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THE TWO WITNESSES

WHO ARE THEY? (Part 3)

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THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

Doctrines may change and have changed over time, but "Truth" never changes. Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh to the Father, but by me." (Jn.14: 6) He has sent us the Spirit of Truth to lead us into all truths.

Truth is not found in any book...Truth is found in the Spirit of life. Truth is life. The Bible which is inspired by the Holy Spirit and is a witness to the truth has to be interpreted by the Spirit or it produces death. Paul tells us that we are "..able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." (II Cor. 3:6) Bloody wars have been fought because the Bible has been interpreted by the letter.

"Truth" is not a doctrine but it is a daily partnership or relationship with the One who lives within. Each day as we take each breath, He will show us what is true and what is not. We cannot go look in a book and compare yesterday with today.

The Spirit of Truth from within each of us, testifies and gives us solid evidence by bearing witness to the truth and also witness to what is not true. The biggest part of our spiritual training is to be exercised in this. This is why we should not make laws for ourselves and try to follow our own laws each day; we are learning to follow Him.

When we "organize" our choices, we lock Him out of our lives. For instance because I have once been taught that going to a doctor shows a lack of faith, I decide that from now on I will no longer go to a

doctor and the Lord will always heal me by His own Hand. This is a law I just made for myself and many times it works fine. But the day comes when I am quite ill and I pray for the Lord to heal me. However I receive no answer. Am I losing my faith? Or could it be that the Lord is teaching me a valuable lesson?

Indeed, in order to go see a doctor I must break my own rule!! Because I am getting worse, I go to the doctor but I feel very guilty about it. Did I learn my lesson? This actually happened to me and I know it happens to many others. The Spirit is teaching us to be sensitive to His voice DAILY. He guides us daily and each day may be different.

Every day is new in Christ. We are being trained to be true "witnesses" of the Spirit within and not witnesses to the laws that we make. This must apply to our everyday life. We are being trained to no longer live by the "reasoning" of our carnal minds but to live by the Spirit. We are being cut off from the Tree of knowledge of good and evil and taught to live by the Tree of life. Our carnal mind answers to the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil but our Spirit feeds on the Tree of Life (Spirit of Truth).

The problem is that now we are no longer in control...He is! This way, as Paul says, "It is no longer I that liveth but Christ liveth in me." Can we trust Him? Or rather can we trust that it is really Him and not ourselves or another spirit that is leading us?

Having established this, it must be mentioned that

living by the Spirit does not make us "brainless." But the spirit of the mind has changed. Indeed, in Christ, we are grounded in His mind. "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? BUT WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST." (I Cor. 2: 16)

As we are, we have access to two minds. We can be double-minded and unstable in all our ways as James writes or we can be single-eyed and operate with the mind of Christ. Our minds are either moved by the spirits of this world who have taught us to think as the world, or by the Christ Spirit that we are learning to grow into and to follow. Our great teacher and leader is the Holy Spirit who teaches us to recognize what spirit moves our minds.

Paul tells us the Gentiles, meaning those who know not God, walk in the vanity of their minds. Vanity is a spirit of the world. Paul writes that these give themselves over unto lasciviousness, uncleanness and greed.

"But ye have not so **learned Christ**; if so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation (way of life) the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; AND BE RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND." (Eph.4: 20-23)

How do we put off the old man? The old man is the spirit that has trained us to think according to the deceitful desires of our flesh and of the world. As we learn Christ, we are exercised in turning away from the desires of our flesh and the deceitful thoughts that have led us in the past.

How are we renewed in the **spirit of our mind?** The spirit of our minds is ruled by what is in our hearts. Just as the heart in our physical body pumps up the rich oxygenated life-giving blood to all our organs, so our spiritual heart is the core of our spiritual health. Our heart represents our affections or the things that we love dearly. The old prophet said that the heart is desperately wicked and Jesus said, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, mur-

ders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.." (Matt.15: 19)

Our heart has power over our mind so that what is in our heart controls what we think and do and who we are. This is what the writer of Proverbs was expressing, "For as he (a man) thinketh in his heart, so is he.." (Prov.23: 7a) The heart involves the mind and the mind brings out the actions of a man. So the Holy Spirit is dealing with the core of the problem. He changes the heart and as a result, we operate in the mind of Christ. This is a continual work in our daily lives.

