

Children of the Flame



*Children of the flame,
Songs of the flame,
We shall come rejoicing,
bringing in the flame;
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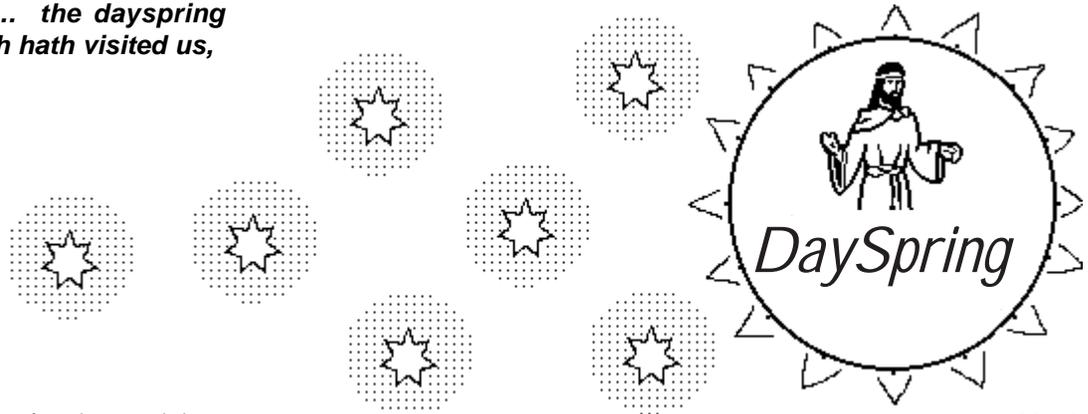
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LUK 1:78 ... *the dayspring*
from on high hath visited us,



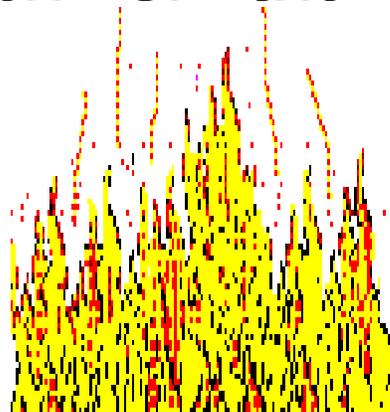
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Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

DAN 1:6 Now among these were of **the children** of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto **Daniel the name of Belteshazzar**; and to **Hananiah, of Shadrach**; and to **Mishael, of Meshach**; and to **Azariah, of Abednego**.

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were four children that were specially chosen of the Most High to encounter the fiery trials of Babylon and to be overcomers. A fiery trial is not necessarily a literal furnace, but it is a set of circumstances which God uses to refine us. Daniel's trials were not exactly like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's furnace experience, but they were certainly fiery trials of difficult circumstances. Have you encountered fiery trials? If so, congratulations, you are being refined as gold!

1PE 4:12 Beloved, **think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:**

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as **ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings**; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; **for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you:** on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16 **Yet if any man suffer as a Christian,** let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

17 **For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God:** and **if it first begin at us,** what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

From time to time in refineries, it is necessary to shut the equipment down for maintenance and go inside the processing vessels to make repairs. The operators wash and purge out the flammables from the processing vessels so that men may go inside - often using cutting torches and welding arcs to make repairs.

The operator completes his preparations and signs off that the vessel is clean and free of flammables. Then, often as not, the welder who will be working inside will ask the operator if the vessel is safe to weld in. If he says yes, **the welder will ask him to go inside and strike the first arc.** For this is a test devised by the welder to be sure that the one who cleaned the vessel actually believes that it is free of flammables and will not blow up when a source of ignition is struck. Often times when operators realize that **they will be the one who first tests their preparations,** they will redouble their efforts to be sure that the vessel is clean and safe. And so it is with the overcomers, for before they ask someone else to go through the fiery trials, **they know that judgement first begins in their own house** in which the Spirit of God lives. The overcomers must be prepared to strike the first arc! Jesus struck the first arc for us - are we prepared to strike the first arc for others?

The scriptures use many metaphors to illustrate the difference between the terrestrial and the celestial realms. The husk of the wheat or chaff may be likened to the terrestrial body or external covering which contains the spiritual treasures of the inner man. The fire is used to consume the earthly covering and separate it from the spiritual treasures.

MAT 13:27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? **from whence then hath it tares?**

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

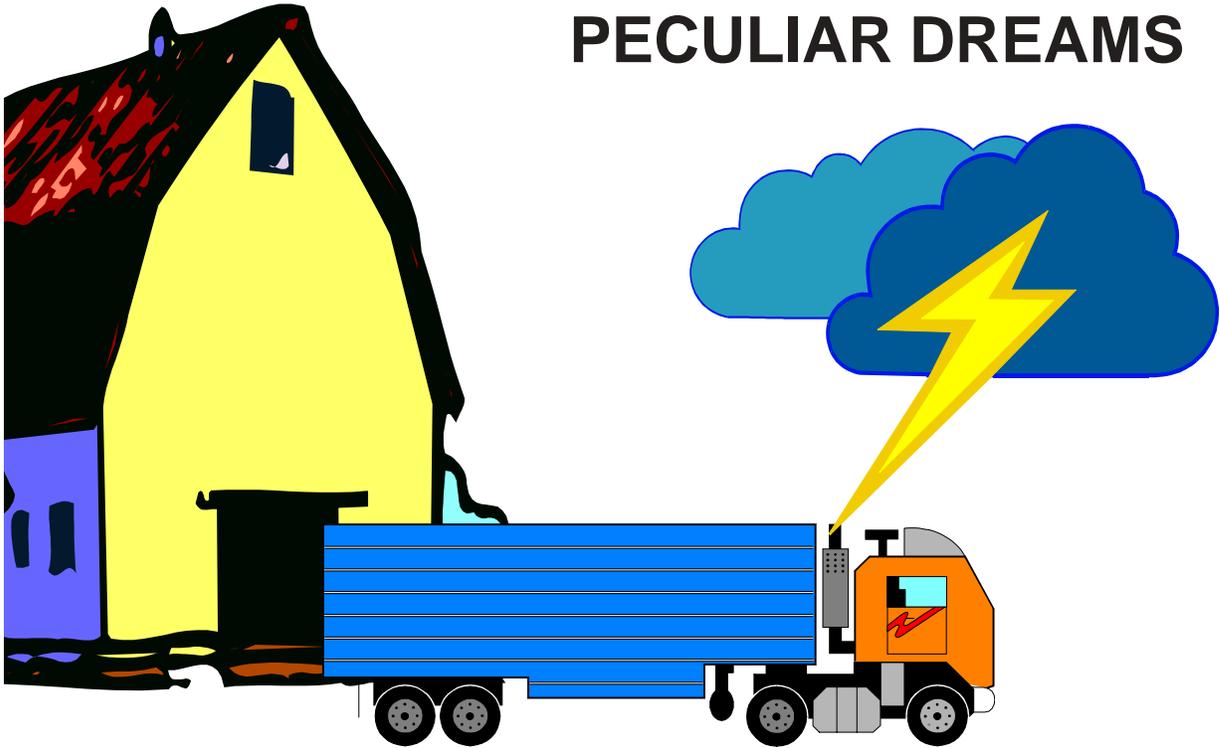
30 **Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.**

Again, in the above scriptures, we see the fire used to separate the wheat from the tares. The tares are first removed and burned. Then, the wheat is gathered into the barn. The barn becomes the treasury of the good crop and is protected against the fire.

MAT 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; **but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

PECULIAR DREAMS



September 13, 1998 - Dreams unfold as recounted by a believer: "A truck of hay was being unloaded at a large haybarn on my father's farm in the Midwest. A very dark cloud suddenly came up in the west and the farmers were working feverishly to get the hay unloaded into the barn before the onset of the rain. Suddenly, a blindingly bright flash of lightning hit the truck and it looked like the whole truck and barn were going to go up in flames. And just as suddenly, as the echoes of thunder were subsiding, the entire flame was quenched. It was no more - it no longer existed! What happened?"

I came running to investigate and see if anyone was hurt. They were not and the only damage was huge holes in the truck tires. It was explained by the workers who had been there that the lightning also struck some barrels of fire extinguisher fluid that had been stacked on the other side of the truck. As soon as the barrels released their fluid, the flame was gone!

September 19, 1998 - dreamed that a sprinkler system had been installed in another barn on the farm - the dairy barn. The sprinklers went off and were drenching everything. Yet, people and cattle were walking around in the barn paying no mind to the deluge of water coming from the sprinklers.

October 17th, 1998 - First dream: Saw smoke coming from haybarn door and went into haybarn to investigate. Smoke was coming out of the hay all over the barn from a number of points. In looking closer, it was discovered that the source was little incense cups tucked into the hay. They were burning, but the hay was not burning.

Then the scene changed to a cafeteria and a number of people were gathered around a table. Off to the side was sitting a saint who had previously passed on. He was talking about a paint which could be applied to the body that would give a coating of protection.

October 17th, 1998 - Second dream: I went into the haybarn again. There was much more hay and many incense cups burning. When waking up, I thought that it was odd that the dream was repeated a second time and was reminded of the scripture:

GEN 41:32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt."

The narrative continues: "Several days after the dream being repeated twice, a co-worker named **Joseph** began talking about what he thought was a great stock investment opportunity. A company had developed some amazing products to protect combustible materials against fires. The material could be painted onto wood, fabric, paper, etc. and would prevent kindling of the material - even if a direct flame were applied to it. One of the coatings was used to protect paper and it didn't even scorch after a blowtorch was applied to it for 5 minutes. Truly amazing!

As I pondered the conversation that I had with my co-worker, the Spirit of the Lord reminded me of the dreams of the last month or so. I was intrigued that the company logo had the theme of sealing against flames. Was this all coincidence? Yes, it could be - but how well the company does in the natural is not that important. The more important question to be explored is whether this is a type and shadow of what God is doing in the spiritual to seal the minds and hearts of His people.

1CO 15:46 **Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual."**

[End of Account]

What could be the meaning of such dreams in the spiritual arena? We were reminded of the scriptures in Revelation about sealing the forehead of the servants of God so that they could withstand the flame. Coals from the golden incense altar that stands before the throne of God were about to be poured out and the servants of God were not yet ready! What would be done?

