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Chapter 1

The Key That Unlocks the Bible

Mr. Gerald Flurry produced another *Key of David* program entitled, “***The Key That Unlocks the Bible.***” In it he discussed about the GREAT DECEPTION by looking to a man. Let’s read what he said from the transcript of that episode:

Revelation 12 and verse 9 says *the whole* WORLD is DECEIVED, and especially in this end time, and *there’s nothing they’re deceived about* MORE

than the Bible. Jesus Christ even talked about this when He was on this Earth. But it's a time, this end time—which we're living in now, and we prove that all the time—is *a time of great deception, like NEVER on this Earth!* And Christ prophesied when He was walking this Earth and said this to His disciples when they asked Him about the end of the age.

'*Can you give us a sign,*' they said, 'of the end of the age and the Second Coming, your Second Coming?' And Jesus Christ gave them an answer, and that SIGN is a wonderful sign, it has a lot of horror in it—but it leads directly INTO the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to this Earth! Christ ANSWERED His disciples and said that MANY people in this world, many Christians in this world would be deceived, as well as His own disciples, if you can believe that! Now, the very first warning He gave to them—and again, this is for the end time MOSTLY, primarily—the first warning He gave to them was, '*Take HEED that no man deceive you!*' And here He was telling that to His disciples! That, '*The greatest danger you face is being DECEIVED by a man!*' So you can't look to a man; that's the obvious answer. If you look to a man you'll be deceived, and that could even be yourself. You can't do that and understand what I'm talking to you about today. But how is it that so many in the world—MANY, it says—and God's own DISCIPLES can be deceived? How is that? Why is that? Why is it so EASY for them to be deceived?...

Notice Matthew 24, verses 3 and 4: "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the [age]? (4) And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you."

TAKE HEED! *Here's your biggest danger, right here, that NO MAN deceives you! Now, He's talking about me or any other man. Don't let a MAN deceive you. You have to look to God; you can't look to a man! That's a lesson, a big lesson that this world has yet to learn. You cannot avoid deception if you look to a man, and that's what we just do routinely today. We do that all the time.*

Source: Key of David, "The Key That Unlocks the Bible," August 14, 2016 air date

How true those statements were – *that we should NOT LOOK to any man and that includes the two witnesses as well because they are just our fellow servants as emphasized by the angel who gave the revelations to the apostle John.*

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, "**You must not do that!** I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. **Worship God.**" (Revelation 22:8-9, *English Standard Version*)

We must NEVER do such a thing of worshiping the creation rather than worshiping the Creator. We constantly need to learn this lesson over and over and over again. We ought not to forget that.

THE KEY THAT UNLOCKS THE BIBLE

(I)n 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... It is a master key to understanding of the last end Bible prophecies...*

Source: The Last End – A Book of Remembrance

Who is spiritual Israel and Judah? Let's read from the *Book of Remembrance*:

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)

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! (ibid.)

The KEY that was given to Mr. Armstrong was the identity of physical Israel and Judah, while the KEY that was given to Mr. Flurry the identity of spiritual Israel and Judah and there should be a distinction between the two. Continuing from the *Book of Remembrance*:

Now, Mr. Armstrong even emphasized that *the distinction between the house of Israel and the house of Judah is VITAL IN UNDERSTANDING*

PROPHECY...

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! (US&BIP, 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. (ibid.)

Yes, Mr. Gerald Flurry was right when he said in his new Key of David program that we need that KEY which is actually the identity of spiritual Israel and Judah to understand Bible prophecies specifically concerning the LAST END.

But what happened to the PCG in this last end? Why have they not used that key that further unlocks the mysteries in the Bible in this last end? We already know the reason as written in the *Book of Remembrance*:

“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)...

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)...

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. (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! (ibid.)*

The sin of Judah or the PCG is the looking too much on the POWER OF THEIR MINISTRY! Paraphrasing it, we have:

“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 **POWER OF THEIR MINISTRY!**" (Jeremiah 17:1)

Chapter 2

None Understood It

Again the KEY to understanding most of the Bible prophecy is the identity of who Judah is in this last end which God gave to Mr. Gerald Flurry, yet the PCG does not want to use it. Instead, they would like to use the **KEY TO THE BOTTOMLESS PIT which is VANITY.**

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. (Daniel 8:19)

Does anyone in God's Church from the Ephesus era up to our time in this Laodicean era able to really understand this vision

of the LAST END given to the prophet Daniel?

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*. (Daniel 8:27)

In verse 27, the prophet Daniel noted that NONE, as in NO ONE understood the vision that was given to him. Not even himself.

In the past, this chapter has been interpreted as being a prophecy that revolved around the conquest of Alexander the Great and his four generals. This so called prophecy was introduced by an intelligent Worldwide Church of God scholar, Dr. Herman L. Hoeh and he wrote about his interpretation of Daniel 8 in the *Good News* magazine:

Daniel's "2300 Days" Prophecy REVEALED AT LAST!

In the 8th chapter of Daniel is an amazing prophecy. Some believe it was fulfilled in 1844. Others believe it was fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes. Daniel could not understand it. Yet it stands revealed for us today!

Here is a mysterious "ram." What does this ram symbolize? Notice the explanation revealed in verse 20! "The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia"! This ram symbolized THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE. It destroyed the Kingdom of Babylon in 539 B.C. and ruled to 331 B.C.

But this is only the beginning of the prophecy. Now notice verse 5: "And as I was considering, behold, a he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes."

Now notice the explanation of this mysterious

symbol. “And the rough goat IS THE KING OF GRECIA: and the great horn that is between his eyes is THE FIRST KING” (verse 21).

These symbols are revealed to Daniel so that we can understand the TIME SETTING of this end-time prophecy. The ram — the Medo-Persian Empire — existed on the world scene until 331 B.C. Then the Greco-Macedonian Empire came on the scene with its first great king, Alexander the Great (verses 6 and 7). The conquest of the Medo-Persian Empire by Alexander the Great occurred in 331 B.C.

Now continue with verse 8. “... the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.” Remember that the horn in the goat’s head symbolized the “first king” of the Greco-Macedonian Empire. That was Alexander the Great. But this horn was suddenly “broken”! Alexander the Great died suddenly of a fever in Babylon little more than thirty years of age!

Continuing with verse 22 of this amazing prophecy: “Now that being broken,” — Alexander the Great being dead — “whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the kingdom, but not in his power.”

Consider the time setting of this prophecy. It commenced with the Medo-Persian Empire which lasted until 331 B.C. Then the Greco-Macedonian Empire came on the scene with its first king, Alexander the Great. In 323 B.C. Alexander died at the age of 33. Alexander’s empire was divided into four major parts — verse 22. (end of quote)

Source: Good News, June 1960 (Vol IX No 06):

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THE TIME has come to reveal an amazing prophecy for the latter days!

You need to understand it.

This amazing prophecy has been woefully misunderstood. Most scholars and churches admit they do not understand it.

Some claim it has already been fulfilled in 1844. They believe that in that year Christ entered into "the heavenly sanctuary" to "cleans" it. But is this doctrine true? It's time we looked into the Bible to see what this prophecy really says.

A SEALED PROPHECY

Open your Bibles to Daniel 8. Notice particularly verse 26. Daniel is commanded to "shut up the vision; for it shall be for many days."

Those who assume this prophecy was fulfilled in 1844 deny that Daniel was commanded to "shut up the vision"—so seal it up from human understanding. Yet that is what the Scripture plainly says!

Here is a vital prophecy for our time shut up from human understanding until these latter days—"for the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand" (Dan. 12:9-10).

This prophecy was not for Daniel's day, but for our age.

This prophecy was not meant to be understood till the time of the end. Today the wise shall understand. This is God's promise. These prophecies are to be known today! Now let us notice this amazing prophecy in Daniel 8.

Time-Setting of the Prophecy

Notice the setting of the prophecy. It is the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king of Babylon. Daniel receives a vision while at Shushan in the palace in the province of Elam (Dan. 8:1-2). Here is what he sees in the vision, "Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and be-

hold, these stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great" (verses 3 and 4).

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Now notice what is to happen next on the world scene!

A Prophecy for the Latter Time!

Let us continue with verse 9: "And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land."

Look at this prophecy again. Here a "little horn" appears coming out of one of the four divisions of Alexander's empire. This "little horn" cannot have arisen before the division of Alexander's empire, as some claim! Notice that again: "Out of one of them came forth a little horn."

Whatever this mysterious horn symbolizes, whatever this little horn does on the world scene, must occur AFTER the death of Alexander the Great—after the division of his empire into four parts!

We come now to the climax of this vision. Daniel was told: "For at the time of the end shall be the vision" (verse 17). The vision of the "little horn" is for the time of the end! Read verse 23,

Good News, June 1960 (Vol IX No 06)

That article in that *Good News* magazine had been the basis of the biblical interpretation of the prophecy in Daniel chapter 8. The ministers and members of the WCG alike focused on the world ruler as written in the pages of world history. That has been the case as well during our time inside the PCG that it was so. But was that really God's TRUE interpretation? Was that really the real version of HIS STORY (God's STORY)? *The crucial point* on how to really understand the whole vision lies in verse 14:

And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the **SANCTUARY** be cleansed. (Daniel 8:14)

We should not look on any place else but the SANCTUARY which in this end time is referring to God's own Church – and we should not look in the world scene as what we have done in the past. Even Mr. Gerald Flurry noticed that this whole vision is really about God's Church in the last end.

