Eighteen—Fig Tree—Eighteen

Some things stand out in the Scriptures and make one wonder if they are prophesying. For example, in Luke 13 we find the pattern of the church, which is of course: olive tree—lampstand—olive tree, or first Remnant—Christianity—second Remnant. In Luke 13 that same pattern is: eighteen—fig tree—eighteen. But, there is far more to this than just the pattern. Let us now examine this.

First, let us quickly examine the first eighteen. In verses 4-5 we read the words of Yahshua:

“Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

Addressed in Shelah and Clay of Spittle, we find a correlation between Siloam and the third son of Judah, Shelah. The pool of Siloam in John 9 looks to the Millennial Reign when Immanuel opens men’s eyes so that they can now see (which I hope is evidenced even by what we are seeing here). But in this account in Luke 13, the death of the eighteen places this with the first Remnant, who in fact died as well. And of course a tower is something that reaches up to heaven, and their part in making that possible came to an end, as did the tower. They were the first bird in Leviticus 14 that had to die so that the second bird could ascend alive.

Of course the next work is the breach, Christianity. So what do we find testified in verses 6-9? Consistent with the pattern here, we see a parable concerning specifically a fig tree, which speaks of Christianity. In verse 6 we read:

“A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. And he said to the vineyard-keeper, ‘Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?’”

This is Christianity, which is supposed to get three thousand years, and is herein represented by the three years with no fruit. For two thousand years it has not produced the required fruit of the kingdom—being wholly inadequate! And if it received the next one thousand years, yes, the Owner would have it cut down! This is just like the fig tree that Yahshua cursed for not having fruit and it withered and died. (Click here for more on this.) In Matthew 21:18-19 He declared: “‘No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you.’ And at once the fig tree withered.” In Luke 13:8-9 Yahshua then adds:
“And he [the vineyard-keeper] answered and said to him, ‘Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put dung; and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.”

It can well be assumed here that Yahshua was citing the law of the planted tree in Leviticus 19:23-24. And here we will use a more literal translation:

“When you shall come into the land and you plant any tree for food, then you will regard its foreskin as uncircumcised; that is, its fruit, for three years shall it be as uncircumcised to you. It shall not be eaten. But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, an offering of praise to Yahweh. In the fifth year you are to eat of its fruit, that its yield may increase for you; I am Yahweh your God.”

This being the case, the landowner came looking for fruit for three years and found none. So the vineyard keeper wanted to dung the tree in the fourth year, and if it did not produce fruit in the fifth year, it would be cut down. And this is indeed the law here regarding the fig tree of Christianity. And remember, Yahshua cursed a like fig tree for not producing fruit out of season (Mark 11:13), which is what Christianity is.

So what are we seeing in all of this? Christianity has had two thousand years of the three thousand years it was supposed to get. If they could have been successful for three thousand years, indeed in their fourth thousand-year period, that would have been their eighth-day Sunday sabbath, and the fruit thereof would be holy, an offering of praise. But the fact is, those three thousand years of the church would all remain in the grave and there would be no fruitfulness whatsoever! This third year is when the vineyard-keeper wanted to dung it. So, how is this sounding for the church? He was going to dung it on their sabbath, which frankly is what has been taking place on their Sunday sabbaths for two thousand years! What Christians teach on their sabbath is nothing more than dung—taking in the word of God, processing it with their flesh, and from their posterior mouths providing dung to the people. This parable here in Luke 13 is most fitting for the church that receives the kingdom too early—while in the flesh! What else could one expect when the Teacher has gone away?

And consistent with what we are seeing here, the problem is that the fruit is regarded as uncircumcised. Isn’t that the precise problem the church has had all along? The kingdom of heaven has been given to a people who are not circumcised of their flesh—they continue to remain in these cursed bodies, which have been the problem since the Garden. In reality, we are truly not able to handle the heavenly until we are circumcised of the earthy, thereupon entering into our heavenly body. And Christians will not receive theirs until the fifth day.

And let us examine yet another testimony as to what takes place at this time as we can now enter into the Promised Land, the Millennial Reign with Immanuel. In Deuteronomy 26:1-4 we read concerning what Yahweh instructed was to take place specifically upon entering into this Promised Land.

“And it shall be, when you enter the land which Yahweh your God gives you as an inheritance, and you possess it and live in it, that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground which you bring in from your land that
Yahweh your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place where Yahweh your God chooses to establish His name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare this day to Yahweh my God that I have entered the land which Yahweh swore to our fathers to give us.’ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of Yahweh your God.”