This is the work we must yield ourselves to. The Lord called His people "stiffneck" and "rebellious" and this truly is the nature of the Adamite in us. But God's Spirit will not quit. He has come to do a work in us and He is finishing it. We are in boot camp. He has tools that will do the job although often it will hurt.

We can absolutely trust Him. It is not a matter of trying to not be deceived, it is a matter of coming out of all our deceptions. We are all deceived by our old nature. As we are raised into His life, we see the true light and we know the truth who makes us free from our old nature and our deceptions.

If we reason according to our worldly teachings, doubts will quickly rise up to defeat us. But we are called to be "His witnesses" and "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (II Tim.1: 7)

The world and the worldly Christians all around us will try to defeat us, but that is part of our overcoming. Will there be times when we listen to the wrong spirit and fall into error? This is very possible, but even in this we can trust Him. It is all part of our training. He will work in our hearts and will bring us back on the right path.

We can only be deceived by the strong desires (lusts) of our own hearts. James puts it this way, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." (Jms.1: 14) The Amplified Version says, "But every person is tempted

when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passion)."

Religion can be a passion and we may be enticed by a desire to achieve and excel in it. This can drive us to dig for revelation before the time and to turn away from the daily work that the Spirit is doing in our hearts. But even through all this, He is training us to be witnesses of the true Invisible God.

THE AWESOME CALLING

At the end of our last study we looked into the calling of the apostle Paul. He was pressing toward overcoming death while in the body of this death. Paul certainly was given the word of resurrection and wrote extensively about it. In the fifteenth chapter of his letter to the church at Corinth, he explains the calling in details.

And in his letter to the church at Rome, Paul reveals that God has predestined some to this same calling. This is God's way to bring the last enemy (death) under the feet of Christ and deliver creation from the bondage of the grave. These are awesome teachings that are foundational truths concerning our calling as those who are walking at the end of this age.

Over the past centuries, God's true prophets have kept that true witness alive even though the serpent has enticed many into believe the lie of being raptured to a fairy tale city in the sky. Any word that promises to please the flesh is welcome in the streets of Babylon while the true witnesses are killed each day.

Eventually the word of truth is no longer believed or even heard in the systems of men (Babylon) but in Zion, the city of the living God, the Word is alive and well and flourishing. The beautiful word and the vision that the Lord has placed in our hearts is dead to the inhabiters of the earth but very much alive in those who live by the Spirit.

"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea!..." (Rev.12:12a) It is important to dwell in the right place. This does not speak of a geographical location; it is a spiritual place as the Psalmist of old sang. IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH. UNDER THE SHADE OF THE ALMIGHTY.

Many of God's people, moved either by fear or by false prophets, have tried to find places of refuge somewhere on this globe. There is no such literal place. The place to press into for refuge is the Christ within.

"Our God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof, Selah. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High." (Ps.46: 1-4)

MEASURING THE TEMPLE

"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not." (Rev.11: 1-2a)

These were the directions given to John on Patmos. We know that we are the temple of God now and that we have been going through much fire of purification and refining in preparation for the day when we are measured.

The temple or tabernacle is taught in several dimensions. We can see it with its three sections as the outer religion of our beginnings, the Holy Place as our service in the church through the Holy Spirit and the Holy of Holy and the Ark denoting the perfection that we come to in Christ.

Jesus spoke of it as His body. "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up...But he spake of the temple of his body." (Jn.2: 19,21) When we study the pattern of the tabernacle or temple, it is good to

see the three sections as our spirit, soul and body. In this way, the inner temple was to be measured but not the outer court. This means that the Lord wanted to know the condition of the inner man within each of His called out ones. The outer court that was not to be measured is our outer body. "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." (II Cor.4: 16)

Our exterior body is the outer shell that serves to humble us and to hide the glory within. It is the outer man that can still be trampled upon by the systems of godless men (Gentiles). Yet it is the body that will be raised in resurrection. Although the Lord cares about how we feel and He desires that we prosper in health even as our soul prospers, our body is the outer court and He is not measuring how good it looks or how healthy it really is. He is measuring the inner man of soul and spirit.

THE MYSTERY OF THE WITNESSES

God is not ignoring His witnesses laying dead in the streets of Babylon. His plan for them is one of His great mysteries. God's mysteries can only be revealed and known by the Spirit.