REV 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, **holding the four winds of the earth**, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

2 And **I saw another angel ascending from the east**, having the seal of the living God: and **he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,**

3 Saying, **Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.**

REV 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and **there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.**

Thus, the servants of God were to be sealed before the coals from the golden altar were scattered below by the four angels plus the angel from the east. The account is given below:

REV 8:5 **And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth:** and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 **The first angel sounded**, and there followed **hail and fire** mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 **And the second angel sounded**, and as it were **a great mountain burning with fire** was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

10 **And the third angel sounded**, and there fell a great star from heaven, **burning as it were a lamp**, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 **And the fourth angel sounded**, and **the third part of the sun was smitten**, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

As one reads the account of the effects of casting this fire upon the earth, sea, rivers and fountains, and the sun, it becomes clear that being sealed in the forehead is very, very important for the overcomer. For this is the beginning of that period of when the old heavens and earth are being dissolved by fire. Our protection during this period is to have our forehead sealed to withstand the flame!

ASCENDING INTO THE FLAME

REV 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, **having a golden censer**; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon **the golden altar which was before the throne**.

REV 8:5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth

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THE FIRE FROM THE GOLDEN INCENSE ALTAR BEGINS THE PROCESS OF DISSOLVING THE HEAVENS AND EARTH WITH FIRE

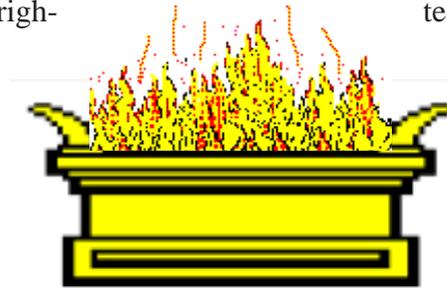
2PE 3:10 **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night**; which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and **the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up**.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, **wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?**

13 Nevertheless we, according to his **a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righ-

teousness, **promise, look for new heavens and**



UNDER THE GOLDEN ALTAR IS THE CRYSTAL SEA WHERE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SEALED STAND

REV 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

2 And I saw as it were a **sea of glass mingled with fire**: and **them that had gotten the victory over the beast**, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, **stand on the sea of glass**, having the harps of God.

UNDER THE SEA OF GLASS AND OVER THE HEAD OF THE CHERUBIM IS THE TERRIBLE CRYSTAL OR FIRMAMENT

EZE 1:21 When those went, those stood, these stood; and from the earth, the wheels them: for the spirit of the living wheels.

22 **And the likeness of the heads of the living**

colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.



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Thus, from the previous page, we can see a process unfolding for ascending into the flame. When we accept the atonement of our High Priest and Saviour who goes in between the cherubim, the veil of flesh of our earthly mind is rent.

HEB 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood **he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.**

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

14 **How much more shall the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

The tabernacle in the wilderness was the plan of our earthly walk to overcome sin. In the outer court we obtained our basic salvation by accepting Jesus as our slain Lamb through the sacrifice on the brasen altar and the washing of the baptism in the laver. In the Sanctuary, we obtained **the earnest of the Spirit** through the baptism in the Holy Spirit. We ate the word of God (shewbread) in the light of the candlestick of the Spirit. Then, we obtained **the earnest of the baptism of fire** at the incense altar next to the veil leading to the holiest place. Then the veil was rent upon that fateful day of atonement and the work to overcome sin was done as He came into the holiest place between the cherubim.

HEB 5:14 **But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age**, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, **let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,**

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

When the work of the tabernacle in the wilderness is done, **it is time to use the foundation** provided by Christ and go on. We must be willing to ascend upward into the throne - into the fiery crystal sea.

And how do we use the foundation provided by Christ and then ascend into the fiery flame?

1CO 3:11 **For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation **gold, silver, precious stones**, wood, hay, stubble;

13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, **because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.**

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 **If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

It is clear that the initial, basic salvation is by grace. This is the foundation. Now, when grace has been completed between the cherubim, is it not time to ascend and let our works be tested by the fire?

JAM 2:17 **Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.**

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and **I will shew thee my faith by my works.**

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, **and by works was faith made perfect?**

Yes, Abraham had faith that God would give him a son because he believed God. But, Oh my, was not Abraham tested to the limit in his belief when he was asked to sacrifice Isaac? Do we believe God's promises? Are we willing to be tested in those promises by ascending through the fiery trials and upward to the golden altar before the throne?

"...let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God..." is an admonishment given to us by the scriptures. Many Christians solve the jigsaw puzzle of repentance and faith and then tear up the puzzle and work it again. They are relaying the same foundations over and over again. Are we ready to launch out into the deep and do the business that God sent us here to do? Are we ready to fish or will we always cut bait?

PSA 107:23 **They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;**

24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

There is an old saying that "If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen!" And yet, it is in the kitchen where the food of the kingdom is prepared in the Lord's oven.

MAL 4:1 For, behold, **the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven**; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Are we ready to take Jericho (means incense) by ascending into the flames of the crystal sea and golden incense altar? For this marks a change from the wilderness (Pentecost) and means that we cross Jordan into the promised land. The manna of repentance and faith will still remain as a foundation, but now we will eat the food of the kingdom.

JOS 5:10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even **in the plains of Jericho**.

11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the self-same day.

12 And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but **they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year**.

How will we prepare ourselves to withstand the heat as we ascend into the flame? Certainly the end result is wonderful, but how will we get there?

ROM 8:19 **For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.**

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.**

8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: **but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

So much has been written about the manifestation of the sons of God - but try as many sons have - they have not been able to bring it forth. For there is a missing element - a feminine element - being born of the water of the Spirit - before the sons can come into the kingdom.

JOH 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

JOH 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? **can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?**

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

PSA 110:3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, **in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning**: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

For is it not true that water is a counterbalance of fire? Unless one has the water of the wisdom of the Spirit, one will never survive the fiery trials of testing as one ascends into the flame. For the water is a seal against the flame. The ice of the terrible crystal and the water of the crystal sea is a perfect counterbalance for the flame.

GEN 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: **and he was not; for God took him.**

We are speaking here about no less than a journey which leads to translation. Enoch once took that journey and here is his account of his ascension into the vibrating flame.

I ENOCH 14:8 A vision thus appeared to me.

9 Behold, in that vision clouds invited me, and a mist invited me, the running of the stars and flashes of lightning impelled and pressed me forwards, while winds in the vision assisted my flight, hastening me.

10 They elevated me aloft to heaven. I proceeded, until I arrived at a wall built with stones of crystal. A tongue of fire surrounded it, which began to strike me with terror.

11 **Into this vibrating flame I entered.**

12 And drew nigh to a spacious habitation built also with stones of crystal. Its wall, too, as well as pavement, were formed with stones of crystal, and crystal likewise was the ground. Its roof had the appearance of the running of the stars and flashes of lightning; and among them were cherubim of fire whose heaven was water. A flame burned around its walls and its portal blazed with fire. When I entered into this dwelling, **it was hot as fire and cold as ice.** No trace of delight or of life was there. Terror overwhelmed me, and a fearful shaking seized me.

13 Violently agitated and trembling, I fell upon my face. In the vision I looked.

14 And behold there was another habitation more spacious than the former, every entrance to which was open before me, erected in the midst of a vibrating flame.

15 So greatly did it excel in all points, in glory, in magnificence, and magnitude, that it is impossible to describe to you either the splendor or the extent of it.

16 **Its floor was on fire, above were lightnings and agitated stars, while its roof exhibited a blazing fire.**

17 Attentively I surveyed it, and saw that it contained an exalted throne.

18 The appearance of which **was like that of frost; while its circumference resembled the orb of the brilliant sun;** and there was the voice of the cherubim.

19 From underneath this mighty throne **rivers of flaming fire issued.**

20 To look upon it was impossible.

21 One great in glory sat upon it.

22 **Whose robe was brighter than the sun, and whiter than snow.**

23 No angel was capable of penetrating to view the face of Him, the Glorious and the Effulgent; nor could any mortal behold him. A fire of flaming fire was around Him.

24 **A fire also of great extent continued to rise up before Him; so that not one of those who surrounded Him was capable of approaching Him,** among the myriads of myriads who were before Him.

It is clear that all along Enoch's journey, the fire was balanced with the water.

JER 20:9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. **But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones,** and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

Jeremiah knew the fire of God as His word. Jesus described the Spirit as water coming as a river out of the belly. Thus, Enoch saw a balance of the word and Spirit as he made his translation journey into the vibrating flame.

There are many peculiar properties of water in the natural realm which have a corresponding application in the spiritual. Some of these properties, we call latent properties. The word *latent* means "to lie hidden; present and capable of becoming though not now visible or active". Sounds kind of like the definition of faith - doesn't it?

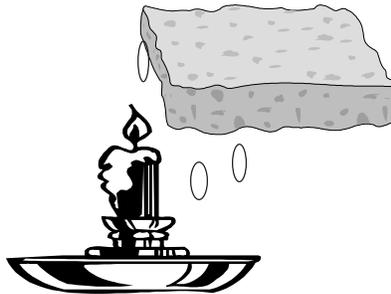
HEB 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, **the evidence of things not seen.**

HEB 11:5 **By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death;** and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

We have said that water is a counterbalance to fire - in the same way that the Spirit is a counterbalance to the word. So, just what are these surprising latent properties of water that cause it to be a counterbalance to fire? Let us suppose that we are to take a one pound block of ice at zero degrees Fahrenheit and melt it until it becomes a cloud of vapor or steam. The process is shown on the adjoining page. What is surprising about it?