THIS WHOLE VISION IS ABOUT AN EVENING AND MORNING SACRIFICE IN THE TEMPLE. THE TEMPLE, TODAY, IS GOD'S CHURCH (Ephesians 2:20-21). SO THE WHOLE VISION, AS WE SHALL SEE, IS MAINLY ABOUT GOD'S CHURCH!...

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.**

Source: *Daniel Unsealed At Last!*, pp. 17, 30

The prophet Daniel even fainted and became sick for several days after God showed him this vision of the last end:

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.* (Daniel 8:27)

Again, it says in verse 27, that **NONE UNDERSTOOD IT!**

NO ONE *including the prophet Daniel*. Yet look at all the Bible commentaries and they are unison in declaring that this prophecy is about Alexander the Great's conquest. It is also a common knowledge among God's people that it was so. But how can we connect that history to our time today? It's really quite confusing and we always ended up in so many speculations as we did in the past when we were in the Philadelphia Church of God.

Now God's appointed time has come for the FULL UNDERSTANDING of this vision of the LAST END as written by the prophet Daniel. This understanding has everything to do with the prophecy written in Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13.

When ye 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: (Matthew 24:15-16)

And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter there into. (Luke 21:20-21)

But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, SPOKEN OF BY DANIEL THE PROPHET, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: (Mark 13:14)

What is that specific prophecy being "SPOKEN OF BY DANIEL THE PROPHET"?

In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I

was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai. Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river *a ram which had two horns*: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great. And as I was considering, behold, an **he goat** came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. (Daniel 8:1-5)

This vision that appeared unto the prophet Daniel while he was in the river of Ulai has been full of symbolism of a *ram* and a *he goat*. We have already proven in our article “***The Prophetic Beast of the Book of Revelation (Part 1)***” what the symbolism of a beast in Bible prophecy really meant:

Through the spirit in man, man has the capability for understanding. But notice what the wisest man who lived on earth apart from Jesus Christ wrote:

I said in mine heart, *God shall judge the righteous and the wicked*: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work. I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, *that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts*. For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; *so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity*. (Ecclesiastes 3:17-19)

King Solomon has noticed that A MAN HAVE NO

PREEMINENCE OR SUPERIORITY ABOVE A BEAST, that is WITHOUT GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT.

Here is what *Clarke's Commentary* wrote regarding Ecclesiastes 3:18

Verse 18. That they might see that they themselves are beasts

The author of Choheleth has given a correct view of this difficult verse by a proper translation: "I said in my heart, reflecting on the state of the sons of men, O that God would enlighten them, and make them see that even THEY THEMSELVES ARE LIKE BEASTS." THESE WORDS ARE TO BE REFERRED TO THOSE IN AUTHORITY WHO ABUSED THEIR POWER; particularly to the corrupt MAGISTRATES mentioned above.

So if we will let the Bible interpret itself, the beasts of Revelation 13 and 17 are CORRUPT MAGISTRATES (from the dictionary: a magistrate is a person who has power to put the laws into force and sentence those guilty) and THOSE IN AUTHORITY in God's Church WHO HAVE ABUSED THEIR POWER!!!

Source: The Prophetic Beast of the Book of Revelation (Part 1)

For emphasis, let's be reminded again that the context of Daniel's LAST END vision is all about the SANCTUARY and the BEASTS being mentioned in that prophecy are THOSE IN AUTHORITY in God's Church WHO HAVE ABUSED THEIR POWER! Part of the key to understanding Daniel's LAST END vision is to know the identities of the BEASTS inside God's Church mentioned in chapter 8, that is the RAM and the GOAT.

Why did the prophet Daniel not able to understand the vision of

the LAST END?

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. *Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground:* but he touched me, and set me upright. (Daniel 8:15-18)

Notice here that the reason Daniel was not able to understand the vision that was shown to him it's because HE WAS IN A DEEP SLEEP ON HIS FACE TOWARD THE GROUND! And there was no indication that he became fully awake when Gabriel was explaining that vision to him so most likely he was still very sleepy to fully comprehend what he saw. The same is true in this last end, God's own people are in DEEP SPIRITUAL SLEEP to understand what God is revealing right now.

Chapter 3

The Ram

And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai. Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a *ram* which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. (Daniel 8:2-3)

If a beast in Bible prophecy is referring to those in authority in God's Church who abuses their power while God characterizes such a man through the animal that is being mentioned in this prophecy, who could perfectly fit this "RAM" symbol? First let understand what is a RAM.

Rams are male bighorn sheep, animals that live in the mountains and *often settle arguments with fights that include ramming their heads into others.*

Not to be confused with mountain goats, rams can be identified by their long, curved horns; long fur; and split hooves. Some of the ram's relatives are goats, bison, buffalo, antelopes and cattle

Source:

<http://www.livescience.com/27724-rams.html>

A ram usually leaps and bounds effortlessly among treacherous terrain without hesitation, going boldly where other animals fear to tread. Ram makes its conquest known as it holds its head up proudly and fierce. In victory a ram wears its majestic horns like a crown. This feisty animal has been a prominent symbol of determination and activity throughout history and across cultures. And being a hard-headed animal that is unafraid to take initiative which makes it a natural leader, and it has inspired humans to act just the same.

With such description of a typical ram, can we know who this is? Again we should not look anywhere else but only INSIDE the SANCTUARY – INSIDE GOD'S OWN CHURCH in this end time!

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*. (Daniel 8:15-17)

The prophet Daniel was also called the SON OF MAN just like the prophet Ezekiel. It says here that “*for at the time of the end shall be the vision*.” Now that time has come, for us to fully understand the vision.



Now as he was speaking with me, 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. (Daniel 8:18-19)

We will now be able to KNOW WHAT SHALL BE IN THE LAST END OF THE INDIGNATION. Let's begin with verse 20.

The **ram** which thou sawest having *two* horns are the kings of Media and Persia. (Daniel 8:20)

Notice that the word "ram" is the subject of the thought here in verse 20 and NOT the HORNS and it used the relative pronoun "which" that is usually being *used to refer to inanimate things* and to animals, in this case to the RAM, singular. So the verb "are" should be "is" since it is referring to the RAM and NOT to the HORN thus the word "kings" should be in singular form as well. Notice also that the word "two" is in italics which indicate that it is not included in the original text. Therefore, it should be read as:

The **RAM** which thou sawest having *two* horns IS the KING of Media and Persia.

Notice also that the word “two” is in italics which means that it is not in the original Hebrew text, so it must be read this way:

The **RAM** which thou sawest having horns IS the KING of Media and Persia.

To know the identity of this RAM who has the backing of the ministry behind him, let us define the words, Media and Persia. We used to think that this is referring to the Medo-Persian empire, but God’s time has come for His PLAIN TRUTH to be clearly understood.

Media in the original Hebrew is “maday” H4074; in *Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon* it is defined as “middle land.”

Middle land or *middle ground* in the dictionary means:

- a position or set of opinions that is acceptable to many different people
- an area of **compromise** or possible agreement between two extreme positions, especially political ones.

Persia in the original Hebrew is “paras”; in *Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon* it means SPLENDID.

Splendid in the dictionary means:

1. **Imposing by reason of showiness or grandeur; magnificent:**
2. **Admired by many; illustrious:**
3. **Admirable for boldness**

Showiness is synonymous to “ostentatious” which means – *characterized by pretentious show in an attempt to impress others.*

These TWO WORDS, *Media* and *Persia* is a description of the RAM. The RAM is being described as the KING OF

COMPROMISE and OF SHOWINESS or OSTENTATIOUS.

The word “horn” in the original Hebrew is “qeren” (H7161)

In *Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicon* it is defined as:

- horn (of horn-like projections on the altar)

In *Strong's Concordance* it can also mean:

- a corner (of the altar)

So this horn is connected to the horn-like projections on the altar that can be found on the four corners of the altar of burnt offering. It was actually a part of God's instructions to Moses:

Make a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar are of one piece (Exodus 27:2).

In his Personal entitled “*The Curse of Trusting a Man*” from the 1994 *The Philadelphia Trumpet*, Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote about this “horn of the altar” (emphasis mine in bold):

Temple Language

“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). Both verses use the word “altars”—which is temple language. We know that God's temple today is His Church.

God states that the altars are “your altars” or “their altars.” They were changing God's true religion to their own religion under Jehoiakim. We see the same process occurring in God's Laodicean Church today.

Israel usually loves to be religious, their way—not God's way. So they play games with the great God.

When the word “altar” or “altars” is used, it is

referring specifically to the ministry. They serve God at His temple altar. *Generally, it is they who lead God's people astray.*

Source: Personal, *The Philadelphia Trumpet*, March 1994

This "horn of the altar" has also been clearly identified in the *Book of Remembrance* as referring to the POWER OF THEIR MINISTRY! (Jeremiah 17:1). And as noted by Mr. Gerald Flurry: "*Generally, it is they who lead God's people astray.*"

So this RAM has THE POWER OF THE MINISTRY behind him who led God's people astray.

