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WITNESSES OF THE TRUTH

The battle of the ages is the battle of good and evil. Most of all it is the battle of the TRUTH AND the LIE or THE WOMAN AND THE SERPENT. This is what we are seeing being played out in front of us today. For millenniums and centuries, the lie has overcome the truth. The result of it is well documented in the vision of John on Patmos.

He saw God's witnesses having finished their testimony and being overcome by the beast ascending from the bottomless pit. *"And their dead bodies shall lie in the streets of the great city (Babylon), which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where our Lord was crucified."* (Rev.11:7)

This is what our Lord answered to Pilate, *"To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone who is of the truth heareth my voice."* (Jn.18:37b) This is a powerful statement. And this is also our mission. We are His witnesses to the truth.

Up to this time, truth has been slain in the streets, or the ways of religions, governments, societies and all that is established by the god of this world. Jesus announced to the Pharisees that the blood of the righteous was upon them. *"All the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom you slew between the temple and the altar."* (Matt.23:37)

We could add the blood of John the Baptist and of the Lord Jesus. We could add the blood of all the Christians who were thrown to the lions and those who were burnt at the stake. We could add all those who were rejected because of their prophetic word and dreams. We could add all the righteous who

stood and are still standing for the truth today. They are still being discredited, overruled, bullied and cruelly slain in the schools, churches and courts of this land. But I believe that the Lord has spoken. The time has come and truth is rising from the dead.

It was after the world rejoiced that the witnesses to the truth had been slain, that God comes on the scene. *"And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them."* (Rev.12:11)

The Spirit within me and within those with whom I have spoken, witnesses that this is where we are today in history. Truth has been all but extinguished from our civilization. But the time is here. If you watch what is happening in our land, you will know this is what is playing out today. So we keep believing and trusting God to perform His Word and fulfill all His prophecies as He has purposed for us and for all of creation.

I have said this as an introduction to the study about the Ark being brought back to Jerusalem. The Ark of the Old Testament represented the presence and power of God in Israel. The Ark for us who are spiritual Israel represents the presence and power of God in Christ being raised into our hearts and spirits.

MOUNT ZION AND JERUSALEM

"Simeon hath declared how God at first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets, as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I

will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up; that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord who doeth these things." (Acts 15: 14-17)

These words spoken by the apostle James long ago are alive today as the Lord has revealed more of His truths to us who are come to the end of the age. In these three verses, James neatly capsules the plan of God for the His sons in the age to come. There is a huge difference between God's plan as spoken by all of His holy prophets, and the false teachings of the counterfeit harlot church that has sown deep roots of deceiving doctrines in the hearts of the people.

The church that Jesus Christ began to build in the earth, was taken from among the Gentiles. The building that is to house that church is portrayed by "The Tabernacle of David." This was simply a tent, pitched upon Mt. Zion, where David placed the Ark of God in order to offer burnt offerings and sacrifices of peace unto Him.

God promises to rebuild this tabernacle of David and the ruins thereof. This restoration has to take place BEFORE Christ who was once offered to bear the sins of many, appears again the second time without sin unto salvation. See Heb.9:28.

In the days of David, Jerusalem and Mt. Zion were the literal city and hill in the land of Israel. But for us by the Spirit we know that the true Jerusalem is from above and that Mt. Zion is the place of Christ's ruling and where the deliverers of the world are standing.

The prophet Isaiah's numerous prophecies about Zion and Jerusalem make our hearts leap. *"For the Lord shall comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody."* (Isa.51: 3) We know that the literal rocky hill in Israel does not need comforting. It is speaking of the Mt. Zion which is the true church of Jesus Christ in heaven and in earth.

"But ye are come unto MOUNT SION and unto the

city of the living God, the HEAVENLY JERUSALEM, and to an innumerable company of angels." (Heb,12: 22) This "heavenly" or "spiritual" city is not literal in any form. It is the Bride of Christ that is so well presented to us by John in his visions on Patmos. And the company of "angels" are not little beings with wings; it is the company of witnesses and messengers who have gone before us and are waiting behind the veil. We have so much to rejoice about!

