

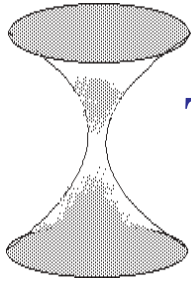
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EXO 23:19 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not see the a kid in his mother's milk.

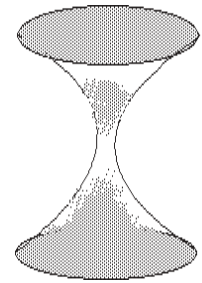
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THE MYSTERY OF GOD THAT ENCAPSULATES TIME



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The First of the Firstfruits

EZEKIEL 44:30

There is an anticipation among Christians that some great event is about to happen. Could this be the dawning of the millennial age and the coming forth of the first of the firstfruits for which our Savior has so patiently waited? Could we be longing to once again taste that precious fruit that our spirits once knew when we were chosen in Him before the foundation of the world? (Eph 1:4).

One person captured the essence of that anticipation in the following account:

"When I was growing up, it was not common to receive tomatoes from Florida or California during the winter. So after the last tomato was eaten in the fall, it was a long wait until the first ripe tomato of the next summer. Since our family loved tomatoes, we really began to develop a taste and a craving for the first ripe tomatoes as we watched the green tomatoes develop on the vine.

My sister and I eagerly awaited the first tinges of red and began to imagine how good the first, luscious, red tomatoes would taste - and we didn't tell anyone else where they were. Then the big day came and we sneaked out to the garden with a salt shaker and ate the first tomatoes. This truly was a long awaited feast!

There were other tomatoes to follow which were as good - these happened to have the honor of being the long awaited first ones.

James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethen, unto the coming of the Lord. **Behold, the husband waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth**, and hath long patince for it , until he receive the early and latter rain.

Then the big day came and we sneaked out to the garden with a salt shaker and ate the first tomatoes.

EZEK 44:1 **Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it [was] shut.**

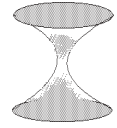
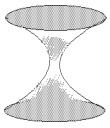
44:2 Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

44:3 **[It is] for the prince;** the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of [that] gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

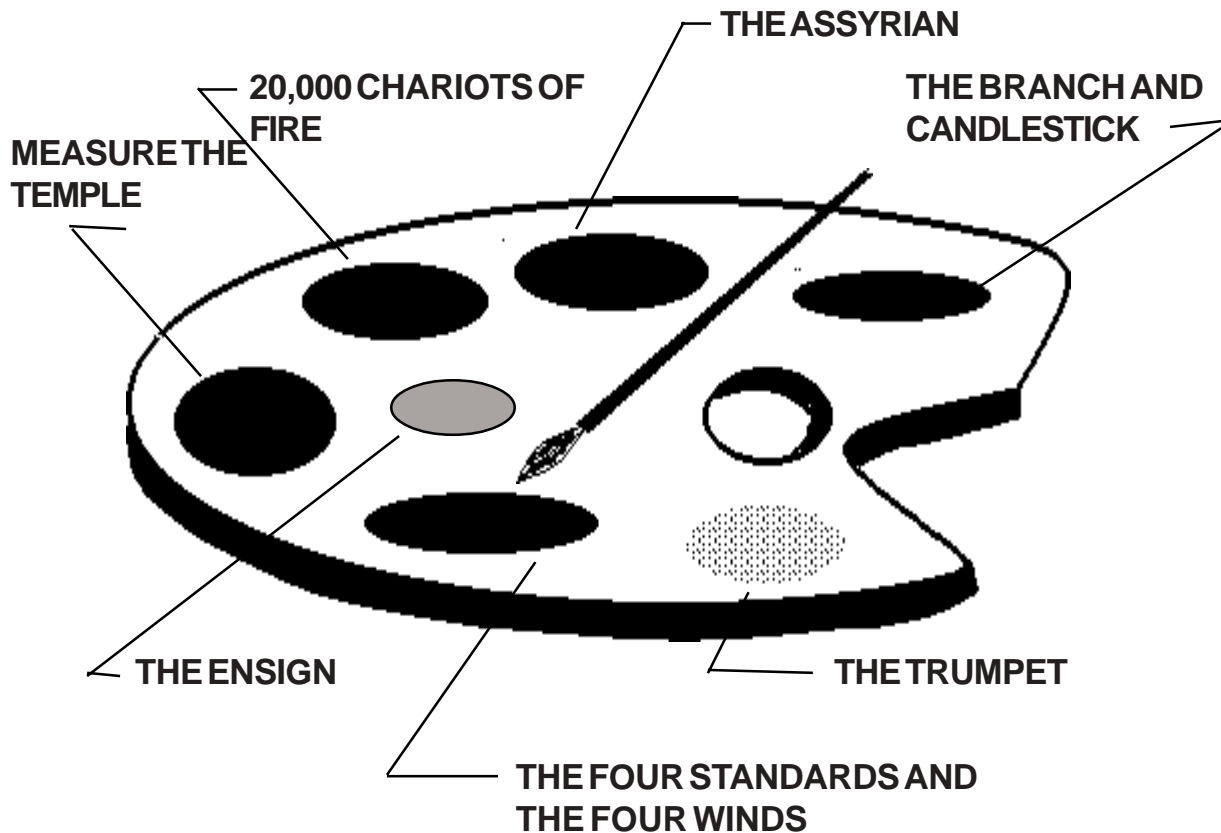
44:15 But the priests the Levites, **the sons of Zadok**, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when **the children of Israel went astray from me**, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD:

44:28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I [am their inheritance: **and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I [am] their possession.**

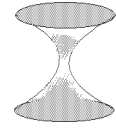
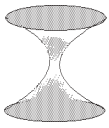
44:30 And **the first of all the firstfruits** of all [things], and every oblation of all, of every [sort] of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.



SOME HAVE LITTLE CONCEPT OF ENDTIME EVENTS, OTHER THAN WAITING FOR A TRUMPET TO BLOW. THE FIRSTFRUIT OF THE FIRSTFRUITS ARE BEGINNING TO PAINT A PICTURE OF THEIR ASSIGNED ROLES FROM A PALETTE OF ENDTIME EVENTS.



We now begin our study by examining the description of endtime events as given in Matthew 24. Note in verse 27 that the lightning comes out of the east and unto the west - the same path as the sun. Perhaps this is more a description of the dawning of the millennial day rather than a jagged flash of lighting. As one Bible teacher pointed out, the word "lightening" is translated from the Greek word "Astrape" which also has been translated as the "...bright shining of a candle ..." There is a period of time in the early dawn where events can not yet be clearly seen. It is as spoken of in verse 3:14 of Ruth - "And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know the other. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor."



MATTHEW CHAPTER 24

24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

24:16 Then let them which be in **Judaea flee into the mountains:**

24:21 For then shall be **great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time**, no, nor ever shall be.

24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the **elect's** sake those days shall be shortened.

24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here [is] Christ, or there; believe [it] not.

24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

24:25 Behold, I have told you before.

24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth:

behold, [he is] in the secret chambers; believe [it] not.

24:27 **For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west;** so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

24:28 For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

24:30 And then shall appear the **sign** of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall **all the tribes of the earth mourn**, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the **clouds** of heaven with power and great glory.

24:31 And he shall send his angels with a **great sound of a trumpet**, and **they shall gather together his elect from the four winds**, from one end of heaven to the other.

ASTRAPE - BRIGHT SHINING

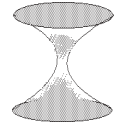
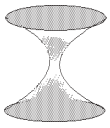
Luke 11:36 "...bright shining of a candle..."

We have all ready noted that the shining comes from the east to the west. As we examine the the subject further, we will find that not only is the east and west involved - but also the north and south. There is a recurring theme of the endtime events involving the four directions - or as we see in verse 31 - the four winds. When the trumpet sounds, the elect are gathered together. These are the "elect according to the foreknowledge of God" (I Peter 1:2). In other words, the elect are those who were with God from the foundation of the world and their spirits knew God and God knew them.

You will note that there is a sign of the Son of man in heaven. The word sign is translated from the same Greek word as "**wonder** in

heaven" in Revelation 12:3 which announces the birth of the manchild. Note that the Son of man comes in "clouds" and that the "tribes" of earth mourn.

Note in verse 16, the instructions for those who dwell in Judaea to flee to the mountain. Judah is the tribe on the east and leads the camp of Israel. One could say that the instruction to flee to an actual mountain is for physical safety. But we will later see that something is on the mountain that provides safety against the enemy. Something that strikes fear deep into the heart of the enemy - something that causes the enemy to turn tail and run. What could it possibly be? In a little while we will find out as we read on.