SUMMARY OF HEAT UNIT REQUIREMENTS

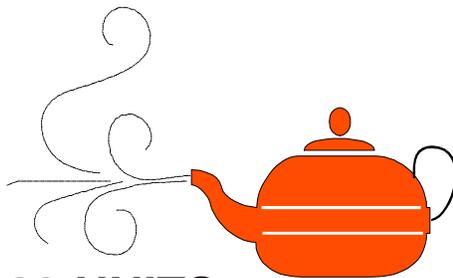
1. TO HEAT THE ICE FROM 0 F TO 32 F ----- 16 UNITS



144 UNITS

2. TO MELT THE ICE AT 32 F TO LIQUID WATER AT 32 F ----- 144 UNITS

3. TO HEAT THE WATER FROM 32 F TO 212 F (BOILING PT) ----180 UNITS



1000 UNITS

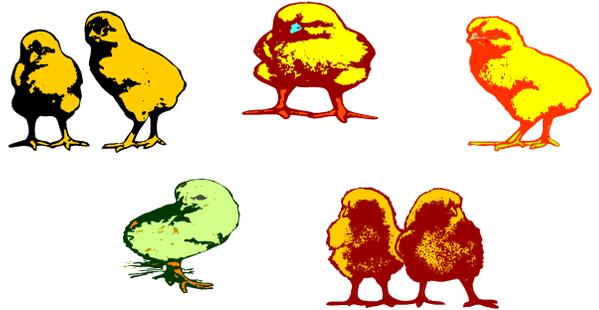
4. TO CHANGE THE LIQUID WATER INTO VAPOR AT 212 F ----- 1000 UNITS

What one finds rather amazing in the above is the huge amount of energy (144 units) it takes to change ice into a liquid at 32 degrees Fahrenheit. And even more amazing is the huge amount of energy (1000 units) that it takes to change liquid water into vapor. These are called latent properties because they are hidden and unexpected.

By and large most people are like cattle - they like to be in a herd and not be very much different than anybody else. But from time to time, throughout history, there have been those like Enoch, Moses, Elijah and Jesus who have left the herd and have ascended the spiritual heights. To do this required tremendous quantities of spiritual energy to be able to escape the herd instincts of humanity and ascend into the heavens.

REV 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

One might think of the molecules in ice like eggs in an egg carton. Each egg is fixed in its relationship to another egg and can not move. But if we incubate these eggs to get little chicks, they will peck their way out of the shell and move around freely amongst each other. This is like the molecules in a liquid - they move around freely.



But chickens are very funny birds, they have wings and yet they don't really use them to any extent to fly. They seem to be content to be earthbound and so is most of humanity. But what happens if a little eaglet happens to be hatched in the chickenpen. Sooner or later, it will become unhappy with the confinement of the chickenpen because deep within is a knowing that it was meant to soar in the heavens! But, it must break away from the attraction of its fellow chickenpen birds and reach an escape velocity to leave the gravity bound chickens behind.

And so it is with water molecules in a liquid. Every now and then one receives enough energy to reach its escape velocity and it leaves the liquid behind and sails off into the blue heaven. These are the Enochs that receive the 1000 units of latent energy and translate.

MAR 14:62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, **and coming in the clouds of heaven.**

1CO 15:52 **In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye**, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, **and we shall be changed.**

BOUND BY THE EARTH NO MORE!



THE MANCHILD IS THE EAGLE COMPANY

REV 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

5 **And she brought forth a man child**, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

REV 12:14 **And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle**, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

The eagle company is the group of overcomers who cast Satan out of their heavens. They, like the space shuttle, reach their escape velocity, and can set their feet upon the moon. They can translate and are no longer earthbound. They will be able to literally come and go like the wind. After clearing the heavens, they become the wings of the eagle that help their mother in the wilderness. Wilderness is a codeword for those who have experienced Pentecost and yet have not crossed into the promised land. Jesus set the pattern for us to follow.

LUK 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, **and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness**,

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

Why is it that every time we receive a promise of God, it seems like that we are tested in that promise?

3JO 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things **that thou mayest prosper** and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

DEU 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: **for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth**, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

For example, let's take the prosperity doctrine that is very popular among certain segments of Christianity today. It is true that application of the Christian principles of diligence and hard work and good stewardship will result in wealth. And further, if we sow good works, we will reap blessings! How wonderful! But then comes along Satan and says, "What do you think God is - a slot machine? You put in a quarter and out comes \$2.50 - a tenfold increase. The only reason you serve Him is that you want the blessings. Take away the blessings, and then see if you would serve Him!"

Sound far fetched? Consider what happened to Job.

JOB 1:8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that **there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?**

9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, **Doth Job fear God for nought?**

10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? **thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.**

11 **But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath**, and he will curse thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Job had apparently passed the sin barrier and was "a perfect and upright man" in the eyes of the Lord. And he was very much blessed by the Lord. But, for some reason he had to be tested in this blessing.

And unfortunately for Job, even though he didn't turn from God when he lost his wealth, it didn't end there.

JOB 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, **one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.**

4 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, **Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.**

5 **But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.**

6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

And so Job went through another fiery trial. Is there no end to the fiery trials or is there some rhyme and reason to it? We do know that Job was caught up into the whirlwind and learned the very secrets of creation - and, in the end, he was greatly blessed. But, what is the purpose of all this?

1PE 4:12 Beloved, **think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:**

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; **that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.**

It appears that the fiery trials are part of the refining process that is used to separate the earthly, fleshly part of our nature from the spiritual. The scriptures use many examples concerning the refining of precious metals.

PSA 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: **as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.**

The three Hebrew children, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego learned the true meaning of silver being purified seven times in the furnace of affliction.

DAN 3:19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, **and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.**

ISA 48:10 **Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.**

PRO 25:4 **Take away the dross from the silver,** and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

Let us go to the natural and see how this refining process works. First, we need to find out what the scriptures consider dross.

ISA 1:25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely **purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:**

EZE 22:18 Son of man, the house of Israel is to me **become dross: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace;** they are even the dross of silver.

PSA 119:119 **Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross:** therefore I love thy testimonies.

Webster gives this definition of *dross*: 1. the scum that forms on the surface of molten metal 2. waste or foreign matter: IMPURITY 3. something that is base, trivial, or inferior. The ore is placed into a refining vessel and heated. As it melts, the more base metals float to the top as a scum. These are ladled off until the ore becomes more and more pure. When all of the dross is removed, only the silver or gold remains. It is obvious that in the spiritual, the tin and lead represent base, ignoble thoughts that must be refined out by the heat. The silver and gold are associated with the celestial realm and must go through many purifications before they are fit for the Master's use.

DAN 4:15 Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots **in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass,** in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

A PORTRAIT OF JESUS?



PRO 25:4 Take away the dross from the silver, and **there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.**

Perhaps the above looks like a portrait - but think of it in another way. The Master puts the ore in the refining pot and heats the mixture. Gradually, the gold and silver melt and sink to the bottom because they are very heavy metals. The dross comes to the top as a scum and is ladled off by Yeshua. At first large quantities of scummy thoughts are skimmed off due to the fiery trials of the furnace of affliction. And then, it seems that in the vessel is mostly precious metals and very little of the ignoble metals (base thoughts) remain.

SON 2:15 Take us the foxes, **the little foxes, that spoil the vines:** for our vines have tender grapes.

And then it is time for the Saviour to skim off the little foxes - which take a lot of heat to uncover! As the heat is turned up, the little foxes bubble to the surface and are lovingly ladled off by the Master Refiner. And finally, when all the little foxes are removed, we see the classic portrait of Jesus' reflection in the refining pot as he looks down into the pot to see if that vessel perfectly reflects His nature.

2CO 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18 **But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory,** even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

We have been speaking about refining silver and gold. Britannica tells us this about silver and gold:

"As has already been said, native golds often contain quite considerable amounts of silver, as a result of which the colour becomes paler. These silver-gold alloys, known as electrum, may be purified in a number of ways, of which the simplest, and therefore presumably the earliest, is by heating in a crucible with common salt. In time the silver is converted into silver chloride, which passes into the molten slag, leaving a refined but usually still impure gold. By repeating the treatment purification can be effected."

1CH 28:18 **And for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims,** that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

We find silver in the sanctuary of the tabernacle, but as we come into the holiest place, the metal shifts more and more to gold. And not only is it gold, but it is **refined gold**. Once we get the mixture of silver and gold, how does the Master go about getting pure, refined gold. Consider the scripture below - what could it possibly mean?

MAR 9:49 **For every one shall be salted with fire,** and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

LUK 12:49 **I am come to send fire on the earth;** and what will I, if it be already kindled?

50 **But I have a baptism to be baptized with;** and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

What is the meaning of being salted with fire? This becomes clearer when we know how gold is refined. The molten silver and gold mixture is salted with salt and the silver becomes slag so that pure gold remains. And finally, when our mind is purified, also our walk will be purified and we will have a pure walk on the streets of gold of the New Jerusalem. This is process of separation from the earthy and is further described in Luke 12.

LUK 12:51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, **Nay; but rather division:**

52 **For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided,** three against two, and two against three.

LUK 12:53 The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

In an ore, the precious metals are "married" together with the base metals. Then the heat brings about a separation of the precious from the base. The refining process shall go on until all traces of the earthly relationships are removed. The Adam and Eve and their children's natures are skimmed out of the refining pot.

The King's daughter (purified soul) will then be brought into the King's palace clothed in refined gold. She will no longer be drawn to the earthly relationships of her Adam father family any more.

PSA 45:13 **The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.**

14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: **they shall enter into the king's palace.**

16 **Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children**, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

We can see how the fire brings about a separation of the precious from the base. But, what is the purpose of the water - why not just use the fire only?

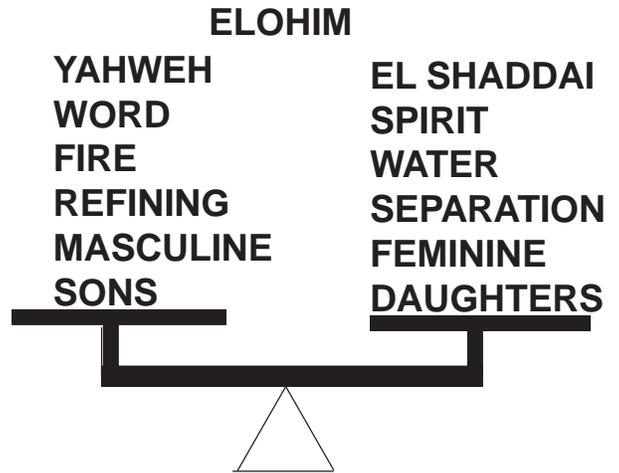
NUM 31:21 And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses;

22 Only the **gold**, and the **silver**, the **brass**, the **iron**, the **tin**, and the **lead**,

23 **Every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make it go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make go through the water.**

Thus, we see even though fire purifies, the "water of separation" is still necessary to completely cut the terrestrial nature and be fully clean.

