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DIGGING DEEPER

THE PRINCE WE SEEK- The Spirit brought back a dream I had a while back. In the dream, *"I went searching for my Prince. The love in my heart for my Prince, constrained me to go on an arduous journey, through a very steep, uncharted mountainous area. I was walking up narrow, winding trails, looking for any sign of my Prince. I came to this house, more like a small castle and rang the bell. A man dressed like a chef with a tall white hat on his head, came to the door. I told him I was looking for my Prince. He said, he is not here, he is out working on the castle that he is building. He warned me to not go too close to the work area, as it was very hazardous terrain. I went eagerly in the direction he pointed, and after a while I heard the melodious sound of many voices, singing in perfect harmony. It was a very cheerful sound, and I knew that it came from deep down below the earth where they were digging. I realized, this was my Prince and his crew, digging ever so deep to uncover the foundation of this great building. At the same time, I noticed that I was standing on a narrow board spanning a very deep ravine, and I felt immediately that I must get back on safer ground."* End of dream.

I felt joy in my heart when I awoke from this dream. I knew that the Spirit was revealing the work that is still taking place deep within each of the living stones who are part of this building not made with hands. We are on a "treasure hunt," to uncover fully the riches of the Christ within. And we are on a journey to find our Prince, the son of God formed in us, who is eager to achieve this. We are being built together into a building of God, a more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands. We are God's temple being erected in the earth, a building which is God's new creation in Christ, perfectly patterned

or cut-out, after the image of His dear Son, the "last Adam, the Man from heaven". *"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit...The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven."* (I Cor.15: 45,47) We are being born again into the new creation man from heaven. Our soul becomes one with our new spirit and we become a new creature, a quickening spirit in Christ.

When I first had this dream, I depicted my Prince as being Jesus Christ, the Son of God in me. But now the Spirit reveals Him in a new dimension. To grasp the wealth of this new dimension, our God is awakening the Spirit of revelation in us. He has to *"...destroy, (from our minds), the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."* As He said He would do. (see I Cor.2:19) For only through the Spirit of revelation, are we able and ready to see, to accept and to receive the deep things of God.

A prince is the son of a king. In the Bible a prince is a ruler; the Son of God is the Prince of peace. In the dream, I finally found the prince that I so loved and yearned for, yet I could not get near him as he was very busy digging in the midst of unfinished work and still unstable terrain. He was digging to get to the true foundation of the great habitation that he and his brethren were in the process of building. This great foundation has been buried deep into the earth, the inner beings of God's called out people. Jesus Christ Himself is the foundation, the corn of wheat, the seed, that fell into our ground and died. This Prince is the many-membered body of Christ, our new man, who is seeking to know Him as He is. We have been living in the light of the earthly soul

man, but our great yearning is to live fully by the light and life of the man who is a life giving spirit. Our prince is this new man in us, the true husband of our lost soul, the one who digs to find his image in Christ. This prince in us is digging for truth in the Bible, in books written by the seeking brethren of long ago, in messages, in teachings, in dreams, in revelations, everywhere he might uncover more of the One who is the way, the truth and the life. For when we see Him as He is, we shall be complete, yes, we shall be as He is. This can only be grasped as God's Holy Spirit leads us. The reasoning of our minds, does not permit us to know the deep things of God.

Indeed, it is not the old Adam man in us who is busy digging, it is our prince, the one whose spirit has been made alive by the blood of Jesus; he is the one who is constantly digging and joyfully seeking to find more of the real Jesus. This prince is the true husband of our soul; he is in us and we are aware of him, but we still need to find Him fully. A few years ago I dreamed, *"I was in my bedroom, (twin beds in the dream). I looked on my husband's bed and there were several of his things laying there: his keys, his belt, his handkerchief and pocket trinkets. Above all I could smell the exhilarating essence of His presence. It was like a wonderful cologne or after shave scent that filled my whole being. I knew my husband had come home. But where was he? I had to find him. I knew that he was in the house."* In the dream, I was very excited and so desiring to find him. I believe that this is the desire of all who have been awakened and quickened in Christ. We know He is in us, in our house, but we still need to see Him as He is. We need His touch, His contact. We need to be filled with the love that now we can only feel as a fleeting breeze, in dreams or by the Spirit.