ISAIAH

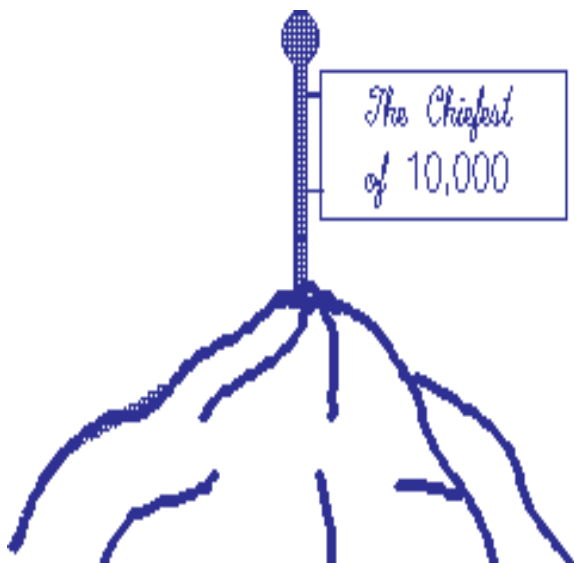
59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

The
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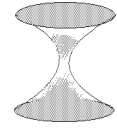
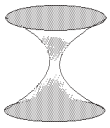
MANY PREACHERS HAVE PREACHED ABOUT GOD RAISING UP A STANDARD AGAINST THE ENEMY. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU ASK THEM WHAT THAT STANDARD IS, THEY DON'T SEEM TO HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA. THE DAY IS COMING WHEN KNOWING THE PRECISE MEANING OF THE ENSIGN AND THE STANDARD WILL BE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH.

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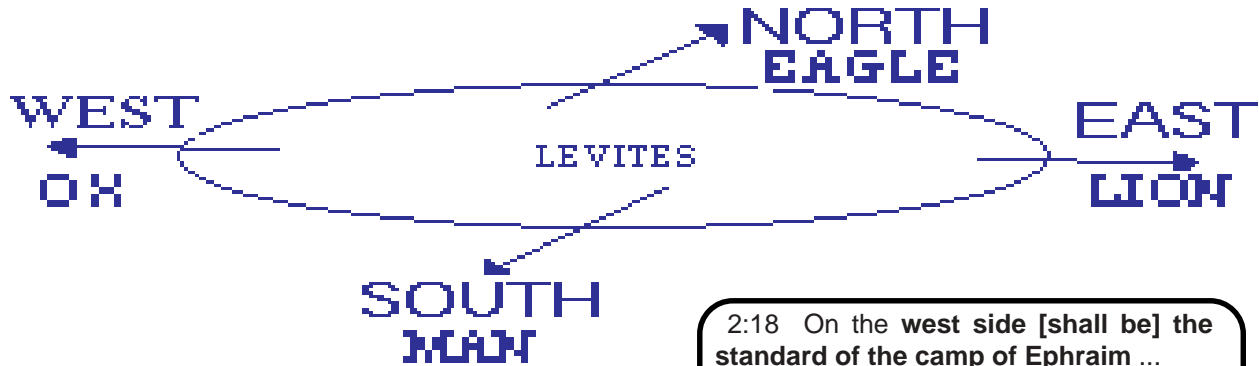
18:3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.



FORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT HAVE TO WONDER ABOUT THE MEANING. THE ENSIGN AND STANDARD ARE DEFINED PRECISELY IN SCRIPTURE.



The Ensign and Standard



NUMBERS

2:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2:2 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by **his own standard**, with the **ensign of their father's house**: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

2:3 And on the **east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah** ...

2:5 And those that do pitch next unto him [shall be] the tribe of **Issachar** ...

2:7 [Then] the tribe of **Zebulun** ...

2:10 On the **south side [shall be] the standard of the camp of Reuben** ...

2:12 And those which pitch by him [shall be] the tribe of **Simeon** ...

2:14 Then the tribe of **Gad** ...

2:17 Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

2:18 On the **west side [shall be] the standard of the camp of Ephraim** ...

2:20 And by him [shall be] the tribe of **Manasseh** ...

2:22 Then the tribe of **Benjamin** ...

2:25 The standard of the camp of **Dan** ...

2:27 And those that encamp by him [shall be] the tribe of **Asher** ...

2:29 Then the tribe of **Naphtali** ...

2:31 All they that were numbered in the camp of **Dan** [were] ...

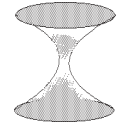
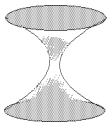
They shall go **hindmost with their standards**.

EZEKIEL 1:4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness [was] about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

1:5 Also out of the midst thereof [came] the likeness of four living creatures. And this [was] their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a **man**, and the face of a **lion**, on the right side: and they four had the face of an **ox** on the left side; they four also had the face of an **eagle**.

Note in the above scriptures that the ensign is very clearly defined as a tribal symbol on the flags of the sons of Israel. You will note that there is a standard on east, south, west, and north sides with three tribes associated with each standard. Thus, the scripture has defined the meaning of the standard for us very precisely. Also, from Ezekiel 1: 10, we can find that the four symbols for the standards are the lion, the man, the ox, and the eagle.



THE RIGHT GUARDS

A lady who, during her high school years, spent many hours in band practice relates the following account:

"Have you ever watched the finals of a marching band contest and marveled at how each person knew their exact place as the most intricate patterns were executed? What you may not have realized is that not everyone knows all of the patterns? Usually, the person on the right of each marching line has the responsibility for leading the others through the pattern. Each right guard is given instructions as to which spot on the yard lines to stop, turn, or lead into a new pattern. The others in the line may not know the exact spot or pattern- but they do have the responsibility of following their right guard. Therefore, the first step in practicing band formations is to train the right guards. They are the first to learn the patterns and the others follow by example.

Usually the band will come on the field in a straight-forward, marching pattern which is well known by

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all. They are usually led by the banners or colors and then by a boy and girl who share leadership duties as a drum major and drum majorette. Then the signal will be given and the pattern breaks. At first, it may look like mass confusion - but the right guards have the role of leading those on their line to the new position or pattern. At this point the right guards are so vitally important to establish the correct pattern.

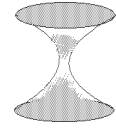
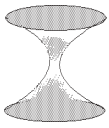
Those bands which developed discipline and high performance marks worked their way through various contests - with the ultimate being the state contest which I remember being held at the Texas State Fairground in Dallas. Before we went to the State Fairground, we were given a formation to work on which would be performed in concert and unison in a joint appearance with the other bands that were invited.

We worked and worked on our parts until we had perfected them. We did not know in detail the parts of the other bands - but we did know our part. The other bands practiced their parts to perfection also. It was truly amazing to see all these many bands - who had never worked together before - to come together and perform their parts in perfect concert."

The spiritual applications of this story are most interesting. The banner carriers, the drum major and majorette, and the right guards are representative of the firstfruit of the firstfruits. They must be trained in their parts to serve as a pattern for the others that will follow.

In many places around the world, those in the army of the Lord are rehearsing their roles until they are perfected. And many are probably saying, just like we do, "Lord, is it necessary for us to rehearse **that** again?"

But why would God have us closed away in our isolated little spots practicing patterns which we wonder what their use will be? Could it be that the Lord's "band contest" is the ultimate culmination of this age?



THE ENSIGNS AND THE STANDARDS IDENTIFY THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS AND PROVIDE A PRE-ESTABLISHED MARCHING ORDER FOR ASSEMBLING THE TRIBES AT THE TRUMPET CALL.

It is obvious that the Army of the Lord will be a perfected army - one that has rehearsed its role to perfection. Each group knows their part but may not be totally aware of the other groups around the world that are practicing their parts.

Then the great trumpet is blown, and the tribes are gathered from the four winds - the north, south, east, and west. Because of the ensigns and standards, they go to their exact places and begin to perform their roles in the culmination of this age.

The pattern is the same as that for building Solomon's temple. The work was already done in advance on each stone at the quarries until each stone was perfected. Then, and only then, were the stones brought together.

1 Kings 6:7 And the house, when it was in building, **was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither**: so that there was **neither hammer nor ax [nor] any tool of iron heard in the house**, while it was in building.

Now, let us cast our eye over the set of scriptures given in the column to the right. It is obvious that there is a connected pattern. Judah, who is on the east or rising of the sun, begins with the first standard and ensign. This is placed on a high mountain. The trumpet blows and the elect are gathered together from the four winds (spirits) and muster together under their banners in the Lord's army.

MATT 24:16 Then let them which be in **Judaea flee into the mountains**..

(SEE ZECH 12:7)

ISA 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the **west, and his glory from the rising of the sun**. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a **standard** against him.

ISA 18:3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an **ensign on the mountains** and when **he bloweth a trumpet**, hear ye.

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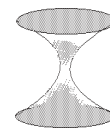
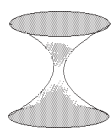
ISA 13:1 The burden of Babylon ...
13:2 **Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain**, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

13:3 I have commanded my **sanctified ones**, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, [even] them that rejoice in my highness.

13:4 The noise of a **multitude in the mountains**, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: **the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle**.

13:5 They come from a **far country, from the end of heaven**, [even] the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

13:6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD [is] at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.



THE DEGAL AND THE 'OWTH

NUMBERS

2:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2:2 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own **standard** (DEGAL), with the **ensign** ('OWTH) of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they shall they pitch.

Next we will begin to the consider the degal and 'owth which are the Hebrew words for the standard and ensign. By going to the original, we are able to cross relate many other verses.