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, **clothed in sackcloth.** These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth." (Rev.11: 3)

The two olive trees speak of how God's witnesses perform in the world. Trees are fruit resources that God has planted for us in the earth; trees have their roots in the earth. Olives are the fruits that produce the oil for the lamps. This reveals that the witnesses received the anointing that lights their lamps (understanding) directly from the oil of the Spirit flowing within them.

The candlesticks are the Church or the called out ones who are connected to the flow of oil from the olive trees (Christ within the earthen vessels). This special anointing does not come through man's teachings; it flows directly from the Spirit. While Mystery Babylon looms ominously over the people and the kings (governments) of the earth, the church that Jesus has been building is hid with Christ in God. She is the One who has passed under the rod and has been measured by God. She is the One in Whom the Holy Spirit of God flows directly from the tree of life.

While Jesus has been secretly building His church, men who lacked the Spirit could no longer see Him and they looked for a way to worship. Men need a God so they make gods for themselves. Even the Atheist worship the god of Atheism which is the god of "self." Men have to label themselves. Christians who have no light of God follow the spirit of "antichrist" which means "instead of Christ." John wrote, "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God" and this is that spirit of ANTICHRIST, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is in the world." (I Jn.4:3)

It is the spirit of Antichrist that has built the counterfeit "Christian" religion in the earth. It is an Ishmael that must be cast out. The Bible calls it "Mystery Babylon The Great. The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth."

Paul tells the story of Agar, Sarah, Ishmael and Isaac. This is an allegory about the two sons of Abraham. One was to be his heir but the other was an impostor. As it happened Sarah and Abraham were given the promise of a son by an angelic visitation.

But after waiting nearly twenty years, nothing happened and Sarah was getting very old, so they decided to take Agar, the bondwoman, to bring forth a seed to Abraham. Ishmael was born. Then lo and behold, Sarah became pregnant and Isaac was born!! This is such a graphic story of what men do when they feel that they need to help God keep His promises!

Sarah was adamant. "Cast out the bondwoman AND HER SON!" The son of the bondwoman could not be heir with the son of the free woman! Indeed, the counterfeit that has been in the world will not inherit with the true sons of God. So the process be-

gan quickly. The love and attachment we had with the bondwoman was cast out of our hearts. It will be so until Mystery Babylon is totally fallen and gone! In that day the witnesses will be avenged!

THE THREE AND A HALF YEARS MINISTRY

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy A THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND THREESCORE DAYS clothed in sackcloth." (Rev.11: 3) Seven is the number that denotes perfection, maturity of fulness in God. The number of days given here is symbolic. The ministry of Jesus in the earth was actually three and a half years. Jesus fulfilled all that He had been sent to do in that time but there remained more to be fulfilled. We are told that the time of restitution of all things will come when all that was spoken at the mouth of the prophets since the world began is fulfilled.

Jesus went about fulfilling His part. One day when Jesus went up to the temple, He quoted the prophet Isaiah. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, THIS DAY IS THE SCRIPTURE FULFILLED IN YOUR EARS." (Luke 4: 18-21)

Jesus was declaring that He came to fulfill this part of the prophecy of Isaiah concerning Him. But He stopped reading before the end of the prophecy. Indeed when Jesus had read the first part, He closed the book and declared that He had fulfilled all that He read, leaving the rest to be fulfilled later.

So we look at the rest of this prophecy, "...and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn in Zion. To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the

spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified." (Isa. 61: 2b-3)

Oh Yes! Jesus fulfilled the first part of the prophecy when He was here in the flesh but He will also fulfill the rest of it by the Spirit in the Body of Christ. Indeed, His witnesses are given power to prophesy for the remaining three and a half years. This is a symbolic number given to show that they are fulfilling the remaining work of Jesus Christ in the earth.

After Jesus left the earth and sent His Spirit in His disciples, He began to fulfill the REST OF His testimony through them in the earth. We have been fulfilling the rest of the prophecy written by Isaiah AFTER JESUS CLOSED THE BOOK. Jesus did not come to fulfill the DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD. He came to restore the blind and proclaim liberty to the captives. We were blind and in captivity to Babylon and He has set us free. This is what we have experienced. Now we are able to see by the Spirit where before we were totally blind. Jesus has been building us into His church and made us true witnesses in this world.