God's prophets are so clear as they lift their voices in unison concerning Jerusalem and Zion. Joel uttered, *"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in MOUNT ZION and in JERUSALEM shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant that the Lord shall call."* (Joel 2: 32)

God forbid that we should wait for our deliverance from the literal Zion and Jerusalem that we see in the earth today. Be not deceived, deliverance will not come from literal Jerusalem or the people of the Old Covenant. Deliverance of creation is coming from Jesus Christ ruling and reigning in His sons.

"For the earnest looking out of the creation doth expect the revelation of the sons of God. For to vanity was the creation made subject- not of its will, but because of him who did subject it- in hope. That also the creation itself shall be set free from the servitude of the corruption to the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we have known that all the creation doth groan together and doth travail in pain till now."(Rom.8: 19-22 Young's Literal Translation)

The entire creation is groaning and travailling as a woman in pain to give birth. It is waiting expectantly for the manifestation of the sons of God who are the Zion and Jerusalem deliverers that the prophets of old prophesied about.

THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS

The prophecies of old are vital to us because they will all be fulfilled by Jesus Christ. Jesus came as the Savior of the world and Witness to the truth, through His church He has continued His work and will finish it when the anointed Christ that He placed within

us is fully formed. Christ fully formed and raised within His body, is the second witness that is about to appear in the world today. This full Christ will complete the fulfillment of all prophecies.

Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, stood and declared, *“But those things which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should come and suffer, he hath so fulfilled.”* (Acts 3:18) And with that Peter explained that the time to repent and be converted had now come. Peter continued to expound that the Lord would send times of “refreshing” from His very presence.

Then he explained something more, *“And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you. Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”* (Acts 3:20-21) The Jesus that Peter was speaking about was indeed the same Jesus who had been received in the invisible realm of Spirit (heaven) and was hidden from view in the cloud of witnesses.

Jesus Christ by His Holy Spirit has been working in the midst of us to build up His bride and impregnate her with the incorruptible seed of His word, so that she might birth many sons to appear and deliver creation. This work has been an “underground” job. Just as we cannot see the process that takes place in a woman with child, so the work that the Spirit has been doing in us to bring forth the sons, has been hidden from all.

It is when the Spirit within us has fulfilled the time that it takes to birth these sons that the restoration will begin. This is when Christ will arise in His body, in the cloud to begin the long awaited restitution. The prophets spoke of the restoration of Zion and Jerusalem. Indeed there can be no restoration of creation until first Zion and Jerusalem are restored. Be assured that they were talking about Jerusalem and Zion from above.

There can be no kingdom of God in earth, until the priests and rulers of God’s kingdom are in place. There can be no kingdom without first establishing its government.

THE ARK OF GOD AND KING DAVID

The Zion and Jerusalem that the prophets were speaking of are God’s church ruled by Christ seated in the throne of their hearts. Just as Jesus spoke the words but it was the Father who did the works; so the Christ is the Son within whom is the power within the church. *“...I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.”* (Jn.14:10b). Christ and His church or bride are one unit. In perfect union, married to each other in the love of the Father.

In David’s time, there was no temple. The Tabernacle of Moses had long been dismantled and the Philistines had snatched the Ark of God from the hands of Eli’s corrupt priesthood. This was a very sad time for the nation. Eli and his sons had become so corrupt and unscrupulous that he allowed his two sons to defile the sacrifices and ordinances of God.

And so when Israel went up against their fiercest enemy, God was not with them; they lost four-thousand men in battle. Nevertheless, proud Israel went up against the Philistines again and without God’s approval. And they paraded the Ark of God in defiance. This resulted in the loss of ten-thousand more men and this time, the Ark of God was captured.

On that same day, Eli’s two sons were killed and he fell backwards and died on the spot. It was also on that day that the wife of Phineas, one of Eli’s sons, gave birth to a son as she died. And the woman who stood by her *“...named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken...”* (I Sam.4: 21)

The priesthood had charge of the Ark and Israel was a strong nation, until the time when the priesthood became so corrupt that things changed drastically.