Note in Isaiah 11 that a Branch grows out of the root of Jesse. And that Branch is clothed with the Seven Spirits of God which are named in Isaiah 11:2. The root of Jesse is an ensign ('owth) for the people and is used to gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The ensign is used to gather the remnant from the Assyrian.

Note in Isaiah 49:22 that a standard is raised and the sons and daughters are gathered to that standard. The theme of sons and daughters and the degal or standard is threaded among many scriptures. By following this thread we will come to understand much more about the first of all the firstfruit.

DEGEL - A FLAG
DEGAL - TO FLAUNT, TO RAISE
A FLAG
'OWTH - A SIGNAL, BEACON,

ISA 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a **Branch** shall grow out of his roots:

11:2 And the **spirit of the LORD** shall rest upon him, the spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, the spirit of **counsel** and **might**, the spirit of **knowledge** and of the **fear of the LORD**;

11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy **mountain**: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an **ensign** ('OWTH) of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

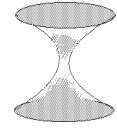
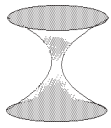
11:11 And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from **Assyria** ...

11:12 And he shall set up an **ensign** for the nations, and shall assemble the **outcasts of Israel**, and gather together the dispersed of **Judah** from the **four corners of the earth**.

ISA 49:20 The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place [is] too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

49:21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where [had] they [been]?

49:22 Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my **standard** to the people: and they shall bring thy **sons** in [their] arms, and thy **daughters** shall be carried upon (their) shoulders.



His Banner over Me is Love

HE BROUGHT ME TO THE BANQUETING HOUSE, AND

Degal is translated as **Standard** in Numbers and as **Banner** in Songs

SONGS 2:3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so [is] **my beloved among the sons**. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit [was] sweet to my taste.
2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and **his banner (DEGAL) over me [was] love**.

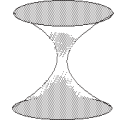
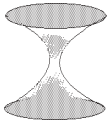
SONGS 5:8 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, that ye tell him, that I [am] sick of love.
5:9 What [is] thy beloved more than [another] beloved, **O thou fairest among women?** what [is] thy beloved more than [another] beloved, that thou dost so charge us?
5:10 **My beloved [is] white and ruddy, the chiefest (DAGAL) among ten thousand.**
5:11 His head [is as] the most fine gold, his locks [are] bushy, [and] black as a raven.
5:12 His eyes [are] as [the eyes] of **doves** by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, [and] fittly set.

Now that we have done our homework and know that the standard of Numbers 2 :2 is the same as the banner of the Song of Solomon, we are ready to make real progress. Note in Songs 5:10 that a company of sons is defined with the beloved as being the the dagal - the chiefest of a company of ten thousand. He is the leader - His name is Jehoshua (Jesus).

But what is this? We note below in Songs chapter 6 that there is another army! This is the army of the daughters - the beloved of Christ. Note that this army of daughters also has a banner. The account goes on to describe chariots. Then it refers to the Shulamite - which means "double sleeping place". This seems to be describing a company of sons (with Jesus as the leader) as the groom company and a company of daughters as the bride.

SONGS 6:3 I [am] my beloved's, and my beloved [is] mine: he feedeth among the lilies.
6:4 Thou [art] beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, **terrible as [an army] with banners (DEGALS)**.
6:9 My **dove**, my undefiled is [but] one; **she [is] the [only] one of her mother**, she [is] the choice [one] of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; [yea], the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.
6:10 **Who [is] she** [that] looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, [and] **terrible as [an army] with banners?**
6:11 I went down into the garden of nuts to see the **fruits of the valley**, [and] to see whether the vine flourished, [and] the pomegranates budded.
6:12 Or ever I was aware, my soul made me [like] the **chariots of Amminadib (ONE OF THE PRINCES PEOPLE)**.
6:13 Return, return, O Shulamite (DOUBLE SLEEPING PLACE); return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? **As it were the company of two armies**.

TWO ARMIES - 10,000 SONS AND 10,000 DAUGHTERS = 20,000



THIS 10, 000 SONS AND 10,000 DAUGHTERS THING SOUNDS KIND OF FANTASTIC TO ME. YOU WILL HAVE TO ESTABLISH IT IN THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES BEFORE I WILL BELIEVE IT!

JUDE 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints.**

SONGS 5:10 **My beloved [is] white and ruddy, the chiefest (DAGAL) among ten thousand.**

SONGS 6:10 **Who [is] she [that] looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, [and] terrible as [an army] with banners?**

6:11 I went down into the garden of nuts to see the **fruits of the valley**, [and] to see whether the vine flourished, [and] the pomegranates budded.

6:12 Or ever I was aware, my soul made me [like] the **chariots of Amminadib (ONE OF THE PRINCES PEOPLE)**.

6:13 Return, return, O Shulamite (DOUBLE SLEEPING PLACE); return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? **As it were the company of two armies.**

We might say that the above verses establish the concept in the mouth of one witness - but lets not be content to stop there. We want to develop it in the mouths of two more witnesses.

We now begin to work with verse 6:13 of the Song of Solomon which describes the company of two armies. The NASB Bible translates this as:

Why should you gaze at the Shulamite?
As at the dance of ^{4b} the two companies.
^{4Or,}
Mahanaim

The footnote for this verse leads to Genesis 32:1 which gives the first use of Mahanaim - or the company of two armies.

GEN 32:1 Now as Jacob went on his way the angels of God met him. And Jacob said when he saw them, "This is God's ¹camp." So he named that place ^{2a}Mahanaim.

¹Or, *company* ²I.e., Two camps, or, Two companies

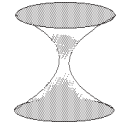
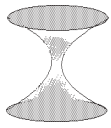
When we look at the translation of God in this verse, we find out that is ELOHIM. Wasn't it ELOHIM who spoke the following in Genesis?

GEN 1:26 And God (ELOHIM)said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness:

...
1:27 So God (ELOHIM) created man in his own image, **in the image of God (ELOHIM)** created he him; **male and female** created he them.

While we could say much more about the above scriptures, lets simply say at this point that the creation in the image of ELOHIM was both male and female, which mirrors the male and female attributes of ELOHIM.

Further, we note that Jacob actually saw these armies of ELOHIM and named the place Mahanaim - or the place of two camps. Note that verse 6:12 of the Song of Solomon speaks of chariots. We will shortly see that these two armies have chariots and that they have a certain number of chariots. What do you think that number might be?



TWO ARMIES - TWO COMPANIES - TWO CAMPS 10,000 SONS AND 10,000 DAUGHTERS = 20,000 CHARIOTS

PSALM 68:1 Let God (ELOHIM) arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

68:11 The Lord gave the word: great [was] the company of those that published [it].

68:12 Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

68:13 **Though ye have lien among the pots, [yet shall ye be as] the wings of a dove** covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

68:14 **When the Almighty (EL SHADDAI) scattered kings in it, it was [white] as snow in Salmon.**

68:15 The hill of God [is as] the hill of Bashan; an high hill [as] the hill of Bashan.

68:16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? [this is] the hill [which] God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell [in it] for ever.

68:17 **The chariots of God [are] twenty thousand**, [even] thousands of angels: the Lord [is] among them, [as in] Sinai, in the holy [place].

68:18 Thou hast ascended on high, **thou hast led captivity captive ...**

Could we be mistaken - no - the 17th verse very plainly says that the "chariots of God are twenty thousand. We have just established our second witness.

Further, in verse 13, the scripture is saying to those who were with God from the foundation of the world - even though you've become a vessel of clay in the earth realm, you will yet become as wings of a dove - the dove described in the Song of Solomon.

The chariots described above are the same chariots that are mentioned as being part of the army of the Lord in the second chapter of Joel. This is the same army that is also described in the 19th chapter of the book of Revelation.

JOEL 2:1 Blow ye the **trumpet in Zion**, and sound an alarm in my holy **mountain**: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the **day of the LORD** cometh, for [it is] nigh at hand;
2:4 **The appearance of them [is] as the appearance of horses**; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

2:5 Like the **noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap**, like the **noise of a flame of fire** that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.
2:7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and **they shall not break their ranks**:

2:8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and [when] they fall upon the sword, **they shall not be wounded**.

2:9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a **thief**.

2:11 **And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army**: for his camp [is] very great: for [he is] strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD [is] great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

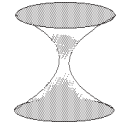
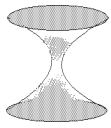
2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion ...

2:16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: **let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.**

HEBREWS

1:7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his **ministers a flame of fire.**

We can see from the above that those in this army are simply people who have overcome the limitations of the earth realm and have become a part of the army of the Lord. They will be instrumental in helping others destroy the works of the flesh (a painful process) so that men may be free to serve God.



WHO MAKETH THE CLOUDS HIS CHARIOT



BEHOLD, HE COMETH WITH CLOUDS

PSALMS

104:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

104:2 Who coverest [thyself] with **light** as [with] a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

104:3 Who layeth the **beams** of his **chambers** in the waters: **who maketh the clouds his chariot**: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

104:4 Who maketh his angels spirits; **his ministers a flaming fire**:

PSALMS

18:10 And he rode up on a **cherub** and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind:

18:11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick **clouds** of skies.

