## Commentary — From the Margins A Disciple's Righteousness

Hear this word that the Lord has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt:

"You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. "Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet? Does a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Does a young lion cry out from his den, if he has taken nothing? Does a bird fall in a snare on the earth, when there is no trap for it? Does a snare spring up from the ground, when it has taken nothing? Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid? Does disaster come to a city, unless the Lord has done it? "For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?" (Amos 3:1-8 emphasis

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When the Second Passover liberation of Israel occurs, it will be again be, *You only that I* [the Most High God] *know*, with Israel being the nation that is circumcised of heart, not the nation circumcised in the flesh ... greater Christendom will be the nation circumcised of heart. However, today, immediately before the Second Passover, this second nation of Israel is neither a free nation nor a living nation;

for *life*, and possession of indwelling *eternal life* equates to freedom—the physical slavery imposed by a Pharaoh that did not know Joseph upon the biological descendants of the patriarch Israel equates to the dead inner self imposed on the descendants of Adam, who inwardly died on the day he ate forbidden fruit.

The story that is usually labeled, the Temptation Account (or the fall of Adam), has importance for every person who is living or who has lived; for no person born of Woman has had indwelling eternal life when humanly born. No person has ever been born with an immortal soul. Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of God before any child was born to this first man and his wife. And the question of whether Adam had indwelling eternal life before he ate forbidden fruit can be answered in the analogy of the second Adam, Christ Jesus, whose Father was not the first Adam but the Logos  $[\dot{o} \lambda \dot{o} \gamma o \zeta]$ , who was God  $[\theta \dot{e} \dot{o} \zeta]$  and who was with the God  $[\tau \dot{o} v \theta \dot{e} \dot{o} v]$  in the beginning (from John 1:1). It was the Logos that breathed His breath into the nostrils of the man of mud (Gen 2:7); for it was the Logos that created all things physical (John 1:3) and then entered His creation as His only Son (John 3:16), the man Jesus the Nazarene (John 1:14).

The Muslim who believes that he or she has an immortal soul believes a lie. The Jew who believes he or she has an immortal soul believes lying Greeks rather than Moses. The Christian who believes he or she is humanly born with an immortal soul believes the Adversary—believes demons—rather than Christ Jesus. And every Christian pastor or theologian who teaches that human beings are born with immortal souls is a servant of the Adversary, said with no exceptions allowed: every Christian pastor who has stood in a pulpit and has declared that at death the dead go immediately to heaven or hell is a spiritual bastard, a son of the Adversary who claims to be a son of God. Collectively, these spiritual bastards have deceived generations, but it is the dragon, that old serpent Satan the devil, that has deceived the whole world (Rev 12:9); hence, Christian priests and pastors have functioned as ministers of the Adversary for nearly two millennia.

There are really only two forms of Christianity, the *living* and the *dead*: the *living form* will have Christians keeping the commandments [all of them] and keeping their faith in Jesus (Rev 14:12) ... Jesus said, "Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments [of the Law -v. 17] and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:19). And to *relax* a commandment is not to break the commandment.

So among all who will be glorified, there are the great and the least, with both great and least having kept the commandments. The Christian who knowingly refuses to keep the commandments will not be in the kingdom.

Now surveying all of Christendom, how many Christians openly break what they regard as the least of the commandments? How many Christians attend worship services τῆ μιὰ τῶν σαββάτων (on first [day after] the Sabbath — from Luke 24:1, John 20:1; Acts 20:7)? The question is more easily answered by rephrasing it: how many Christians keep the Sabbaths, weekly and annual, of God? Worldwide, perhaps 25,000. Too few to be statistically significant. And of that minuscule percentage that keep the Sabbaths of God, how many today hold the

testimony of Jesus; i.e., have the spirit of prophecy? Are there 7,000? If there are, I don't know most of them. I know I was called to reread prophecy in January 2002, called in a manner similar to how Paul was called. I know I have been diligently about rereading prophecy since the day I was called. And I know that a few people around the world read what I write. I also know that not many read my scribblings.

If the Lord will do nothing without first revealing His secrets to His servants, the prophets, then the Lord will not bring about the Second Passover liberation of Israel without first revealing that a Second Passover is about to occur—

John the Baptist said, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit [ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίω — in breath holy] and with fire" (Matt 3;11) ... two baptisms, or immersions/submersions, not one, with the first being as it was in the days of Noah when the world was submerged in water.

