 2014 Sermon: "Revelation 12 and the Laodicean Era)

They have perpetrated this diabolical lie to cover up the ***whirlwind of emails*** that have made the people in God's Church all over the world to ask about The Last End – A Book of Remembrance. Why do they have to hide this book from Mr. Gerald Flurry? Why did they have to formulate lies in order for the Church members to be pacified? Little do these people know that God is the one behind this STORMY WIND of Ezekiel 13 because He is FURIOUS! Satan, the MASTER OF DECEPTION has once again taken control of God's Church through the same Simon Magus group who has besieged every era of God's Church! Now what will be the fate of this people inside the PCG that saw vanity and made such "divine lies"?

"....they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD." (Ezekiel 13: 9)

By choosing Edstone, they won't be allowed by God to even enter into the land of Israel because they have chosen England over Jerusalem and with that, they will finally know God who has chosen Jerusalem (Zechariah 3:2)! Let's continue in the transcript:

But how do these people get to know God? How does it happen? And God is practical, after all, and how does He achieve this miraculous goal? Well, He does it through these three crises; that's how He causes the world to get to know Him, and He has to do that because we're so hard and won't listen to what He has to say, usually, and so God has to use stronger measures; that's what it's all about.

These three groups (which includes all of mankind) is first of all a crisis in SPIRITUAL Israel, or God's Church, and it's talked about here in Ezekiel 13. It's a rebellious Church turning away from God, and it also talks about, in the second crisis, the nations of Israel... But the third crisis is about the gentile nations, and God uses these three crises to make sure that ALL mankind gets to know Him. And that third crisis is concluded, as a part of it, the return of Jesus Christ to this Earth. And now we're ALREADY in the midst of these crises...

Notice verse 10 reads, "Because, even because they have seduced my people," this is the first crisis, "saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:" or they were putting, like, whitewash on there to make it look good when it really wasn't good!...

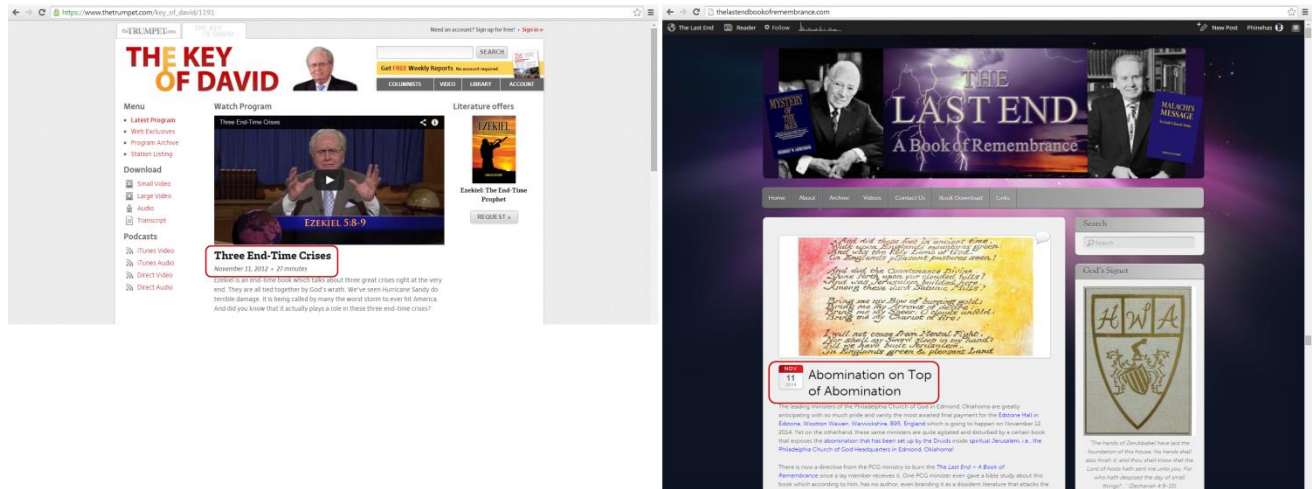
Notice what I wrote in the Ezekiel booklet about Ezekiel 13 and verse 10. It "discusses the building of a wall. The English word wall is found several times in this chapter and many times in the Old Testament. But in verse 10, the Hebrew word translated wall is chayits, a word found only once in the entire Old Testament, and unique in meaning. It is from the root word chuwts. The Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon says the meaning of both words is 'without'—or 'without as opposed to within'—or 'without the camp.'" What it means is God's people moved OUTSIDE the camp, outside the inner court where God dwells... (ibid.)