REVELATION

1:6 And hath made us kings and priests ...

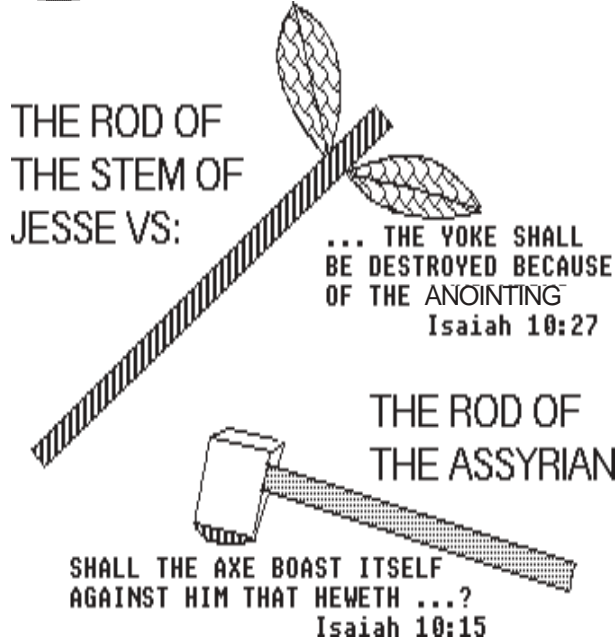
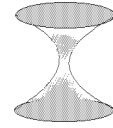
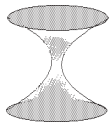
1:7 Behold, he cometh with **clouds**; and every eye shall see him, and they [also] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, **the beginning and the ending**, saith the Lord, **which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty**.

Psalms 104:2 tells us that He "maketh the clouds his chariot". We tend to think of this in terms of natural clouds - but clouds are used here to represent people. Doesn't Hebrews 12:1 refer to a cloud of witnesses? Doesn't Jude speak about clouds - some having water or anointing? In Acts 1:9, did not a cloud receive Jesus and then two messengers spoke saying he would return again in the same way?

Now let us look at Rev 1:7 where "he cometh with clouds". We can begin to connect this together and see that his return is in clouds or chariots. But can people really be chariots of fire?

In Matthew 3:11,12 and in Luke 3:16, 17 we are told about a baptism of fire that burns up the chaff and leaves the wheat. The result of this purification of flesh with fire is the fragrances described in Song of Solomon 2:6 and 3:9-16 - attributes of the sons and daughters. Isaiah 31:3 tells us that horses represent flesh. Therefore, when our "horse" or flesh becomes purified with fire, it becomes a horse of fire as observed by Elisha. When the flesh is baptized in fire, the "horse" becomes the servant of the chariot rather than the driver of it. Then, we can ride the white, or purified horse, spoken of in Revelation 19:14.



You may have noted that the chariots of fire have often been involved in battles with the Assyrian. We see in Isaiah 10:5 that God uses the Assyrian as the rod of his anger. When a nation becomes hypocritical (as some would say the United States has become) a nation is raised up against it to cause it to return back to God. God tells His people not to be afraid of the Assyrian - that this thing is of Him. In fact we can find a very unusual act in that Elijah was instructed to anoint the Syrian in the role of bringing judgement against Israel (see I Kings 19:15 and II Kings 8:10-12).

Next, note that the Lord God of hosts says that he will break the Assyrian upon his mountains. Were we not told to flee to the mountain as a place of safety? But what is it on the mountain that causes the enemy to lose heart and turn tail and run? Isaiah 31:9 tells us that the princes of the Assyrian shall be afraid of the **ensign**. Thus, if we want to avoid the destruction wrought by the Assyrian, we had best know the place of the mountain and the meaning of the ensign. It could be a matter of life and death.

ISAIAH

10:5 O Assyrian, **the rod of mine anger**, and **the staff in their hand is mine indignation**.

10:6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

10:7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but [it is] in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

10:24 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, **O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian**: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.

10:25 For yet a very little while, **and the indignation shall cease**, and mine anger in their destruction.

14:24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, [so] shall it stand:

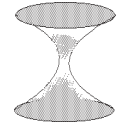
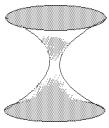
14:25 **That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot**: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

31:5 **As birds flying**, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver [it; and] passing over he will preserve it.

31:8 **Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword**, not of a mighty man; and the sword, **not of a mean man**, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall bediscomfited.

31:9 And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, **and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign**, saith the LORD, whose fire [is] in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

What does it mean when it says - not a mean man in Isaiah 31:8. You can read about this in II Kings 6:16 - 22. The Sryians were blinded and the king wanted to destroy them. Instead, Elisha instructed him to set bread and water before them and send them to their own land.



RISE, AND MEASURE THE TEMPLE OF GOD, AND THE ALTAR, AND THEM THAT WORSHIP THEREIN.

100 CUBITS

REVELATION

11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and **measure the temple of God**, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

11:2 But the court that is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given to the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread underfoot forty and two month.

11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

11:4 These are the **two olive trees** and the **two candlesticks** standing before the God of the earth.

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EZEKIEL

41:13 **So he measured the house, an hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an hundred cubits long;**

41:14 **Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.**

100 CUBITS x 100 CUBITS = 10,000 SQ. CU

2 x 10,000 = 20,000 CHARIOTS

10,000 SONS AND 10,000 DAUGHTERS

Next we will begin to pursue a third witness to the concept of 10,000 Sons and 10,000 daughters. In reading through Revelation 11:1 - 4, we are told to measure the temple and the altar. Therefore, we will be obedient and do precisely that.

Another word for temple is house, and the measurements of the house are given in Ezekiel 41:13, 14 in the column to the right. But, note that there are two houses, not one. There is a house and a separate place. But, weren't we told in Revelation 11 that we were measuring two items instead of one. Isn't it unusual that when we measure the dimensions of each house that we find it is 100 cubits on each side? If we were to divide each house into one cubit squares we would have exactly 10,000 one cubit by one cubit squares. Then, for two houses, we would have exactly 20,000 cubits - - - **the third witness!**

EZEKIEL

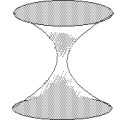
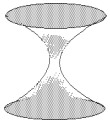
43:3 And [it was] according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, [even] according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: **and the visions [were] like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar**; and I fell upon my face.

43:4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of **the gate whose prospect [is] toward the east.**

43:5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.

43:10 Thou son of man, **show the house to the house of Israel**, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: **and let them measure the pattern.**

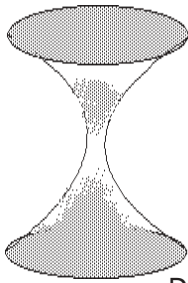
Some of you may have noted that we have not yet measured the altar. Its measurements are given in an appendix to this writing and will be left at this time as a cross scripture puzzle to be solved.



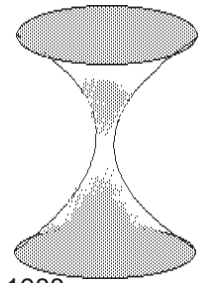
A SUMMARY OF WHAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE MOUTHS OF THREE WITNESSES

- **SONG OF SOLOMON WITNESS - THERE ARE TWO ARMIES - ONE OF 10, 000 SONS AND ANOTHER ARMY OF DAUGHTERS**
- **PSALMS WITNESS - THE CHARIOTS OF ELOHIM ARE 20,000**
- **EZEKIEL WITNESS - THE MEASUREMENTS OF THE TWO HOUSES ARE 100 X 100 CUBITS EACH. 100 X 100 IS 10, 000 AND TWO TIMES 10,000 IS 20,000.**

Now that we have established the concept of a firstfruit company of sons and daughters which are to come forth, we will begin to focus on a further description of this group. In Revelation, we found a description of the olive trees and candlesticks. Next, we will begin to follow this lead and find that this group of sons and daughters can also be described as the BRANCH and candlestick. Further, as we continue this path, we will find in detail what it was that Adam lost and the BRANCH and candlestick will restore.



The Mystery of God That Encapsulates Time



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THE BRANCH AND CANDLE STICK

In Revelation 11:4, we read about the olive trees and candlesticks. In the lower realm, these are clothed with sackcloth and experience the tribulations of the two witnesses - who unfortunately are not sealed in the forehead and are overcome by the beast (see Rev 9:4 and Rev 11:7). Fortunately, there is a time when in Rev 11:12, they are told to come up higher and they ascend up in a cloud. This is the time when they receive a change of garments as Joshua did in Zechariah chapter three and truly wake up out of their sleep of Adam's death.

Let us now look at the account of the olive trees and candlestick in Zechariah chapter 4. We will see that the BRANCH is simply another name for a branch of the olive tree.

ZECH 4:1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, **as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,**

4:2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a **candlestick** all [of] gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his **seven lamps** thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which [are] upon the top thereof:

4:3 And two **olive trees** by it, one upon the right [side] of the bowl, and the other upon the left [side] thereof.

4:4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What [are] these, my lord?

4:5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me,

saying, This [is] the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, **but by my spirit**, saith the LORD of hosts.

