

THE TWO HANDS OF GOD

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My wife and I have both had many visions of the Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Father. As spiritual people in the family of God we should expect to see them just as we do angels from time to time. After all, it's Bible, isn't it? The Spirit of God told me several years ago that the Book of Acts was written for the Church—not the world—to *demonstrate* to the Church that He is ready, willing and able to do through us what He did through Jesus. Praise the Lord! One of the biggest mistakes most Christians make is they are waiting on God when He is waiting on them! Step out in faith! Pray for blind eyes to be opened, the lame to walk and the deaf to hear and you will see that the Holy Spirit will “confirm the word with signs following.”

Yesterday morning, the Lord laid this message on my heart as I was doing my daily prayers and Bible meditation. He

kept impressing upon me to read Zephaniah. Zephaniah is considered one of the *Minor Prophets*, though I really hate this characterization because the better you know God the more you know that nobody is “minor” in His Kingdom!

Zephaniah had a major message for the people of Judah and it was not a pleasant message—it was a message of judgment to a people who had misplaced their religious heritage and priorities—like much of the Church today. He lived about 100 years after the fall of Israel in 722 B.C. to Assyria and the prophet briefly refers to this fall and “captivity” in his message.

Unfortunately, it’s “human” nature to not understand spiritual things—that’s why we need the Spirit of God and why we must develop The Eye of the Eagle and be able to see what is going on spiritually all around us because the spirit world is in constant movement. You see, Israel was judged by God and given over to captivity because of their idolatry, treatment of the poor, and other sins. Yet Judah did not “see” this nor did they understand it because 100 years had passed and yet they continued on in their own idolatry—the leaders (princes and judges), the priests and the prophets. The religious “leaders” had “polluted the sanctuary” (3:4) and “done violence to the law”—in other words, they had perverted the Word to fit their own use. The Lord refers to their prophets as “light and treacherous persons” because they did not fear the Lord.

God uses His genuine prophet to indicate that He is *puzzled* by the fact that though He had “cut off the nations” and desolated their “towers”; “made their streets waste” and “their cities are destroyed” Judah did not seem to understand what was going on because it had not affected their behavior.

“I said, ‘Surely, thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off...” (3:7)

Over 30 years ago I had my first vision of God the Father as I was taken into the Throne Room in the vision. I write about this vision that I refer to as The Two Hands of God in *Mysterious Secrets of the Dark Kingdom*. I saw the veiled figure of a Man seated high up on a Throne and as He looked over at me He gestured with both hands as He moved them together away from His Body in one movement and both hands met together in front of His Body.

I was “made to know” in the vision that His two hands represent Mercy and Judgment. Strangely, as it seemed at the time but makes perfect sense the more I meditated on the vision, God’s right hand—often referred to in the Scriptures as “the strong right hand”—represents Mercy and His left hand represents Judgment. The message of the vision (remember, one of the main reasons why God gives us visions, takes us to Heaven, etc., is to teach us something pertinent) is that at the end of time and the Day of the Lord, mercy and judgment will “meet”; therefore, as we get closer to this appointed time, there is less *time* between mercy and

judgment. Those in both the world and the Church who are counting on God's mercy may meet judgment instead. That's why we are to "seek the Lord while He may be found" and "call upon Him while He is near" and "let the wicked forsake his evil ways."

I know several people right now in Christian ministry who the Lord showed me have chosen to go into sin and they are in serious danger of not only dying but going to hell. We are supposed to be the people of God—Holy people for He is Holy. That's why the message of Zephaniah is so apropos for us today because, like much of the Old Testament, it's also a picture of the Church.

Like Israel, most of the Church has "gone into captivity" being taken captive by the devil and his angels. Now I'm not saying they will go to hell; most of them won't but they are still captive nonetheless. Consider the spiritual meaning of this verse from Zephaniah:

"And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and *all such as are clothed with strange apparel.*" (1:8, italics added for emphasis).

Most Christian theologians teach that the Church is the Bride of Christ. I do not believe this is the case both from my visits to Heaven and from the Scriptures—many scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments.

Three is God's perfect number—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Man is a three-fold perfect creation in the image of God. We are a spirit, we live in a body and we possess a soul which includes emotions and intellect. Heaven is divided into three cities, one on top of another—it's shaped like a giant pyramid with the Throne Room of the Father and the Lord Jesus at the apex of the pyramid. We all get to Heaven through faith and in this dispensation of the Church Age the Blood of Jesus; however, where you reside there is based on your place in the Body of Christ—what you did with your gifts and how you lived your life.

Similarly, the Church is divided into three parts: the corporate Church which is the Body of Christ made up of Church "members" which is the largest portion, followed by "the daughters of Jerusalem" in the Old Testament (see Song of Solomon) and the "Guests" at the Bride's wedding in the New Testament. The third division is the Bride or "remnant" as often referred to in the Scriptures because a clear Bible principle of God is that He works mostly through a remnant—we see it with Gideon in the Book of Judges in Isaiah and we see it here in Zephaniah.

"I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD." (3:12)

An interesting aspect of our creation by God is that we are free moral beings with consequences to our decisions. Throughout the Scriptures we see people *choosing* life or death. If you wish to be included in the Bride of Christ then

you must choose to live your life a certain way—you have to “make yourself ready.”

“And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thundering, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.” (Rev. 19:6-7)

Twelve years ago the Lord spoke to me one morning and said: “When the Bride is ready the Bridegroom will appear.” What a revelation! Just like a human wedding, everything--all the timing of the wedding--hinges on the Bride and not the Bridegroom!

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” (Rev. 22:12)

The great Apostle Peter penned a poignant word for us to make note of today concerning the Day of the Lord:

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,” (2 Peter 3:10-11)

The book of Zephaniah and the vision I had of the Two Hands of God should cause us to shake ourselves and realize that the Day of the Lord is near and live our lives accordingly. There are many signs of the Lord's soon return. One occurred just last night and is pictured below. I pray that this message will inspire you to repent of any sin and "seek the Lord while He may be found."

It was exactly twelve years ago (December 10, 1999) in Elliston, Montana, as I was doing my morning devotional which includes prayer and reading and meditating the Word (I read 24 chapters in the Old Testament, 5 Psalms, 1 Proverb and 8 chapters in the New Testament; this takes you through the entire Bible every month) when the Lord reminded me, while I was reading Proverbs 10:5, that "we are still in harvest time."

The Word to the wise says: "He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame."



Last Night's Eclipse

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One of the Signs of the Day of the Lord

Mentioned Many Times in the Scriptures

Maranatha