

The background of the image is a warm, golden-hour landscape. A dirt path with a stone border on the right side leads from the bottom left towards the center, disappearing into the distance. The path is flanked by tall, dry, golden grass. In the background, there are rolling hills and a range of mountains under a bright orange and yellow sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. A few trees are visible on the left side of the path.

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THE WIFE'S JOURNEY BETWEEN 1 THESSALONIANS 4:14 AND 4:17

We are reading today in the Book of 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4, and we want to look at some of the things that has taken place between 1 Thessalonians 4:14 and 4:17. And the title of the message is *The Wife's Journey between 1 Thessalonians 4:14 and 4:17*. When the seventh seal was opened, there was silence in heaven for the space of half an hour as the Lord Himself in the power of the fullness of Christ descended from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God to claim His Wife in marriage. So we want to deal with not only the time of the silence in heaven as Christ Jesus made His descent into the earth, but also the moment of the twinkling of an eye, which is the short work that is now taking place (and we are at the closing out of this time as we speak). We praise God, and we thank Him for all His goodness upon us and for choosing us from before the foundation of the world to be the Wife of His Son.

All the things that we have been seeing (and are seeing) taking place today were predestinated and ordained after the counsel of God's own will before the foundation of the world. And the reason we can see these things is because we the Wife are part of that same special part of the Word that the Lord Jesus Christ was created from, as the Word took on flesh and bones, which was Word in human form. Therefore, we not only have that knowledge of what has happened all the way back through time, but we also have the knowledge of what will happen in the future, as well

as what is happening now, which knowledge God put in us as a special people. Now before going any further, let us have a word of prayer.

Heavenly Father, we come praising you and thanking you for all the good things that you are doing for us. And, Lord, as we stand here today with thy Word open (the written scripture, the Bible), I thank you for anointing me to speak words that will be of a benefitting nature to the Wife of the Lamb, and to others as you have ordained. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

We will be reading in the Book of 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4, and I want to start with Verse 14 because this is a key scripture, and without this scripture we would come up short in our revelational knowledge of the great event that took place in Revelation, Chapter 10. Because in Revelation, Chapter 10, when Christ Jesus came, He brought not only the masculine attributes of the Lord Jesus Christ (which was shown by the signs of 'a rainbow was upon His head, and His face was as it were the sun, and His feet as pillars of fire'), but He also brought the attributes of the feminine part of Christ, which were contained in the little book. And there were many other things that God kept hid for us, the Wife of His Son, things that were not mentioned in Revelation, Chapter 10.

Now let us begin reading in 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4, Verse 14. It says, "*For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again (That is the beginning of our belief in this plan of salvation—that Jesus died and rose again.), even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring (send) with him.*" The King James Version of the Bible uses the word *bring*, but God does not come to earth until after the millennium. It is only after the millennium that He brings His throne to this

earth. So what is seen in 1 Thessalonians 4:14 is Christ Jesus coming and bringing with Him the spiritual bodies that contained the souls of the members of the Wife that departed from this earth. Paul spoke about these souls or spiritual bodies in in the Book of 2 Corinthians 5:1.

So it was Christ Jesus that came in Revelation, Chapter 10. This is where God *sent* Christ Jesus in the fullness of His Spirit back to earth with the spiritual bodies of the departed saints that are part of the Wife. They were sent here to take on glorified flesh and bones by the Word message of the last trumpet, which is sounding out to not only them but to us who are alive and have remained. Thus saith 1 Thessalonians 4:14. *“even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God send with him.”* So they have been taking on their glorified flesh and bones as we have also been taking on ours.

Notice, God sent these saints with Christ Jesus, and that brought to earth all those spiritual bodies that are mentioned in 2 Corinthians 5:1 that are part of the Wife of the Lamb; and they were not just souls there, but they had a spiritual tabernacle (a spiritual body) that they were in, in which they came to earth. Paul wrote about them, saying, “If this earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God reserved in the heavens.” At that time these that were reserved in heaven did not have ‘spoken Word glorified flesh and bones’ upon them, but they have been taking on the glorified flesh and bones by hearing this last trump of God message, the message of glorified flesh and bones, which is now taking place during this time between 1 Thessalonians 4:14 and 4:17, which is completed in this time of the moment of the twinkling of an eye of 1 Corinthians 15:51-52. So while we

that are alive and have remained have been taking on glorified flesh and bones, these souls (these spiritual tabernacles) that Christ Jesus brought with Him have also been taking on glorified flesh and bones, and now they have become part of the glorified human realm. Their bodies are created from the same Word that we are created from, as we have become one together as the Christ Wife.