4:7 Who [art] thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel [thou shalt become] a plain: and he shall bring forth the **headstone** [thereof with] **shoutings**, [crying], Grace, grace unto it.

4:8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have **laid the foundation** of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel [with] **those seven; they [are] the eyes of the LORD**, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

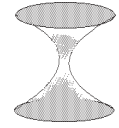
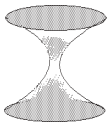
4:11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What [are] these two **olive trees** upon the right [side] of the candlestick and upon the left [side] thereof?

4:12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What [be these] two **olive branches** which through the two **golden pipes** empty the **golden [oil]** out of themselves?

4:13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these [be]? And I said, No, my lord.

4:14 Then said he, These [are] the two ¹anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth. ¹Or, *sons of oil*

Note that the candlestick, seven lamps, and the headstone are described. Could these be one and the same? Note the footnote in 4:14 which indicates the meaning of sons of oil as being conveyed in the original text.



A CHANGING OF THE GARMENTS

We have now identified the Branch as being part of the olive tree. Further, we have seen that the Branch has a masculine gender and is also described as a son of oil. Now we will begin to turn our attention to the candlestick and seek to determine its symbolism.

Going back one chapter in Zechariah, we find that Joshua is standing before the angel of the Lord and Satan is trying to resist him. The interesting thing is that Joshua's garments are changed and amazing things happen.

3:3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

3:4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, **Take away the filthy garments from him.** And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, **and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.**

3:5 And I said, Let them set a **fair mitre upon his head.** So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

3:6 And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying,

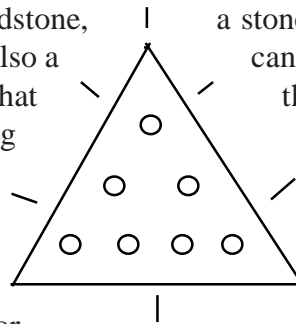
3:7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they [are] men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the **BRANCH.**

3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; **upon one stone [shall be] seven eyes:** behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

3:10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.

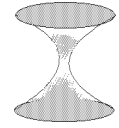
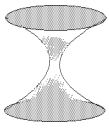
Note that after Joshua's clothes are changed that the BRANCH is revealed to him. But there is something that goes along with the BRANCH, and that is the stone with seven eyes. Review Joshua chapter 4 and you will note that the candlestick with seven lamps is also revealed. A little further, the concept of a headstone is also presented. Thus, we have a headstone, a stone with seven eyes, and also a candlestick. It appears that these are all representing the same thing. But, the interesting thing is that we now have the concept of a headstone, or cornerstone to round out the picture. Many people think of a cornerstone as being in the foundation of a building. But the headstone of a pyramid is also a cornerstone.



We have now reached the point of being able to define the symbolism of the BRANCH and the candlestick (or cornerstone).

Psalms 144:12 That our **sons may be as plants** grown up in their youth; that our **daughters may be as cornerstones**, polished after the similitude of a palace:
144:13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and **ten thousands** in our streets.

The psalm with interesting numerics ties it all together for us. The BRANCH is represented as the sons and the cornerstone (headstone or candlestick) is represented as the daughters. Here we have another picture of the first of the firstfruits. It is a pattern that will later be reproduced in those to follow.



THE RAINBOW COLORS OF THE CANDLESTICK

EXOD US 25:31 And thou shalt make a **candlestick [of] pure gold**: [of] beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his **shaft**, and his **branches**, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.

25:32 **And six branches shall come out of the sides of it**; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:

25:37 And thou shalt make the **seven lamps** thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.

25:40 **And look that thou make [them] after their pattern, which was showed thee in the mount.**

ISAIAH 11:1 And there shall come forth a **rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots**:

11:2 And the **spirit of the LORD** shall rest upon him, the spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, the spirit of **counsel** and **might**, the spirit of **knowledge** and of the **fear of the LORD**;

11:9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

11:10 And in that day there shall be a **root of Jesse**, which shall stand for an **ensign** of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

11:12 And he shall set up an **ensign for the nations**, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

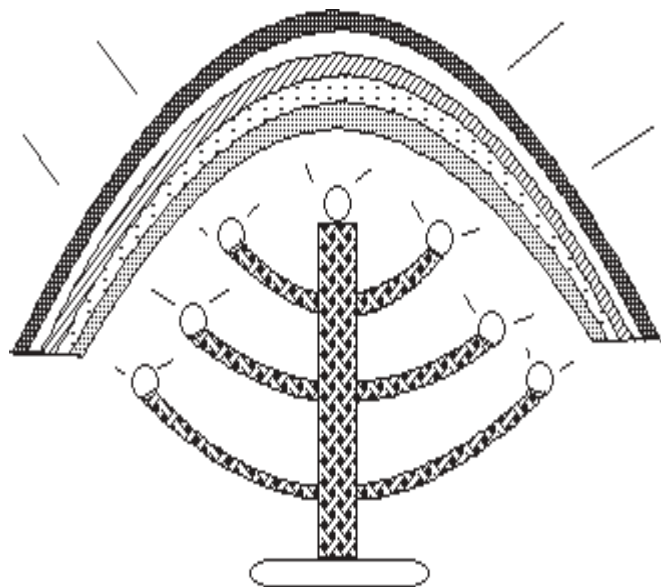
REV 3:3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: **and there was a rainbow round the throne**, in sight like unto an emerald.

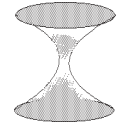
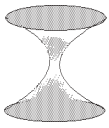
3:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightning and thunderings and voices: **and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**

The first mention of the candlestick is in Exodus 25. Note that there is a main shaft out of which six branches come. We might compare this to a shaft of white light flowing through a prism and separating into the three primary and secondary colors.

Note in Isaiah 11:1 that the Branch grows out of the root of Jesse. Then note that the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him - you might say the Spirit of the Lord clothes him with a garment of light. Then the names of the six branches are given. These are included in the Spirit of the Lord and are named in Isaiah 11:2 - count them. Then this BRANCH, clothed in the light of the seven Spirits of God shall go forth to set up an ensign for the nations.

Note in Revelation Chapter 3 that there is a rainbow around the throne. Then note that the seven Spirits of God are described as being the seven lamps of fire - a similar description as that given to the candlestick.





WISDOM IS ANOTHER NAME FOR THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD

PROVERBS 8:1 Doth not **wisdom** cry? and understanding put forth **her** voice?
 8:2 **She** standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.
 8:3 **She** crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.
 8:4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice [is] to the sons of man.
 8:11 For wisdom [is] better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.
 8:12 I **wisdom** dwell with prudence, and find out **knowledge** of witty inventions.
 8:13 The **fear of the LORD** [is] to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.
 8:14 **Counsel** [is] mine, and sound wisdom: I [am] **understanding**; I have **strength**.
 8:15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

PROVERBS
 4:7 **Wisdom** is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get **understanding**.
 4:8 Exalt **her**, and **she** shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

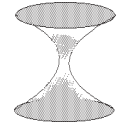
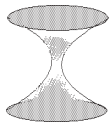
ISAIAH 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
 11:2 And the **spirit of the LORD** shall rest upon him, the spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, the spirit of **counsel** and **might**, the spirit of **knowledge** and of the **fear of the LORD**;

Note, first, that Wisdom is referred to in the feminine gender. Second, as you compare Proverbs 8:12 - 14 with Isaiah 11:2 it becomes obvious that the same thing is being described. In Isaiah 11, the Spirit of the Lord is the envelope for the other six spirits. In Proverbs 8:12 - 14, Wisdom is the envelope for the the six spirits named.

Note that the Lord (Yahweh) possessed Wisdom in the beginning of His way. Note that Wisdom existed before the world was created - she was with the Lord in the beginning.

If the Lord in concert with Wisdom brought forth creation, how much more do we need to embrace Wisdom. Those who were chosen in Him before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4) will feel an inner witness to the role of Wisdom in creation.

8:22 **The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way**, before his works of old.
 8:23 **I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.**
 8:24 When [there were] no depths, I was brought forth; when [there were] no fountains abounding with water.
 8:25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:
 8:26 **While as yet he had not made the earth**, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.
 8:27 When he prepared the heavens, I [was] there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:
 8:28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:
 8:29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: **when he appointed the foundations of the earth:**
 8:30 Then I was by him, [as] one brought up [with him]: and I was daily [his] delight, rejoicing always before him;
 8:31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; **and my delights [were] with the sons of men.**



WISDOM AND THE MORNING STARS (DAUGHTERS) PARTICIPATED IN CREATION AND THE SONS OF GOD SHOUTED FOR JOY!

JOB 38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
 38:4 **Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?** declare, if thou hast understanding.
 38:5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?
 38:6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? **or who laid the corner stone thereof;**
 38:7 When the **morning stars sang together**, and all the **sons of God shouted for joy?**
 38:8 Or [who] shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, [as if] it had issued out of the womb?

