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THE HEATHEN PAGE...

Long ago, the Spirit of God through David, asked and answered this question, *"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed...He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision...Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me. Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."* (Ps.2:1-2, 4,6-8) Perhaps today, more than ever in history, we are witnessing the increasing rage of the nations.

WHO ARE THE HEATHEN? The word "heathen" in the Bible is derived from the Hebrew word "gowy or goy." Strong's lexicon translates the word as nations, peoples, swarm of locusts, herds of animals. The heathen are people, foreign to God, who draw their power from being gathered under one banner and with the same goal. The tower of Babel is a good example of "heathen" power. They achieved it by coming together by being of one mind, one language, with one goal to reach and rule the heavens by their own brute power. But God quickly destroyed their work and confounded their unity. Since that time, man has never been able to agree with one another for long. All the opulence, wealth, splendor and power of the great empires of this world, are now nothing but piles of ruins today; all the nations that man built and defended are quickly heading in the same direction.

There is no doubt in my spirit, that God raised up the United States as a nation with a divine mission. The first pilgrims who braved the seas on the Mayflower were Christian believers. They were guided and urged by the Spirit of God, and when they drafted the first document called the Mayflower Compact, they declared their independence from their former kings and rulers, and began to establish a new country under God. The first words of that document are, *"In the name of God. Amen,"* and it went on to state that it was written in the **"presence of God."** It was signed aboard the ship, by 41 of its surviving passengers who suffered the horrendous conditions of the sixty-six days voyage. There is no doubt that God's purpose for this country was to give freedom to His Word, and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world. It is through the freedom established in this country that evangelism flourished all over the world, and that the Spirit called out His elect from among the heathen. And it is through the freedom of religion in this country that the elect company was formed. At the end of this age, God's purpose is coming to its fulfillment. It is through the liberty that was founded by God, and defended by courageous and valiant men and women through the centuries, that this country became a gift of God to the world. It is the freedom of religion that allowed God's ministries to gather and raise the sons to be the deliverers of the world. Now that liberty is threatened, rest assured that God will keep it together, until He replaces it with His own kingdom.

The heathen are nations, peoples, groups and such, who know not God, and who live under the direction of the "carnal mind," which is enmity against God. These are likely to believe the lies of the serpent who has

become the fiery dragon of today. "Fiery" denotes anger, rage. The rage of the heathen stems from the rage of the spirit of this world that continually provokes, incites and agitates them against each other, or against those by whom they feel victimized; this anger can lead to violence, wars and murder. The serpent who became the dragon devouring men's minds and souls, draws much of his power by gathering people into angry mobs, gangs, swarms, parties, masses, and all sorts of isms. He provokes and riles them up to fight against a common enemy. Communism, Nazism, Fascism, Capitalism, are all forms of governmental powers ruling the world. Some are better than others, some are even cruel and keep their people in bondage; sooner or later, they all become corrupt. God's plan is not to straighten out the governments of this world; His plan is to replace them...All of them.

I HAVE SET MY KING IN ZION- Zion is the symbol that speaks of Christ's government in the earth. We find Zion, (spelled Sion), in the New Testament where it is called the church. *"But ye are come unto Mt. Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, (messengers). To the general assembly of the firstborn..."* (Heb.12:22-23a) Indeed Zion is where the true church and the sons are sitting. The King is ruling in the hearts of His Firstfruits, His church, His elect, the sons of God in Christ. Is it any wonder that the dragon spirit that control the nations, has set the hearts of the world on fire against the the Lamb company which stands on Mt. Zion. Man in darkness fights against flesh and blood, but this is truly a spiritual battle, and can only be fought with spiritual weapons.

As we grasp the truth of God's plan for creation, we discover who we are in this world, and what our purpose is. When I first heard the call of the Spirit, I was totally ignorant of anything pertaining to God. At the time, through dreams, the Spirit spoke to me many times; I understood what He was saying, but I was at a loss to fit the Word in my life or in the world around me. Once I dreamt that I could smell the aroma of strong coffee perking. It was very pleasant and I woke up thinking that my husband Michael had set the pot on to perk. But it was not Michael's coffee that I smelled; it was the Lord's call waking me up spiritually. In His plan for creation, our Father has chosen to reveal Himself through His Son, first in Jesus the Man, then in us, His body of sons. Jesus knew who He really was, He said, *"When you see me, you see the Father."* And we are chosen to be as He is. After Jesus's resurrection and glorification, the Father sent the Spirit of His Son upon and into the hundred-and-twenty souls who waited for Him in the upper room. This is the Spirit who overcame death. *"I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore. Amen."* (Rev.1:18). The outpouring came suddenly, like a mighty rushing wind, and cloven tongues of fire rested upon every person gathered there. Since that time, the Holy Spirit has raised up many sons, comforting them, leading them into all truths and teaching through difficult situations; even through suffering. All this to make them stand strong in the faith, and imparting to them, the nature of the "Deliverer." Indeed, those who stand on Mt. Zion, with the King, who is the Lamb of God, follow Him whithersoever He goes.

Only the King, the Lamb on Mt. Zion is powerful enough to overcome the dragon and the "beast," (human power driven by the devil), with cunning the foe provokes the heathen into rage, violence and wars. The dragon, the beast, the lamb, Mt. Zion, all are symbols of the spiritual, unseen realities that work in the minds of people. They denote the natures, characters, and inner powers that move us. As humans, we are greatly influenced by these, but as sons, we learn obedience to the Spirit of God only. Jesus, *"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered."* (Heb.5:8) Jesus is our pattern and example.