This is why the word (fire) must be tempered with the Spirit (water) in order to complete the ascension. This is a balancing of the Yahweh (masculine) and El Shaddai (feminine) natures in the Elohim (both male and female) in order to bring about a translation from the earth.



PRO 11:1 A false balance is abomination to the LORD: **but a just weight is his delight.**

JOB 37:16 **Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds**, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

MAR 13:25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And **then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds** with great power and glory.

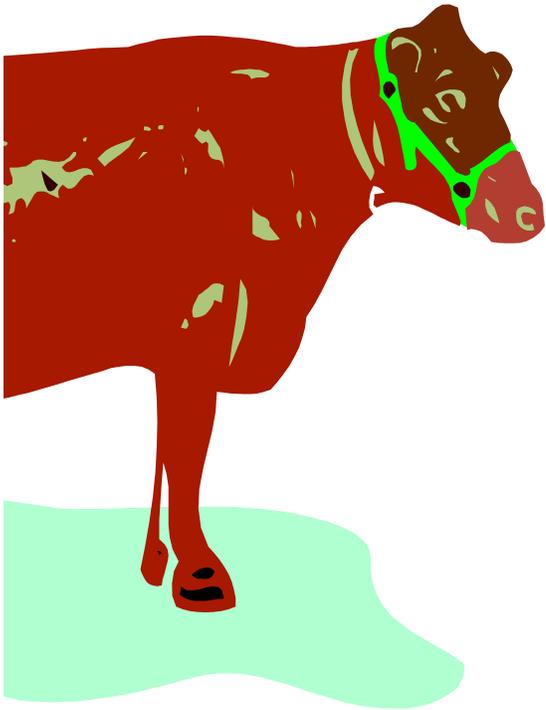
If we want to be those clouds that the Son of man comes in, then we must learn the secrets of the balancings of the clouds so that we are prepared for that day. Not only must we learn the secrets of the fire that refines the silver and gold, we also must learn about the waters of separation that come from the ashes of the red heifer.

NUM 19:2 This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee **a red heifer** without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke:

3 And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and **one shall slay her before his face:**

4 And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times:

THE MYSTERY OF THE RED HEIFER



NUM 19:5 **And one shall burn the heifer** in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn:

6 **And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer.**

9 **And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.**

It is difficult to fully fathom the meaning of the burning of the red heifer because it seems like it is something that will be fully revealed only at the ending of the present age. In the same way, it was difficult to fully appreciate the meaning of the roasting of the Passover lamb until Jesus made the sacrifice on the cross.

The water of separation seems to be particularly used to deal with a situation where a person has died in a tent. And, in a spiritual sense, a person who dies in a tent (which is the body or tabernacle) is one who does not achieve immortality - but goes the way of the grave. And we suspect, that a specific ministry for separation from death will manifest on the third and seventh day of the feast of Tabernacles.

Yes, both Passover and Pentecost have been celebrated historically and we know how to celebrate them now in a true spiritual sense. But the feast of Tabernacles is different - yes, we have a pattern - but it has not been literally fulfilled in the same way as the two feasts of Pentecost and Passover. And how is the water of separation from the ashes of the red heifer used upon the third and seventh day of the seven day period? Let us read on.

NUM 19:16 **And whosoever toucheth** one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or **a grave**, shall be unclean seven days.

17 **And for an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:**

18 **And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent**, and upon all the vessels, ... upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

19 **And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day:** and on the seventh day he shall purify himself ...

We can see a process where the ashes are the work of the fire and running water is the work of the Spirit. If we only knew how to go through the fire and through the water of separation from the earthly gravity attraction, we would translate. But there seems to be a mystery of the red heifer that is related to the blood and water that came from the side of Jesus when He was pierced on the cross. Perhaps this mystery will be unfolded through wisdom given by El Shaddai to the daughters. For truly the Spirit bears witness to the blood and water.

ISA 43:2 **When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee;** and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: **when thou walkest through the fire**, thou shalt not be burned; **neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.**

5 **Fear not:** for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, **Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;**

There are a number of diseases and syndromes affecting the mind which have some surprising effects in people. Have you ever known someone who led a very pious and religious life - and then upon the onset of a particular disease began to curse and speak the most foul mouth things? The same thing also occurs at times when a particular type of brain surgery is performed, and one part of the mind can no longer regulate another part.

The relatives, and particularly the children, are often shocked at the expletives and filth that is coming out of this person that previously had a very different personality. What could be the explanation for such a phenomena? Scientists have concluded that one part of our brain regulates and controls the words which we speak. We might think of this part as the editor that checks out what can be printed in a paper. It establishes the "law" of what is proper to be spoken. Even though improper thoughts and expletives are there, the editor won't allow them to surface as spoken or printed words. Only, in periods of extreme stress and emotion, are these underlying dark thoughts and words able to circumvent the editor - because different brain circuits exist for high stress situations.

When the brain is damaged or altered by surgery, the "editor" may be unable to continue to function. And it is in these cases that what was buried deep within the brain begins to surface and shocks those who hear it. Is that same "stuff" in most people? Yes. Consider what might happen if many of the things that you have said "under your breath" were heard by others. Thank goodness for the "editor" that prevents this from happening! However, most of us must admit that the "junk" is still there to some degree. The apostle James very aptly described this situation in the following verses.

JAM 3:9 **Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men,** which are made after the similitude of God.

10 **Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.**

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place **sweet water and bitter?**

The mind of man is filled with so much trash, sometimes one wonders why God puts up with us. But He has a plan.

1CO 15:47 **The first man is of the earth, earthy;** the second man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49 **And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.**

Somewhere hidden under the Babylonian mountain of trash is something God is looking for - something of precious value.

JOB 28:9 He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; **he overturneth the mountains by the roots.**

10 **He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.**

11 He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and **the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.**

JOB 28:1 Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it.

2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone.

We can conclude that the treasures that God is looking for is hidden in the ore of a lot of very base thoughts. Are we willing to say to the Babylonian mountain, "Be cast into the sea!" so that this vein of silver and gold can be uncovered?

MAR 11:23 For verily I say unto you, **That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea;** and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

REV 8:8 And the second angel sounded, and as **it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea;** and the third part of the sea became blood;

What is the name and nature of this great mountain which is cast into the sea?

JER 51:7 **Babylon hath been a golden cup** in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: **the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.**

24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD.

25 Behold, I am against thee, **O destroying mountain**, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: **and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.**

Jeremiah spoke these prophetic words about Babylon many years before the Apostle John saw the same vision on the Island of Patmos.

REV 18:21 **And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea**, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

REV 8:8 And the second angel sounded, **and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea**: and the third part of the sea became blood;

It is easy to see that when the fire comes to the old heavens of our thoughts, Babylon will not be able to abide the fire and will be cast out of the heavens into the sea. Do we really believe in our hearts that this can be done? Impossible! - some would say. But what does Jesus say!

MAR 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; **and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

The problem has been that we have thought of this as being a literal mountain that we speak to and cast into the sea - and certainly God could give the anointing to deal with a literal mountain. But, now we know that it is a soulish mountain that must be cast down from our thoughts. Read Mark 11:23 again and ask if the Spirit might bear witness with the word concerning the application and timing of this scripture in your own personal walk.

Babylon's cup contains a wine that makes mankind drunken to the point that their brain only functions at a fraction of full efficiency. It, in effect, jams up the circuits of the brain with "babel" and chaos. Yes, Babylon brings sin, but just as much a problem are the faults and short circuits that it causes in our thinking.

ROM 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We yearn to find the path of immortality and be free of Babylonian confusion. And before this can happen for our body, our mind must be renewed so that we have the mind of Christ. Then, we will be able to see the path to immortality - a path that the vultures' eye hath not seen because it has been hidden under Babylon's mountain.

JOB 28:5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and **under it is turned up as it were fire.**

6 The stones of it are the place of **sapphires**: and **it hath dust of gold.**

7 There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:

8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

9 He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; **he overturneth the mountains by the roots.**

10 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.

Yes, Job went through his fiery trials and he was almost overwhelmed by rivers of sorrow, but this was his refining and cleansing process. When it was finally done, Job marvelled at how little he had known compared to the Wisdom of God.

JOB 40:3 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? **I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.**

6 Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind ...

How did we come into captivity to the Babylonian mind in the first place? For Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, it was a case of being taken to Babylon because their nation was deported there.

DAN 1:1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came **Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.**

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, **with part of the vessels of the house of God:** which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

4 **Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science,** and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

And even though their nation was in captivity, these four children did not succumb to the drunkenness of the Babylonian mind.

DAN 1:5 **And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank:** so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, **Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:**

7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto **Daniel** the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of **Shadrach**; and to Mishael, of **Meshach**; and to Azariah, of **Abednego.**

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that **he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank:** therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

And you well know the story of how God blessed the Hebrew children because they did not partake of the meat and wine of Babylon.

This is how they accomplished the words of Mark 11:23 in their own personal life.

MAR 11:23 For verily I say unto you, **That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea;** and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; **he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

But they were still in Babylon - even though they weren't of Babylon - and fiery trials were about to begin. You remember the story of Nebuchadnezzar's dream and how finally Nebuchadnezzar (and even his son) realized that there was refined gold within Daniel that was far beyond anything that Babylon had to offer.

DAN 5:11 **There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods,** was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;

12 **Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel,** whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

But now let us return to the fiery trial faced by Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Something very unusual had transpired in Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom.

DAN 2:49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,** over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

3:1 Nebuchadnezzar **the king made an image of gold,** whose height was **threescore** cubits, and the breadth thereof **six** cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

3 ... and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; **and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.**

THE IMAGE IN THE PLAIN OF DURA



DAN 3:4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

5 That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, **ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:**

6 **And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.**

Thus the stage was set and the fiery trial of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego was about to begin. And the above is a very literal example of what often exists in the kingdom of each person's mind. What does mankind, in general, have sitting up on the throne of their mind?