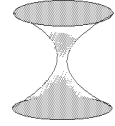
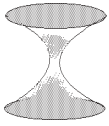
ZECH 4:1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, **as a man that is wakened out of his sleep**,
 4:2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a **candlestick** all [of] gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his **seven lamps** thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which [are] upon the top thereof
 4:7 Who [art] thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel [thou shalt become] a plain: and he shall bring forth the **headstone** [thereof with] **shoutings**, [crying], Grace, grace unto it.
 4:8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
 4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have **laid the foundation** of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.
 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel [with] **those seven; they [are] the eyes of the LORD**, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

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Psalms 144:12 That our **sons may be as plants** grown up in their youth; that our **daughters may be as cornerstones**, polished after the similitude of a palace:

As we review the above scriptures, it is clear that by Wisdom the Lord brought forth creation. And those sons and daughters (morning stars) rejoiced together at the wonder of creation.

Many years later, Zechariah also rejoiced as he was given a vision of a similar experience - only this time it was a vision of the restoring what had been lost. Again, the sons shouted when the headstone was brought forth. Zechariah reported that he was like a man who had been wakened out of sleep. (Zech 4:1).



DID ADAM REJECT THAT LIFE GIVING TREE OF GOD'S WISDOM WHEN HE WAS IN THE GARDEN?

*She is a **tree of life** to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is everyone that retaineth her.* PROVERBS 3:15

PROVERBS 3:11 **My son**, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

3:12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son [in whom] he delighteth.

3:13 Happy [is] the man [that] findeth **wisdom**, and the man [that] getteth understanding.

3:14 For the merchandise of it [is] better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

3:15 **She [is] more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.**

3:16 Length of days [is] in her right hand; [and] in her left hand riches and honour.

3:17 Her ways [are] ways of pleasantness, and all her paths [are] peace.

3:18 **She [is] a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her:** and happy [is every one] that retaineth her.

3:19 **The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth;** by understanding hath he established the heavens.

Next, we will turn our attention to the fall of Adam and what he really lost in the garden. Wisdom is defined by the scriptures as a tree of life and the scriptures also tell us that there was a tree of life in the garden. When Adam fell from grace the Lord removed him from the garden "lest he put forth his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat and life forever:" (Gen3:22). Therefore, Adam was expelled from the garden.

GENESIS 2:5 **And every plant of the field before it was in the earth**, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and [there was] not a man to till the ground.

2:6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

2:7 And the LORD God formed **man [of] the dust of the ground**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living **soul**.

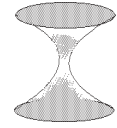
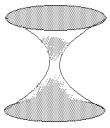
2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; **the tree of life also in the midst of the garden**, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

In Genesis 2:5, we note a curious statement about "every plant of the field before it was in the earth". It would seem that the spirit or pattern of the plant existed before it was given embodiment in the earth realm. And in a similar matter, we see that the spirit, or pattern, was breathed into the dust of the ground and man became a living soul.

God is a spirit and must be worshipped in spirit and truth. It therefore appears that the creation of Genesis 1 is a creation of spirits and in Genesis 2, these spirits were lowered into the soul realm.

Since the creation of Genesis 1 was in the image of God (ELOHIM), we will examine what that really means. Then we will trace Adam's problem from its inception until he and Eve were driven from the garden.



VERSES 1 & 2 OF PSALM 91

HE THAT DWELLETH IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH (EL ELYON) SHALL ABIDE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY (EL SHADDAI).

I WILL SAY OF THE LORD (YAHWEH), HE IS MY REFUGE AND FORTRESS: MY GOD (ELOHIM): IN HIM WILL I TRUST.

You will note in the above verses that the Hebrew names or natures have been added. We will soon find that this is a key to understanding some very difficult questions. For instance, the scripture says, "Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is **one** Lord:" If that is the case, who is the "us" in the following scripture.

Genesis 1:26 And God (ELOHIM) said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

1:27 So God (ELOHIM) created man in his own image, in the image of (ELOHIM) created he him; **male and female** created he them.

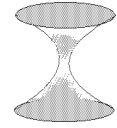
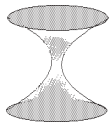
Nicodemus went to Jesus by night for explanations and Jesus told him, "If I have told you earthly things and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things". So we will now begin to discuss the heavenly family in the Godhead in terms of an earthly family. And do not the scriptures below show both?

Eph 3::14 For this cause I bow my knee unto the **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**,
3::15 Of whom the whole **family** in heaven and earth is named.

So let's look at the verses in Psalm 91:1 & 2 as applying to the family of God. In any family you have a father and mother. So, let us begin to look at the masculine attributes of God, YAHWEH, as being the Father - the head of the household. Then, we will look at the feminine attributes as being EL SHADDAI. Then, when you have a Father and Mother, you have parents which we will call ELOHIM. It is then clear that the ELOHIM parents said, Let us (YAHWEH and EL SHADDAI) make man in our own image. And that one image was both male and female and the name of one of the offspring was the spirit of Adam.

And then of course, you have the totality of the family, that "all in all" that Jesus referred to in I Cor 15:28. That all in all expression of God is named the Most High or EL ELYON.

Our God is a many faceted God with different names and natures. Sometimes, when groups discover a nature of God, they assume that is the totality of God - and pity the person that doesn't agree with them! But God is like a many faceted diamond - why look at only one facet when we can enjoy the light from the whole diamond. Many facets - one diamond.



When he was placed in the garden, Adam was one being and did not exist, as later, as a male Adam and a female Eve. More than likely, both the male and female characteristics were resident in the person of Adam.

In that garden was the tree of life and the scriptures tell us that Wisdom is a tree of life. Then, it would seem that the feminine life giving powers of EL SHADDAI were placed in the garden in the form of Wisdom. Adam, clothed with Wisdom's light and with the power of YAHWEH'S spoken word, could have brought forth a Godly seed (see Malachi 2:14,15). But, we know the story of Adam's fall and the creative powers would wait until another day before being restored.

2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

2:18 And the LORD God said, **[It is] not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.**

2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

2:21 **And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam**, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

2:23 And Adam 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.

2:25 And they were both **naked**, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

And the Spirit of the Lord spoke to me and said, "Do you know why the man was alone?"

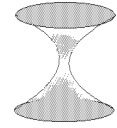
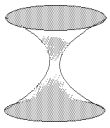
The following is an excerpt from a Sunday School teacher's account of how the Spirit of the Lord interrupted a Sunday school lesson.

I was teaching the Sunday school class about the events of Genesis 2. We had covered the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We had reached verse 18 where the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone: I will make an help meet for him." As I began to discuss this verse, the Spirit of the Lord began to speak to me. It was rather awkward because I was trying to continue teaching the class and listen to the Spirit at the same time.

The Spirit of the Lord spoke to me and said, "Do you know why man was alone?" And I said, "No, Lord." He said, "Man was alone because he walked out of my presence." Startled with this concept, I then continued with the lesson.'

If the above is the case, it appears that Adam's problem started long before his wife offered him the forbidden fruit. This is an idea not consistent with the theology of man's traditional teaching - but how often are man's traditions consistent with the word of God?

Next, we will reconsider what was presented in an earlier chapter - but with very little explanation given. It is an account that deals with Adam's fall, the beginnings of time limitations, and the pathway back into God. Since we have defined EL SHADDAI and ELOHIM, the concepts should now be clear..



The Mystery of God That Encapsulates Time

El Shaddai, the feminine nature of God, is translated as the Almighty in the old testament and there appears 49 times. In the new testament, the Greek word Pantokrator is translated as Almighty and appears 9 times. It is of great interest to note that this nature of God involving the Almighty is described as "which art, and wast, and art to come" - encompassing past, present, and future dimensions of time.

REV 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

11:16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

11:17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God **Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come;** because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

Then, let us ask a question. Is the mystery described in Revelation 10:7 concerned with the mystery of time, itself? Is it possible that the words "that there should be time no longer" means that there should be time no longer holding us within its limitations? Is it possible that when we fully understand the El Shaddai - Pantokrator feminine nature of God that we are no longer held in a vise of time, but enter through a window back into God where the past, present, and future become the now?

Rev 10:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a **rainbow** [was] upon his head, and his face [was] as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

10:2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and [his] left [foot] on the earth,

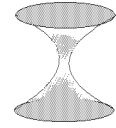
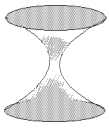
10:3 And cried with a loud voice, as [when] a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

10:4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, **Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.**

10:5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

10:6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, **that there should be time no longer:**

10:7 But in the days of the **voice of the seventh angel,** when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished,** as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.



Ecc 1:9 **The thing that hath been, it [is that] which shall be; and that which is done [is] that which shall be done:** and [there is] no new [thing] under the sun.
 1:10 Is there [any] thing whereof it may be said, See, this is] new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.
 1:11 [There is] no remembrance of former [things]; neither shall there be [any] remembrance of [things] that are to come with [those] that shall come after.

The "sun" of Ecclesiastes refers to the natural realm. There is a higher realm that has knowledge of events past, present, and future. The "Sun of Righteousness" (Malachi 4:2) is the Sun of the higher realm.

There is a feminine dimension of God called Wisdom which was present in the beginning and encompasses the past, present, and future. Wisdom has existed long before there was an earth.

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 8:23 **I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.**
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Was not Wisdom, this very same "She" , present as a tree of life in Eden's garden?