There was a time when our awakened, quickened spirit, was as a new-born babe, nursed by mother church on the milk of the Word. Then our spirit grew up into an adolescent, ready to conquer the world single-handed, filled with zeal for the Lord's work. But as time went, this new man in us, went through many trials under the Father's discipline. This new man has been in the furnace of fire, and has learned many lessons in the school of life. And

now he is no longer resisting the will of the Father; he is tamed and ready to lay His life down, and follow the Lamb wherever He leads. This has been an individual work within each living stone, and now the building is arising, the sons are soon reaching maturity. They are prepared, equipped, and willing to lay aside the macho, zealous ways that bring glory to "self," and to do only that which Father is doing in this world.

This new day is beginning to dawn and soon, our quickened new spirit will receive his bride, the soul and body who completes him. This is the new building that will appear in the coming new world. It is not a building of bricks and mortar made by human hands; it is a new creation of kings and priests, after the image of the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is the revealing of the last Adam man, the new man of the spirit. *"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy, the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."* (I Cor.15:45-48) I never tire of hearing this exciting truth. This is our eternal future, our calling in Christ, the fruit of all His and our earthly sufferings and of our joys too. This is what we have been so eagerly searching for throughout our lives, through the Bible, through the hearing of His Word. We are seekers of truth, and our Father will not give us a stone for bread.

A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENCE-

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (I Cor.3:11) *"Now therefore, ye are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone."* (Eph.2:19-20) The corner stone or foundation stone,

or setting stone, is the first stone laid, in the construction of a masonry structure. All other stones will be aligned with that first stone and thus determine the direction of the entire building. There cannot be one stone out of alignment. Jesus is the stone to which every other stone must be aligned; there can be no modification, no disagreement, no alteration, no exception; each stone must align exactly with the corner stone.

The law of Moses was the cornerstone of the tabernacle and temple that Israel built, it determined the direction of the building. The religious order that stemmed out of that priesthood was the Pharisaical order that Jesus faced. That order became stuck in the law, in ordinances, rules and regulations and traditions, and they stumbled at the living cornerstone of this new "living" building. They became desolate or devoid of God's presence *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate..."*(Lk.13: 34-35) Since that time, God's presence has left Israel, for His presence is no longer in their feasts and ceremonies, God's presence is in His Son, whom they still reject. Jesus declared, *"Behold your house is left unto you desolate, and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."* (Lk.13:35)

When we think of the temple, or building that our Lord is building today, we need to remember that it is no longer a building built with hands, but it speaks of a new creation of God in Christ. When Jesus Christ walked this earth, He was the Word made flesh, and spoke accordingly. To those who rejected His Word, He became *"...a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient:*

whereunto also they were appointed." (I Pet.2:8) The Pharisaic order of that day could not line up with Him. In his letter to the elect, Peter continues to exhort the saints to be obedient to the word and to remember their calling. *"But ye are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."* (I Pet.2:9)

In the same breath, he continues to exhort and admonish us, and to lovingly counsel us, *"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as servants of God. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fears; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man of conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully."* (I Pet.2:13-19). This is where it is so easy to stumble and to be carried away by anger and rebellion against authorities that we deem to be adversaries to our freedom, our peace and our livelihood.

