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## JOHN SAW THE CITY

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### INTRODUCTION

The visions of John in the book of Revelation, depict, in symbols, the world as it stands at the end of the age. Paul wrote of the dispensation of “ the fullness of time.” *“That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in the heaven, and which are on earth; even in him..”* (Eph.1: 10)

The visions that John saw were revelations of Jesus Christ, and all things that are being gathered in Him. When Jesus came to earth two thousand years ago, He came to atone for the sins of the world. John the Baptist introduced Him as the Lamb of God. *“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”* (Jn.1: 29)

This was the Lamb that was hid in the Scriptures and in the words of the prophets of old. *“How beautiful upon the mountains are **the feet of him** that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!”* (Isa.52:7)

Both Isaiah and John the Baptist were announcing the Lord Jesus Christ as He came to earth to be crucified and become the Savior of the world. But when Paul had been given the revelation of the full Body of Christ, he no longer quoted the same Scripture as the **feet of him**; he now writes it as the **feet of them**.

*“How beautiful are the **feet of them** that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”* (Rom.10: 15b)

Indeed when we speak of Christ today, we see Him complete, in His body, joined to His bride as one. So, the symbols of the visions of John the Revelator are to be interpreted by the Spirit as He is today.

### THE VISIBLE CHURCH vs HIS GLORIOUS CHURCH

John saw two women. They were very impressive but extremely different. He must have felt a dread in his spirit when the first one appeared in all her loftiness, haughtiness and insolence. He describes her with great care in every detail so that there is no way that anyone can doubt her identity.

She is a mystery, yet she has been in plain view all along. Her name is upon her forehead. *“MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”* (Rev. 17: 5) She is a mystery because she has fooled the people of the earth. Her true identity can only be known by the Spirit. We know her today, for we have all drunk of her cup in some way.

In contrast, John must have been in awe when the angel came to him and told him, *“Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.”* (Rev.21: 9b). So he carried John away in the spirit where he saw the most remarkably beautiful sight he had ever seen. He writes, *“And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God..”* (Rev.21:10-11a) Again, John meticulously makes note of every detail of this dazzling apparition.

The angel said he was going to show John the bride, the Lamb's wife, yet he took him to this high place to see a great city, the holy Jerusalem. John was carried in the Spirit...this is the high place the angel brought him to, for this could only be seen by the Spirit. And it can only be interpreted by the Spirit.

The truth is that the "bride" is a great and holy city. The bride is not a single woman, the bride is one but includes many who dwell in the same dimension of Spirit. This manifold woman is sustained and directed by the one Head or government. This "Bride" is the Church with all the attributes of a city- She is the wife of the Lamb-The City of God- The New Jerusalem and she is the Body of Christ.

She is coming down from heaven to earth. This is not a rapture as some believe, on the contrary, she is coming down to earth. This is because she has been formed in the realm of Spirit (within) and when John saw her she was about to appear in the visible earthly realm. This could be called "The Manifestation Of The Bride!"

The Spirit projected the manifold Bride-City to John, as she is making her appearance in the visible realm. Up to that time, she had been kept in the invisible realm of Spirit where she had been washed and purified in preparation for her glorious unveiling. Her Bridegroom is about to lift her veil. The time is at hand when the veil of flesh that has kept her from seeing Him as He is, will no longer hinder her.

### WHEN THE BRIDGROOM CALLS

Paul described the God-given role of a man for his wife, comparing it to the God-given role of Christ for His church. He concluded this teaching saying, "*For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. **This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.***" (Eph.5: 31-3) Paul's instruction to the church and the call of the man to leave his mother and father for his wife, had been ordained long ago when Eve was introduced to Adam, and he said, "*This is now*

*bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*" (Gen.2: 23-24)

Surely, this is simple to understand! Yet Paul calls it a "great mystery." But as the Lord reveals Himself to us, we find that the relationship between Christ and His church is indeed a great mystery that can only be understood by the Spirit and as it is fulfilled in us.

It is this church, this bride, this great mystery that Jesus was speaking of when he told Simon Peter, "*...thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.***" (Matt.16: 18) It is this church that He has been tenderly calling unto Himself. She is the one He has been painstakingly cleansing and purifying. She is the one into whom He has been depositing His treasure...His mighty Word of power that is forming the company of sons that is soon to be manifested to the world.

When He called us, one by one, He passed us through the baptism of repentance. Then He brought us through the baptism of the Holy Spirit and we thought that the church we attended was the church that we were to be joined to forever. Little did we know at the time that it was not to the organization that we were being gathered, it was to Him... we were the church.