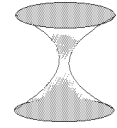
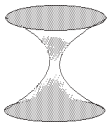
Prov 3:18 **She [is] a tree of life** to them that lay hold upon her: and happy [is every one] that retaineth her.
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Now let us consider a short narrative - some parts of which were copied down by a daughter. The narrative will be left to stand as it is - and its explanation left for another time.

In the beginning, Adam was created in the image of God and lived in a dimension in which every herb and tree was for meat and it was "very good". There were no limitations of time - everything was in the now of spirit and not limited.

Then Adam became enamoured of his own beauty and began to consider choices outside of a oneness with God. God gave him a will (soul) and placed him in a garden of choices. While Adam could yet have created in God's realm with the feminine Wisdom, he was also given a choice of a lower realm of the good and evil of his own vain imaginations. Turning his back on the pure virgin of Wisdom, he began to pursue his own conceptions and turn toward a lower realm frozen in the limitations of time. He walked away from the very presence of God and became alone as he followed the vain imaginations of his own mind.

Seeing that Adam had walked away, the Lord God said, "It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."



So Adam was placed in the deep sleep of the limitations of time and that which he lusted after in his mind became reality. So Adam (as he himself said) had received "flesh of my flesh". Adam did not want to be a co-creator with God in the name of God - he wanted to create his own flesh in his own name. Then God said, that for this cause, Adam had left his mother and father (the very Elohim of the El Shaddai and Yahweh of the Godhead) and entered into the "one flesh" of an earthly, fleshly marriage. Nevertheless, God warned that this relationship not be put asunder by adultery.

At first, as children before puberty, they were not ashamed - until the reality of their condition became manifest and they were ashamed and naked - even attempting to cover up with fig leaves. However, do you think that Adam was really surprised or even deceived about this - he got what he desired (I Tim 2:14)? The woman did what he had already imagined her to do in his previous imaginations. She became fair game for the serpent mind that had already influenced Adam.

James 3:15 **This wisdom descendeth not from above, but [is] earthly, sensual, devilish.**

3:16 For where envying and strife [is], there [is] confusion and every evil work.

3:17 But the **wisdom that is from above is first pure**, then peaceable, gentle, [and] easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

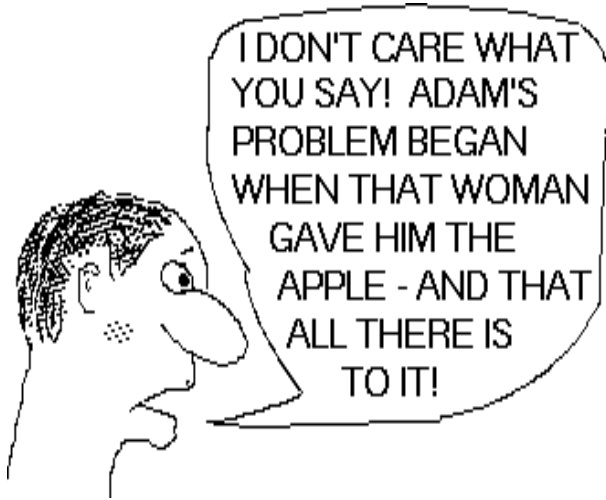
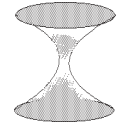
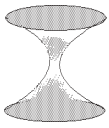
It became apparent to Adam that he had forsaken the spiritual marriage of the heavenly realm when he became separated from the tree of life of Proverbs 3:18 (Wisdom) - as he departed from the gate of the garden. He, like the sons of God of Genesis 6:4, had rejected the heavenly daughter of co-creation, and instead conceived in his mind a daughter of the earth realm.

Now what is the mystery of time and why is it related to the feminine El Shaddai nature of God? . In rejecting the feminine Wisdom of God, man forsook the limitless, creative powers as a son of God and became locked in time and space. No longer could he, in oneness with God, say let there be light - and create a timeless creation. Instead, because Adam's creative desires were flawed, God set a time fuse of destruction on the realm that he entered.

But what is the way back into God? Mary, a very daughter of Adam's race, said "Yes" to the heavenly and encompassed in her womb that which is conceived of the Spirit . She is a type of what is happening in the latter days.

Is it possible that a group of daughters (a collective Mary) is encompassing a man (truly a new thing says Jeremiah in 31:22)? Will this collective daughter establish the first dominion of the kingdom (so spoke Micah in 4:8)? Who is this collective daughter described in Song of Solomon 6:9,10 that becomes part of the company of two armies - an army of sons and daughters?

Perhaps, part of the mystery of God is contained in the answers to these questions.



We might say that the preceding is all a very interesting theory - but how can you prove it? Conventional theology has it that the problem began with Eve's temptation and then giving the "apple" to Adam. So now, we will lay some additional foundation in scripture and then re-examine the account in Genesis.

Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and **blind**, and **naked**:
3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and **white raiment**, that thou mayest be **clothed**, and [that] the **shame of thy nakedness do not appear**; and **anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see**.

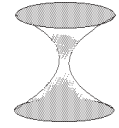
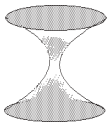
Here, the Savior is telling us that those who think they have it all are really poor, blind, and shamefully naked. He counsels them to let the fire refine them and to be clothed with white raiment. The blindness and the nakedness is symbolic of a lack of dwelling in the presence of the Lord.

Rev 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.
16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and **keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame**.
16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.
16:17 And the **seventh** angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

Again in Revelation 16:15, Jesus warns against spiritual nakedness. He implores us to keep our garments. He tells us to be watchful - the opposite of being asleep. But, what are these garments - this white raiment that He is talking about. The scripture below gives us a clue.

13:11 And that, knowing the time, **that now [it is] high time to awake out of sleep**: for now [is] our salvation nearer than when we believed.
13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and **let us put on the armour of light**.
13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.
13:14 **But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh**, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof].

It is clear from the above that Adam's race has been in a spiritual sleep. That when we put on the garments, which is the armour of light, it is putting on the Lord Jesus Christ himself. In Him is all the fullness of the power and manifold wisdom of God. As the scripture says. "Ye are complete in Him." Next, we will at how this applies to Adam's story.



AND JUST WHEN DID ADAM'S TROUBLE BEGIN?

We have laid some scriptural foundation that shows certain happenings when one is not watchful and does not dwell in the presence of the Lord. One event is sleep overtaking the person and another happening is the loss of garments - or spiritual nakedness. Along with this is a blindness to what is going on. Let's look at what happened to Adam and see if these same items occurred.

Now that Adam and Eve are already naked and blind, the stage is set for the entry of the serpent. Note that the serpent simply persuades Eve to have her eyes opened to the "wonders" of the flesh life. He does neglect to tell her that her eyes will then be closed to the spirit world. The damage had already been done - the thing that had already been conceived in Adam's mind was coming to birth.

2:18 And the LORD God said, **[It is] not good that the man should be alone**; I will make him an help meet for him.

Leaving His Presence

2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam **there was not found an help meet for him.**

2:21 And the LORD God caused a **deep sleep** to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Sleep

2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

2:23 And Adam 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.

2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one **flesh.**

2:25 **And they were both naked**, the man and his wife, **and were not ashamed.**

Spiritual Blindness

In the above we see that Adam went out alone, he was in a deep spiritual sleep, and he was so blind that he did not even recognize his own nakedness. Did these events result from the direct cause of Eve offering him the forbidden fruit? No, this was yet in the future

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, **then your eyes shall be opened**, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, **she** took of the fruit thereof, and **did eat**, and gave also unto her husband with her; and **he did eat.**

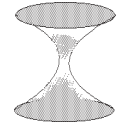
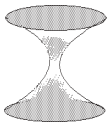
3:7 **And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they [were] naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and **Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** amongst the trees of the garden.

3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where [art] thou?

3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, **and I was afraid, because I [was] naked; and I hid myself.**

3:11 And he said, **Who told thee that thou [wast] naked?** ...



WHAT ZECHARIAH SAW WHEN HE WAS AWAKENED OUT OF SLEEP WAS A RESTORATION OF WHAT ADAM LOST WHEN HE WENT INTO A DEEP SLEEP

Genesis 2:21 And the LORD God caused a **deep sleep** to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof

Perhaps we have assumed that the Lord was a surgeon and gave Adam an anesthetic to put him to "sleep" while he performed the operation of removing the rib. Then, we assumed that Adam woke up and the story continues. But, does the scripture anywhere **say** that Adam woke up - or is Adam's race still in that deep sleep into which Adam was plunged?

Then, later on Jesus Christ was the firstfruit of those who would show how the sleep could be overcome. He taught the basic salvation message and then spoke of going away so that the Comforter or Holy Spirit could be sent. And then we know about the glorious happenings of Pentecost. But, what happened at Pentecost was not the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Doesn't II Corinthians 5:5 speak of us receiving the earnest of the Spirit. The earnest implies that there is more that we are looking forward to.

II COR 5:2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be **clothed** upon with our house which is from heaven:
5:3 If so be that **being clothed we shall not be found naked.**
5:4 For we that are in [this] tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be **unclothed**, but **clothed** upon, **that mortality might be swallowed up of life.**
5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing [is] God, **who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.**

ZECH 4:1 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, **as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,**

4:2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a **candlestick** all [of] gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his **seven lamps** thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which [are] upon the top thereof:

4:3 And two **olive trees** by it, one upon the right [side] of the bowl, and the other upon the left [side] thereof.