Just as the Ark was taken from Israel because of its corrupt priesthood, so the presence of God has been removed from the corrupt priesthood that has raised itself in the land and called itself the church of Jesus Christ. It is Ichabod- the glory has departed.

There are many good churches today who do good

works and are very helpful to people. Many teach the the Bible and the Gospel as a way to escape hell and to live a good moral life. Some move in the gifts of the Spirit, but very few if any are teaching the Word of God in Spirit and in Truth. Most will tell you that the Bible is literal and that it is dangerous to “spiritualize” it. For this reason, they have lost the way, the truth and the life.

David yearned to bring back the Ark of God to Jerusalem and so the Christ within us is yearning for God’s presence and power to be brought to His church. David chose Jerusalem as the capital city of his kingdom and he selected Mount Zion, a hill in Jerusalem, as the resting place for the Ark. The only problem was that both the city and the fortress of Zion were occupied by a fierce Canaanite tribe called the Jebusites. No one up to that time had been able to defeat the Jebusites and take over the city and the stronghold of Zion.

But David was called and anointed for the task. And “...*David took the stronghold of Zion, the same is the city of David.*” (II Sam.5: 7) David pitched a tent for the Ark of God on Mt. Zion where he could offer burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

Our David is God’s Holy Spirit who has been conquering the giants and Jebusites that were occupying our spirits and souls- Our Zion and Jerusalem. Our David has been clearing the way of the Ark or the presence of God within us to rule with power. Our Ark is the Word made flesh in us. It is God’s glory and pure nature. It is the TRUTH and the LIFE abiding in His called out people.

Jesus Christ is the Head of the Body, and the High Priest of a new priesthood after the order of the One who has no beginning and no end (Melchizedek). Peter’s epistle is not addressed to the crowd; Peter was addressing the ones called to the eternal Melchizedek priesthood. “*Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...*” (I Pet.1:2a) “*Chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people...*” (I Pet.2: 9a). It was the Levitical priesthood who took care of the Ark. They became corrupt and lost it. The next priesthood that showed up was the

counterfeit that we all know. It is corrupt as well. But the Ark or pure nature of God is arising in a priesthood who is purified by fire. It is after the order of the Melchizedek. It is the everlasting priesthood that is about to be seen in the earth today.

THE LONG AND ROCKY JOURNEY OF THE ARK

Just as the Ark of old went through hazardous and strenuous circumstances, so the witnesses to the truth have been through many perils. When the Philistines captured the Ark they brought it to Ashdod and placed it in the temple of their god Dagon, who was the father of Baal. During the night, Dagon fell on its face before the Ark.

The next day they picked it up and put it back in place but the second morning, they found Dagon fallen again before the Ark and this time only a stump with its head and hands cut off remained. “*But the hand of the Lord was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.*” (I Sam.5:6)

Then the men of Ashdod carried the Ark of the God of Israel to Gath. But “*...the hand of the Lord was against the city with a very great destruction and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods (painful hemorrhoids) in their secret parts.*” (I Sam.5: 9b)

From Gath, the Ark of God was sent to Ekron and the Ekronites were up in arms and “*...cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people.*” (I Sam.5: 10) They were terrified and they gathered the lords of the Philistines and agreed quickly to send the Ark of the God of Israel to its own place for fear of another deadly destruction. Still, even in that city the hand of God was very heavy. “*And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.*” (I Sam.5: 12)

Just as the Ark was a terrifying presence to the Philistines, so the Truth puts those who believe the Lie into a rage. What happened in those days is very

important to know if we are to understand what is happening in the world today where the name or nature of Christ has been trampled by the gods of this world. Bit by bit, the name of Christ and law and order are being eliminated from among us. And now the world is being ruled by mobs, each of them determined to establish their laws in the land. The Ark of God that is still standing in the world (Truth, Christians, Assemblies...) is being threatened with extinction.

When the Philistines sent back the Ark to Israel, it was set on a cart drawn by two milch cows. They also placed a box with five mice of gold and five golden hemorrhoids on the cart as a trespass offering, to stay the plague. *“And the cows went straight toward Beth-Shemesh. Now the men of Beth-Shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, and they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark and rejoiced to see it.”* (I Sam.6: 12 Ampl.)