THE DAY OF VENGEANCE

Beloved, be not deceived...God is not mocked. There is a day of vengeance as prophesied by the prophet Isaiah. Speaking of the end of the age, Jesus declared, "For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled." (Lk.21:22)

Paul declares to the church, "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe.." (II Thes. 1: 7-10a)

From Paul's words we know that this day of vengeance is accomplished by the Christ revealed

IN HIS SAINTS. In Jude's short letter we read about Enoch's prophecy, "...Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly of their ungodly deeds..." (Jude 14-15a) The Diaglott translates it from the original Greek text this way, "..The Lord cometh in holy myriads of himself..." We also know of the saints who have are under the altar crying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dist thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" (Rev.6: 10b)

From this we know that our God has no plan to keep the "ungodly" with their comfortable lifestyle in the earth. It was by the Spirit that David penned, "For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." (Ps.37: 9-11)

There is no peace while evildoers still roam the land. Yet, God promises that the meek shall inherit an earth that will be a delight. Jesus explains by parable. There was a widow who came to a judge. She asked to be avenged of her adversaries but the judge put her off. Yet she continued to implore until finally he granted her plea. And we read, "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily..." (Lk.18: 7-8a)

Our God is a consuming fire. He comes to judge the world by righteousness. His righteousness is the "right way" to do things. Any other way is self-righteousness. When Paul spoke of the Day of fire, he was speaking about the Day when man's works would all be revealed. "And the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." (I Cor. 3: 13b) In other words, if the works issued from the old Adam's ways, they shall be burnt up. But Paul adds, "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." (Vs.15)

The day of vengeance is when the fire of God con-

sumes all the works of the old Adam man. The day is at hand when absolutely nothing that has been set up by man's device shall stand. The power of the witnesses comes from their death; because they died for His Word, God must avenge them. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." (I Jn.3:8b) The VENGEANCE of God is the fire that destroys all the works of the devil and restores creation. The time of the evil one is limited, but the meek shall remain in the earth.

THE WITNESSES AND THE LIE

"And when they (the witnesses) shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city (Babylon) which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified." (Rev.11:7-8)

The word Egypt means "black." it represents the heathen teachings of the world, void of the light of God. Jerusalem, where our Lord was crucified is the seat of the three great religions of the world: Christianity, Judaism and Islam- and all three are instruments of the serpent. This is where Jesus was slain and it is where His two-witness company is laying dead.

The world and all its lustful sins is represented by Sodom. The actual city of Sodom had become a hot bed of immoral practices including homosexuality. When the Lord sent His angels to rescue Lot and his family out of the coming destruction, a vile mob of Sodomites stormed the house where they stayed and would have raped even the angelic host.

We recoil at the sin of Sodom in the flesh, yet there is a greater sin than even this; it is the Sodomy that is practiced daily when the souls of men and women are aroused with passion for the religions of this world. The intercourse of our soul with the world and its worldly religions is as the sin of Sodom.

Just as Jesus' death is the power of God unto salva-

tion, so the witnesses are more powerful in their death than they were in their lives. In their lives they were heard but people took them only with a grain of salt. Many times they were scorned and labeled heretic, and in the end, their words were totally banished and replaced in the streets of the Babylons of religion and politics.

Recently I read in the news about a new "exciting" trend in the land. MEGA ATHEIST CHURCHES are being raised to proclaim their liberty to believe that there is no God. These congregate to celebrate their new found freedom together. Is this not what the Bible said men would do? "And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets (witnesses) tormented them that dwelt upon the earth." (Rev.11: 10)? They were tormented because of their guilt.

Today, we clearly see the true Word of God laying dead in the ways of our governments, our schools and all the activities of the world. Now those who live in the earth can freely rejoice without feeling guilty for their godless ways of life. Yet our God is still in charge and they do not realize that they are celebrating their own demise. While they rejoice at the death of God's Word, the purposes of God are marching on. For even though the witnesses are laying dead in the street, they are very much alive in Zion and their testimony resonates in the world everywhere, howbeit in a different manner.