2TH 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin be revealed**, the son of perdition;

4 **Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

And just how will this imposter be removed that would try to sit on the very thrones of our minds?

2TH 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 **And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:**

Consuming with the spirit of his mouth and destroying with the brightness of his coming sounds like the refining fire is about to do its work.

Now, we will go back and look in on the three Hebrew children and see how they are faring.

DAN 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17 **If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.**

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed and ... commanded that **they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.**

20 And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, **and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.**

Ah, the dilemmas of life! When does life mean death and death mean life? The three Hebrew lads faced what seemed to be certain death - but no matter what, they would not fall down and worship the image even if it cost them their life.

JOH 12:25 **He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.**

27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? **Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.**

DAN 3:21 **Then these men were bound** in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and **the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.**

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, **fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.**

Where is the place of safety? Ultimately, we learn that the best way to deal with whatever impossible situation that we may find ourselves in is to seek safety in the very hottest fires of the Most High. If we have erred, the fire will only burn away the wood, hay, and stubble - and then the dross may also be skimmed off. And our pursuers will only pursue to the point that the flame singes them and then they will turn back. A daughter reported a dream where the passengers in her car were being pursued by those who would rob them. As they tried to get away, there was a wall of fire that was blocking their escape route. There seemed no way out. As they prayed desperate prayers, the Spirit impressed them to not only head into the fire but to accelerate through this wall of flame. And when they came out the other side, their attackers were no where to be found. Not only will the Lord use the fire to protect us against our enemies - He will use the water also!

EXO 14:24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians **through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,**

25 **And took off their chariot wheels,** that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; **for the LORD fighteth for them** against the Egyptians.

26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; **and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.**

Back to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. What is happening in the furnace?

DAN 3:24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, **Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?** They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

25 He answered and said, **Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.**

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw **these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.**

The fire only served to burn the bonds off of the children of the flame. And the very system that tried to destroy them was completely turned upside down. How often God turns the power of the enemy against itself!

DAN 3:28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, **Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,** who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

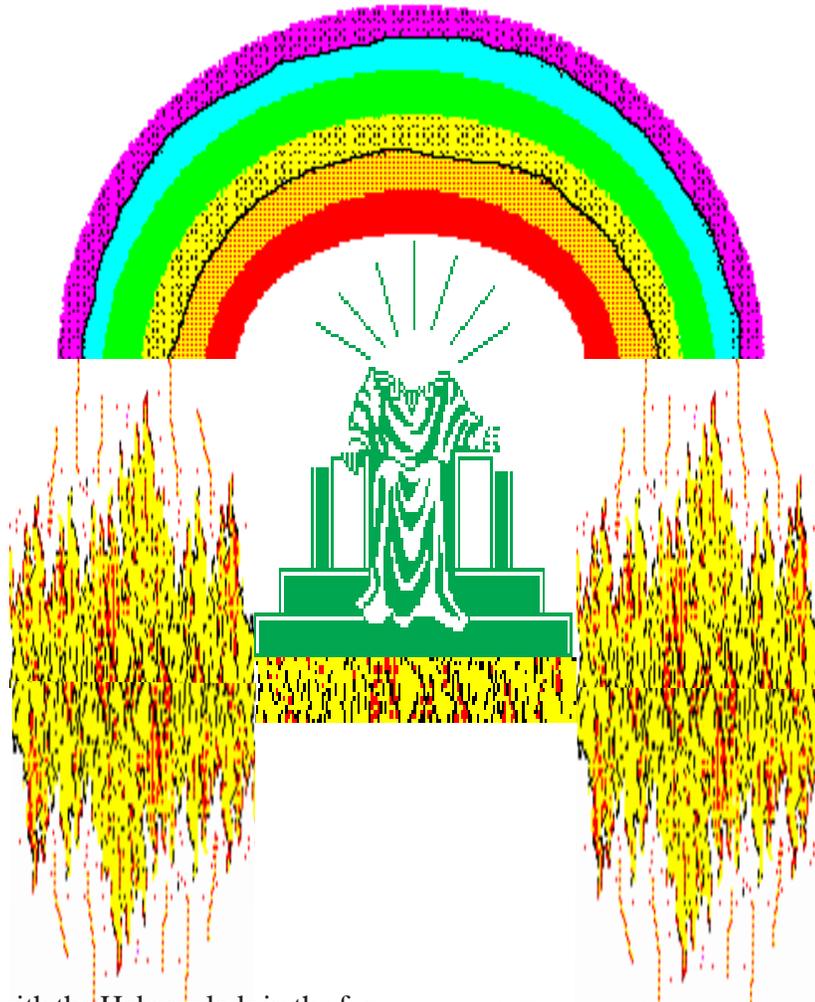
30 **Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,** in the province of Babylon.

They were truly sealed against the flame. And the fourth man in the furnace was that same being that spoke these words centuries later:

HEB 13:5 ... for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

6 So that we may boldly say, **The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.**

The Ancient of Days



When the episode with the Hebrew lads in the furnace was completed, the creditability of the image in the plain of Dura was completely destroyed. We have discussed that this is but a literal representation of the anti-Christ spirit that would try to sit upon the throne of our mind and declare that he is God. However, the actual removal of this spirit of self from the mind is also done by the flame. The earnest part of this work of the fiery flame came on the day of Pentecost.

ACT 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 **And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.**

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

MAT 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; **but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

Many know about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and some know about the baptism in fire. The baptism in fire is often experienced as a warmth beginning on the top of the head or like a very warm coal placed in the hand. But like the baptism in the Holy Spirit, this initial fire is only the beginning or earnest of the process. There is much more beyond what has manifested to this point upon the earth. The full destruction of that beast of self that sets upon the throne will require the full manifestation of the fire of God. This will occur when the Ancient of Days takes His rightful place upon the throne of our mind.

We will now go to Daniel Chapter 7 to pick up the details of this ongoing process. First, let us get Daniel's description of this anti-Christ beast that must be destroyed. It is clear that it is the same ten horned beast that John described in the book of Revelation.

DAN 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and **it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.**

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Now that we know what the beast looks like, how does God deal with it?

DAN 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and **the Ancient of days did sit**, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: **his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.**

10 **A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him:** thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: **I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.**

In the three verses above, we are given the script for the slaying and destruction of the beast. His body will be given to the burning flame and it will be no more! And yes, the above verses are an overview of this process. The details of this script are unfolded in much greater detail in the book of Revelation. Once the seventh seal is opened (Rev 8), the coals from the incense altar are scattered below upon the earth, the sea, the rivers and fountains of water, and the sun - in that order by the first four trumpets. In the middle of the fourth trumpet will be the events of the manchild birthing.

There is a period of three and one half years from the blowing of the first trumpet to the catching up of the manchild of Revelation chapter 12. More about all this later. Let us return now to further look at the throne of the Ancient of Days.

ROM 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: **but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Have you ever wondered why the scripture speaks of the "renewing" of our mind. Hasn't our mind always been just like it is now?

ECC 1:7 **All the rivers run into the sea;** yet the sea is not full; unto the place **from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.**

8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 **The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be;** and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, **See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.**

JOH 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

Once upon a time (in ancient times) when that river of our spirit was with God, the Ancient of Days permeated our being. This was before we came to earth. Job spoke longingly of returning to that time.

JOB 29:4 **As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;**

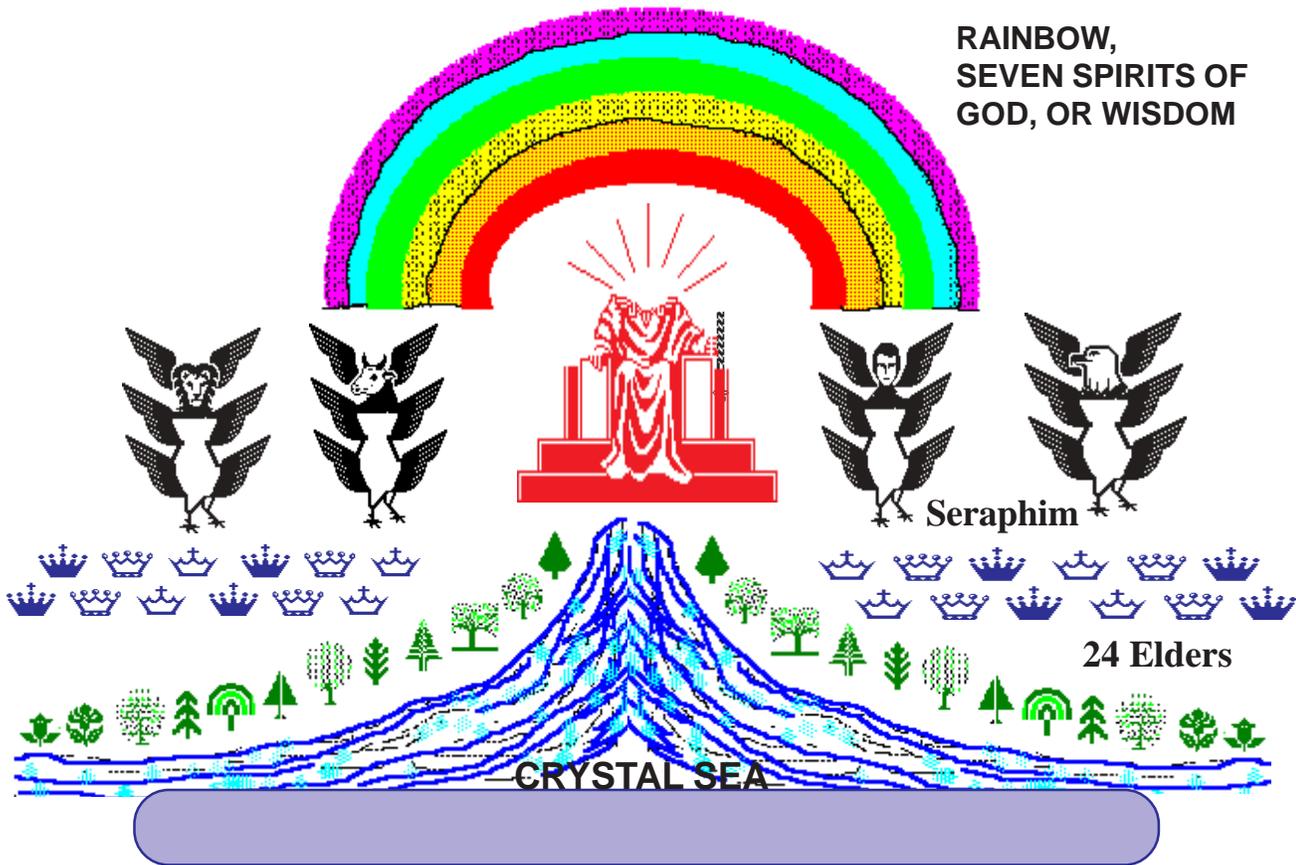
5 When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;

6 When I washed my steps with butter, **and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;**

And then came the fall and we became part of Adam's race. And instead of the Ancient of Days being upon the throne of mind, we allowed that imposter called self to sit upon that throne. And self even went so far as to declare that he was God and began to manifest his desires.