And the Levites took down the ark of the Lord, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on a great stone: and the men of Beth-Shemesh took the wood of the cart and the milk cows and offered burnt offering unto the Lord.

And they set the Ark of God upon a great stone, but the men of Beth-Shemesh looked into the Ark and because of it, the Lord smote fifty-thousand of the people and seventy men and the people lamented because of the great slaughter.

Then the men cried out, *“Who is able to stand before the holy Lord God? And to whom shall he go up from us? And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-Jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the Lord; come ye down and fetch it up to you.”* (I Sam.6: 20-21)

“And the men of Kirjath-Jearim came and fetched up the ark of the Lord, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the Lord.” (I Sam.7: 1) And the ark remained there a very long time. The Bible mentions twenty years but that was only a section of the time. It was there during the entire 40 year rule of Saul and during the first seven years of king David.

The calculation comes to more than 65 years. The twenty years mentioned had to do with the time it took Israel to turn away from the corrupt ways that caused them to lose the ark in the first place.

OUR ARK OF GOD CAPTURED BY MYSTERY BABYLON

The first place where the Ark was returned was Beth-Shemesh where the men showed no respect for it but who were mesmerized by the coffer of jewels. And so our Ark of truth and wealth was quickly ensnared in the net of the one who claims the name of Christ, but indeed is led by the god of this world.

Jesus Christ came to restore the worship of the true God to men. Prophets bring God to the people but priests are ordained to bring the people to God. The Levites were Israel's priesthood. Jesus Christ is the high Priest of a new priesthood. The old covenant and the old priesthood were abolished and the priesthood of the Son of God after the order of Melchizedek is now in force. *“Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.”* (Heb.8: 13b)

Paul and the first apostles began to establish the people in that new order. The church that was formed by Paul at Rome, grew and prospered until it was a threat to the state and Christians became the target of great and painful tortures and persecutions. Their tortures and horrible deaths became amusing diversions and entertainment for the pagan crowds in the Roman sport arenas (Colosseum). This sort of sordid pleasure among the godless has been repeated in many ways and still is today.

God told the woman that she would crush (bruise) the serpent's head. This is given to the “woman” the “true church” to accomplish and it is a work in progress. The deceptive, deadly ways of the serpent began shortly after the last apostle had laid down his life. The sly serpent found a great ally in Constantine, a powerful Roman figure who turned his heart toward Christianity and offered to be the great deliverer of the believers.

Constantine seemed to be a God-sent. Christians

were no longer persecuted and Christianity began to flourish. This was all very nice on the surface but the truth is that this was the beginning of the counterfeit church that began to swallow the truth of God and replace it with its own pompous rites and rituals. Now Christians had to be loyal to the one whom Jesus calls *“MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”* (Rev.17:5)

One of the serpent’s most subtle and effective maneuvers is to take the truth and twist it into a lie. The Word of God is Spirit and life. The serpent crawls on its belly, he cannot come up to the spirit, so he takes God’s word to his low level and gives it a literal interpretation. Thus God’s Word becomes the letter that kills. We are made able ministers of the new testament.. *“...not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter (literal) killeth, but the spirit giveth life.”* (II Cor.3:6)

With the Emperor Constantine, Christians were saved from the terrible Roman persecution, but at the same time they were taken into captivity and plunged into darkness by the deceptive Mother of harlots.

The liberty from the law of sin and death that Christians had once embraced, was now disappearing and replaced by the rites, rituals, penances and deceiving doctrines that continue to lead the people through fear to this day.

The Ark of Truth had been lost and replaced by a phony, bogus imitation of Christ. The “Philistines” of our day had now conquered Christianity; they were now keepers of men’s souls. The people were now in the manipulative, lustful hands of Mother Mystery Babylon. Her merchandising is listed in the vision of John on Patmos. All the beauty of God’s Holy Word was brought down to doctrines that made her a fierce ruler in the affairs of men and of the world.