But a person cannot see the breath of God  $[\pi \nu \in \hat{\nu} \mu \alpha \theta \in \hat{\nu}]$  as a person can see a flood with the person's eyes ... the swollen Mississippi River is presently flooding towns and farmlands, its rising waters being irresistible and unstoppable. It can be likened, in miniature, to what happened when the windows of heaven were opened:

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in. (Gen 7:11–16)

In the days of Noah, in his 600<sup>th</sup> year, in the second month and on the 17<sup>th</sup> day, the fountains of the deep burst forth and the windows of the heavens were opened ... the fountains of the deep were probably volcanic eruptions, which would have triggered torrential rains, earthquakes, and the drift of continental plates, thereby producing the recorded flooding, if a person demands a scientific explanation for how the entire land mass of this world could be covered by water. But for my purposes, it is enough to say that the last bastion of Christianity in this world really is in middle America, which isn't to say that Christians don't live elsewhere. But the one geographical location where virtually everyone professes that Jesus is the Lord is in those locations that have been hard hit this spring by droughts [e.g., Texas] or tornadoes [e.g., Alabama] or flooding [Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana]. It is as if these areas are being *softened up* so that the people who already profess Christ will actually believe the Lord when the Second Passover occurs and the Law of God [the Torah] is written on hearts and placed in minds.

A person can see the death and destruction that accompanies drought, tornadoes, and flooding, with the death and destruction pulling people together and causing people to humble themselves and turn to God and give Him thanks for the little that they still have, namely, their physical lives. Camera crews capture hard-hit residents telling journalists that *they'll be all right* as they begin the process of assessing what they have and what must be done to survive the night.

Because a person cannot with human eyes see the breath of God—the breath of God appeared as a dove so that John the Baptist could see it and know that his cousin was the Promised One—some other *sign* must be given to disclose that first the greater Christian Church (at the beginning of the seven endtime years) then all of humankind (when the kingdom of this world is given to the Son of Man) have been baptized/submersed in the divine breath of God. In the latter case, when the kingdom is given to the Son of Man, the signs and wonders that the prophet Joel declares will be seen.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

And I [the Lord] will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls. (Joel 2:28–32).

The prophesying, the wonders in heaven and on earth will disclose to humankind that the world has been submerged in the breath of God, that all people will have been born of God and born filled-with and empowered by the breath of God, that the Torah has been written on hearts and placed within minds so that every person *knows the Lord*.

But the Second Passover liberation of Israel, the nation to be circumcised of heart, isn't delineated with such signs. Rather, the Second Passover is marked with the same sign as marked the first Passover, the death of uncovered firstborns ...

If a person did not keep the Sabbath on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of *Iyyar* on the year of the Second Passover—with the 10<sup>th</sup> of *Iyyar* occurring on the Sabbath, May 14<sup>th</sup>, this year, or two days ago—then the person will not be selected as Noah was selected to cross over from this present age to the age to come.

The Remnant of Revelation 12:17 will cross from this present age into the Endurance, the first 1260 days of the age to come.

This means that the entirety of the Remnant, those saints that keep the commandments and hold the testimony of Jesus, the spirit of prophecy,

will already be *marked* by Sabbath observance, with this marking forming a protective bubble around these Sabbatarian Christians, when the Second Passover occurs.

Those Sabbatarian Christians who are marked on the 10<sup>th</sup> of *Iyyar* form the Elect, for whose sake the Affliction will be cut short.

A few paragraphs earlier I wrote that I didn't know most of those who read my writings, Christians that I suspect just cannot quite believe that God would slay a third of humankind in a day ... my door is always open and I'm not going anywhere. The work that must be done isn't in earthly Jerusalem and isn't today a work of converting Muslims or atheists, but a work of witnessing to Christians in the greater Church, Christians that for the most part will rebel against God on day 220 of the Affliction, the last 1260 days of the Adversary's rule as the present prince of this world. For the Father will give *life* to the *dead Church* on the Second Passover, then deliver *this living Church* into the hand of the Adversary for a time, times, and half a time (from Dan 7:25) for the destruction of the flesh so that the inner selves—the inner sons of God—might be saved when judgments are revealed. Those Christians who today have the spirit of prophecy will have 220 days to do as much good as they can in trying to prevent greater Christendom from returning to its present lawless ways.

Is a trumpet blown as a warning when no danger threatens?

Knowledge that a Second Passover liberation of Israel is sure to occur is a secret that the Father has revealed not to many prophets or to many Christian theologians ... and ancient Israel ignored the prophets of God as greater Christendom will ignore and abuse its only chance to be with God, with ancient Israel forming the likely shadow and type of the Christian Church, meaning that unsealing the visions of Daniel as a testimony of the Father is wasted on Christians, but will produce fruit among those who are today Muslims, Buddhists, Hindi, or atheists when this third part of humankind is baptized in spirit.

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