REV 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits ...



The above depicts the throne of our mind with the river flowing out of the throne. It truly is the river of consciousness which makes our head and body alive. Around the throne are the 24 elders. We have previously discussed the **24 elders** being likened to the **twelve paired cranial nerves** (2 X 12 = 24) which serve the head. Further, we have discussed how the river of life flows out through the spinal cord which contains **the 31 peripheral nerves which serve the body**. Paul spoke of the war between the mind and the body in Romans chapter 7.

ROM 7:22 For I delight in the law of God **after the inward man:**

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

We likened these 31 nerves which serve the body to the 31 kings of flesh in the promised land which Joshua had to subdue.

JOS 12:7 And these are the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel smote ...

9 The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one; ...

24 The king of Tirzah, one: **all the kings thirty and one.**

Now, we want to look at the throne as described in Daniel 7. Have you ever wondered about the "ten thousand times ten thousand" that are around the throne of the Ancient of Days? Ten thousand times ten thousand is a huge number!. Is this people or what? Well, it could be people, but let us look at **the kingdom within us** which has its own throne.

LUK 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, **The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:**

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, **behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**

DAN 7:9 I beheld till the **thrones** were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and **ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him**: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

The Lamsa translates the first part of Daniel 7:9 as, "Then I beheld, and lo, thrones were placed ..." In any case, it is apparent that the beast nature is being removed from the control of the mind and the Ancient of Days is not only placing His throne, but other thrones also are being placed within the mind.

But what does it mean when "ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him"? How big a number is ten thousand times ten thousand? We see that it is one hundred million.

10,000 times 10,000 = 100,000,000

We have listened to a wonderful set of tapes by Moody Bible Institute (Chicago) called, "Natures Corner" which describes how fearfully and wonderfully our bodies are made. The focus of a particular tape was the function of the brain stem which brings the circuits from within the brain to the head and body. The "brainstem" was the "tour guide" for this part of the tape and made the statement that "**Doctors estimate that one hundred million messages per second flow through me.**" We were intrigued about where we had heard this number before and realized that it was a number from both Daniel and Revelation about the number around the throne.

REV 5:11 And I beheld, and I **heard the voice of many angels** round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: **and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand**, and thousands of thousands;

Revelation speaks about the voice of many angels around the throne. An angel is a "messenger" and within the realm of the kingdom within, the messengers are the nerve cells.

The neurons of the brain that process the messages from the messengers are switching centers for the brain. A message that is received is switched to any one of many outlets, depending on the characteristics of the message. On the Moody Center tape, the brainstem "tour guide" stated, "The Lord Jesus Christ, my great design engineer, made each tiny neuron to be a switch with 10,000 different positions on it." Again, we were fascinated, wondering where we had heard that before.

SON 5:10 My beloved is white and ruddy, **the chiefest among ten thousand.**

SON 6:10 **Who is she** that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, **and terrible as an army with banners?**

SON 6:13 Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? **As it were the company of two armies.**

PSA 68:17 **The chariots of God are twenty thousand**, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

Usually the nerve cells are paired - what you have on the left hand side of the brain, you have on the right. Two times ten thousand is twenty thousand! When we fully have the mind of Christ, all of the "messengers" within our brain will be fully functional. We will no longer only use a fraction of the potential of our brain.

PSA 139:14 I will praise thee; **for I am fearfully and wonderfully made**: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

Returning to Daniel 7, we see the following events taking place after the Ancient of Days takes His place on the throne and the beast is slain and its body given to the flame.

DAN 7:12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

13 **I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven**, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 **And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom**, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and **his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed**.

There is no doubt that this Son of man is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. In the kingdom within, He is the mediator between heaven and earth.

1TI 2:5 For there is one God, **and one mediator between God and men**, the man Christ Jesus;

Once the Ancient of Days takes His place upon the throne of our mind, it is the Spirit of Christ that mediates between the head (heavens) and the body (earth) until finally all the kingdoms of the body become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ. But these kingdoms of the enemy will not go without a battle - there will be warfare in both heaven and earth. Daniel 7 further describes some very difficult times in this battle.

DAN 7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 **And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time**.

Ouch! Daniel 7:25 is not one of our favorite verses!

This verse is describing the very difficult time of purification of the saints. A time, times, and a dividing of time would be a period of three and one-half years. This period of time, when the saints of the Most High are "given into his hand" is no different than the testing the Job went through. It is not that God has deserted His people, instead, He is simply allowing the enemy to fully test those who would overcome all things.

JOB 1:12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, **all that he hath is in thy power**; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

What does it mean to "wear out the saints of the most High"? Have you ever been through a trying experience and made the statement, "I feel like I've been run through the mill!"? In the process of refining ore for precious metals, the nuggets of ore are often first ground into small powder. This insures a uniform mixture when it is heated in the refining pot. If we think of everything other than the precious metals as representing the flesh, then we see that the "wearing out" process is designed to grind down the flesh. But this is a very painful process! And sometimes, even those who we think have "arrived" spiritually have difficulty getting through it.

DAN 11:33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: **yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days**.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 **And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end**: because it is yet for a time appointed.

DAN 12:1 And at that time **shall Michael stand up**, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time **thy people shall be delivered**, every one that shall be found written in the book.

3 **And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament**; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

The process that Job went through is really no different than those who are in the manchild company of Revelation 12 will experience. Compare the two sets of scriptures below.

JOB 3:1 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.

2 And Job spake, and said,

3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, **There is a man child conceived.**

REV 12:2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and **behold a great red dragon**, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew **the third part of the stars of heaven**, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 **And she brought forth a man child**, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

7 **And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon**; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Job goes on talking about his woes in the following verse which we will quote from the Lamsa version. It gives some additional insight not given in the King James - although when you check Strong's - you will also find the same words.

Job 3:18 Let them curse it who curse the day, **who are ready to stir up Leviathan.**

What is so significant about Leviathan? Isaiah 27:1 tells us he is "the dragon that is in the sea." Thus, it is clear that this dragon that Job fought is the same dragon that tried to destroy the manchild of Revelation 12. He is the self nature that resides in the sea of our soulish thoughts. If you really want a fierce battle, just try to remove the self nature from the throne! Job spoke of Michael fighting to help us overcome this dragon and Revelation 12 tells us the same thing.

DAN 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: **and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.**

REV 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

There is a lot of controversy among the saints about whether they will go through the tribulation. It is clear from Rev 3:10 that there is a overcomer company that will not go through the same tribulations as the world. That is the good news. The bad news is that this company goes through their own tribulation before the world receives theirs. But, then, the good news is that they will be overcomers and not be subject to the problems that the world encounters. - for by that time - they will have the ability to translate. They will have cast the dragon out of their heavens.

REV 12:13 **And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.**

14 **And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle**, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, **where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.**

Once the manchild clears the dragon out of his own heavens, he then becomes the great eagle that ministers to those who are still in their wilderness experience. The manchild will minister through supernatural, translational powers and will be able to come and go like the wind. It appears that there is a seven year period of trouble. During the first three and one half years, the manchild company is going through their three and one half year "wear out" process and the rest of the world is doing just fine. And then when the processing of the manchild is complete, the tribulation changes to the world at large. The script for this seven year (or double 3.5 yr period) is shown on the next page.

The matrix below gives the script for events of the endtime. Think of it like a ladder. The first events begin with the bottom rung and continue through an additional six rungs until the top of the ladder is reached. The first three and one-half years have to do with the preparation and birthing of the manchild. The final three and one-half years are the great tribulation.

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REV 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be **finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

REV 9:14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great **river Euphrates**.

REV 9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.
2 ... and the sun and the air were **darkened** by reason of the smoke of the pit.

REV 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the **sun** was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the **third part of the stars**; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

REV 8:10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the **rivers**, and upon the **fountains of waters**;

REV 8:8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the **sea**: and the third part of the sea became blood;

REV 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the **earth**: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

REV 8:1 And when he had opened the **seventh seal** ...
2 And I saw the **seven angels** which stood before God; and to them were given seven **trumpets**.



REV 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done**.

REV 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great **river Euphrates**; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

REV 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of **darkness**; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

REV 16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the **sun**; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

REV 12:4 And his tail drew the **third part of the stars of heaven**, and did cast them to the earth:

REV 16:4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon **the rivers and fountains of waters**; and they became blood.

REV 16:3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the **sea**; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

REV 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the **earth**; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

REV 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the **seven angels**, Go your ways, and pour out the **vials** of the wrath of God upon the earth.

You will note that during the first 3.5 years, there are four major rungs on the ladder for the manchild. First, the manchild must deal with the coals from the incense altar that are cast out on the earth.

REV 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, **and they were cast upon the earth:** and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

This is dealing with the more gross, sensual, earthy sins that have to do with the body. Not very pleasant, but it is the starting point for basic salvation. Next, comes a more difficult step on the ladder - the sea, or soul.

REV 8:8 And the second angel sounded, **and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea:** and the third part of the sea became blood;

This great, burnt mountain is Babylon and has to do with the confusion of the mind. Those that start the process of dealing with Babylon must first go through their Pentecost. Babel was the place where tongues were scrambled. Pentecost resulted in tongues being unscrambled.