Notice, these spiritual bodies that God sent with Christ Jesus were not seen during the time of the shout nor the voice of the archangel, for they were hid. But in this last trump of God message they have been secretly taking on glorified flesh and bones. See, they were here to see all three parts of the spiritual coming of the Lord Himself, which was the shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God. But in this last part (the trump of God message), it began to put glorified flesh and bones on them, for we were all brought into one message. And as we moved into this moment of the twinkling of an eye, during this time, we have all been receiving glorified flesh and bones and are becoming visible one to another; and together with them we are caught up in the rapture to come back with the Lord Jesus Christ the King of the earth after the great tribulation period is over. Amen.

This time that we are now living in is a very, very special time, for the Lord Jesus Christ is putting the emphasis on His Christ Wife because there is a marriage that has taken place. And this marriage did not only include we which are alive and have remained, but it also included those departed saints that God sent down here to earth with Christ Jesus when He came. Since Paul's day, God has been creating this wonderful, beautiful Wife for His Son. And now She is a joyful sight as this message has brought

us into fruition and brought us to the forefront. And to us it is amazing! It is so wonderful, and it is so beautiful! It is so great that it has never been seen on this wise, on this measure, before!

Notice again our title, *The Wife's Journey between 1 Thessalonians 4:14 and 4:17*. Verse 14 tells us that God sent those departed saints that slept in Christ Jesus back to earth. This was not bringing them back to start the millennium as saints that were previously caught up. No, these are the saints who were to be part of the Wife whose bodies went by the way of the grave, for they laid their body aside and it decayed away in the earth to be no more, and their soul went into a temporary spiritual house, or body. And now in this moment of the twinkling of an eye, they have been receiving a spoken Word-body of glorified flesh and bones that is not made from the dust of the earth, but their bodies are made from the Word—the same special part of the Word that created the Lord Jesus Christ; for they as well as we are made from the same special part of the Word that created the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of God says in the Book of John, Chapter 1, “In the beginning was the Word, (watch) and the Word was *with* God.” I want you to notice that separation—“the Word was *with* God.” There was God, and His Word was with Him. And we were part of the Word; we were with Him then. So the glorious thing about this is that the Word that was with God and *was* God has been made glorified flesh and bones by this last trumpet message. So we all are part of the Word made flesh. Paul laid prophetic Word for us in the Book of Ephesians 5:30-31 (which has now come to life in us), saying, “We are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones,” meaning we are exactly, exactly,

exactly the same Word that Jesus was created from, for He is the Word that was with God from the beginning. Yes, we are joined to our Lord Jesus Christ now in His glorified state and have become one with Him as His Wife.

When we were married, we were no longer the virgin, but the Wife. Yes, God's plan to get a Wife for His Son started with the virgin, but now we are the Wife of the Lamb because the marriage has taken place, for the Lamb of God has claimed His Wife. And as His Wife, we made ourselves ready by hearing this message of the last trump of God, which has clothed us in fine linen, clean and white. And the fine linen, clean and white is God's very own righteousness that was with God in the beginning that God extended to us. Amen.

So we were connected way back there, and God has brought us all the way through. And we brought that knowledge with us. God saw to it that we would know all these things, for we are part of the Godhead. Sometimes I see television programs explaining scientific theories, saying, "Twelve million years ago *this* happened and *that* happened; and then only about six million years ago, *this* happened and *that* happened." But when it comes to what happened about four or five *thousand* years ago, about the flood and all of that, they do not know. They say — "That is so far back, we do not know about it. It could have been, but no one knows for sure." Well, what has always been a question in my mind is 'How do they know what took place twelve, fifteen, twenty *million* years ago, but yet they do not know what happened four or five *thousand* years ago?' But God sent a man named Raymond Jackson, and he brought the revelation about the prehistoric age, about the dinosaurs and all of that, and he told us how there was

an age here before the time of Adam and Eve, where Lucifer (who was one of the greatest angels that had ever been created up to that time) ruled and reigned. And the Word of God says that he was perfect in his ways. Can you imagine that great angel? But then God allowed him to be tried, and he said in his heart, "I will ascend into heaven, and I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." (Isaiah 14:13-14) And he caused about a third of the angels to go along with him. But the angels, Michael and Gabriel, stayed true to God, and they stood there against Lucifer and his angels; and with the message of Michael and Gabriel as a safety net, all the other angels had courage to stay with God's plan. Well, God just overthrew this earth, threw it into outer darkness, and it froze up, and the plants and animals died. See, we know these things that happened because we are part of the Word. And not only do we know what was in the past, but we can even see out in the future the thousand year millennium and beyond.