The **RAM** which thou sawest **HAVING HORNS** is the king of Media and Persia. (Daniel 8:20)

We have to look for a prominent leader in God's Church in this end time who has the THE POWER OF THE MINISTRY behind him, and who can perfectly fit the description of being a KING OF COMPROMISE and OF SHOWINESS or OSTENTATIOUS.

Who could this RAM be who has been part of the CORNER OF THE ALTAR or MINISTRY? This is NONE OTHER THAN Garner Ted Armstrong!

HE DID HAVE A CORNER ON THE MINISTRY being in the office of the **Executive Vice President** of the Worldwide Church of God, that was his HORN LIKE PROJECTIONS ON THE ALTAR of God's sanctuary. He even have the power of his own ministry to attack God's Church in two separate occasions which would describe the *Media* and *Persia* prophecy, i.e., of being a KING OF COMPROMISE and OSTENTATIOUS.

I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great. (Daniel 8:4)



Garner Ted Armstrong

And as a strong proof that Garner Ted was indeed the RAM, his father Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was able to document it in his February 7, 1979, Co-Worker letter and he even entitled it: **“ATTACK ON THE CHURCH!”** (emphasis mine in bold)

The outrageous unconstitutional **INVASION** and **CAPTIVITY** of the Church and work of the living God continues. **IT IS THE VERY BEGINNING OF FULFILLMENT OF END-TIME BIBLE PROPHECIES!**

Source: February 7, 1979, Co-Worker letter

TAKE NOTE OF THAT! It was indeed “THE VERY BEGINNING OF FULFILLMENT OF END-TIME BIBLE PROPHECIES” as written in Daniel chapter 8 about the RAM. The fulfillment of this prophecy has been captured in the following (emphasis mine throughout):

This MONSTROUS INVASION of the State of California will go down in history for the next thousand years!

My excommunicated son Garner Ted is now broadcasting over a station in the Los Angeles area and a very few other radio outlets. HE and DISSIDENTS, EXCOMMUNICATED FORMER MINISTERS, are trying to mislead our people into thinking they are required by the Bible to fully cooperate with the State-appointed receiver in taking over, managing and operating the Work of God!... (ibid.)

This attack on God’s Church on 1979 was the SHOWINESS or OSTENTATIOUS part of the king’s character as described in verse 20. Notice how Garner Ted used a radio station in the Los Angeles area as a springboard for his **PRETENTIOUS SHOW IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPRESS OTHERS**. Mr. Armstrong even exposed his son’s inner motive when he further wrote:

My son, broadcasting over a Los Angeles area radio station, is trying to throw up a SMOKE-SCREEN AND CONFUSE OUR PEOPLE. He with local dissidents and ministers, are quoting with great emphasis on Romans 13 in the Bible—but they are twisting and wrestling its meaning all out of proportion. This Scripture says, “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God.”

Stop and analyze that before proceeding. “There is NO power but of God.” Where does Satan get his

power? God gave it to him at a time when he was “perfect in all his ways...till iniquity was found in him” (Ezek. 28). *In Ephesians: “we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Eph. 6:12). Now we do not primarily have to struggle against these wicked spirits (Satan and his demons) direct, because they are spirit and invisible to human eyes. But they SWAY, influence and direct the spiritual wickedness “in high places,” precisely as is happening in our own case. These demonic invisible powers of Satan SWAY and lead those in high places in human government! Nevertheless, this scripture does tell us, speaking about our several individual lives, to “BE SUBJECT UNTO” these higher powers OF MEN, even though elsewhere God shows they are powers of “THIS EVIL WORLD” and deceived and misled by Satan. (ibid.)*

Garner Ted relied so much in the HORN OF HIS ALTAR or the POWER OF HIS MINISTRY. And before this outrageous and monstrous 1979 invasion of the RAM, there was a prior attack of this RAM against God’s SANCTUARY through the *Systematic Theology Project* also known as the STP. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote extensively about this in his **January 7, 1979 Co-Worker letter:**

To give you the complete story of this outrageous conspiracy — Satan’s most monstrous attempt to destroy the Church and Work of the living GOD, I need to reveal to you events and facts going back ten years or more.

I believed, until some ten years ago, that my son, Garner Ted Armstrong, had accepted and believed God’s truth completely, and that he was in complete harmony with Christ’s chosen Apostle and God’s

truth. I knew he had certain likes and dislikes in living style — (he liked a different kind of music than I — he liked to hunt and I didn't care for it, etc.) — but I believed that he and I were firmly together on doctrine and God's truth.

To my very great sorrow I have had to come to see that he never did really agree with what Jesus Christ through His Word had revealed to His chosen Apostle. It is only since he has been disfellowshipped from the Church that the wide discrepancy of belief became apparent.

Some few years ago, through the office I had given him in the Work, he began disagreeing on rules of conduct for students in the college, and on minor points. By 1975 I began to have an intuition that a conspiracy was in progress to take over total command of all God's Work. I mentioned this to him as a father might reveal this thing I sensed, and he assured me there was no such conspiracy. I could not put my finger on it, to use an American idiom.

But gradually, in the office of Executive Vice President, he began demoting the older top-ranking ministers — those who had received their Bible and theological teaching from me, or shanghaing them to some other part of the world. *Little by little I noticed doctrinal differences creeping in, always a more "liberal" view, watering down TRUTH. It was so gradual — so subtle, as Satan works so subtly, that I didn't wake up to it until it had grown to dangerous proportions.*

He was very much influenced by young Dr. Robert Kuhn and a few others. A year ago, he clashed openly with me in a meeting of the Church's Board of Trustees. He resigned in this emotional outburst, but I calmed him, restored order,

and did not accept his resignation.

The annual ministers' conference, with hundreds of our ministers from all over the world, began the next day. Because some wrong doctrinal issues had been brought up in the conference the year before, I told him that if any doctrines were to be discussed or presented in any way, I proposed to remain for the entire meeting. He assured me doctrines would not in any way be touched on. I opened the meeting in the morning, but in the afternoon flew on to Tucson.

But my son had lied to me. Actually the biggest doctrinal teaching of the Church's history was handed out to the ministers in a leather-bound cover, which I had never seen — of which I KNEW NOTHING — I did not know such a thing was being produced, primarily by Dr. Kuhn (to put it in "scholarly" language and style). It was a complete revamp of all the Church's doctrines — and WATERING DOWN GOD'S TRUTH AND SCRIPTURAL TEACHINGS!

Meanwhile, combining the Big Sandy campus students with Pasadena, at Pasadena, many additional professors had been added to the faculty, who had none of the teachings of God's Church. They were secular — of the evolutionary approach.

The leather-bound doctrinal teaching had been titled "Worldwide Church of God SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY PROJECT," known to the ministers as the STP. It contained a very considerable "watering down" and alterings of the biblical truths as Christ had put His truths into His Church through His chosen Apostle.

Source: January 7, 1979 Co-Worker letter

This was the COMPROMISING part, the "middle ground" or *Media* as prophesied in verse 20 of Daniel chapter 8. Now, Mr.

Armstrong then later realized in 1981 when the STP had actually began and how his son Garner Ted being heavily influenced by Dr. Robert Kuhn and a few other ministers, led the “watering down” and altering the biblical truths that God revealed to him.

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 (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...

I was handed a short statement regarding those four specific scriptures... On the plane, I typed the brief statement that appeared on page 522 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 under it. WHAT I NEVER KNEW UNTIL NOW was that, after my signature, Wayne Cole, then director of Pastoral Administration, added a few pages giving the new liberal watered-down reasoning, changing the truth of God.

Satan masterminded this in such manner that it all

This RAM pushed westward, and northward, and southward, but why is there no eastward? The answer is quite simple: While Mr. Armstrong was en route EASTWARD to Manila on February 22, 1974, rebellion among the ministers was already brewing at the time, *Garner Ted lied and deceived his father by making him to believe that he was not in any way involved with the STP as written in the January 1979 Co-Worker letter.* No minister was able to stand against the RAM. Most of them just chose to keep quiet, while some of those concerned were either silenced or made to appear as a rumor-monger “of a POWER STRUGGLE ‘between the two Armstrongs.’” Garner Ted have not shown his true rebellious nature while his father was about to launch the first ever world public appearance campaign beginning in Manila (EAST). He even PRETENDED to be concerned with God’s Work and supposedly reported the ministerial rebellion at that time in 1974 to his father.

Airborne

February 22, 1974

Letter to all Ministers Worldwide

Dear Fellow Ministers of God’s Church:

I am en route to Manila for the FIRST of the world PUBLIC APPEARANCE campaigns next Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

This is an historic FIRST! It is the first PUBLIC meeting, hopefully before audiences of many thousands, in world capitals resulting from approvals and endorsements from the very TOP of the governments of these nations. It is the BIGGEST THING that has happened in God’s Work since it started, in our time, in January 1934!...

Now I am given to understand that two or more Evangelists at Headquarters as well as other

ministers and scholars did neither voice objections I am now led to believe they hold nor turned in the research they had thought relevant. Nor did they object to the booklet after it was prepared. It was printed. From that day until YESTERDAY not one word was voiced to me from ANY objecting to the booklet! Naturally, I assumed it was accepted by all and that question put permanently to rest.