Notice that these people were previously inside the inner court then they moved OUTSIDE. Who could be this people be? As Mr. Flurry wrote that the PCG is in the inner court, while the Laodiceans are in the outer court. Now, one cannot move from the outside if you are already outside the outer court, so these people has to be referring to the PCG who is in the inner court who went OUTSIDE.

With the Edstone Hall acquisition, they have now turned away from God and are beginning to build OUTSIDE the camp. And while they may have this IRON WALL they have put up during the Ezekiel 4 siege, which they have whitewashed its flaws and made it look so good, but in reality it cannot stand. It will collapse spiritually as God prophesied, because He is sending a **stormy wind** that will tear that wall apart. Consider this glaring coincidence below (if you will it call that way).

The date Mr. Gerald Flurry delivered this "Three End-time Crises" episode of the Key of David wherein he discussed the prophecy concerning Hurricane Sandy fell on November 11, 2012; while the prophecy that accompanies the Superstorm Nuri fell EXACTLY 2 years after – November 11, 2014!

The Last End – A Book of Remembrance



Notice the connection between the two prophecies – the former prophesied of the stormy wind, while the latter is the fulfillment of it. Let's continue with the transcript from the *Key of David* program:

Notice that in verse 11: “Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it.” And here’s what I wrote about that: “God is discussing a spiritual wall that will be rent by a ‘stormy wind.’” That’s the work of the very elect of God. “The New Berkeley Version reads, ‘A violent hail shall crack it.’ Strong’s Concordance defines rend, ‘to break, rip or tear.’” So we’re talking about those three crises here, now, and more specifically about the spiritual crisis.

But notice verse 12: “Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it? (13) Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in my fury to consume it.” That is, the evil and the rebellion. That’s what God is talking about here.

The stormy wind is God’s very elect, and they’ve used the truth of God to tear down that wall, that deceitful wall, that wall that is being built on a false foundation and it’s producing bad fruits, which God said it would. But the truth just rips and tears apart this false philosophy that God’s own people, most of them, have begun to try to build around, and it never can work. The stormy wind EXPOSES them and DESTROYS them, if you understand the truth, and it’s even going to get worse as time goes on here, but it all ends very shortly. (ibid.)

Yes, the work of the STORMY WIND EXPOSES and DESTROYS the false foundation of the IRON WALL that has been built inside God's Church, and their work is very short and will intensify in the Great Tribulation until the Day of the Lord. (emphasis mine in bold):

God calls the nations of Israel hypocritical, but none of these three entities build on the foundation of the Bible; that's why it's all going to collapse, and that's why our number one problem today in the world is that of human survival! Because we're not BUILDING on the right foundation. We're building on a foundation of sand, not on a Rock, which happens to be Jesus Christ. "A stormy wind in my fury," that's a wind of tempest. **The tempest is an extensive VIOLENT wind, especially when accompanied by rain, hail, or snow, so it's a turbulence, as far the IMPACT** it has on this false way of building, this false way of living, this false way of trying to bring peace and happiness and joy to people, and it never does that. It cannot do it.

The second crisis is the "overflowing shower," that's really not expressed very well, it means a violent flooding of rain and storms, "in mine anger." You can be sure that's pretty violent and turbulent and destructive because God's ANGER is in it, as it is in the first crisis. It's coming because of God's anger. It means a VIOLENT rain if you look at the Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon. It's actually talking about the Great Tribulation. The Great Tribulation, a violent flooding comes in God's anger...

Those three crises lead right into the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. God says the "great hailstones in my fury," that's the Day of the Lord! That's when THAT all occurs! Hailstones from God that just shocks and frightens people to death, even. And all God is trying to do is make them see that they have to stop rebelling and turn back, get back to God, return to God as they once were in their history. But God's people are much more responsible than that because they knew God in THIS age and turned away.