ACT 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Those who cast Babylon out of the heavens of their thoughts purify their thoughts. So far, we have looked at what happens to the body and soul. Next, we will look at the spirit - which is the third rung of the ladder.

REV 8:10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of **the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;**

11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

We know that wormwood represents bitterness. Using this clue, we can surmise what part of the being is affected by wormwood.

PRO 5:4 But her end is **bitter as wormwood**, sharp as a two-edged sword.

EZE 3:14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and **I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit;** but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

HEB 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fall of the grace of God; **lest any root of bitterness** springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

PRO 18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but **a wounded spirit** who can bear?

The third trumpet has to do with the cleansing and repair of one's spirit. Many times, these faults are hidden very deeply within one's being and the Lord uses special circumstances to draw these out so that our spirit is whole. Then that river that flows out of our innermost being is no longer muddy, but it becomes crystal clear.

The fourth trumpet has to do with who sits upon the throne of our mind. That great Leviathan dragon of self has long sat upon the throne and proclaimed that he is God. It is also the birthing of the manchild.

REV 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and **the third part of the sun was smitten**, and the third part of the moon, and **the third part of the stars;** so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

REV 12:4 And his tail drew **the third part of the stars of heaven**, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: **and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.**

At this point, the overcomer has reached the celestial realm of the throne room. There are still battles to be fought, but the manchild is caught up out of the visible realm into the invisible realm.

Once the manchild is birthed, there are another three and one half years in the script and we could study this in detail. However, when the manchild is caught up to the throne, it will learn the full meaning of the following scriptures.

1CO 2:9 But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.**

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

The task for the manchild company is to prepare itself for translation or being "caught up unto God, and to his throne." This is done by climbing the first four rungs of the ladder. Once, in the presence of the throne, further revelation will be given about how events will unfold. So, we must concentrate on today's events today and tomorrow will take care of itself.

MAT 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 **Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.** Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Yes, the events of the fifth, sixth, and seventh trumpets (the three woes) will be climactic. But those overcomers who are caught up to the throne will have the full mind of Christ to deal with it. So, we will leave consideration of those events for a later writing and a later time.

Some would try to put dates and periods of time on when these events might happen in their lives. And certainly, there is a time when the end of this age will be completed.

2PE 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, **wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved**, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth**, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

But why put a limitation in your mind, that the overcoming of all things must await a certain date. If Enoch and Elijah had waited for a certain date, they probably would have never translated. And then there was another who transfigured and then pulled that transfigured body back in and continued to walk in a flesh body for an additional period of time.

MAT 17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 **And was transfigured before them:** and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

MAT 17:8 And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

9 **And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man,** until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

We are convinced that in each generation, there were a few who "pleased God" and God "took" them. We just happen to be able to read about Enoch, Elijah, and Jesus. So, why limit the Holy One of Israel?

PSA 78:41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and **limited the Holy One of Israel.**

MAT 24:34 Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.**

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 **But of that day and hour knoweth no man,** no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

MAT 16:28 Verily I say unto you, **There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death,** till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Yes, we are to be ready, watching, and waiting for the ending of the age. But, we can get so distracted trying to figure out when it is, that we neglect to be prepared for it. Jesus said only His Father knew the day and hour.

Some years ago, an evangelist was holding a series of meetings on the endtimes. And at the end of the service one night, he made the announcement that during the next meeting he would announce the name of the coming one world ruler. Naturally, curiosity was high and there were those who were feverishly working out the alphanumeric of the names of various known leaders to see if their name added up to 666. And then came the big night and the evangelist made the announcement of who the coming world ruler would be.

REV 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

And there were some who were a little peeved, they said, "We already knew that. We were thinking you were talking about the anti-Christ." But, this illustrates a point. We can get our focus so riveted on the trials of the tribulation that we lose our focus on the joys of the kingdom of Christ. We can form doomsday clubs and clap our hands with glee every time something bad happens, because we say that we are that much closer to the coming of the Lord. Yes, Jesus went through tribulation, but where did He have His focus?

HEB 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, **and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,** despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Let us put our focus on the joy that is set before us. Well, how can we possibly do that when we are going through all kinds of trials? Think of it this way. Deep down within you - what are the fears, anxieties, personal disappointments, hurts, blemishes, embarrassments, inabilities and failings that trouble you the most? Some of these may be things that you have never shared with anyone and yet they are still there.

JOB 3:25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.



Take a blank sheet of paper and, using your own private code, list those things that - if they were no longer in your life - would bring you the most peace if they were overcome. Yes, some things on the list might be direct sins - but probably the majority or even all will be in category of faults, secret fears, handicaps, illnesses, and anxieties. Now take this list and place it before Jesus and your heavenly Father and ask them to give you a foretaste of the joy that is set before you when you overcome all things. Ask to have a foretaste of that peace and security that only your God and Jesus can provide.

JOH 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Do you think of God as condemning and wanting to punish you at every opportunity? Or, do you think of Him as the most loving being that you could possibly know and trust that the trials and tribulations that you are going through are not without purpose. Can you see them as circumstances and events which the Master Creator has specifically designed to bring you to perfection? When you can see the loving hands of God shaping and molding you into His likeness, then you will be able to experience the joy that is set before you as you run life's race with endurance. Amen.

So, wonderful theories, but what is the reality of all this? Will it go out the window the next time a real trial comes along? And the next trial will surely come. And as you become immersed in its circumstances, the old feelings of inadequacies, the memories of past traumas, and the fears and hopelessness will crowd in on you. You will think, "Here we go again!" Or maybe you're still right in the middle of a terrible experience and nothing seems to be changing to get you out of it. You may find yourself complaining to your heavenly Father, "I'm tired of this! Get me out of it. It's wearing me out! It just too much for me."

It seems like all people have what we would call "hot buttons" in their life - or more likely, two or three hot buttons. And strangely enough, what might be a hot button for one person may have little or any effect on another. An example of a hot button is as follows:

1SA 1:4 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.

6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

Sometimes just the mention of a mere word will set off shivers within the nervous system and all kinds of stressful body reactions. Don't you know that the mere mention of the word "barren" sent electricity through Hannah's nervous system. For it seemed to Hannah that she was a failure in even her purpose for being upon the earth.

Now back to the trial that we may soon experience or even now find ourselves in the midst of. There is a point in these trials where you find yourself standing on the old familiar abyss of past failures. You find yourself praying and crying out to God. Yes, all the old feelings rush back and it seems like another failure is about to occur. But this time, it can be different. True, you've been here before and failed - but even in the past there was a key that was there for you to grasp and to overcome. You just failed to recognize it and use it.

PSA 138:7 **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me:** thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

139:1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, **thou understandest my thought afar off.**

How can God understand our thoughts from afar off? We as mankind have ears and eyes. But the ears depend on pressure waves in the air and the eyes depend on light waves. Perhaps some of you have had visions where Jesus appeared to you. And even though you did not hear Him speak, you received His thoughts toward you - even as if spoken. And strangely enough, He "heard" your thoughts toward Him. It was like a conversation, but there were no spoken words - it was a thought conversation.

PSA 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

If we had the spiritual senses to "tune in" to this speech and knowledge, then we would receive answers to difficult trials - even as Daniel received when he was right in the middle of his trials.

DAN 5:12 **Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts,** were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

1CO 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.**

DEU 30:14 **But the word is very nigh unto thee**, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, **that thou mayest do it.**

Back to the trial that we been describing. When we left, we were on the abyss of failure and the old feelings of inadequacy were flooding in. "Oh No!", we've been here before!" And then, "something" tells us to reach out beyond ourselves and a thought comes, "do this." And, we try it and it works! What had been defeat has a totally different ending and becomes victory. And we rejoice because we have overcome that which has always defeated us in the past.

What happened? Our eye, ear, and sense gates were anointed to receive God's wisdom and understanding, and we have joined the ranks of the overcomers, at least in the difficult problem and doubt that we have just dissolved!

PRO 8:1 **Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?**

2 She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

3 **She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.**

PRO 1:20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, **in the openings of the gates: in the city**

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Do we have to go to some biblical city that has gates to hear Wisdom's cry? Or is it **another city with twelve gates** that experiences Wisdom's cry? Could this city be us and do we have twelve gates?

MAT 5:14 **Ye** are the light of the world. **A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.**

REV 21:2 And I John saw **the holy city, new Jerusalem**, coming down from God out of heaven, **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

When our twelve senses (or gates) are anointed we then hear the speech which has been hidden from us - but has always been there. But, how could we have twelve senses - aren't there only five? Think of these as the twelve sense gates that lead into and out of our cranium or head. These are our twelve nerve trees - for these are called dendrites which means "like as tree".

Where have these special senses been hidden from us? Apparently, the bridegroom and the New Jerusalem bride have been hidden in a **secret chamber** and in a **secret closet** until such a time as the Lord has chosen to unveil them. They have been nigh unto us, but we did not know how to use them.

PSA 19:3 There is no speech nor language, **where their voice is not heard.**

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. **In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,**

5 **Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber**, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

JOE 2:16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: **let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.**

This experience of overcoming - as we have discussed - is learning the reality of the feast of tabernacles. Does not Psalm 19:4 speak of setting "a tabernacle for the sun."? And what happens when this Sun tabernacles within us?

MAL 4:1 For, behold, **the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven**; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

2 **But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings**; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

We know that the feast of tabernacles is based on building booths of the branches of trees. But, this is symbolic of something much deeper - even as the Passover lamb in Egypt was also a symbol.

THE TWELVE CRANIAL NERVE TREE "GATES"

1. Olfactory nerve (smell)
2. Optic nerve (vision)
3. Oculomotor (eye movements)
4. Trochlear (eye movements)
5. Trigeminal (facial sensation, jaw control)
6. Abducent (eye movement)



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7. Facial nerve (facial expression, taste)
8. Acoustic (hearing and balance)
9. Glossopharyngeal (taste and throat)
10. Vagus (breathing, circulation/digestion)
11. Spinal Accessory (neck/back control)
12. Hypoglossal (tongue movement)

REV 22:1 And he shewed me a **pure river of water of life, clear as crystal**, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, **was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits**, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

REV 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me **that great city, the holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

12 And had a wall great and high, and had **twelve gates**, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are **the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel**:

The above clearly shows the twelve nerve trees that are on each side of the river of consciousness. During the fall, these nerve trees were diminished in their ability to function. These trees were the "strong meat" of our ability to converse with God.