But just yesterday the knowledge of this apparently strong objection came to me via Mr. G.T.A., Dr. Kuhn and Mr. Rader.

My son Garner Ted, incidentally, was not part of that doctrinal team. He voluntarily abstained from being a member of that team as he should have done, under the circumstances at the time. He said he would follow my decision, knowing I was intending to study every side of the question. I not only carefully studied all reports given me from the doctrinal committee, I showed their papers to some of our best scholars on the British campus, including Dr. Stavrinides (especially for his knowledge of the Greek).



Manila

February 23, 1974

It is now Sunday morning. This letter, up to this point was telephoned in to Pasadena last evening so they might be getting that portion ready for mailing.

And now, this morning, the most shocking news in

the history of God's Work has reached us by telephone. At least two trusted Regional Directors have been plotting with their Ministers and Deacons to try to do what I mentioned in the forepart of this letter, what Satan is trying to do — DESTROY the Work of the LIVING God. They were, of course, keeping their nefarious plans secret. *We do not yet know the true extent of their defection, but it may involve anywhere from five or ten to twenty-five Ministers. Garner Ted has sent an urgent message asking me to fly immediately back to Pasadena.*



February 25, 1974

Dear Brethren in GOD'S CHURCH:

This is most URGENT and IMPORTANT. I am writing at an altitude of more than seven miles above the Pacific Ocean below, at a speed of 585 miles per hour *back to Pasadena*, with a heart heavier than lead.

I have said before that Satan was attacking the Work of the living GOD, and that he would attack again. Now suddenly he is pulling out ALL STOPS in an effort to DESTROY God's Work. *He has struck just as I was arriving at Manila, The Philippines, for the FIRST of the great PUBLIC CAMPAIGNS in world capitals, sponsored, endorsed and approved by those AT THE TOP of the national governments...*

Some, apparently dedicated to the destruction of God's Work, were, during this nightmare of Garner Ted's banishment, *circulating rumors of a POWER STRUGGLE "between the two Armstrongs."* *That rumor was a LIE!...*

Now it is reported that two or more evangelists at Pasadena plus other ministers are not in agreement. I do not know whether they were on the "Doctrinal Committee" researching this question. But the papers turned over to me, which I had to assume represented the whole research team, contained none from them, nor were any of their contentions, views or arguments given to me. The booklet was prepared and printed. No reservations or contrary opinions were voiced to me. *And only two or three days ago the knowledge of reservations came to me through Garner Ted Armstrong and Dr. Kuhn by telephone clear across the Pacific Ocean.*

Incidentally, my son Garner Ted voluntarily abstained from taking part on that research team, as he should, under the circumstances of the time — saying he had confidence in the final decision, with all the collaborations of the team, and myself.

Source: Herbert W. Armstrong Co-worker letters

Through his pretentious show, Garner Ted was able to deceive his own father into believing that he was not involved in compromising with God's truth through the STP project. Yet the opposite was true, he was indeed a KING OF COMPROMISE and OF PRETENTIOUS SHOW IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPRESS OTHERS and no minister dared to challenge him as prophesied in verse 4.

Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but **one was**

higher than the other, and the higher came up last. (Daniel 8:3)

The first HORN of the RAM was Garner Ted's involvement in the STP (Systematic Theology Project) as early as 1974 (*Media*, the COMPROMISE part) while the other one was the RECEIVER CRISIS which was HIGHER than the previous one and it came up LAST on 1979 (*Persia*, the OSTENTATIOUS part). Now even the secular sources noted this TWO horn-like projections on the altar.

Receivership crisis

Garner Ted Armstrong blamed Stanley Rader for his **TWO-TIME OUSTING** from his father's church. Garner Ted and other former and discontented members of the Worldwide Church of God prompted the State of California to investigate charges of malfeasance by Rader and Herbert W. Armstrong. In 1979, California Attorney General George Deukmejian placed the church campus in Pasadena into financial receivership for a half year.



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Church faces massive crisis

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Ministerial change announced

PASADENA — Robert C. McDaniel, an associate pastor of the church, has been named as the new minister of the church. The announcement was made by the church's governing body, the Board of Directors.

These reports about the church's financial crisis are being published in this issue of the World of God News. The reports are being published in this issue of the World of God News. The reports are being published in this issue of the World of God News.

COURTROOM FEATURES — Leading figures in the church's receivership battle over the past two months are featured in a special courtroom feature. The feature includes interviews with Stanley Rader, Herbert W. Armstrong, and other church leaders. The feature is being published in this issue of the World of God News.

The church's financial crisis is being investigated by the State of California. The investigation is being conducted by the Attorney General's office. The investigation is being conducted by the Attorney General's office.

Semester begins at Ambassador

PASADENA — The church's Ambassador campus is beginning its new semester. The semester is being conducted by the church's governing body, the Board of Directors. The semester is being conducted by the church's governing body, the Board of Directors.

Courtroom hears Gospel preached through films

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — A courtroom hearing on the church's receivership battle is being conducted in Los Angeles. The hearing is being conducted in Los Angeles. The hearing is being conducted in Los Angeles.

Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grace_Communion_International

Just like a ram, Garner Ted leaped the treacherous terrain of compromising with God's truth without hesitation as he went boldly where other ministers fear to tread through his establishment of the *Systematic Theology Project* (STP). He, just like a ram, made his conquest known as he held his head up proudly and fierce when he clashed openly with his father in a meeting of the Church's Board of Trustees in 1978 and when he attacked God's Church in 1979 through the receivership crisis while broadcasting over a Los Angeles area radio station. In victory, the same way that a ram wears its majestic horns like a crown, Garner Ted acted very similar to that beast as his father wrote:

His TV and radio programs were becoming secular, dealing in worldly politics, with sponsorship announced, not as Worldwide Church of God, who paid his salary, all production costs, and the cost of air-time, but as that of "Garner Ted Armstrong Productions." Everything was focused on featuring the name Garner Ted Armstrong — instead of the name of the Church.

On follow-up outgoing mail to those responding to the programs, he abolished the "WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD" letterhead — and instead, the letterhead was printed, "GARNER TED ARMSTRONG." With his picture beside it!

Source: Herbert W. Armstrong, July 30, 1978 Co-Worker letter

And being as hard-headed as a ram, Garner Ted was unafraid to take initiative to separate from the Worldwide Church of God and started his own with the Church of God International in 1978.

Chapter 4

The Rough Goat

And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. (Daniel 8:21)

Now who is this king of Grecia? Is this really referring to Alexander the Great as previously thought? To know the identity of this beast in the prophet Daniel's vision, let us define some words.

Grecia – in Hebrew is “*yavan*” H3120 which means, “effervescing”

Effervescing in the dictionary means:

- To show **enthusiasm**, excitement, or liveliness.
- **To show high spirits** or animation.

“*Enthusiasm*” means *extravagant* or *unbalanced religious fervor*; whereas, “*extravagant*” means *going beyond usual*

bounds; unrestrained:

Enthusiasm can then mean GOING BEYOND USUAL BOUNDS or UNRESTRAINED RELIGIOUS FERVOR.

Now who has exhibited this specific characteristic of GOING BEYOND USUAL BOUNDS or UNRESTRAINED RELIGIOUS FERVOR during the attack of the RAM on 1979? Let's continue with the rest of the receivership crisis story:

In the late 1970s a period of financial and leadership disputes occurred within the church hierarchy, with church treasurer, Stanley Rader, at the center of many of the disputes. The gravest incident was the church being placed in financial receivership by the Attorney General of California, George Deukmejian, an action that was later disallowed in court. *(Joseph) Tkach took an active role in the defense of Armstrong, Rader, and the church headquarters' operations. He rallied the WCG membership to take action against the court proceedings. Armstrong recognized his effectiveness and subsequently ordained him to the rank of evangelist on September 27, 1979...*

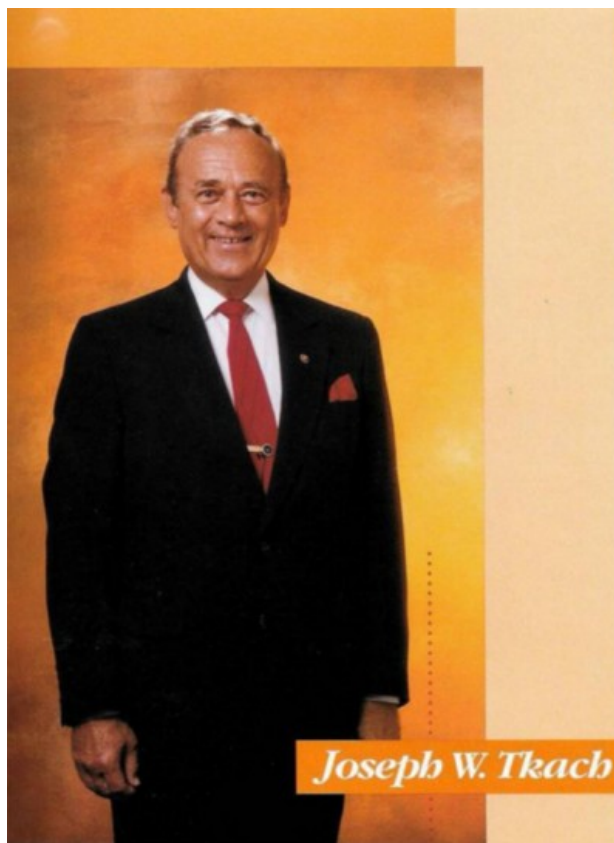
In March 1981 Armstrong appointed him to the WCG's advisory council of elders, and eventually, Armstrong named him Director of Church Administration, one of the most prominent administrative positions other than Armstrong himself

Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_W._Tkach

Again, for emphasis, as the RAM, Garner Ted attacked the WCG in 1979, Joseph W. Tkach Sr. with his UNRESTRAINED RELIGIOUS FERVOR made a counter-attack through his active role in defending the church headquarters' operations in Pasadena, California. Even GOING BEYOND USUAL

BOUNDS while SHOWING HIGH SPIRITS, he “rallied the WCG membership to take action against the court proceedings.” He was indeed the ROUGH GOAT – the KING OF EFFERVESCING.