Sometime back, my wife Barbarajean and I were talking to a woman that belonged to a certain denominational religion, and she was enthusiastic about some of the things we were saying. She had read one of our books and was so amazed at what she was reading. But we began to talk about the millennium, and she said, "No, no, no! We do not believe in a millennium. We believe that when we die, we go to heaven; then that will be our home." But we thought to ourselves, "Why would she believe in all these good things as it relates to salvation, but when it comes to some of these other things, "We do not believe in *that*"? Well, it had to be thus because it was not revealed to those

in a religious realm. But to us, the millennium is clearly seen; and in that wonderful time, life on earth will go on, with the exception that the devil is going to be bound and there will be peace on earth.

When Jesus was born, the angel Gabriel came and made such a great announcement to the shepherds that were attending their flocks in the field, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Well, that was looking all the way into the millennium and into eternity where there would be mortal people living on this earth and taking care of it. That is when there will be peace and good will to all men. And Adam's charge will be back in place where God told him, "Conquer the earth and bring it into subjection," meaning he would have control of the plants and animals and so on. So those things will be restored back to God's original plan in the millennium. These things are so wonderful, and they are for us, the Wife, to know. So we have come through a period of time where He began to bring all this knowledge in, which was during the first two phases of the coming of the Lord (the shout and the voice of the archangel); but through this last trump of God phase, He has made it all as clear as crystal. And it is here in this last trump of God, the message of glorification, that He began glorifying those that Christ Jesus brought back with Him, those spiritual tabernacles. For He sent this message of glorification that has been putting glorified flesh and bones on them just as well as it is translating our mortal bodies in this moment of the twinkling of an eye.

So these are the happenings that have been (and are) taking place between 1 Thessalonians 4:14 and 4:17. He gave us the authority of the key to the gospel to unlock the

revelation of 1 Thessalonians 4:14, which unlocked Revelation, Chapter 10, which then also unlocked 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." And Verses 53-54, tells us, "this mortal must put on immortality." And all of these scriptures tell us there is a transforming, a translating us into glorified flesh and bones.

As said earlier, 1 Thessalonians 4:14 has to do with the departed saints that He brought back, which was the virgin that Paul and the church age messengers preached to. That was those *tabernacles*, which was in the form of spiritual bodies. And they came to earth and have been taking on their glorified flesh and bone bodies to be just like Jesus Christ was when He walked here before He was taken up—and He is still the same. After He came forth from the grave, He could appear and disappear. And yet He was human. He was in that glorified state where He could come into a room without coming through the door! I tell you, this is so great! This jubilee that we are in is so wonderful! And we are rejoicing in this wonderful Word! And because we were part of the Word in the beginning, we cannot undo that; we will always be part of the Word! It is with us as it was with Jesus; for we had to become a human being by being born into this world; and we took on some of the attributes of the world because we were born into the fallen humanity. But we, being born again of the Word and Spirit, were joined unto Him. And when He took us for His Wife, that made us exactly, one hundred percent the same Word that He is, the same Word that we were in the beginning with God our Father. So now there is a manifested people that are part of the Godhead, and

we had to be that to begin with. We were part of the Word there, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

Notice, “In the beginning.” All the way back, we were part of the special part of the Word. And those of the special part of the Word are the Wife of the Lamb, part of the Godhead. Yes, there is going to be natural people on the earth in eternity taking care of this earth, but we are a people that are called *the tree of life*, and the water is running from the throne of God and of the Lamb and right on through us, and we are giving drink to all. See, it was granted to us to be part of the Godhead because we were with Him in the beginning, the Word that was with God, which is the special part of the Word. But it took the marriage that joined us to cause us to become glorified bone of His glorified bones and glorified flesh of His glorified flesh, because the Life of God had to come through the Son first. And now we are part of the Godhead as we walk around here today glorifying God.