Little by little the light dawned upon us. It was as the gentle light of a sunrise...first the dawn, then it became a little brighter and brighter until we could see clearly that He is the Sun in the midst of us and that we are called to be bone of **His bone and flesh of His flesh! His very own body!**

### A DREAM

Recently, I was talking with a sister in the Lord that I have known from the beginning of my walk in Christ. The Lord reminded her of a dream He had given her when He first called her out of the church she had been attending. She writes, "*I dreamed I was walking down a dirt road with another girl.*

*There was thick growth of vines and trees on each side of the road. As we walked I noticed something in the thick growth, it looked as if there was an old house, once painted white. I could see bits and pieces. I was very curious and wanted to go closer. The other girl was hesitant. As we got closer I could see a ladder against the house going up to a second floor window.*

*I wanted to go and she followed. We climbed through the window. As I looked around I had this awesome feeling that this place had been of Royalty or great wealth. All the furniture was covered as to protect it. There were paintings with massive gold frames on the walls as well as mirrors and gold ornate objects. The drapes were massive with gold fringe and valances, also the fabric was brocade with a beautiful pattern as was the carpet.*

*There was a very big round hassock (foot stool) with pie shaped wedges of beautiful fabric. I was so drawn to this hassock that I thought it to be a musical instrument, as if one would press on the wedges it would make a beautiful heavenly sound.*

*As I turned, I saw a man standing by the window where we came in. He had on khaki pants and a white tee shirt. He appeared to be about forty years old. I thought that we were in much trouble for getting caught in there. As I looked at him I knew he was going to choose one of us to marry, and he would choose the one who could play the instrument and I knew I couldn't play it. I felt sad.*

*As we walked past him towards the window to leave (there had been no words spoken until now) he took my arm and pulled me back and said. I have chosen you, I said, "But I can't play the instrument." He said, "When you said you loved me, you meant it." Because I have chosen you, I have given you this.*

*He took my hand and led me to a beautiful huge long table, low to the floor with angle down sides with two rows of beautiful carved squares all around 3 sides, and sat me down on a cushion. He started at my right side and began to pull out each square which had a beautiful crystal wine bottle at-*

*tached. Each with different amounts of wine with beautiful colors. When he came around on my left side he said, "When you have finished all of these you still have this." He reached over my head and lifted the whole table top as if it were a door that opened into infinity, all I could see was white light swirling like clouds. As I looked into this, I knew there was nothing else one could ever want. There was nothing else.*

*Polly Houghton 1968 Still so vivid & alive in my heart and mind to this day." End of quote.*

This dream truly depicts the beauty of our spiritual dwelling place as the bride of Christ. Polly received this dream at a time when the truth of her true identity in Christ was about to be revealed. This is not only for her, but for the Bride of Christ who is being called in these last times. This truth had been hid from us, but as we walked on, our Lord, by His Spirit within proceeded to reveal Himself to us.

In the dream, all the items and furnishings of the house represent the truths that have now been revealed to us over the years. It was as we witnessed to the truth that we saw Him and we knew that He desired us.

We first see Him through the ministries that teach us the Word, for they are His voice to us until we learn to hear Him and to know Him. This is why she first saw him as a man in a tee shirt and khaki pants. But she knew He was looking for a bride.

I feel that the treasures that she found in that house, are not only representative of the truths that are revealed to us over time, but they also speak of those who have gone before us and taken their place as the Body of Christ.

The paintings and the gold ornate objects that she felt were royalty and great wealth speak of the men of great faith such as Abraham and Joshua..King David and Solomon...and the musical instrument that played divine sounds, speaks of David and his wonderful psalms of prayer and praise... and the Koharites who were a branch of the singers in the temple and who also wrote psalms unto our God.

Of all these things, what really spoke to me in the dream was when He told her, *“When you said you loved me, you meant it.”* Oh! Yes, He looks upon the heart. This is the deepest area within us and it is the place He washes and purifies by fire. We are not chosen for any special talent or abilities or even God-given gift with which we bless others. He chooses us when He sees our earnest willingness to yield ourselves unto Him and to let go of our pursuit for self-seeking gains and sensual pleasures.

Moses was chosen; he chose to suffer with the people of God, rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. All who were chosen desired a spiritual eternal dwelling place over earthly gains. Yes, we labor by the sweat of our brow to earn our living in this world, but the void in our hearts can only be filled by spiritual growth. The harlot church would have us believe that what our souls long for is a place in heaven after we die. But the truth is, what the soul yearns for is Christ- the resurrection. Our souls thirst for the life that is found only in Christ.

## THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CHURCH

The Lord truly looks upon the heart. He brings us through trials and testing to change our hearts. He chooses us and works in us until we are found “faithful” to Him only. His church has a unique calling and purpose. He said that He would build her to overcome the gates of hell. *“...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”* (Matt.16: 18b) In other words, she will overcome death and the grave.

The church that Jesus built has none of man's programs, she is built upon the Rock which is Christ. He is the same Rock that followed Israel in the wilderness. She is called to possess her land which is the salvation of spirit, soul and **body**.

The calling of His church is manifold. Paul writes, *“Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of the saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men (people)*

*see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ. To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places **might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.** According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Eph.3: 7-11) *“So that the many phases of God's wisdom may now through the church be made known to the rulers and authorities in heaven...”* (Vs.11a- Williams translation)

Indeed, the church is called to overcome death in the flesh and to display or make known the **many facets of God's wisdom** to the powers that control man's minds and hearts through the spirit. These are the powers that come through our thoughts and emotions and that we are exhorted to take authority over. *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought to the obedience of Christ.”* (II Cor.10: 5)

## PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS

There are many spirits ruling the minds and lives of humanity. The rulers of nations are controlled by spirits. Spirits rule and manipulate the minds and hearts of societies, of families and also of individuals. Until Christ puts all enemies under His feet (His body), and God is all in all, spirits in “heavenly places” will continue to strive with man. The term “Heavenly places” describes the realm where spirits dwell. The highest and most powerful of these heavenly places is where Christ dwells and where we dwell in Christ.

*“And (God) hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”* (Eph. 2: 6) *“But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ. (By grace ye are saved.”* (Vs.4-5) By the power of the Holy Spirit, we fight against the rulers in high or heavenly places, who continually strive to invade our minds through the evil and twisted thoughts that they communicate to us.

Paul explains this warfare, *“For we wrestle not*

*against flesh and blood, but against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.* (invisible places of spirit). (Eph.6: 12) Thank God, we wrestle!

This is a mind-to mind-combat. All kinds of dark thoughts flood into our minds and we resist and rebuke them by the might of the Holy Spirit. As long as we are in the flesh, we will feel the force of these rulers of darkness through our minds, but, in Christ, we have been given the power to bind them and cast them away from us. They may return again and again and we will cast them away as many times as it takes. This is part of our warfare.

Jesus told Peter, *“And I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”* (Matt.16: 19)

Through the Holy Spirit, we are given the power to bind the spirits that come into our thoughts to speak lies to us. We are earthly but in Christ, we have power over the spirits around us. We also have power to loose good thoughts into the realm of spirits. As His church, we are given the mandate and the power to do all these things.

A graphic example of spiritual warfare in my life came when I received the terrible news that my seemingly healthy twenty-nine year old brother had suddenly passed away. All at once, my heart and mind were gripped by powerful thoughts of darkness.

A few nights before I received the news, I had this dream (in French), *“I was in my kitchen and I see like a flood rushing in under the door. Soon I see that this is not a flood of water, but of “cafards” (roaches in French). This same word also means “depressive black thoughts.” In the dream, I took my broom and began to sweep them out with fury. It was quite a job, but I succeeded as I worked that broom until the last one was out.”* End of dream.

A few days later, when these heavy feelings of doom came over me, I knew what my battle was

about. It was a flood of dark thoughts in my “kitchen” which speaks of my mind or reasoning (where I cook up things). I picked up the “broom” of the Spirit and began to sweep them out. It took several days, but the Lord gave me the victory! This is an example of how we fight these rulers in high places. These “cafards” were trying to invade my mind and emotions.

There are rulers of darkness called “spirits of infirmity.” They harass us and try to tell us that we are sicker than we really are and that we are going to die; they make mountains out of molehills. These are pervert spirits that rule the world of darkness in “high places.” In other words, they have placed themselves over man's minds like a dark cloud that follows them everywhere they go. Spirits of anxiety are very common and insidious enemies. Thank you Lord for revealing these unto us and giving us the power of your Holy Spirit to overcome them.

There are treacherous spirits of fear. This is how terrorism controls people. The fear that they want to inflict upon our minds can do more harm than the bullets they shoot. We may be able to dodge the bullets and put up all kinds of security measures, but the continual threats of what they can do to us will make us victims without ever touching us.