In this way, the kings (rulers) of the earth committed fornication with her. They adopted the same manipulative systems for accumulating wealth and power by stealing it from the people. The desperate bawling that we are hearing in our world today, are the crumbling down of all the lies that have deceived

and ruled the populace. The stone cut out of the mountain that Daniel spoke about, is now hitting these strongholds and crushing them to powder.

Many sincerely deceived people still support her because of tradition and fear, but when the truth is restored and revealed in a people, it will not take long for all to drop the ways of the serpent and of the harlot and embrace the true kingdom of God.

DOCTRINES FROM HELL

“I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that ALL PEOPLE, NATIONS, AND LANGUAGES, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.” (Dan.7: 13-14)

The prophet Daniel saw the kingdom of God being set up in the earth. A kingdom is made up of people who are submitted to the laws of the king. They are people who do not only submit because they are told to; they have hearts that love God and His ways and desire to submit to His will. Daniel saw the time when ALL PEOPLE, NATIONS AND LANGUAGES who live on earth will be submitted to God’s will.

Daniel was not afraid to preach what some call, “ultimate reconciliation.” The saving of all men and nations is a biblical doctrine. However it is only when we mature to understand the ways and thoughts of our Father that we are convinced of it. Daniel was not afraid to write clearly what he saw in visions and dreams, and what he understood of their meaning. He was a prophet of God.

A prophet is one who speaks to the people for God. A priest is one who speaks to God for the people. Daniel’s word is not tainted by the doctrines of men. God’s true prophets are not intimidated by those who have usurped the place of Christ in the earth. They are not looking for personal gain.

In Daniel's day, the "Mother of Harlots" whose habitation is full of devils, every foul spirit and every hateful bird, had not yet set foot on the world's stage. Her clever counterfeiting of God's ways had not yet infiltrated the minds and hearts of parishioners eager to serve God and to earn their place in an eternal paradise. Note that the Lord calls her a "mother." Indeed she has raised and nurtured her children in her ways and doctrines and brought them up to believe in her and obey her rules.

What is a doctrine? It is a particular principle, position or policy, taught or advocated as a religion or government. A system of teachings taught collectively. A "religion" is made up of those who believe and adhere to the same doctrines or formula of religious beliefs.

The "mother of harlots" intimidates and controls her children with doctrines of fear and dread. She portrays the Lord as an ogre that will throw them into a burning in hell if they rebel against their rules. The Lord calls her a "harlot" because she pretends to be married to, or is in union with Jesus Christ. Thus she calls herself His church, His bride, but in reality she is married to doctrines of devils.

She hides behind many charitable works that are indeed a help to the needy. Such works are God's mercy for some, but behind it all she keeps her people from the light of truth and in bondage to her with doctrines of fear. The multitudes who follow the teachings, rites and rituals of the Roman Catholic Church truly believe that they are following God's holy Word. Her harlotry is so well hidden that she is able to fool all of them.

A "harlot" is one who sells herself to gain favor and wealth. This harlot presents herself as the representative of Christ, to acquire the souls of men for her service and their wealth for her sustenance. She has clothed herself with some of the trappings of the "Old Testament" priesthood, and has made herself as God to the people. She has included some of their laws, such as "tithing" and "confession", and is using them to fleece the sheep.

For more than a thousand years, she held the Scrip-

tures in hiding and strictly forbade the people from reading them. In this way she was able to interpret God's word to suit her devices, and to keep the people in darkness. We know that the "fear of the Lord" is the beginning of wisdom, but the fear of an eternal, literal burning hell with no possible way out, has to be the cruelest and most feared punishment anyone could ever mastermind. This doctrine came out of mistranslations of the words of Jesus. Only men who do not know God and who only have a literal understanding of His Word, could come up with such interpretations.

Many who no longer fill her pews and believe that they are free from her influence, are really still in bondage to her doctrines of fear. They are still being taught from the pulpits of most churches, that God has prepared a literal, eternal lake of fire where unbelievers will burn forever. And furthermore, anyone who cannot believe this is labeled "deceived" and "of the devil". Who would not want to turn from such a heartless and merciless God?