HEB 5:10 Called of God an high priest after **the order of Melchisedec**.

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, **seeing ye are dull of hearing**.

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; **and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat**.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 **But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

GEN 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, **and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.**

But what happened? After the fall mankind could no longer see the Lord. As they hid wrapped in their fig leaves, they could only sense His presence.

GEN 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and **Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.**

JOH 3:12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

Jesus often used examples of earthly things to illustrate heavenly truths. Let us use an earthly example to illustrate the fall of the twelve sense trees into the lower realm where their function became very dull.

We are quite aware of the radio and television stations that have proliferated in recent years. We are also aware of the internet which has a vast amount of information available to it. And all this communication, unfortunately, is a mixture of good and evil. But, to "tune" into this vast supply of information, we need special sense converters like a radio, a television or a computer to interface for us. The information is there, it is just that our senses are too dull to pick it up directly. And so it is with the mind of Christ - it is there and has always been there - the fall caused us our senses to be dulled.

PSA 19:3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. **In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,**

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Now that we have defined the problem as our nerve trees being dull in their perception, how do we go about getting them anointed so that they can operate in the higher realms? The secret of this begins to unfold as we understand the feast of tabernacles. This feast was celebrated in the fall harvest and was also known as the feast of booths.

LEV 23:39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

NEH 8:14 And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that **the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:**

15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, **Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.**

And even today in the promised land, the Hebrews build booths of the branches of trees on their rooftops and sit within these during the prescribed days of the seventh month to celebrate the feast of booths. We think that these trees are symbolic of the nerve trees of our mind. Further, we know from the book of Revelation that there are twelve principal kinds of fruit (trees) that make up the tree of life. How can we escape the yoke of the fallen condition of these sense gates and receive that New Jerusalem anointing of the pure undefiled bridal soul? How can we bring that bride out of her closet and the bridegroom husband (inner man or spirit) out of his hidden chamber?

1PE 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

JOE 2:16 ... let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

If we want to escape the yoke of the fallen condition, then we must find a way to break the yoke. How are we going to get rid of this old carnal man of self that sits on our shoulders?

ISA 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

What anointing did the pattern Son Jesus receive to break this yoke in order to crucify self?

BREAKING THE ALABASTER BOX



MAR 14:3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, **there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.**

4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?

5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

What was the setting of this scene that unfolded and how did it relate to the anointing? We find this description of Bethany and also Bethphage which was nearby (*from Bible Research Software*).

"Bethany - (house of dates) One of the most interesting places in Palestine. The residence of Lazarus who was raised from the dead; the frequent resting-place of Jesus; the home of Mary and Martha, and of Simon, the leper; and from whence the triumphal entry began; and near this place was the scene of the Ascension. On the Mt. of Olives; 15 furlongs off; on the road to Jericho and near it was Bethphage. It is now called El Azariyeh, the city of Lazarus. Is in a hollow, surrounded with olives, almonds, pomegranates, oaks and carobs. The buildings are ruinous and wretched. The house of Lazarus is pointed out as a square tower, very ancient; and his tomb, a cave in the rock, descended by 26 steps." BRS

LUK 19:29 And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to **Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives,** he sent two of his disciples,

"Bethphage - (house of figs) On the Mt. of Olives near the Jericho road. Probably W of Bethany. The locality of the miracle of the withered fig tree."

MAR 11:21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, **behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.**

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23 For verily I say unto you, **That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea;** and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

There are a number of themes that are brought together by the breaking of the alabaster box. The locale was in the place of the trees. Bethany was called the house of dates (date palm) and Bethphage was called the house of figs. And there was the getting rid of the old (cursing of the unfruitful fig tree and casting the old Babylonian mountain into the sea). There was the nailing of the old man to the cross. And then there was the preparation for the new - the ascension at Bethany.

LUK 24:50 **And he led them out as far as to Bethany,** and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, **he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.**

Yes, there were those who had indignation at this "waste" of very valuable spikenard, but Yeshua gave it an importance far beyond the mere value of the spikenard that was poured out. It seemed that this was an anointing that was essential for overcoming the flesh and ascending.

MAR 14:6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.

7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

8 She hath done what she could: **she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.**

9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, **this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.**

The woman who broke the alabaster box and anointed Jesus was operating under the feminine anointing of El Shaddai or Wisdom. And even Nicodemis was operating under the anointing of El Shaddai when he prepared the body of Jesus for burial. For Nicodemis received instructions from Jesus about how to enter back into the womb of the Spirit (John 3:4-8).

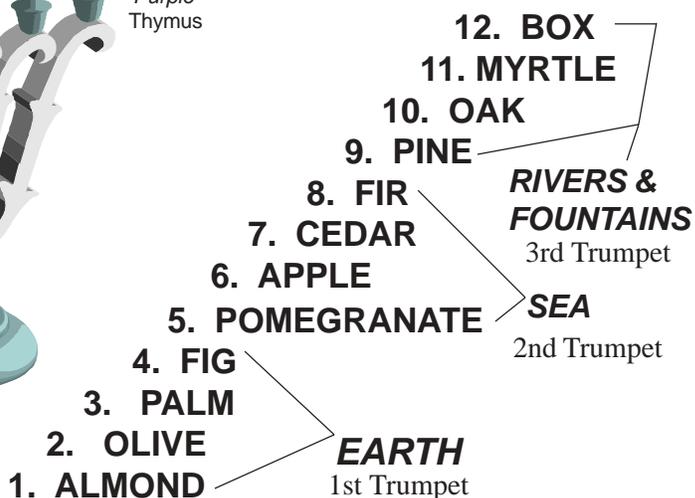
Shown to the right are the twelve principal spices, the candlestick, and the twelve trees that dip their roots into the river of the Spirit.

These twelve spices are the chief and principal spices that you may find listed in Songs 4:13-16, Eze 27:19-22 and Exodus 30:23-35. The twelve trees are described in detail on pages G-30 through G32 of Song of Seraphim section of this booklet.



1. CAMPHIRE
2. SPIKENARD
3. SAFFRON
4. CALAMUS
5. CINNAMON
6. FRANKINCENSE
7. MYRRH
8. ALOES
9. CASSIA
10. STACTE
11. ONYCHA
12. GALBANUM

Transfiguration



The woman who broke the alabaster box broke the seal of the ascent leading to the incense altar which is before the throne. She released El Shaddai's anointing upon the body of Jesus. Jesus welcomed this anointing and described its purpose. We, too, should welcome it if we want to follow in His footsteps.

It appears that each of the twelve nerve trees has a particular spice that is to be used to anoint it. Breaking the alabaster box and releasing spikenard is a very powerful experience and it is the beginning. There are eleven other principal spices which are to be released. And more than likely El Shaddai has already designated her daughters to release these twelve spices so that our nerve trees are no longer dull but are anointed and tuned to receive the mind of Christ. Some of the spices are very sweet and pleasant. And some of them are extremely **powerful and pungent**. Be prepared!

In the above set of twelve nerve trees, we can divide them into three different categories. The first set of four trees has to do with the earth, the second set has to do with the sea, and third has to do with the rivers and fountains of water. Once we have completed the ascension of the trees, we are ready for the fourth rung of the ladder which is transfiguration.

REV 8:7 **The first angel sounded**, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon **the earth**: and **the third part of trees was burnt up**, and all green grass was burnt up.

Before the fiery coals from the incense altar are poured out upon the earth, it is very important that our forehead be sealed so that our nerve trees are protected against the flame. This is the work of the daughters with Wisdom's twelve principal spices to anoint and seal our forehead. Otherwise our trees burn up!

REV 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from **the east**, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, **Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.**

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

The Most High is sending His angel (a messenger with a message) from the gate of the east with a seal for His servants' foreheads. This sealing is an anointing that lifts their senses from the dull realm of the earth to the high realm of the mind of Christ. It is their means of surviving the fiery trials that are coming upon the earth. They will then abide in the secret place of the Most High under the sheltering wings of El Shaddai.

PSA 91:1 He that dwelleth **in the secret place of the most High** [El Elyon] shall abide **under the shadow of the Almighty** [El Shaddai].

Like the children of the flame, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, they will have the word nigh them to solve difficult problems and dissolve doubts.

In the past, there has been a limited manifestation of the baptism of fire and the incense altar. Indeed, we find that ministry there when we look at the furniture in the sanctuary or mid court of the tabernacle in the wilderness. The tabernacle in the wilderness is only Pentecost. But, like the earnest of the Spirit received in the initial baptism in the Holy Spirit, it is not the fullness. What is to come from the incense altar will be the true fullness when the feast of tabernacles is fully consummated.

In Pentecost, we have felt the flames of fire upon our head and from time to time we have become aware of the supernatural fragrances of the incense manifesting in the earth. This has been like the fragrance of a rose in the middle of the winter. For the Lord often waits until there is no natural fragrance so the He can manifest the supernatural.

A ROSE IN WINTER

SONG 2:1 I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.



*SONG 2:11
For, lo, the
winter is past, the
rain is over and gone;*

*12 The flowers appear on
the earth; the time of the
singing of birds is come, and the
voice of the turtle is heard in our
land;*

*13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the
vines with the tender grape give a good smell.*

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

The winter is nearly over and we will go from the earnest of His gifts to the full budding forth of that which the Ancient of Days has reserved for us from the time before time. It is time to be anointed with His incense from the incense altar which is before the very throne of God.

El Elyon, Most High God, we come to you in the name of Yeshua, our Savior. Father, we ask for all who have a sincere desire in their heart to please you that you would seal their foreheads and that they would dwell in the secret place of the Most High. Father, we ask that circumstances and events would unfold for them in such a way that they receive that which is needed to walk through the flames and it will not burn upon them - even as Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego overcame the world while being in the midst of the world. We ask this in the name of Yeshua, our Savior. Amen.