And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came
FROM THE WEST on the face of the whole earth
(verse 5)

During that receivership crisis, Joseph W. Tkach Sr. was the assistant pastor for the Pasadena A.M. congregation. And looking on a map, we can see that California is on the WEST of the U.S.A.



And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and **touched not the ground**: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. (Daniel 8:5-6)

What an astounding imagery the prophet Daniel saw as he was trying to discern the vision of the ram, then another sight caught his attention seeing a *he goat* being described as “not touching the ground.” From *Barnes Commentary*, that phrase was “denoting the rapidity of his movements and conquests.” To further understand, let us define the word “conquest.”

Conquest

1. a person, thing, etc, that has been conquered or won
2. the act or art of gaining a person’s compliance, love, etc, by seduction or force of personality
3. the winning of favor, love, etc.

4. a person whose favor, affection, etc., has been won.
5. success in mastering something difficult;



Look closely at how RAPID Joseph Tkach Sr. movements were which led to the success in mastering the 1979 receivership crisis. By showing a force of personality during that very difficult time, he gained Mr. Armstrong's favor and affection (emphasis mine):

Throughout the 1970s, Tkach continued as an assistant pastor in various congregations in Southern California.

When California's attorney general's office tried to seize control of church operations in January 1979, Joseph Tkach was an assistant pastor for the Pasadena A.M. congregation. *After church members spontaneously descended upon the headquarters property to show their support for a church under*

fire, Mr. Tkach and a deacon named Joseph Kotora HASTILY set up the Hall of Administration lobby for a makeshift church service. Dean Blackwell gave a sermon before the “sit in” congregation that day, and Mr. Tkach closed the service with prayer.

*Tkach’s involvement in the 1979 crisis did not escape Mr. Armstrong’s attention, even though Mr. Armstrong was living in Arizona at the time. In July 1979, he appointed Mr. Tkach as director of Ministerial Services (later named Church Administration). Then, on September 27, 1979, in Mr. Armstrong’s Tucson home, the church founder raised three individuals to the rank of evangelist—the highest ecclesiastical office in the church (besides Mr. Armstrong’s). The new evangelists—Ellis LaRavia, Stanley Rader and **Joseph Tkach**—had all played a role in defending the church against the state’s unconstitutional attack.*

Besides heading up Church Administration, Mr. Tkach also became associate pastor of the Pasadena P.M. congregation—the headquarters congregation Mr. Armstrong pastored. In 1981, Mr. Armstrong selected Mr. Tkach to serve on the Advisory Council. These were Mr. Tkach’s primary responsibilities for the final years of Mr. Armstrong’s life.

Source: Credentials, *The Philadelphia Trumpet* = January 2007

The January 1979 Church receivership crisis was concluded so quickly that Mr. Joseph W. Tkach’s feet did not touch the ground, so to speak. Six months later he was appointed as director of Ministerial Services (later named Church Administration). Then another two months has passed, Mr. Armstrong immediately raised him again to the rank of an evangelist – that was only a total of 8 months of conquest in the

upper echelons! Then on January 7, 1986, Mr. Armstrong called for an Advisory Council meeting to appoint him to the office of deputy pastor general, to succeed him as pastor general should God choose to take his life.

Joseph W. Tkach, Mr. Armstrong's designated successor as human leader of God's Church, visits with Mr. Armstrong at the airport after another trip and speaks in the Ambassador Auditorium.



On January 16, 1986, Mr. Armstrong died and he became the Pastor General of the Worldwide Church of God. That was such a RAPID CONQUEST of the HE GOAT which took him EXACTLY 7 short years to accomplish!

Another meaning of NOT TOUCHING THE GROUND is *being an impractical dreamer*. Mr. Tkach acknowledged that he has a big shoe to fill considering Mr. Armstrong's legacy inside and outside the church. In his funeral he even gave this statement: "There is no man who can fill his shoes, but Father

we aim to follow his example.” Apparently, that made him insecure and became an impractical dreamer. Look at what he did to fill in that overwhelming gap.

Besides wanting to be an apostle, Joseph Tkach Sr. also liked the idea of having an impeccable resume. “They were trying to create a legend out of him from the word go,” Aaron Dean remembers.

Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach’s administrative assistant, even asked Aaron to “make Mr. Tkach look like Mr. Armstrong” when discussing him in sermons or conversations.

If, in fact, Tkach was self-conscious about his qualifications for being pastor general, you can understand why. Mr. Armstrong, in addition to having established the church, was a prolific teacher and writer, a distinguished author, a famous television personality and an unofficial ambassador for world peace who was known among kings, prime ministers and presidents.

Mr. Tkach wasn’t even well known within the Worldwide Church of God. He rarely wrote for church publications. WCG ministers knew him because of his position in Church Administration.

But most of the church membership had never even heard him speak before he became pastor general in 1986...

Sketchy Education

Besides adding to his exploits in the church, it appears that Tkach’s handlers also wanted to create a legend out of his life before conversion—particularly his academic background. In light of Mr. Armstrong’s views about modern education, one wonders why Mr. Tkach seemed so self-conscious about his formal education. Mr. Armstrong viewed his lack of training at an “assembly line” university

or seminary as an advantage. *Mr. Tkach, however, wanted scholarly credentials, even if he had to invent them...*

From 1946 to 1950 is when the biography gets real sketchy. In reading what the WCG produced, you are left with the distinct impression that Mr. Tkach went to college during those four years. In "Passing the Baton," for instance, it says that after Tkach received a naval certificate in "basic engineering" in 1945, he then returned home to attend the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, where he studied industrial management. After that, he was hired by Hupp Aviation in 1950.

Upon searching their archives, however, representatives at the Illinois Institute found no record of Joseph Tkach ever having attended there. His career at the Illinois Institute, apparently, was not unlike his "training" at Ambassador College.

Source: Credentials, *The Philadelphia Trumpet* – January 2007

Touch ground in the dictionary means: to arrive at something solid or stable after discussing or dealing with topics that are abstract or inconclusive.

So NOT TOUCHING GROUND can therefore mean: to arrive at something NOT SOLID or UNSTABLE after discussing or dealing with topics that are abstract or inconclusive. This was the case when Mr. Armstrong made the decision to appoint Mr. Tkach to be his successor when he dies.

According to Aaron Dean, MR. ARMSTRONG ACTUALLY TOOK COMFORT IN TKACH'S AVERAGE INTELLECTUAL CAPACITIES, BELIEVING IT WOULD MAKE HIM MORE PRONE TO RELY ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL. After becoming pastor general, Tkach's own son

even admitted that his “DAD WAS NOT KNOWN AS A THEOLOGIAN.” Tkach’s former boss, Roderick Meredith, evaluated Mr. Armstrong’s successor more bluntly, saying he “did not speak well, and I DIDN’T REALIZE HOW LITTLE HE UNDERSTOOD THE DOCTRINES.”

In light of Tkach’s sketchy educational background, it’s astonishing how often Tkach Jr. and Feazell have found occasion to ridicule Mr. Armstrong’s lack of scholarship. But if Mr. Armstrong was uneducated, where would that leave Joseph Tkach?

Source: Credentials, *The Philadelphia Trumpet* = January 2007

Although Mr. Armstrong’s decision was quite inconclusive upon taking into account Mr. Tkach’s average intellectual capacity as the next Pastor General, he chose that option, believing it would arrive at something SOLID with the thought in his mind that his successor would greatly rely on the Advisory Council, yet on the contrary, the outcome became UNSTABLE as evident from the pages of recent Church history.

And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.
(Daniel 8:7)

Garner Ted Armstrong was the man many believed would have succeeded his father as pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God, yet because of what he did in attacking the church TWICE, it became an opportunity for Joseph W. Tkach to take that lofty position – “there was no power in the ram to stand before him” anymore since he was already disfellowshipped and not considered by his father. It appeared that Garner Ted’s desire

to wrest control of the WCG had been cast down to the ground and stamped upon by Tkach, the he goat “and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.”