How can anyone believe that the will of man is so strong that it supersedes God's will? Or that a God who so loves the world and gave His only begotten Son to save it would only save a few? Repentance is a gift of God. Why would God who is love not make a way to bring them all to repentance? Why would God create souls that He could not change or even mercifully destroy, but that could only be atrociously tortured forever? These harlots have made themselves to be God to multitudes who, as sheep blindly following a shepherd, trust them and fall into a ditch.

Yet God took such as we, and not only called us but changed our hearts completely. Why would He do that for some and not for others? Salvation is not only for those who believe now, but it is for those who will be made to believe in ages to come. Today, many just cannot believe the lies that these harlot churches teach. When truth is revealed, all will believe.

Not only does the Harlot Church teach doctrines of devils, for centuries she also kept the Scriptures away from the people. Having been born in France, a country where the Catholic Church ruled supreme, I re-

member that my father who did not believe in the Church possessed a series of books of the Bible. He never talked about that, but when I spent time at his house, each night after I went to bed, I heard him read and explain passages of it to my stepmother.

This seemed always secretive and I knew not to ask. I guess that he felt I was too young to understand, or else because of my youth I might not be discreet enough? My father was born in 1887. Was he still feeling that reading the Bible was breaking the law? During the time that I grew up and lived in Paris, I do not remember seeing a Bible book store anywhere. I know there were none during the German occupation of France.

For centuries, Catholics were forbidden to read the Scriptures. The Council of Nicaea was first called by Emperor Constantine to establish a unified and powerful Catholic Church. The Council of Toulouse (1229 C.E.) decree: "We prohibit also that the laity should be permitted to have the books of the Old or New Testaments; but we most strictly forbid their having any translation of these books." Ruling of the Council of Tarragona of 1234 C.E. "No one may possess the books of the Old and New Testaments in the Romance languages, and if anyone possesses them he must turn them over to the local bishop within eight days after promulgation of this decree so that they may be burned."

For centuries, Catholics were strictly denied access to the Bible. The personal reading and interpreting of it was considered a very serious threat to the authority of the church. At one point owning a translated Bible was punishable by death. This continued until Martin Luther stepped out in faith and translated the Bible into German so everyone could read it. Is it any wonder that even today, few Catholics are interested in reading the Bible?

Later, between the years 1715 and 1775, Christian Protestants were sorely persecuted by the kings who were subjected to and controlled by the church at Rome. The pompous and extravagant Louis the 14th revoked the Edit of Nantes that gave freedom of religion to Protestants. He then proceeded to try to convert them to the Catholic Church. When they refused, he sent soldiers to strip them of their possessions,

take their children from them so they could be raised Catholic, and raped their women.

This is why the first Amendment to our Constitution is so precious. It was written for European Christians who fled persecution by the Catholic Church. In the last years, this amendment has been violated by those who have no fear of God and are fighting to impose their ways upon people and take away their well deserved freedom. The persecution of Christians that was abolished by brave souls who stood valiantly for God's Word, is now raising its ugly head in the country that God blessed as a shelter from such persecutions.

The serpent spirit is the head of the system of counterfeit churches. It will not let go until the "woman," the true church crushes its head. God said to the serpent, "*And I will put enmity between thee (serpent) and the woman (church), and between thy seed (Satan) and her seed (Christ); it shall bruise (crush) thy head (power to control) and thou shall bruise its heel (ability to walk).*" (Gen. 3:15)

Indeed for centuries, the serpent raised its seed in a people chosen for the purpose. It has bruised or heel many times. Just as Judas Iscariot was raised up to betray Jesus, so some are chosen to oppose and persecute the church. But our God also has a people who have been raised in the womb of the free "woman." This people is the Christ, the Manchild company that is crushing the head of the serpent.

A new day is dawning. Old things are passing away, crumbling before our eyes, and all things are becoming new. God's creation is being restored under the head of Christ. The kingdom of God is at hand. This is not a fairy tale; it is reality.

"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds!" (II Cor.10:4)

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