Yet we are children of the Light. We have been given access to the realm of Spirit in Christ. We are seated with Him in high places at the right Hand of God... *“Far above all principalities and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.”* (Eph.1: 21) This means that we have the power to destroy the fears, and surround ourselves with the Light.

The Light is showing us that the fulness of time is at hand. This is the time when the powerful Word (Son) that God has invested and nurtured to maturity in us, is ready to stand upon His feet and swallow up the death that has been controlling the people of the earth. The Son is arising in us to manifest and show forth God's glory to the world.

Speaking about the time when God's elect cry out

to God day and night, Jesus asks, *“And shall not God avenge his elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear them long? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”* (Lk.18: 7-8)

Indeed, God's people have been crying out day and night for creation to be delivered from the brutality and carnage that is arising from the hearts of evil man. Jesus gives us assurance that God will put an end to this but the question He asks is sobering. Will there be anyone who still believes in Him with all their hearts? Will the elect company keep the faith to the end? The answer is definitely YES LORD! The faith of the Son of God is arising in our hearts. I hear Him from many who have been called to this walk. Thank you Father for the trials of our faith that have made us strong in Thee.

## THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

We know that the church is the bride and she is the “BODY.” *“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.”* (Eph.5: 23) Then Paul explains that the church or bride is the “flesh” of the Christ. *“For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth it and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.”* (Vs.29-30)

The church is the bride and the visible body of Christ. She is the expression of Christ in visible flesh. She is the One who is called to show forth His glory, just as Jesus showed forth the Father's glory.

Jesus promised marvelous things to come, *“Verily, Verily, I say unto you, **The Son can do nothing of himself**, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also, doeth the Son likewise. For the Father **sheweth him** all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, **that ye may marvel.**”* (Jn.5: 19-20)

When Jesus came to earth, He became the Word in the flesh. He was the receptacle, the repository or storehouse of the Father's will and Word. That which had been with the Father (the Word) was now

dwelling in the flesh of Jesus the Son. This is now the calling of the church. She is the flesh part, the earthly part, the visible part of the Son of God within.

This is why, when the Lord revealed her to John on Patmos, she was coming out of heaven from God. For she has been prepared in the invisible realm of Spirit, until the time when she is seen in the visible realm of earth.

One of the seven angels came to John saying, *“...Come hither, I will **shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.** And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and **shewd me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.**”* (Rev.21: 9b-10)

The following verses begin describing the church.. *“Having the glory of God...”* She is now called a city. This means that she is now “many” who function perfectly under His governing head.. that Head is Christ within her. As she is one in Christ, she is the bride and as she is “many member,” she is the holy city. This is the answer of Jesus' prayer to the Father, *“That they all might be one; and thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”* (Jn.17: 21)

At that day, the church is ready to fulfill her calling for the ages to come and shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Jesus Christ. The church, the bride, the body of Christ, the city are one and the same. *“We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which **God hath before ordained** that we should walk in them.”* (Eph.2: 10)

She appeared to John descending out of heaven from God. Today, we are experiencing this descent. As the bride, our experience with our heavenly husband Christ has been within, in the invisible realm of our spirit. This is the place from whence He has been speaking to us; the “secret place of the Most High.” Now, our hidden being is about to appear outwardly.

Now we find that we are changing. We are “be-

coming” this very person in the flesh. This is our descent from the realm of Spirit in Christ, to the visible realm of the flesh. In this place, we find ourselves adorned in our new bridal garment. Our beloved Bridegroom has made us ready to wear the pure and holy garment of eternal life throughout the ages to come. Spirit and soul are now one body and the great voice that John heard is now arising out of the depth of our spirits. *“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”* (Rev.21: 3)

As Jesus was God's tabernacle when He came to earth, so now He has returned in His body and the tabernacle of God is again with men. It is then that the beautiful, pure bride of the Lamb has become one with her Husband and together, they are the tabernacle of God among men.

The true church- the church triumphant is now ready to show forth the Son in His glory. Just as Jesus said, *“...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..”* (Jn.14: 9b) We will say, “he that hath seen me hath seen the Father and the Son...” For the Word made flesh has been birthed within us.

The church is the body, the temple, the visible part of the Son of God. He is the One who supports her and directs her and shows her the works she has to do, throughout the ages to come. She is the one who has been called to crush the head of the serpent that has lodged himself in the minds of humanity.

## ABOUT THE SONS OF GOD

The church is the “free woman” who gives birth to the “sons of God.” She is the true mother. John called her the Holy City, new Jerusalem.. Paul writes, *“But Jerusalem which is from above is free, which is the mother of us all.”* (Gal.4: 26) Indeed, this church is the mother of many sons.