The revelation of this is shining through us as a bright shining light; but we do not feel bad towards anyone if they do not see us as the Word manifested, because we are hid in broad open daylight. And those that are ordained to be part of us, they cannot help but see us; and they know that they know that they are a part of the special part of the Word, and being part of the special part of the Word is being part of the Godhead.

Yes, we know that the earth was created *by* the Word, but the earth is what the Word created; it is not the Word itself. But we are *direct* Word—“The Word was made flesh,” and then that Word joined itself, connected itself, to a people making them the Wife of the Lamb. The consummation of

the marriage has taken place, and we can say, "We are glorified bone of His glorified bones and glorified flesh of His glorified flesh, and Spirit of His Spirit, and mind of His mind." (That is why we have the one mind, the fullness of the mind of Christ in marriage). We are the Queen, and we know our position. We know as part of the Godhead that we are the tree of life. And we know the water of life that comes from God and through the Lamb is flowing on out through us to all nations. And all the people know that we are the Wife and Queen of our King the Lord Jesus Christ.

Again, let us read Verse 14. It says, "*For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so **them** (Notice that word *them*; Paul uses it again down here in Verse 17.) also which sleep in Jesus will God bring (send) with him (Christ Jesus).*" God sent them down to this earth with Christ Jesus. And they have been here ever since! For when Christ Jesus came back in Revelation, Chapter 10, they came with Him. They participated in the marriage and then began taking on this living Word of glorified flesh and bones. And this message *is* glorified flesh and bones. And that is why we can say, "The little book (not the Big Book of Redemption where all God's children are) is glorified flesh and bones." And that is what has been taking place. It just changed forms. It was Spirit to begin with, but it became glorified flesh and bones. And now we are the Wife and have gone beyond the prophesying unto nations as we have come into this moment of the twinkling of an eye. And in this moment of the twinkling of an eye, there are books that have been written, and are being written, things that have not been preached since the world began. And it is just setting people's hearts on fire, those that are part of it.

The Word is doing exactly what it is supposed to be doing—creating a people glorified flesh and bones; and it has now begun to show itself in human flesh. And the glorification of the departed saints that Christ Jesus brought with Him, shown in 1 Thessalonians 4:14, is soon to be visible. Yes, those souls that Christ Jesus brought back with Him become visible.

Let us continue reading. Verse 15 says, *“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord,”* At the time Paul said this, he was not quoting scripture; but he was speaking by inspiration. *“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (or hinder) them which are asleep.”* Then Verse 16, which is a mysterious verse hid in here that deals with the three parts of the spiritual coming of the Lord Himself in the power of the fullness of Christ, says, *“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout,”* And I want you to notice, ‘the Lord Himself,’ meaning He came in the fullness of His Spirit (which is masculine and feminine). So what we saw when Revelation, Chapter 10, took place was not only the masculine part of Christ descending, but also the feminine part of Christ, which was hid. And the masculine part of Christ and feminine part of Christ married together as He brought the virgin the little book (the feminine part of the Word that would consummate the marriage); and the faith of the Son of God and the faith of Christ was included in this marriage (which was a marriage by proxy) so that the feminine Wife of the Lamb, the Queen, could go forth with all the power and authority that has always been in Christ.

Notice, the first part of the coming of the Lord was the shout. He came with *a shout*. And then next, *“with the voice*

of the archangel," which dealt with natural Israel's position and what would happen to them under the second part of the fifth seal. We read that in the Book of Daniel and different places where 'Daniel saw an angel (which was Michael) that stood for the children of thy people,' which were the Jews. So all of that revelation has been made known. And we received the revelational knowledge of that. And God had a messenger here at that time who really highlighted it; and that was preached by Brother Raymond Jackson. But then it went on to this final part of it. It says, *"and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"* This says 'shall rise,' but I say 'shall come forth' because those bodies do not actually rise from the dust of the earth, for they are created, because they are spoken Word-bodies. So the bodies come forth, but they come forth from the spoken Word and not from the dust of the earth. Those that died being a part of the Wife, their bodies decayed away and became part of the earth; their bodies went back to being just part of the earth from whence they came, but their soul went into a spiritual body, there to wait until the time of their glorification. Again, here I am speaking only of the Lamb's Wife. For here is a Word-people that were with the Father in the beginning—"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God," and we were connected by marriage to that Word (the Lord Jesus Christ), who is now glorified flesh and bones, thus creating a Word-body Wife of glorified flesh and bones. And now we are glorified bone of His glorified bones, and glorified flesh of His glorified flesh. (Ephesians 5:30-31) And when the Lord looks at us, His heart almost stops at our beauty, for we are dressed in

fine linen, clean and white, which is the righteousness of the Wife saints. And we are rejoicing!

