GARY REPORT

Transformation And Preparing The Way For Immanuel

Have you ever considered what life on this earth will be like once Satan is bound for a thousand years (Revelation 20:1-3)? Obviously, things will be dramatically different. For one, he is the one who has the power of death as clearly stated in Hebrews 2:14—"Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives." So with him bound, the enemy, death, will cease. What we will in fact enter into is the restored Garden of Eden that has the promise of never dying.

When Satan deceived the woman and the two ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they were cursed and removed from the Garden and an angel was stationed at its entrance to ensure that they did not enter back in and eat from the tree of life. Such has been the state of man ever since—we have been blocked from the tree of life and die. And even with Yahshua promising life, we have clearly not come to that place either. But with the seventh-day Sabbath rest, for the first time there is hope. Keep in mind, the kingdom was given early, "before the time" when Satan can finally be bound. So today with Satan finally bound and the Tree of Life—Immanuel—returns, death will be no more:

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away" (Revelation 21:3-4).

Amen to the first things passing away! So, what else can we expect with this final fulfillment and transformation with Satan bound and Immanuel abiding here on earth? First, have you ever wondered where heaven actually is? 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 tells us:

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them **in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air**, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

So, is our destination in the clouds in the air? And we see the very same thing evidenced when the Son of God preceded and made the way possible for us when He resurrected from the dead, reentering His earthly body, and at Bethany, "While He was

blessing them, He parted from them and was **carried up into heaven**" (Luke 24:50-51). So the question is: Where exactly is heaven?

Even recently, I used to see us meeting Yahshua in the clouds and off we would be carried somewhere into outer space. But where heaven was I had no idea. It seemed like it was a far-far-away place. But let me suggest something to you, and we will have to be brief. We read that the tower of Babel reached "into heaven," and Yahweh rained "bread from heaven" on the Israelites. And there are the "birds of heaven" and "Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven." And in Isaiah 66:1 we read, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool."

Furthermore, in 2 Kings 6:16-17 we read concerning Elisha when he was encompassed about by his enemies and declared to his fearful servant: "'Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.' Then Elisha prayed and said, 'O Yahweh, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' And Yahweh opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." Here is my point. It seems evident that if we "meet the Lord in the air" where Yahshua had been "carried up" to, we in these natural bodies simply do not have eyes to see that heaven is all around us and we do not have to go far away to some distant galaxy to get there. And obviously, it is a different realm that we with our natural senses cannot perceive. "The heavens are Yahweh's heavens, but the earth He has given to the sons of men" (Psalm 115:16). And the reality is that man received the kingdom of heaven too early, for where is our King? Only now in the seventh day can and will He return to claim His kingdom.

And let us look at a vital change that will take place in this kingdom reign. In Genesis 8:22, after passing through the flood, Yahweh declared: "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Yet, in other passages we read:

"No longer will you have the sun for light by day, nor for brightness will the moon give you light; but you will have Yahweh for an everlasting light, and your God for your glory. Your sun will no longer set, nor will your moon wane; for you will have Yahweh for an everlasting light, and the days of your mourning will be over" (Isaiah 60:19-20).

Amen to that! Furthermore:

In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. For it will be a unique day which is known to Yahweh, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light (Zechariah 14:6-7).

This is entirely reasonable, for even in Genesis 1, day one, God created the light and saw that it was good. Yet, it was not until day four that He even created the sun and the moon to govern the day and the night. So to bring forth light without the sun and the moon is completely reasonable.

And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light,

and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it; and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life (Revelation 21:23-27).

And there will be no night there, and they have no need of *the* light of a lamp and of *the* light of *the* sun, because *the* Lord God will enlighten upon them, and they will reign to the ages of the ages (Revelation 22:5).

Obviously, when Immanuel returns to this earth with His bride, the true light of God will envelop the earth and darkness will be no more, for the true Light will have come. So, what changes would take place to the earth if it abides in perpetual light and there are no more seasons as we have known them? It would be like the entire earth is living at the equator, even at the South Pole. Essentially, the entire earth would become a greenhouse, and be a dwelling for all mankind, "each in their own order." The deserts would bloom and the South Pole would be temperate. It seems that this is in fact what we can look forward to on this seed we live on called earth when Yahweh God brings to man the light of life. And once man enters into an immortal body, there are no limits as to what could then take place. Just look at the MASSIVE complexity of creatures and organisms and vegetation that exist on this planet, and how much more does He have in store when all creation enters into the realm of the heavenly? Up to now, the earth is merely a seed that is buried in darkness, and awaits to bring forth abounding life. At least after 6,000 years of darkness it appears that that seed is getting ready to sprout and for the first time to begin to receive the Light of life.

Let us now change subjects. In the last Report, *The Power Of Intercession*, we noted that John the Baptist actually began works that Yahshua continued, so that His ministry was actually begun with John, thereby preparing His way. This is important. Today, the same principle applies, so that through the Elijah, the twelve apostles are set forth prior to His coming, putting into practice His governmental order. The point here is that the preceding Elijah work—whether it be John or the fulfilling Elijah—stands in His office and performs works that "kick start" His coming, even His return. So the question we have at this time is: In addition to the twelve apostles, what else will those works be?