THE CONQUERING LAMB- Today, the stage is set. Man has been fighting wars, looking for peace, and the pursuit of happiness, but the results are frightening. The world is in turmoil as never before. Families and people are displaced, losing their homes, fleeing from poverty and persecutions and the country founded

under God is being overwhelmed by millions looking to better and even save their lives. But behind the obvious news headline, the Lamb and His body of sons are getting ready to heal and restore. But the sons are not armed with weapons that kill and maim; their weapons are much more powerful than any in the world's armories today. *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; and having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."* (II Cor.10:4-5) The weapons that work to bring down our own imaginations and pride, are the same weapons that will cast down every high thing from the minds of those who are held under the powers of the spirit of this world.

The Lamb of God is the greatest weapon in our spiritual arsenal. His nature is submissive to the Father, compassionate toward the people even unto the laying down of His life. It is this nature that is being re-born in the firstfruits. Recently I read an article written by Brother Preston Eby whose anointed words say it well, *"Christ is the sacrificial Lamb and He is the conquering Lamb. He is seen as slain, yet standing in the midst of the throne. He does not reserve the power of His divine life unto Himself, but His life is forever, continuously, being laid down and poured out in a never-ending stream of love and redeeming grace. This principle of the laid down, poured out life, is the reality of all who share His Lamb nature. And throughout the book of Revelation it is the Lamb who overcomes and conquers all! It is the Lamb who gets the victory over the beast, and the false prophet, and the whore, and the dragon, and the kings of the earth; over the world, the flesh, the devil, death, hell. and the grave! So glory to God and the Lamb forevermore! The Lamb shall have the victory! Christ is Lord over them all, for He was slain before they were, and will be reigning when they are gone! The wonder of it all is that THIS LAMB IS WITHIN US!"* End of quote.

Indeed, the Spirit in us has been consuming the beast nature in us, and replacing it with the nature of the Lamb. It is the Lamb nature that the Spirit of God has been raising up in the midst of those who are called to deliver the world, and to bring forth the rule and reign of Christ in God's creation. The nature of the Lamb is acquired as the Spirit takes us through many difficult and painful experiences, and repeats the test until we pass the grade of His standard. God's people have tasted some of this power, through the sharing, preaching and teaching of the word of truth received in our hearts and witnessed by the Spirit within. The time at hand demands greater works from the sons than the preaching Christ; it demands being Christ. For only when the people who have been in darkness, and gross darkness, see Him as He is in the sons, will they turn and worship the God who has the power to transform their hearts and minds. *"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the sea, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever."* (Rev.5:13)

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world..." (Eph.6:12) These principalities are orders of evil spirits who control the minds and decisions of the rulers of the nations of this world. They have sown seed of discord and animosity among the people who then have formed mobs, gangs, unruly hordes to rebel and use brute force and often deadly weapons against a common enemy whom they can't really identify. Driven by fury, and by the sheer power of their numbers, (beast), they are unaware that they are out to destroy their own peace, their precious resources and all that they and their children need to survive and thrive in this world. *"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."* (Rev.17:13-14) Those who stand with the Lamb on Mt. Zion, have His nature in their hearts and souls; they only follow that nature and the will of the Father, (they have the

Father's name in their foreheads). It is the nature of the One who laid down His life willingly to save the world; it must be the nature of all who follow Him.

Paul writes, *"For to be carnally minded is death. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."* (Rom.8:6-7)

Enmity is hatred, hostility, malice, this is the heart of all peoples who are not subject to God's law or God's Spirit. Paul describes them well in his letter to the church at Rome, he also explains that some, by their own nature, are a law unto themselves. *"For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves. Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or excusing one another."* (Rom.2:14-15) These did not adhere to the Law of God, but they loved one another, and their lives produced good fruit. Their judgment for one another was righteous judgment; they lived from the good side of the tree of good and evil. There are many such people in our world; they live clean lives and reap good fruit, yet only the tree of life imparts eternal life. I am sure all of us know such "good" people, yet it is true that, *"As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh God. They are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become unprofitable there is none that doeth good, no, not one."* (Rom. 3:10-12)

The Spirit is clearly speaking to our hearts today. The warfare that is taking place all over the world today stems from spiritual forces leading the rulers of nations and inciting the people against a common enemy. Jesus said that at the end of the age, nations shall rise against nation. They fight deadly wars to rob other nations from their resources, and they are causing the misery and ruin of fleeing people everywhere. Human defense against these is no longer valid. There are no super bombs of any kind that can stop the warfare that the dragon is waging in this world today. The time has come when only the Lamb will bring them to their knees. This time is at hand. The Lamb and His sons are ready.

How close are we to the time when the sons are made manifest to the world? The Spirit teaches us that it will be when we have come to perfect obedience to the Father. As we read in the verse quoted earlier, *"And having in readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."* (II Cor.10:6). Our perfect obedience to the will of our Father will be fulfilled, when we are no longer believing the things we imagine (lies). When we quit exalting ourselves against the knowledge of God, and when we are perfectly obedient to His Holy Spirit. Then our obedience will be complete, and we will be ready to revenge all disobedience everywhere. As sons, we have been trained to fight the good fight of faith, we have faced rejection for our word. We have been maligned and many times murdered in the hearts of our own peers. As Joseph of old, we have often faced envy, jealousy and animosity rising against us in the hearts of our own brethren. We were taught and compelled to not retaliate, and to just turn the other cheek, to take the low road of humility, for therein is the power of God revealed. This is what it means to follow the Lamb whithersoever He goes. May the Spirit of God make these words real to our hearts.

May we clearly hear the voice of Him who still "so loves" the world; and may the voices that are desperately trying to draw us again into their evil camps be silenced in us and in the world forever.

Because He is love, *Jackie Caporaso*