But we're on a countdown. Number one is that stormy wind and the crisis in God's Church, that stormy wind remains faithful to God and attacks the wall that's built improperly and proves that it's all whitewash and full of flaws.

Number two is the Great Tribulation. The Great Tribulation.

And then following on that is those hailstones and the Day of the Lord, and all THREE of those MIGHTY crises, the three greatest crises in the end time that

strikes the whole world in a crisis mode, and yet God says His wrath is in every one of them, and people still won't listen, in most cases.

But it is good news, nevertheless. These three crises are tied together by the wrath of God. Why is God so angry in this end time? Why would God be so wrathful with mankind? Well, there's a REASON. There's a REASON why He brings that threefold suffering on this world, and even on His very own Church...

But how many people believe God and His Bible? And how many of them will even look at these dreadful prophecies that they could avoid, could have avoided anyhow, if they had just heeded God's warning. These crises are designed to bring us to God.

Notice verse 14 of Ezekiel 13: "So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the LORD." So you see, all of them were building these walls that wouldn't stand. Every single one of them are building on a philosophy that will not stand! It has to collapse because it has no foundation. It's built on a foundation of sand. (ibid.)

Satan has been cast down on this earth, so who do you think will he attack the most? It's God's Church definitely! He might have thought that he has already gotten his way by diverting the Work of God through the Edstone Hall acquisition (which is built on the foundation of sand) but God has His own plan to thwart Satan's plan and that is, through the STORMY WIND – there is RAIN IN THE TIME OF THE LATTER RAIN because the impostors in God's Church have spoken vanity and the diviners have seen a lie (Zechariah 10:1-2). Now here is what Mr. Flurry wrote in the Little Book:

THE GREATEST WARNING IN THE END IS GIVEN TO GOD'S PEOPLE – not the world. "A mystery ...signifies a truth once hidden but now revealed or to be revealed; a truth which, without special revelation, would be unknown" (Vincent Word Studies in the New Testament). This test is revealing truth about all of us—now! God will know exactly what we believe and where we stand spiritually. This test is how He does it. In Paul's letters, a mystery is something that has been hidden or unknown—but has now been revealed

(Romans 16:25; Ephesians 3:3, 9; 6:19; Colossians 1:26). **God has to reveal our spiritual condition to us and to Himself!** (p. 100, Malachi's Message)

Have we remembered our last end? Do we know the judgment of the Lord? We ought to know our own spiritual condition and we need to ask the God of the end-time Elijah (Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong) to reveal our secret faults to us. But as for those who led the people in the PCG astray:

“And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. (Ezekiel 13: 1-5)

These PCG ministers have become foolish – they have followed their own spirit and have seen nothing! They ought to be making up “the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.” Yet this is what they are doing:

“And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies? ...“Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life: Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the Lord.” (Ezekiel 13:19, 22-23)

And in their own vanity, pretense and treachery they have produced several musicals that did not even add any glory unto God.

“They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The Lord saith: and the Lord hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word. Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The Lord saith it; albeit I have not spoken? Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God.” (Ezekiel 13: 6-8)

The word “vanity” could also mean “idolatry in Strong’s; while the word “lying” is “deceitful” and “divination” is “witchcraft.” So if we put them together, it seems that what the drunkards of Ephraim are doing are just mere IDOLATRY and DECEITFUL WITCHCRAFT which the county of

Warwickshire where the Edstone Hall is located is so abundant of! God is so furious over this WALL that caused the death of several people in His Church.

“Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it;” (v. 15). This has also been prophesied by the prophet Isaiah:

“Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: **Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.**” (Isaiah 30:12-13)

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On September 5, 2004, a year after the Philadelphia Church of God won in the court battle against the Worldwide Church of God over the book, *Mystery of the Ages* and the other literatures written by Herbert W. Armstrong, the wife of Gerald Flurry, Barbara Jeanne, died of a congestive heart failure. From then on, many of God's people around the world have suffered the inexplicable *history repeating* predicament written in *Malachi's Message* at the very hands of the ministers whom they have trusted. All of God's people were astonished and say in effect, "What's going on?" Now, during this *last end*, a book of *remembrance* is prophesied to be written for those who truly fear God, and those who abuse God's government.