Chapter 5

The Great Horn

And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. (Daniel 8:5)

After the prophet Daniel saw the male goat, he noticed that it “had a notable horn between his eyes.” This is the same horn that he saw in verse 21:

...the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

Notice that the male goat have a NOTABLE HORN between

his eyes. Goats usually have two horns, but this one is obviously different, it only have a single conspicuous horn in front of his head.



To know who the identity of this “first king” is, let us search for the meaning of the word “*first*.” In the original Hebrew it is “*rishon*” (H7223); in *Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon* it is defined as CHIEF IN DEGREE, while in *Strong’s Concordance* it can also mean, FIRST IN RANK.

If Joseph Tkach Sr. is the king of Grecia or the **KING OF UNRESTRAINED RELIGIOUS FERVOR**, then who is the CHIEF IN DEGREE, the FIRST IN RANK on his head? It’s none other than his own son Joe Tkach, Jr! He is “the GREAT HORN that is between his eyes.”

“Between the eyes” is an idiomatic expression which can mean:

- to be very easy to notice,
- to become completely apparent;
- make someone suddenly aware of something,
have a sudden impact on

“A “horn” symbolizes power and authority so it means that he was the GREAT POWER and AUTHORITY ahead of his father which became completely apparent. It has even been

documented in the *Raising the Ruins* book (emphasis mine):

After his father succeeded Mr. Armstrong in January 1986, Joe Jr. began a sharp ascent up the WCG hierarchy. His father appointed him assistant director of Church Administration in August 1986, where he worked for Larry Salyer. (Salyer replaced Tkach Sr. as head of Church Administration once Tkach became pastor general.)

Eight months after moving to Pasadena, in April 1987, Mr. Tkach Sr. raised his son to the rank of *pastor*. Later that year, in November, Joe Jr. was again promoted. Tkach Sr. decided to reorganize Church Administration into two branches – the U.S. ministry and the international ministry, with Joe Jr. in charge of the former and Larry Salyer the latter, effectively making Salyer the assistant to Joe Jr. Thus, in a matter of 15 short months, Joseph Tkach Jr. went from being a non-salaried, local church elder – the lowest-ranking spiritual office in the WCG – to the pastor-ranked director over the WCG’s ministry. this meteoric ascent put him in charge of approximately 1,200 WCG ministers in *less than a year and a half*.

He was 36 years old...

By the end of 1989, Tkach Jr. and Feazell had been delegated ENOUGH AUTHORITY to fire two field ministers *on the spot* – my father (Gerald Flurry) and his assistant John Amos – ministers who had been serving full time in the church for two decades.

Source: *Raising the Ruins*, pages 59-60, 65

Notice that Joseph Tkach Sr. should have been present or even been consulted at the time of Mr. Flurry and Mr. Amos being fired on December 7, 1989, yet as it *became completely apparent*, his son Joe Jr. have wielded GREAT AUTHORITY to make that quick decision. *It made everyone in God's Church*

suddenly aware that the one pulling the strings inside the WCG was Joe Jr. It was *very easy to notice* that he was the real FIRST IN RANK, the real CHIEF who have the absolute power and authority to run the church and progress with the doctrinal changes even while his father was still the pastor general.



Joseph W. Tkach Sr. and his son, Joe Tkach Jr.

Chapter 6

The Four Notable Ones

In his book, *Raising the Ruins*, Stephen Flurry was able to document the events that transpired during the heated debate over the discontinuance of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's book, *Mystery of the Ages* that led to his father and Mr. Amos being fired on December 7, 1989 (emphasis mine):

My father complained about *Mystery of the Ages* being discontinued and the TV program getting weaker. "So let me see if I understand what you are saying," Tkach said, dissecting my dad's comments. "You're saying that you can run the church better than my father can." They kept turning it into a

personality thing because debating the real issues only exposed their true intentions...

Suffice it to say, there was no compromise on either side that night. Shortly before midnight, Joseph Tkach Jr. – a man who had been employed by the church for three years – fired and excommunicated my father and Mr. Amos. *At his deposition, Tkach Jr. acknowledged that it was entirely his decision to fire these two long-time ministers on the spot. His father, the pastor general of the church, was not aware of the firings until after they had already happened.*

Upon leaving Tkach Jr.'s office that night, my father prophetically warned Tkach, *"This is the first sip of a very bitter cup you are going to have to drink."* Quite a parting shot from a man who had just been fired! My father also assured Mr. Tkach that he would be one of the first ones to receive the manuscript, as soon as it was completed and printed.

Source: *Raising the Ruins*, pages 197-198

That fateful night of December 7, 1989 was the beginning of the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy in verse 22:

Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. (Daniel 8:22)

The Philadelphia Church of God was immediately established on December 1989 with only 12 members and they made their first mailing of *Malachi's Message* in January 1990. That day was actually the beginning of the GREAT HORN to be broken as Joe Jr.'s destructive plans had been exposed through that book. Other leaders in the WCG followed the same path that Mr. Gerald Flurry had taken. Here are the others that came out from the WCG:

From the 1970s through to the 1990s several of the Sabbatarian Churches of God that adhered to some

of Armstrong's teachings separated from WCG. Due to the significant doctrinal changes which occurred in WCG throughout the 1990s, the largest percentage of ministers and members left WCG during this decade. This resulted in the formation of many denominations. There is significant overlap in their teachings with those of Herbert W. Armstrong. Most claim to teach "all" of the truths restored through Herbert W. Armstrong, most notably the **Philadelphia Church of God (1989)**. The "PCG" purchased the copyright to several of the books and booklets of Herbert W. Armstrong and systematically changed both the wording, content and meaning of what Armstrong wrote. They maintain that Armstrong was right and that they are preaching and teaching the very same teachings and are in fact a continuation of the parent WCG.

Worldwide Church of God organizational splits resulted in the establishment of the **Global Church of God, the Living Church of God (1993, 1998)**, **United Church of God (1995)**, and the **Restored Church of God (1998)**.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grace_Communion_International

There were only FOUR that were distinguished to have come out from the Worldwide Church of God that merits anyone's attention, that is, (1) the **Philadelphia Church of God (1989)**; (2) the **Global Church of God, the Living Church of God (1993, 1998)**; (3) the **United Church of God (1995)**; and (4) the **Restored Church of God (1998)**. To better understand this prophecy in verse 22, let us read it from the *Amplified Bible Translation*:

Regarding the shattered horn and *the four others that arose in its place, four kingdoms will rise FROM his nation, although not with his power and heritage* (Daniel 8:22)

So Joe Tkach Jr., the GREAT HORN, has been shattered – the Worldwide Church of God no longer exist under his watch. It has been completely destroyed or broken into pieces. Now the FOUR kingdoms or churches of God have been formed but not by “*his power and heritage.*” As Joe Tkach Jr. spread his control inside the WCG even while his father was the pastor general, FOUR groups beginning with the PCG in 1989 came out from the church as a result. The transition of power was not the same way as what happened to Mr. Armstrong and his father who inherited the position of pastor general. The same way when he inherited his position after his father died on September 23, 1995. Those FOUR that were distinguished can also be found in verse 8:

Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up **four notable ones** toward the four winds of heaven. (Daniel 8:8)

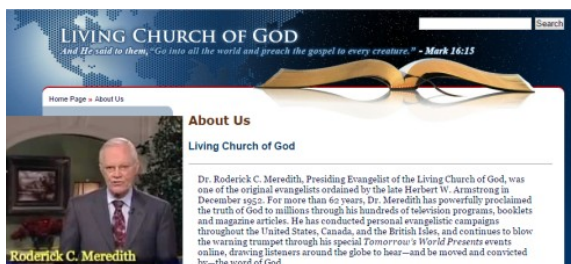
Again who are those FOUR NOTABLE or DISTINGUISHED ONES?

(1st notable) The ***Philadelphia Church of God*** led by Mr. Gerald Flurry in 1989.



(2nd notable) **The Global Church of God** was now **dissolved** and the ***Living Church of God*** took its place and both of which were headed by Mr.

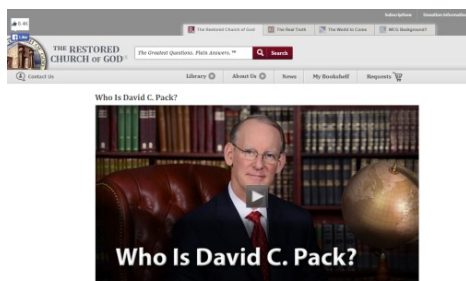
Roderick Meredith in 1993 and 1998 respectively.



(3rd notable) The ***United Church of God*** founded by Mr. David Hulme in 1995



(4th notable) The ***Restored Church of God*** started by Mr. David Pack in 1998.



There may be several other COG splinter groups out there but even the secular observer have NOTED and DISTINGUISHED this prominent FOUR that came out from the WCG when Joe Tkach Jr. took over the charge of the whole ministry from his father.

Chapter 7

A King of Fierce Countenance

This next verse in Daniel chapter 8 earned the great anticipation of the Philadelphia Church of God members and ministers alike. But notice that there is a continuation in the flow of thought from verse 22 going to the next verse:

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)

Notice that: “And in the latter time of **THEIR** kingdom” – **THEIR** KINGDOM, take note of that, **THEIR** kingdom. So

it indicates that the word “their” is referring to the FOUR NOTABLE ONES of verse 22 and their reign is happening in the same era – which means, they are coterminous.