Do you see this? When they entered the Promised Land, they were to take some of the first produce and go set it before Yahweh God. This seventh day is the Promised Land, and a remnant of the produce is to be brought to the altar of Yahweh God. This is in fact the Remnant that in the seventh day is taken up to heaven before Yahweh. You will notice that it is not all of the produce, but only a remnant. This is indeed the two-part Remnant. That is what that passage is all about, and it will thereupon be fulfilled.

Likewise, picking up in verses 12 thru 13 in Deuteronomy 26 we read:

“When you have finished gathering all the tithe of your increase in the third year, the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the stranger, to the orphan and to the widow, that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied. You shall say before Yahweh your God, ‘I have removed the sacred portion from my house, and also have given it to the Levite and the alien, the orphan and the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed or forgotten any of Your commandments.”

Did you notice, in the third year all of the tithe was to go to the local Levite, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow? In the latter 1980s, during the time when I had a ministry to the poor and needy, the first book I ever wrote addressed this third-year tithe. It was titled Does The Tithe Always Go To The Storehouse?. It noted that every third year the tithe was not to be taken to the storehouse, but was to be distributed to the needy in one’s local. Obviously the book was not to be a favorite among the churches. But it was truth, and something I saw even then.

In 1994 Yahweh took me out of that ministry to the poor and needy in the natural, and there is obviously a fulfillment that is far, far more important, and in fact the true fulfillment. What is in fact the third-year tithe? We are now in the third one-thousand-year period of the church, and now the tithe of people, even the Bride, is to be made available to the needy. And may I say, Christianity has never honored this natural practice whatsoever. And why? Because they will not fulfill it. On the other hand, I taught it on the radio and elsewhere and wrote a book about it and did indeed practice it, and therein trust I will now fulfill it. Now in this third “year” it is time for there to be a tithe of Yahweh God’s people that is given to help the true needy.

Proceeding further with this matter regarding the fig tree of Christianity, based on the Law, in the first three thousand years when their fruits are uncircumcised, it will not be until the fifth thousand years that they will finally be able to eat from the fruit, and this is precisely what we would expect. Christianity has had their two thousand years. And, they will not get their third thousand-year period, for Immanuel comes back to deliver us. As addressed here, following the Millennial Reign Christians will get another two thousand years while in the flesh, and indeed in their fifth “year” their fruit
can finally be eaten. This is when they finally enter into their born-from-above bodies, finally being circumcised of their flesh as well.

This completes the account regarding the breach of Christianity. Thus far then we have the first Remnant testimony of eighteen that died, followed by the breach of fig tree Christianity. Let us now proceed to Luke 13:10-17 and see what we find regarding now a redeeming and fulfilling eighteen.

First, it is most striking, significant, and fitting that this third portion of the church is identified specifically as being the sabbath. Verse 10 begins: "And He [Yahshua] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath." So we ask: Was the first Remnant a work that was on the sabbath, the seventh one-thousand-year period of man? No. They were at the beginning of the fifth millennium. Well, how about Christianity? They have occupied the fifth and sixth millennium. And the seventh millennium is of course the sabbath, meaning "seventh." This is when the second Remnant is brought forth. And most fittingly, this third portion in Luke 13 is prophetic of what must now take place, bringing Immanuel back to this earth to set up His kingdom on the sabbath, the millennial reign! And again, this is the message of this third part in Luke 13 where we once again see the testimony of 18.

Verse 11 continues: "And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent over, and could not straighten up at all." So, the first Remnant testimony was 18, and now the second Remnant bears the 18 as well. With these two 18s and the fig tree breach of Christianity in between, and all of this being recorded in second Remnant Luke, there is strong evidence that this is indeed prophetic of us, even a living parable for today. For the first time this truth is being revealed and will be fulfilled. Let us now examine this second Remnant testimony.

Verses 12-13 continue: "When Jesus saw her, He called to her and said, 'Woman, you are freed from your sickness.' And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and began glorifying God." Prophetically and even frankly, this "bent over" state has indeed been the state of the Bride for now twenty-three years, beginning in 1994. The Greek word translated here as "sickness" is equally translated as "weakness." For example, in 2 Corinthians 12:9 we read Yahshua’s reply to Paul when he had prayed three times that the "messenger, Satan," who was tormenting him, would be removed. But Yahshua’s answer to him was: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." This word "weakness" here is the same Greek word as that used concerning the woman’s "sickness" in being bent over for eighteen years. And quite obviously and strikingly, these two accounts are connected.