Indeed we read that the witnesses have been given great power, even as Moses and Elijah, who called down the fire of God and consumed the wicked works of their time. Moses was given power over Egypt (the world) while Elijah had power over Jezebel and the prophets of Baal. By Moses, the waters were turned to blood and by Elijah, the rain was held up and famine took its toll in the land.

By Elijah the false prophets were revealed by fire and destroyed. Indeed we read, "These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will." (Rev.11: 6)

The enemy is the creator of THE LIE in the earth. He is the one who has deceived the whole world. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which DECEIVETH THE WHOLE WORLD: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." (Rev.12: 9)

All humanity has been deceived by THE LIE. When we read that the serpent was cast out of heaven it means that his lies are being cast out of our minds and hearts. We have believed the Lie but now it is revealed to us and the truth makes us free. The serpent planted the seed of the lie in the heart and soul of Eve who is the mother of all living. "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she is the mother of all living." (Gen.3:20) Not to be confused with Jerusalem from on high who now is the mother of US all. "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." (Gal.4: 26)

Through the genes of our earthly mother, we inherited the LIE and while most are still blind to the Truth (Jesus is the Truth), some have heard and believed and are free from the Lie. The Lie is what has built the societies and ways of this world. Men believe that if they school and develop their intellect they can accomplish all things. The world is filled with universities and places of learning. Knowledge is blossoming fully and the field of electronics and communication is making it grow with giant steps. But it is all going toward its destruction because the smarter they get, the more they leave God out. They are following the way of the Lie that they can be as God by their intellect (Tree of knowledge).

Everything that has been raised in the world, has been raised by the LIE and therefore it cannot stand. The power given to the two-witness company is the consuming fire of God who is coming to test the ways of Babylon. If it is wood, hay or stubble it will burn up. But what is the gold, silver and precious stones of God will be refined; all is tested by fire. Beloved, we are in that Day of fire.

Because their testimony in the earth is finished, the witnesses are no longer visibly doing their work in Babylon, and now the fire of God is ready to finish the work. All the world walks according to the course of the prince of the power of the air. The world is the kingdom that Satan has built but now the consuming fire of God is at work.

THE WITNESSES AND THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

In the Old Testament, God ordered the priesthood to make two silver trumpets in order to call Israel to assembling and prepare to battle. Paul wrote, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to battle?" (I Cor.14: 8)

A "trumpet" in the language of the Spirit, speaks of the sharp Word that is spoken by God's witnesses in the earth, we can easily align the seven trumpets of Revelation with the voice of the two-witness company as they lay dead in the streets.

There was a time when the Lamb opened the last seal and heaven became silent. "And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets." (Rev.8: 2)

It is good to keep in mind that when God blows His word into the world, it accomplishes that for which it is sent. God's Word is not like man's empty speeches. God's Word is powerful. "The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the Lord is upon many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty...The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire.." (Ps.29: 3,4,7)

The seven trumpets represent the complete Word that God is blowing in the earth at the time of the end of this age. With each trump, God is taking down the works of men. The seventh or last trump brings the kingdoms of the world to an end. "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." (Rev.11: 15) Is this not what we are hearing in the heavens of our spirits?

The time has come when the spirit of the carnal mind that directed and established all the ways of this world will be destroyed by fire. "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail." (Rev.11: 19)

The temple of God is His residence. The prince of this world caused the death of His prophets. Then he caused the death of His beloved Son Jesus. Then he caused the death of all the witnesses who spoke by the Holy Spirit... he has been gloating over his conquests...But the time has come and the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead is also raising the witnesses. Grand opening Day for the God of heaven and earth is at hand!

The open temple speaks of the appearing of the Christ in the earth. "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matt.24: 27) When the temple is opened, the Ark of the Covenant (Christ) is seen in all His glory. The Body of Christ that has been hid is now revealed.

The word "lightning" from the Greek, means a "bright shining" as a "glare." He makes His appearance in times of great storms and shakings in the earth. This is the coming of the Son of man. It is the revealing of the sons of God- the Body of Christ

Beloved, we are standing on the threshold of this appearing. God is bringing this age to a close speedily as He promised. The enemy of humanity has had his day. He has accomplished his work and the Day of deliverance is at hand. So when we see all these things, we do not fret as the heathens, but we look up knowing that our full redemption is nigh!

What a mighty God we serve. How marvelous are His works and His ways past finding out!

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