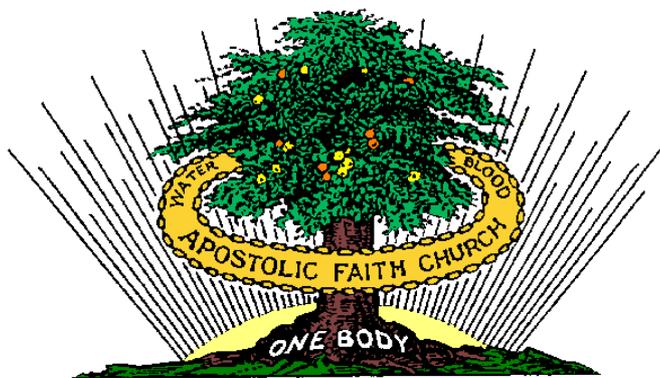


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Christ, Our Strong Tower

It is a wonderful thing to realise that after all the sacrificial life which the Lord Jesus led in the days of His ministry upon the earth, and although He after His ascension was honoured with the highest, august, position next to the Father, described in the words, "Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool;" (Psalm 110:1) this in no wise should be taken to mean that the Risen Saviour sits back, resting in His achievements.

For nearly 2,000 years our Redeemer has been busily concerned with picking out a people from the world of mankind, for His Name. These He first tries and tests, and then selects those that overcome, to form part of the Church, which is His Body.

Perhaps it is not fully realised just how much the Lord travails in prayer for those He has called out of the world. We recall hearing of a prophetic utterance given from the Heavenly Father some years ago in London, in which He stated that: "...you should hear My Son's prayers that have been made to Me, on behalf of this one...". This was in answer to the congregation's concern for one of their members. We also read in Hebrews 7:21-25, that "Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec ... hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing that he ever liveth to make intercession for them". Also in 1 John 2:1 we read: "And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous".

In Micah's prophecy is described how the future Kingdom of the Messiah, the Anointed, is to be established. The government of the Kingdom is composed of his overcoming saints, built upon Apostles, Prophets and Teachers, with Jesus Christ Himself the Chief Corner Stone. This is to be set up as the ruling governing body over all the kingdoms of the earth.

Significant and coming into view, more and more to be understood, is what is meant by the Scriptures: "...and the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever. And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem" (Micah 4:7,8).

Upon the hill of Zion in the City of David, was built a great fortified tower. It came to be known as the "tower of the flock", since it was from here the protective dynasty of David was able to watch over the children of Israel.

Such shall be the light of God's Word of truth shining from Zion's Holy Tower, beaming out to the nations in authority and power, that more and more people shall turn to look up to its teachings. Then the governments of many nations shall gradually take notice of the precepts and laws proclaimed; and will begin to co-operate by implementing its principles and teachings into the administrative policies of their lands.

Ultimately, many nations will officially make a national commitment to walk in the paths

of the New Jerusalem. In obeying the Lord God and the Lamb, whose laws are the guiding light thereof, they shall find that this new City's governing ways, or streets, are shining as gold. As they walk through the streets of this New City, divine blessings and peace and prosperity - both spiritually and naturally - will be their increasing experience, and of this there shall be no end.

Jerusalem and the Kingdom of Israel served as types of the permanent Kingdom of God yet to be set up. So too its prominent tower symbolized a great and better tower not made with hands. It represents the Anointed, the Body of Christ, who is given authority to rule, and will powerfully protect all the people who look unto it; for to it shall come the first dominion.

Originally, Adam possessed this dominion, and had he not sinned, would have lived on indefinitely; and through ruling in righteousness, instructions given to him to subdue the earth and possess it, could have continued (Genesis 1:28). With Adam's forfeiture of this dominion, the angels were allowed the opportunity to lift up the fallen race; but some of them kept not their first estate, and also transgressed.

Following the Flood, God singled out Abraham, and revealed to him that through his seed He would raise up a great deliverer, who would rule in equity and teach the truth, and bring about everlasting righteousness upon the earth; promising that "In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

God's divine purpose is to help the dying race by delivering whomsoever will from sin. Those out of all races who accept Jesus as their Saviour, will then belong to Christ and become Abraham's spiritual seed, and heirs according to the promise given to Abraham. Inasmuch as they are overcomers, the opportunity to bless and help in the delivering work of recovering the whole world in the Day of the Lord's reign, and sharing the dominion of the earth, first given into the hands of Adam; shall be their happy portion.

Much work must be carried out by the members of the Body of Christ living in this world, to seek revelation from the Lord as to the form the new constitutional structure upon which the new world order is to be constructed, will take.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God His Father gave unto Him after His Ascension into heaven, was granted him to show his servants what must come to pass. This must have included the planned structure of the new world order.

Obviously, the preparation and detailed development of all its several features, must have taken up much time, and involved angels and the spirits of just men and women made perfect, in much study. We are at the stage now when the need to make known the knowledge of this Revelation, has become essential, in order that the Spoken Word of Command may be brought to bear upon the issues that are involved in bringing forward the change-over into the new dispensation.

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