Israel looked to Jesus to deliver them by using His power against Herod the Great, who was a friend of Rome and ruled the country with an iron fist. This is what Israel expected Jesus to do, and that is what a great number of Christians today desire and expect as well. They have chosen their man to lead them, but this man is not Jesus neither does he move with the wisdom of Jesus. The teachings of the modern Christian churches of our day, mainly work to recruit more supporters and therefore, their message pleases the man of flesh. Many voices of self-appointed prophets fill the airwaves, Youtube

and social media with fiery words, to ignite the zeal of their followers. But beware of them for these are also the ways of Mystery Babylon, using new tactics to hold on to worldly powers. *"The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."* (Jms.1:20) It inflames and stirs the hearts of men to more violence, warfare and destruction. Paul taught, *"(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.) Casting down imaginations, and everything that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."* (II Cor.10:4-5)

THE BEAST AND THE LAMB- The book of Revelation is compiled of a series of visions whose symbols depict and reveal the spiritual forces, good and evil, that often describe the personalities and the actions of humans, and therefore the events they create in this world. Animals in symbols speak of the natures of these spirits. At times we might be under the influence of a stubborn goat nature, and again we might feel strong as a bull, weak as a kitten or clever as a fox. The beast is one such symbol. There are two kinds of beasts in the book of Revelation, one is translated from the Greek word, "Zoon," meaning a living thing, an animal; the other from the word, "Therion," which is a venomous, ferocious beast." We read about Mystery Babylon, *"... and I saw a woman, **sit upon a scarlet colored beast**, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns."* (Rev.17:3) Scarlet is the color of blood, *"The life of the flesh is in the blood".* (Lev.17:11)

The name Adam means son of the red earth. This beast represents, the populations of the world; it is wild, venomous and dangerous. In the vision, John saw this woman, **sitting** on this beast. She was being supported by it, as a chair supports a body. This harlot called Mystery Babylon is supported by humanity's sweat and blood, by their hard labor, their power to fight wars, (10 horns), by their well

developed and highly educated minds, their superior knowledge, (7 heads). Jesus said, *"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness and blasphemies."* (Matt.15:19) Man without God is as a venomous animal, with the heart and mind of the serpent. *"For the carnal mind is enmity against God..."* (Rom.8:6) Jeremiah says that *"The heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can know it?"* (Jer. 17:9).

The full meaning of this vision with all its detailed symbols can only be understood as the Spirit brings them to light. We understand parts of their meanings as they begin to be revealed in us and to us; then we can see them at work in the world. This woman is called "The mother of harlots." She gave birth to many harlots in her likeness. A harlot is a prostitute, one who sells her body, herself in exchange for the wealth of this world. This mother of harlots possessed many treasures of spiritual value, that she sold out for the fame, fortune and power of this world. She was called to be the beautiful church of Jesus Christ, showing forth His glory to the people but instead, she became an impostor, an abomination. She sits as a queen, a ruler who has usurped the beauty of Christ, and who has brought Him down to the level of a god that she conceived in her own image.

We know that there are many sincere and compassionate pastors who care for their flocks and many honest individuals who run their businesses with integrity. These are not part of this system, yet are often tangled into the many requirements of it. God knows our hearts. The beast that this woman is sitting upon and supported by, represents the masses of humanity who are supporting this Christ impostor. Her daughters are the civil, social, governmental and all manners of structures and organizations, patterned after her ways of using the blood and sweat of its citizens to support their agendas, and enrich their treasury. Today,

multitudes have been robbed from their livelihoods and are roaming the earth in search of freer, greener pastures and new beginnings. Much of the earth's populations are suffering from dire poverty, their homes and livelihoods being destroyed by oppression, wars and violence. In desperation many become drug addicts and criminals. Homeless and hungry people are huddling in the streets of cities everywhere. Many have lost hope and anger and frustration are boiling over.