To try to assess this, we have to consider what Immanuel Himself will do as King of kings? First, with Satan being bound he will no longer have the power of physical affliction and death, and thereby death will be eliminated in the Millennial Reign. Why would men continue to die when Yahshua healed everyone who came to Him and raised the dead? Sickness and death as we have known from the fall will have to cease. This is not that farfetched, for even with the fall, Methuselah still lived 969 years. And let us look at another important and revealing testimony regarding this entire matter. Again we see: "That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, we read in Acts 2:43: "Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles." So we see that beyond Yahshua Himself, for the first time in the

history of man the first Remnant began to have, if you would, wholesale miracles of healing. Now I ask you, if Yahshua at that point came back to rule, would not those miracles have continued to the point that all men would be healed? Indeed so. But He could not return for another two thousand years. So, what do we see take place with the first Remnant? First, beginning with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, miracles of healing became commonplace. Let us see.

To begin with, in Acts 3:2 Peter and John were going to the temple and there was a man there who had been lame from his mother's womb who daily was set at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms. Such has been the state of man for six thousand years. Man has been lame, physically and spiritually, from the beginning, from his mother's womb. When the Peter and John two-part Remnant looked at him in his request for alms, first Remnant Peter answered, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!" He then seized the man by the right hand, raised him up, and immediately the lame man was healed. And the people were "filled with wonder and amazement."

And I must say here as well that it is at this very event that first Remnant Peter made the clear and vital statement regarding the prophet like Moses, the Elijah (verses 22-23). Speaking first of Yahshua, "whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things," which is where we are today, the passage continues:

"Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren; to him you shall give heed to everything he says to you. And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people."

Most noteworthy, it is today that we need the healing and restoring work evidenced in this passage regarding man who was lame from birth. Likewise, it is revealing that the man was "more than forty years old" when "this miracle of healing was performed." Forty is the number of wilderness Christianity, which we too are now on the other side of. Today, we need a work that will cause us to rise up, enter the "temple," and go about "walking and leaping and praising God!" So let it be.

Continuing with this matter of abundant signs and wonders, in Acts 5:12 we read:

At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico.

Next, in 5:15 and 16 we read:

... they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.

The next and final account of these miracles is recorded in Acts 6:8 regarding Stephen:

And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.

Lies were then spread regarding Stephen and he was brought before the Council and ultimately stoned to death, the witnesses laying their robes at the feet of Saul/Paul. Acts 8:1 then tells us that "on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles." Hereupon, the first Remnant came to its end, along with all the great signs and wonders they had known, and the Body of Christ, Christianity, began. Of course later Paul did have some signs and wonders as well, such as Acts 19:11-12. But these have been and are very sporadic throughout Christianity.

Why was all of this brought up and examined so carefully? Because that first work breached, and today we in the second Remnant should see and experience what they experienced, including the great and attesting signs and wonders. And frankly, these wonders should steadily increase up to the coming of Immanuel. And I do believe that that was attested in Peter in Acts 5:15 and 16. There we read: "... they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were **all** being healed." This is something in the church that has not taken place, not "all." Healings are otherwise sporadic or not at all.

Now we ask: Why were people healed by Peter's shadow? Peter did not even touch them, but the touch of his shadow healed them. I do believe this is prophecy, that the second Remnant that would come, attested by Peter's shadow, would fulfill the work begun by him. We are in fact an extension, even the fulfillment, of the work of the first Remnant before the breach—completing what they began, picking up where they left off. And the fact is, the miracles Peter and others performed in the beginning should ever increase today, even as Yahshua declared specifically to His apostles at the Passover meal just before He was crucified (John 13 and 14). In John 14:12 He declared: "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father." We have not seen those greater works in two thousand years, though Christianity has wanted them, ESPECIALLY since the Latter Rain Movement began in 1948, the year I was born. I would say to you that the reason they have not been able to perform them is because they are not the shadow of first Remnant Peter. Yes, this is yet to be seen, but neither has man seen the truth that the Father has chosen to reveal to a man according to His choosing.

And keep in mind, when Immanuel returns, sickness and death will be entirely put away. So again, as John's work transitioned into Yahshua's work, so today the Elijah work should rise towards a level as well where sickness and death are put away. This transition, preparing His way, demands it. Therefore, there is hope today; and I pray this will be confirmed and evidenced in Africa when we go there in December. And keep in mind, of the four outpourings of the Holy Spirit, the four rivers that flow out from the Garden of Eden, the latter rain is the second river, Gihon (scroll down to "The River Gihon"), which flows into Africa (Genesis 2:13). And Gihon means "bursting forth," which is what we need when we return to Africa for the third time.

But of course all of this is in Yahweh's hands. It is His work, and hopefully His work will become our work. After six thousand years man GREATLY needs complete and thorough redemption—from Satan and from this corrupt and fallen flesh! Come quickly Immanuel—through your people and once again Yourself. We desperately need You!

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