Paul prayed three times that the messenger, Satan, would be removed from him. Why did he pray three times, and with no success? Paul is the founder of Christianity, which is supposed to get three thousand years. His three times in which he requested to be delivered from the messenger, Satan, were not granted. And unless Yahweh cuts Christianity’s three thousand years short to two thousand, then Satan will continue to torment the church for the remaining one thousand years. But, in the miracle for the woman who was bent over for eighteen years, precisely when was she healed? On the sabbath! And where are we right now? On the sabbath, at the beginning of the seventhousandth year. In order to prophesy, Yahweh had to have mercy on this woman and
heal her on the sabbath. And you will notice that it was a woman and not a man. Why?
Because the second 18 is in the place of the culminating Bride, the second Remnant.
Today, this bride that is doubled over in weakness is desperate to be healed on the
sabbath. We desperately need to hear Yahshua proclaim, “Woman, you are freed from
your weakness.”

And frankly, on a personal level, and equally “caused by a spirit,” for eighteen years I
have been bent over in weakness with the departure of my family during that time, and
in other ways as well. And I long for the “messenger, Satan,” to not only be removed,
but replaced with the much-needed Elijah, as we read: “‘Behold, I am going to send My
messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will
suddenly come to His temple. And the messenger of the covenant, in whom you
delight, behold, he is coming,’ says Yahweh of hosts” (Malachi 3:1).

The synagogue official was indignant that Yahshua healed on the sabbath, but He
answered: “This woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for
eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath
day?” And so may it be for myself and the Bride today. And so may it equally be
fulfilled: “As He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and the entire
crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.” So may it be with
the opponents of the Elijah and the Bride. And may Yahshua indeed perform glorious
things at this time!

Another noteworthy point here is, whether it be ordained or simply coincidence, it is
interesting that this year, 2018, is when we hope this is fulfilled—the 18th calendar year.
We long for and hope for the fulfillment of this remarkable testimony and even parable
in Luke 13. It is the church: eighteen—fig tree—eighteen, or Bride—Body of Christ—
Bride. So may it be fulfilled today to the glory of Yahweh God and for our much
needed deliverance from Satan!

And speaking of an affliction from Satan that is removed, in Exodus 4:6-7 we find the
testimony of precisely where we are today. At the burning bush, Moses specifically
asked Yahweh, “What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may
say, ‘Yahweh has not appeared to you’” (Exodus 4:1). This has been the problem since
1994.

The first sign was the “rod—serpent—rod” testimony, or “Elijah—Satan—Elijah.” And
the second sign was, Yahweh told Moses, “put your hand into your bosom.” He did so,
“and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow.” Then Yahweh said,
“(‘Put your hand into your bosom again.’ So he put his hand into his bosom again, and
when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it was restored to like his own flesh.” The
first Remnant initially began without this leprosy; but Satan quickly corrupted it and
thereafter the entirety of the church has become leprous, even unclean! Today we are
desperate for that miracle that will return the church back to its clean state! And this is
only possible with the Elijah, the latter rain, and the fulfillment of the Bride.

Yahweh must now perform the two signs that cause belief—the serpent turning back
into a rod and the leprous hand being restored. If He does not, then there will be
disaster! Yahweh then says, “But if they will not believe even these two signs or heed
what you say, then you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water which you take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground!” The first two signs were remedial, even restorative. But, the third sign will mean death for all mankind! If we do not receive the latter rain and the ground remains dry, it will mean the death of all mankind. Pray that Yahweh fulfill these first two signs, and that He has mercy on mankind.

In like manner, we are at the place of Numbers 22:28 regarding Balaam where the angel of Yahweh with his drawn sword then for the third and final time (the third part of the three-part church) “stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn to the right hand or the left.” Likewise, we are in a very narrow place right now and no one but the talking donkey even knows about our plight. This is the same donkey that is untied so as to bring Immanuel into His rightful place in the new Jerusalem that is from above. And if Balaam’s eyes are not opened to see, it will be the same fate as the water turning to blood on the dry ground! There will be NO latter rain! It will be, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken us?” Pray for the revelation of the Elijah at this critical time, and for the latter rain!

May Yahweh be glorified forever,

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