So Paul prophesied about this 'last trump of God message;' for it says here in 1 Thessalonians 4:16, *'and with the trump of God,'* and over in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15, it says, *'the last trump.'* But let us read on down. I want to show you what happens between Him bringing the spiritual bodies of the departed saints with Him and when He takes them back up. Watch, I want to make a statement here. **He brings with Him spiritual bodies, but He takes back with Him spiritual bodies that took on glorified flesh and bones.** That took place between 1 Thessalonians 4:14 and 4:17. They took on glorified flesh and bones by this message of the last trump of God, which is now sounding forth, so that when they go back up they will not go back up as spiritual bodies, **but their spiritual bodies are clothed with glorified flesh and bones!**

Verse 17 says, *"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up..."* Here it says we will be caught up, but it does not tell what will happen to us before we are caught up. Now, inject 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 in here, and we can see how the Word knits together; and it is so perfect. So that is why we read in both places. If we read one place and not the other, then we would not see the whole picture. But now we see the whole picture because we have received the revelation of the last trump of God. And we are a people that know who we are and what we are here for. **And we are going about purposely fulfilling the scripture that is written, showing what we will do.** Hallelujah!

So here it is! Verse 17, *"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with **them**..."* Who is that *them*? It is those departed saints that He brought back with Him

that were married, joined to Him, and are now glorified flesh and bones. And now we are all one; we all have glorified flesh and bones, and we are caught up together; and all limitations are taken off us!

You might say, "Why would the Lord bring them back just to take them back with Him?" Well, that is what I am talking about today, what took place, the journey of the Wife of the Lamb between 1 Thessalonians 4:14 and 4:17. During this time, from the time He brought them to the earth until the time that He takes them back, they have been receiving glorified flesh and bones on their spiritual bodies, and together we are one new group, the Wife of the Lord Jesus Christ. And together we are all dressed in the fine linen, clean and white. Together we are the Wife of the Lamb! Hallelujah!

Watch, Verse 17, *"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."* Amen.

Now let us read 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 to fill in about the change because Paul did not put the change in the scriptures that I just read; he just said we would be caught up. But it says here, *"Behold, I shew (show) you a mystery; We shall not all sleep (die or pass away), but we shall all be changed,"* **When he says *all*, he is talking about all members of the Wife of the Lamb who are alive and remain, that we will be changed. He is not talking here about those that He brought with Him, but 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 covers that.** So here he is talking about we that are living, showing that we are changed into glorified flesh and bones; and likewise those spiritual bodies that Christ Jesus brought with Him by this message

have also taken on glorified flesh and bones. And being glorified together, we are Christ the Wife.

So how will it be? And when will it be? It will be in *this* time period — *“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye (and that is why we are twinkling), at the last trump.”* Notice, it is showing when this takes place, the last trump message is what we will be receiving, which is the final phase of the three-phase message of the Lord Himself. It could not take place under the voice of the archangel. It could only take place as the last trumpet is sounding. And we (His Wife) know what the last trumpet is; and we hear it sounding! *“for the trumpet shall sound (Paul was talking in his day that it shall sound, but now it is sounding.), and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”* Then it goes on, saying, *“O death, where is your sting? Oh, grave, where is your victory?”* Remember here that we are Word-bodies, that we are joined to His glorified flesh and bones Word-body. And those that went into the grave, their bodies rotted away, and their souls were taken to heaven, for their souls went into that spiritual house or body reserved in heaven. But when Christ Jesus brought them back to this earth, He had a message to put glorified flesh and bones on those spiritual bodies. And now that is a finished work.

O’ Father, we thank you for the message today and for all the good things that you are doing for us. We praise you in our Lord Jesus Christ’s wonderful name. Amen.

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