COTERMINOUS in the dictionary means – *being of equal extent or scope or duration*

So those FOUR NOTABLE ONES are ruling at the same time. And what time are we discussing here? It’s none other than the Laodicean era.

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)

Who is this king of fierce countenance? Is he already on the scene? For such a long time, we have been anticipating this personality to come out on the world scene. We have been made to believe through *the idea injected by the late Ron Fraser that the fulfillment of this king is Karl Theodore zu Guttenberg of Germany*. But as we have proven, early on that this vision of the last end is all about the SANCTUARY, so we ought to look no place else. To know the identity of this prophesied infamous king, let us define some words:

Fierce – H5794 “az” in which both *Strong’s Concordance* and *Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon* defined it as STRONG.

Countenance – H6440 “paniym” (paw-neem) can also mean PRESENCE

The phrase “*fierce countenance*” then can also be rendered as STRONG PRESENCE.

Dark sentences – H2420 “chiydah” (khee-daw) in *Strong’s Concordance* it can also mean SENTENTIOUS MAXIM.

Sententious in the dictionary means, “given to excessive moralizing; self-righteous.” It is synonymous to the word “preachy” and “sanctimonious”

Sanctimonious in the dictionary means, “*making a hypocritical show of religious devotion, piety, righteousness, etc.*.”

So this king with a STRONG PRESENCE understands how to *make a hypocritical show of religious devotion, piety, righteousness, etc* – HE IS PREACHY. This only means that the description will only fit a person involved in a religion. Remember the definition *religious devotion, preachy. This king is also described as SELF RIGHTEOUS.*

Can this be referring to Karl Theodore zu Guttenberg as we were taught in the past?

Again, the vision is all about the SANCTUARY and not the WORLD so this KING OF STRONG PRESENCE is NOT referring to Karl Theodore zu Guttenberg at all. STRONG PRESENCE refers to the quality of commanding respectful attention. It has got to with one’s CHARISMA. *This is a perfect description of Stephen Flurry! Look at how he usurped the presence of his father: Mr. Gerald Flurry’s presence is being felt only ONCE A WEEK through the Key of David program(most of the time on replays) while Stephen has his own Trumpet DAILY show! What a STRONG PRESENCE.*



Notice how Stephen wanted his presence to be felt even further: If you will click on the **About Us** in the lower portion of **TheTrumpet.com** website, you will see him putting himself on the same level as his father and Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong!

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(To further prove his being king of strong presence, read our article, **THE FOUR GREAT BEASTS OF DANIEL 7 and THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM – the Beast Part 2**)

Applying now this prophecy in connection to what Jesus Christ gave in his famous Olivet prophecy in Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13:

When ye 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: (Matthew 24:15-16)

It says here that “whoso reads, let him understand.” Can we now understand this prophecy? God has now given us the clear understanding of Daniel’s prophecy about the abomination of desolation inside His SANCTUARY, the HOLY PLACE being mentioned here. This understanding is supported by Mr. Gerald Flurry as he wrote in his Daniel booklet:

The abomination is standing in the “holy place.”

Spiritually, that means God's Church—spiritual Jerusalem ("Jerusalem, which is above ... is the mother of us all"—Galatians 4:26). It has been conquered by the spiritual abomination, with its army of evil spirit beings.

Source: *Daniel Unsealed At Last!* page 38

So there is an army of evil spirit beings as Mr. Flurry noted. Furthermore, this is described by Luke's account:

And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. (Luke 21:20-21)

This army that compassed spiritual Jerusalem is DUAL in fulfillment as indicated by the evening and morning sacrifices in Daniel chapter 8. First it happened during Joe Jr. and his 70 ministers, now it is happening again with Stephen and his 25 ministers (Ezekiel 8:11, 16). Both were given armies at their disposal to destroy God's Work.

And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered. (Daniel 8:12)

Now God is instructing His people inside spiritual Judea, the PCG around the world to flee to the mountains where God dwells with His Remembrancers. Those still inside the PCG are being warned to get out. Have you been kicked out or disfellowshipped from the PCG? Do you still want to go back to it? Better think twice or more before doing so. Because Jesus Christ said that "let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto." Another perspective we need to see is from the account written by Mark.

But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, STANDING WHERE IT OUGHT NOT, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: (Mark 13:14)

This abomination of desolation is aptly described in our previous article ***“The Transgressors are Come to the FULL!” posted on October 18, 2014:***

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 gave 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!...

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?

Source: ***“The Transgressors are Come to the FULL!” posted on October 18, 2014***

As it says in Mark chapter 13, STANDING WHERE IT OUGHT NOT – this is the same ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION as prophesied by Daniel. Stephen Flurry standing in the place of his father WHERE HE OUGHT NOT during the Opening Night of the 2014 Feast of Tabernacles is a specific fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy that everyone in God's Church must understand! Whereas, the 25 men of Ezekiel 8 is also connected to Luke's account of the same prophecy:

And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies (Comment: the 25 men of Ezekiel 8), then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter there into. (Luke 21:20-21)

This KING OF STRONG PRESENCE was to STAND UP! When this KING stood up, it means that the transgressors in God's Church has come to the full! This king with a STRONG PRESENCE understands how to *make a hypocritical show of religious devotion, piety, righteousness, etc* – HE IS PREACHY. This only means that the description will only fit a person involved in a religion. Remember the definition *religious devotion, preachy. This king is also described as SELF RIGHTEOUS.*

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)

Again, for emphasis, when is the specific time did this KING

OF STRONG PRESENCE STOOD UP?

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.* (Daniel 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.

Paraphrasing verse 19 we can have a clear timeline of when this king stood up.

“And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: *for at the solemn feast the end shall be.*”

Read that again: “**for at the SOLEMN FEAST the END shall be.**” This KING OF STRONG PRESENCE STOOD UP DURING THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2014! Mr. Gerald Flurry further described this king in his article in the PCG’s website entitled, ***A King of Fierce Countenance***

This spiritual type of Antiochus is a “king,” a strong leader, who does not look to the King of kings. *He did not come up through the ministerial ranks as the other ministers did. He obtained his office through flatteries and deceit. This evil man was not what he appeared to be when power was given to him.*

Now he has been a “king of fierce countenance” in totally wrecking God’s Church—not with God’s government, but the government of the devil!

He understands “dark sentences.” That means he is heavily influenced by Satan—if not possessed! He does all his evil “not by his own power.” This dangerous man comes as “an angel of light” but is

empowered by the devil!

Source: A King of Fierce Countenance

Yes this king is indeed heavily influenced by Satan as prophesied also in Zechariah chapter 3 because this king of strong presence is the same Joshua the high priest.

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. (Zechariah 3:1)

Stephen Flurry did not come up through the ministerial ranks as the other ministers did since he is the son of the pastor general. He easily got his evangelist position without any hardship and he was able to achieve everything he wants even contrary to God's ways because he understands "dark sentences." Another meaning of "dark sentences" is DOUBLE DEALING according to *Brown Driver Briggs Lexicon*.

Double dealing in the dictionary means:

1. False or deceitful dealing; acting in bad faith; deception by pretending to entertain one set of intentions while acting under the influence of another.
2. The practice of pretending to do or think one thing while really doing or thinking something different: dishonest or deceptive behavior
3. Action contradictory to a professed attitude
4. Dishonest behaviour and actions intended to deceive:
5. Action characterized by treachery or deceit

Through Stephen Flurry's application of double dealing, he was able to allow paganism to flourish inside the Philadelphia Church of God, with the introduction of the sun and oak tree worship through Irish dancing, Astarte worship through Mother's Day and Molech worship through cremation. Through

deceitful dealing with his father, he pretended to support the former's intention on the Jerusalem work, while acting in bad faith to that purpose, he was able to convince his elder to leave the Jerusalem work and replace it with the Edstone work in its place. Through his dishonest behaviour and actions to deceive, he was able to hide the *Book of Remembrance* from his father. He knows how to use his strong presence or charisma to deceive God's people.

Is this not an apt description of what has been prophesied about this king of strong presence?

Chapter 8

A Little Horn

This king of strong presence is the same LITTLE HORN being mentioned in verse 9. Again, this little horn is different from the GREAT NOTABLE HORN in verses 5 and 21.

And out of **one of them came forth a little horn**, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.
(Daniel 8:9)

It says here in this verse, “And **out of one of them** came forth a little horn” meaning out of ONE OF THE FOUR NOTABLE churches of God that went out from the WCG, i.e., the PCG, LCG, UCG and RCG. Apparently, this little horn came out from

the PCG!

Now this LITTLE HORN has grown his power toward the SOUTH (Australia), toward the EAST (Philippines) and toward the PLEASANT LAND when he became the Regional Director of Jerusalem. He appears to be NOT in good presence in the WEST (America) as attested in his sermon entitled “*Tip of the Iceberg*” when he noted that 50 percent of the members boycotted the performance of Irish dancing in Armstrong Auditorium.