Today, the question is, "Is there a man capable of restoring peace, trust and decency in the land?" As we look at the competence, the qualifications and honesty of those who declare themselves candidates for restoring peace and confidence to the citizens, we wonder. But those who are God's "watchers or witnesses," have no doubt as to what the answer is, for just as it was in the times of Daniel with the king of Babylon, *"This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones; to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."* (Dan.4:17)

The Man who will restore peace in the hearts of humanity, is not found in any of the world's orders. The only hope of the world is the Lamb and the Lamb company that John saw, standing upon Mt. Zion, which represents the Christ of God and His kingdom in earth. Zion was the place where king David set up a tent to house the Ark of the Covenant. This was the temporary temple of God at the time. And so, symbolically, Zion represents the government of Christ, the presence of God in the innermost beings, (tents), of His people, the body of Christ in the earth. God has raised sons who will rule and reign in the nations of this world until peace is restored and evil is no longer a threat. *"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)

Indeed, great voices are already heard, announcing that this day is dawning. But there are many other voices heard today. They are loud and intimidating, and they are working to drown the voices of truth within. But the Spirit has trained us to know the difference, so let us not be deceived. Let us not follow the "herd instinct of the beast," and be carried away with the unruly passion of the crowd. Jesus has not changed, *"He is the same yesterday, and today and forever."* (Heb.13:8). When I prayed about these things, I heard my Father simply say, "My Son went to the cross."

Today, not only leaders, but self-appointed prophetic voices on social media and in the airwaves, have no qualms about spreading fear, and even panic into the hearts of the unaware, and leading some into rebellion and even violence. They have little care about the consequences, the unrest, the bloodshed, the wasted lives, the destruction and the misery that their foolishness and stubborn pride is costing the citizens. Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth and the life."* He showed us the way of the Lamb; He laid His life down, and most of all He trusted His Father.

THE LAMB NATURE is opposite of that of the beast; a lamb has no horns, no weapons, no defenses. Those who follow the Lamb, have learned to trust, and to follow only Him. By taking up their cross daily, and following the voice of the Holy Spirit, they have become obedient and submissive to their Father, whose thoughts and ways are written in their minds, (their foreheads). *"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount of Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads"* (Rev.14:1)

Lambs have a gentle, sacrificial nature, ready to lay their lives down in obedience to the will of the

shepherd. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God. He came into this world and laid His life down in obedience to the will of His Father. The Lamb followers have been saved or rescued from among the people of the world. They have passed through much tribulation, being changed from glory to glory, from the beast nature into the image of the Lamb. They no longer love the world and the things of the world. They no longer follow their own will; they follow the Lamb. A lamb relies fully upon the shepherd. Sheep give their wool, but lambs give their lives. Jesus told Peter to feed His sheep, but then He made a difference between the lambs and the sheep, and specifically asked him, *"Lovest thou me Peter? Feed my lambs."* (Jn.21:15) Jesus Christ never defended Himself. No man took His life; He laid it down to save the world.

These two opposite natures of the beast and the lamb, are at work in us and in the world today. The Lamb followers are waiting and ready to take their place as the deliverers. This is the time when all prophecies are being fulfilled, *"And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau,"* (Kingdoms of the flesh man who sold his birthright for a mess of porridge; kingdoms of the whore who sold out the glory of Christ for the wealth and admiration of the world), *and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.*) (Oba.21) This does not mean that sons are going to be transported on a mountain called Zion; it means that sons will arise to take their assigned place in the world of men. Then the harlot will be forever replaced with God's truth and the people will be free indeed.

And so, while, as the prophet Joel prophesied, the trumpet is blowing in Zion and the inhabitants of the land tremble, and the day of the Lord is unfolding before our eyes, *"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."* (Ps.46:10)

Chapter 17 of the book of Revelation, has many interesting details concerning the final destruction of the harlot systems in the earth. Anointed

ministries have already written about much of this, and we know that the Spirit of truth will continue to reveal more of these truths as we see them coming to pass even in our lifetimes.

May our Father and our God, continue to open our understanding, and fill our hearts with faith, peace and joy unspeakable and full of glory. May we speak words of comfort and truth to ourselves and to each other, even as the glorious dawns upon us. Amen.

Because He is love, *Jackie Caporaso*