Talking of Jerusalem, the prophet of old announces, *“And the Gentiles (nations) shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord*

*shall name.”* (Isa.62: 2) By the Spirit, Isaiah was seeing the church, the New Jerusalem as she will stand in the earth, showing forth the glory of God throughout the ages to come. The nations, the rulers, all who have denied the true God will be in awe as they see the beauty that she radiates.

The prophet continues to describe her, *“Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Heph-zibah (my delight is in her), and thy land Beulah (married): for the lord delighted in thee, and thy land shall be married.”* (Isa.62: 3-4)

No one who reads these words by the Spirit, has any doubt that Isaiah was describing the Bride, the Church who is the New Jerusalem, Jerusalem from above. She is the one who has seemingly been Forsaken and Desolate. He saw her as she is being raised in glory. She would now be called, “My Delight is in her.” and “Married.” She has become a “crown,” a ruling power in the hand of her God.

And then Isaiah makes this strange declaration, *“For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.”* (Vs.5) We know by revelation of the Spirit and by the confirmation of the written word of God, that the city adorned as a bride is the church clothed in her garments of resurrection and immortality.

Addressing the church, the writer to the Hebrews is inspired to say, *“But ye have come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly of the church of the firstborn...”*(Heb.12: 22-23a)

The city is the New Jerusalem, the church, the bride. She is “the church of the Firstborn” because she is headed by the Firstborn Son Jesus. She is the one of whom Isaiah spoke when he said, *“As a young man marries a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee.”* I have touched on this subject in a recent study, but because the Spirit teaches us line upon line and precept upon precept, He is bringing it to our attention again.

The church is the bride who gives birth to the sons in the image of Jesus Christ, in order that He might have many brethren among whom He is the Firstborn. These sons are produced by the Seed, the living Word of God, that His Holy Spirit faithfully sows in His bride. Each Word that He speaks to us in our closet (spirit) and that we receive and nurture, forms a son in us.

The Word is made flesh in the bride and the bride gives birth to the Word who has the power of a son of God. When she utters the Word, we hear the voice of the son in her. As she becomes one with the Word, she takes on the identity of that Word who is her son. Thus her son marries her. In this way, the sons marry the woman, the church and this fulfills the Word spoken by Isaiah.

John saw those who had been taken from among men and had been made virgins. We have been taken from among men and have been made virgins in order to produce true sons. Before, we had many lovers who planted their seeds (words) in us. The world was a lover who planted many seeds, the harlot churches and their doctrines planted their seeds in us and for a time we bore their sons (spoke according to their teachings). By the working of the Holy Spirit and the baptism of fire, these were cleansed from us. All that we stood for in the past was cleansed and purged by fire and we were made virgins ready to receive the pure Word. We were prepared to follow our true Husband by the Spirit.

This is how sons are born to the bride. We still have the same bride relationship with our Lord, and we are also sons unto our Father by the Word that has been birthed in us.

The sons of the bride are the many-membered company who are the sons of God. That company is the Body of whom Jesus is the Head. He is the many-membered One in her. Yet she is still in her garments of death. She is still of the earth, earthy. Her sons will put an end to this bondage of corruption. The time comes when she must be delivered from the bondage of this body of death and that is done by the Word that is alive in her. Her sons will marry her and transform her into the visible heavenly

Jerusalem that John saw coming down out of heaven from God.

The sons who are arising as one, are the Sun of righteousness arising in the earth. This is the fulfillment of the words of the prophets, "*But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked: for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord.*" (Mal.4: 2-3)

That day began when Jesus rose from the dead and took His place as the Firstborn Son. Since then, many sons have been born to the church that He built in the Spirit. During that time, the world has been in gross darkness. When Jesus was here, He said, "*I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*" (Jn.9: 4-5)

After His resurrection, Jesus worked only in the Spirit. He built His church in the realm of Spirit and the world was plunged in darkness. His church has been in the world but the world could not see her. What they saw was a counterfeit of the true. His church was underground, being cleansed and made virgin. She was receiving the Seed Word that was forming the Christ in her. She would bear the sons that would deliver her and creation from the bondage of death and corruption.

Now we are coming to the day that creation has been groaning and travailing for. We who are of the Light have seen the glory. We have felt the life of the sons in us. "*And **the Spirit and the bride say, Come.** And let him who heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely...He which testifieth these things saith, **I come quickly,** Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen*" (Rev.22: 17,20,21)

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