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. (Daniel 8:10)

Here is what Mr. Gerald Flurry wrote in his Daniel booklet regarding verse 10:

The *Revised Standard Version* reads “of the host of the stars.” God’s own people are helped by the stars, or angels, of God (Revelation 1:20), if they desire help. This evil power “stamped upon them”—the end-time Laodiceans—those saints of God who transgressed God’s law.

Strong’s Concordance defines host this way: “a mass of persons, especially organized for war” and “soldiers, army.” The expression also means to muster soldiers for warfare.

Host can refer to an army of demons, angels or men. God has an army of angels and saints. Satan has an army of demons and men—in this case sinning saints.

Source: page 26, *Daniel Unsealed At Last!*

Stephen Flurry amassed an enormous power to himself being the son of the pastor general of the Philadelphia Church of God. He has his own fellows being the fulfillment of the last end Joshua (Zechariah 3:8). He has 25 of them (Ezekiel 8:16). Because of what he is doing in Edstone which is contrary to God’s desire, he is casting down unto the ground the angels that

minister unto God's people. *Because of his vanity, he is bringing God's people and their angels unto the bottomless pit. He is thinking highly of himself as someone so important as we have proven in one of our articles. In his vanity, he wanted God's people to become like him and not to become like God.*

Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down.
(Daniel 8:11)

Verses 11 to 12 is dual which means they will be fulfilled twice – the first one has already been fulfilled by Joe Tkach Jr. and the next one is now being fulfilled by Stephen Flurry. We will not discuss the first fulfillment since this has already been covered by Mr. Gerald Flurry. But we will focus on the second fulfillment. In verse 11, it says there that the daily was taken away and the place of the sanctuary was cast down. Indeed that was what happened. The daily has been taken away and brought to Edstone. The PCG headquarters in Edmond has been cast down because of paganism and idol or minister worship. Even *Armstrong Auditorium* being called as God's House has also been cast down because of Baal worship through Irish Dancing.

And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression (rebellion), and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered. (Daniel 8:12)

Both Joe Jr. and Stephen were given an army against God's Work. For Joe, Satan gave him 70 ministers and as for Stephen, it was 25 (Ezekiel 8:11, 16). Remember this LITTLE HORN is different from the GREAT HORN of the male goat in verse 21, yet they both destroyed God's work. Have you noticed that Garner Ted, Joe Jr. and Stephen have something in common – they are all SONS of the pastor generals of God's Church in this last end!

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. (Daniel 8:13-14)

The fulfillment of this prophecy is DUAL. The FIRST FULFILLMENT was when Mr. Gerald Flurry and Mr. John Amos spoke about the DAILY concerning *Mystery of the Ages* being discontinued; while the SECOND FULFILLMENT is about the TRANSGRESSION OF DESOLATION that was noticed by the two witnesses. (More on this in Part 2)

And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his **policy** also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. (Daniel 8:24, 25)

Stephen Flurry is definitely the one who favored the assimilation of pagan practices into the PCG with his son's deep involvement in Irish dancing and his article praising Mother's day as a holiday that should be celebrated in the PCG. He was obviously the influence behind his father's speaking highly of Hezekiah bulla despite the pagan inscriptions in his royal seal depicting the Egyptian winged sun disk symbolizing their god Horus and the ANKH. Likewise, the article written by Mark Nash in the *Royal Vision*, May-June 2004, endorsing the practice of cremation in the PCG would not have received approval without his personal approval of it. So, Stephen has brought in so much abominations in the PCG passing under the nose of his father Gerald through his manipulative ways using

DOUBLE DEALING.

Now Stephen and his cohorts think that they can go on in enforcing their will upon the brethren as if there is no God in heaven who sees what they have been doing! And what is Stephen's POLICY?

CHANGES TO MYSTERY OF THE AGES

by Stephen Flurry

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.

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.

Source: *Pastor General's Report*, October 21, 2004, Volume 1, No. 6, pp. 3-4

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 Tlache 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 Tlaches were bent on destroying!

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.

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

This Pastor General's Report will go down the HISTORY OF GOD'S CHURCH being so momentous being Stephen's signature policy of having the guts to make changes on *Mystery of the Ages*. And we have already explained this in the *Book of Remembrance* how the Ezekiel 4 siege was started with that specific policy he implemented.

THOU also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray 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. (Ezekiel 4:1-3)

The spiritual IRON WALL or the NO CONTACT POLICY is a sign to all the COG groups that came from the Worldwide Church of God.

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. (Ezekiel 4:4-5)

For the explanation of the first fulfillment of this prophecy in terms of days being years read the ***Book of Remembrance***. But what about the fulfillment of its duality in terms of the actual days? When did this 390 days began in our time now? Remember when the changes in *Mystery of the Ages* happened? It happened sometime in 2003. The ***Book of Remembrance*** was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Barbara Flurry and her death is connected to the Ezekiel 4 siege.

Now if we will consider the date of her death on September 5, 2004, and counting 390 days backward, we will be able to know when Stephen Flurry got his hands on the changes on *Mystery of the Ages*. *The date would fall on August 12, 2003. This was the date when he made changes to Mystery of the Ages. This is SEVEN MONTHS from the time the PCG got the rights to print Mystery of the Ages on January 16, 2003.*

Let's consider this: ONE DAY before Mrs. Flurry's death, on September 4, 2004, Mr. Gerald Flurry gave a sermon entitled, "*The Tree of Life and God's House*". In it he said,

"God's gonna use, I believe, there's certain symbolism there to tell us, He's gonna use carnal minded men to help this work done. If that's what we need, we'll get the help. If it's like building God's house or doing this work, God will give us the help, even if He has to take a carnal minded man and anoint him – He'll do it because He already said He's gonna do it, 'I will raise up the ruins as in the days of old'. **God forbid that we should not believe that! God forbid....**"

Then a day later, on September 5, 2004, Mrs. Barbara Flurry died of the CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE. What does that mean? *It means that early on, God has already been planning to use a Gentile work to warn the Philadelphia Church of God which is symbolized by Mrs. Flurry. So the context of the Gentile work will have to be helping God build His spiritual house – we have been commanded to raise up the ruins as in the days of old. This is being fulfilled primarily through the Book of Remembrance in which we can read from its first pages:*

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

This September 5, 2016 is the 12th year death anniversary of Mrs. Flurry. What could happen on that day? Only God knows.

THE BANDS

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. (Ezekiel 4:8)

The word "bands" can also mean in Strong's, "something

entwined.” In the dictionary, *entwine* is defined as *tie or LINK together*

What is the meaning of LINK? It is actually *a connecting element; a tie or bond:*

1. *An association; a relationship:*
2. *A causal, parallel, or reciprocal relationship; a correlation:*

Reciprocal relationship

- is a relation of mutual dependence or action or influence
- A mutual or cooperative interchange of favors or privileges, especially the exchange of rights or privileges of trade between nations.

Correlation

- a mutual or reciprocal relationship between two or more things
- mutual relation of two or more things
- A logical or natural association between two or more things:

We have an idiomatic expression “the tie that binds” which is the shared belief or other factor that links people together. The TIE THAT BINDS can also mean:

- meaning relationships and situations that “bind” people together- forming lasting relationships
- the connection between something or somebodies.
- could mean the family ties which unite, for example. So some context would be well in place here.
- the relationship, experiences, situations that

makes two or more person interrelated to each other...

- the connection between something or somebodies.

It is a poetic reference to relationships. So the phrase the “tie that binds” means “*a common interest or experience that can create friendship or love*”

IT'S MR. GERALD FLURRY'S TIE (OR RELATIONSHIP) WITH STEPHEN FLURRY THAT BOUND HIM DURING THIS EZEKIEL 4 SIEGE! While Mr. Gerald Flurry has been tied because of his son Stephen Flurry, he also has to bear the INIQUITY OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

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.* (Ezekiel 4:5)

The WCG may have said that the *Mystery of the Ages* was riddled with errors, yet the PCG have the guts to make some changes to it. Thus Mr. Gerald Flurry has to bear the SIN OF THE WCG for that matter.

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. 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.**(Daniel 8:26-27)

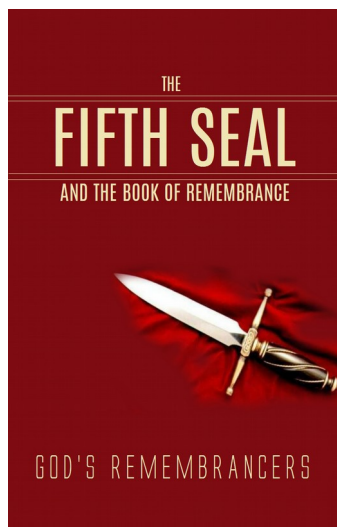
The LAST END vision that the prophet Daniel saw was about the evening and the morning. It has to happen twice. Have you understood it? If not, then look at what God said:

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

ADDITIONAL READING

The Fifth Seal and the Book of Remembrance

God commanded shepherds to feed the flock, bind the wounded and to seek that was lost. In the Philadelphia Church of God, it is a different story. The Ministry has become corrupt and turned out to be the member's own executioner. The Ministry slaughtered God's own people. The issue of having a "Government Problem" have become a weapon of abuse and a weapon to kill. Revelations 6:9 reveal the souls who were slain under the ALTAR for the word of God.



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