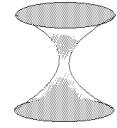
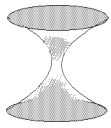
4:4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What [are] these, my lord?

4:5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This [is] the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, **but by my spirit**, saith the LORD of hosts.

4:7 Who [art] thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel [thou shalt become] a plain: and he shall bring forth the **headstone** [thereof with] **shoutings**, [crying], Grace, grace unto it.

Zechariah was awakened out of Adam's sleep by an angel. When his eyes were open, he saw the olive trees and the candlestick or headstone. Like in the creation of earth, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy - there was also shoutings when the headstone was brought forth. Literally, Zechariah saw the answer to Adam's problem. He saw the light of Wisdom burning brightly in the candlestick.

How important is it that we not rest upon the laurels of the in-part experience of Pentecost, but go on to be clothed with our house which is from heaven. Then, our mortality may be swallowed up with immortality.



SO, YOUR FATHER HAS GIVEN YOU A COAT OF MANY COLORS, AND YOU THINK THAT YOU ARE PART OF THE FIRST OF ALL THE FIRSTFRUITS COMPANY, - WELCOME TO YOUR EXPERIENCES!

Israel gave his favorite son a coat of many colors. This is equivalent to God giving the many colored rainbow of Wisdom - the Seven Spirits of God in fullness.

● **YOUTHFUL PRIDE RESULTS IN JEALOUSY**

Gen 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was **the son of his old age**: and he made him a **coat of many colours**.
37:4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

● **GOING TO THE PIT**

Gen 37:20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.
And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, **and dipped the coat in the blood**;
37:32 And they sent the **coat of many colours**, and they brought it to their father; and said, This we have found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

● **COVETING OF THE POWER OF THE GARMENT BY A HARLOT**

Gen 39:11 And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business: and there was none of the men of the house there within.
39:12 **And she caught him by his garment**, saying, **Lie with me**: and he left his garment in her hand and fled.
39:20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the **prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound**: and he was there in prison.

● **INTERPRETING DIFFICULT PROBLEMS**

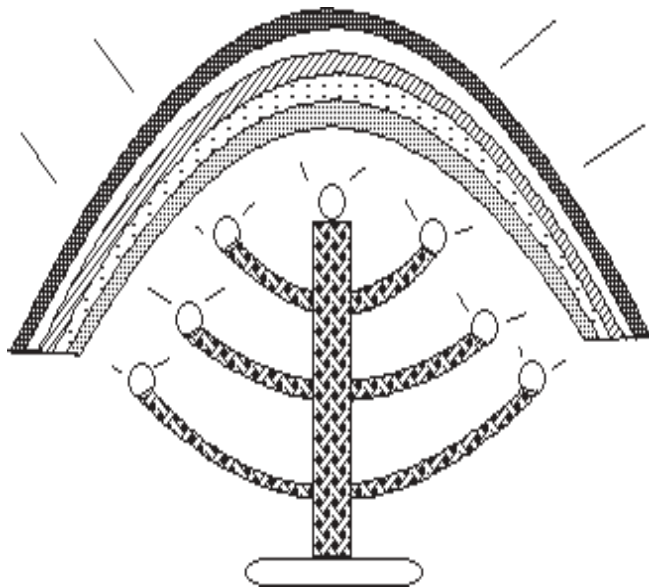
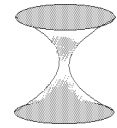
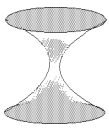
Gen 41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.
41:15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

● **THE CALL TO REIGN**

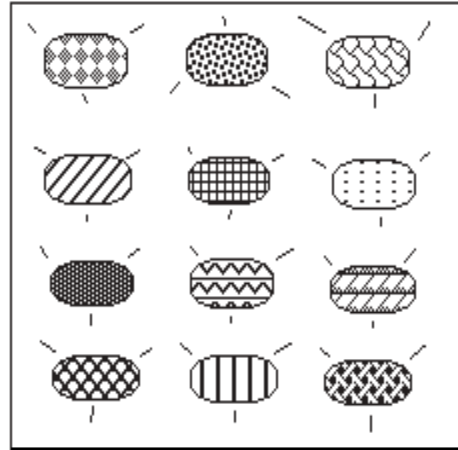
Gen 41:41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

● **RE-UNION OF BRETHREN**

Gen 45:15 Moreover, he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.
45:16 And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying Joseph's brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.
This road is no easy one. If you travel it, you like Joseph, Job, and Jesus, will have your Isaiah 53 experience so that your flesh will not receive glory and God may be glorified.



THE RAINBOW, THE CANDLESTICK,
AND THE BREASTPLATE



THE COLORS (VIBRATIONS OR HUES) OF THE STANDARDS AND ENSIGNS OF ISRAEL

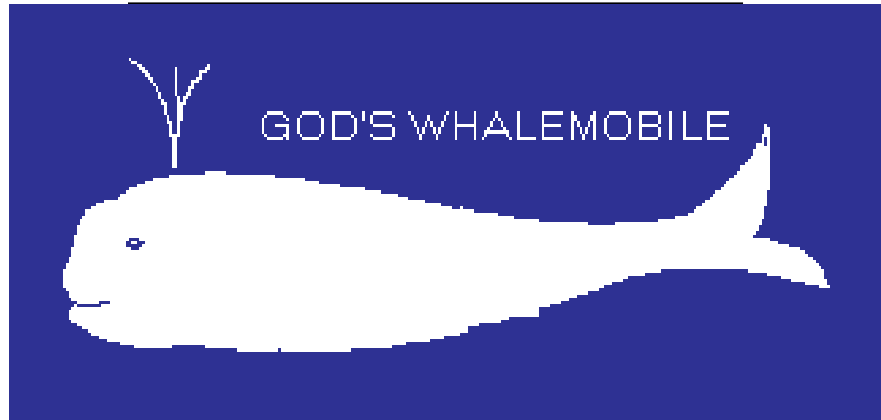
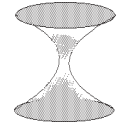
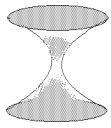
We have discussed the ensigns and standards of Israel and also the colors of the candlestick with seven lamps. We might liken the ensigns to the twelve sons of Israel and the candlestick to the daughter of Israel named Dinah. But what will this look like when it comes forth? Are we talking about a parade with banners?

The reason that Adam's race doesn't understand this is that their spiritual eyes have been closed to the spirit world since the experience in the garden. The word "cool" in Genesis 3:8 is from the Hebrew word "ruwach" which means wind or spirit. So, in effect they heard the voice of the Lord walking in the wind or spirit - but they could not see Him. They had lost their spiritual eyesight. However, when spiritual eyesight is restored, we once again see in the spirit world, and we see the colors, or the gems or stones, of the New Jerusalem and rainbow around the throne.

When we begin to understand that we, in our spirit, are a pattern of the New Jerusalem, the city set on a hill, the temple of God - then we become aware that these colors, vibrations, or hues are around us. Each of us are born into a tribe and have a specific stone or more properly vibration. We rotate through the schooling provided by each tribe - but we still are based in the tribe of our birth. We will then understand the bow (rainbow) of the oaths of the tribes described in Hab 3:9.

This is when the eyesalve of Revelation 3:18 becomes effective and we see. You may have noted that when the scriptures speak about resurrection or immortality, the word "quicken" is often used. This is a code word for increasing the frequency of vibration of light. For example, X-rays are higher in frequency than the visible light spectrum and can go through walls. We could see X-rays if our eyes were opened to that frequency - hence the need for eyesalve so that we might see the even higher vibrations of our spirits.

A teaching called "The Flourishing of the Almond Tree" is available for those of you that have further interest in this area.



A ship is identified by its flag or colors or ensign. However, there are some "pirate" ships that have colors but they are not the true colors of the Spirit of God. The following is an excerpt from a writing about colors.

"Every man has his own colors. They are his flag, his standard, his ensign. You raise them, you grow them, you bring them forth. The vibrations go out from you. They are your creations. They go out into the universe and they are either for good or evil. You create with God or with the evil one."

Not only must we begin to recognize the standards and ensigns, but we must recognize the true colors from the "off-colors" of the counterfeit. One true test is anything that does not give the pre-eminent place in the

ISAIAH 44:6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; **I [am] the first, and I [am] the last; and beside me [there is] no God.**

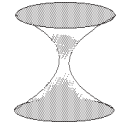
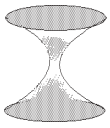
44:7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, **since I appointed the ancient people?** and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them.

44:8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared [it]? **ye [are] even my witnesses.** Is there a God beside me? yea, [there is] no God; I know not [any].

hierarchy of authority to the Lord Jesus Christ. Those who with the Lord from the before the foundation of the world know who their Lord is and will know the counterfeits. These are the "ancient people" of Isaiah 44:7 and this firstfruit company of sons and daughters witnessed creation and and know the true God responsible for that creation.

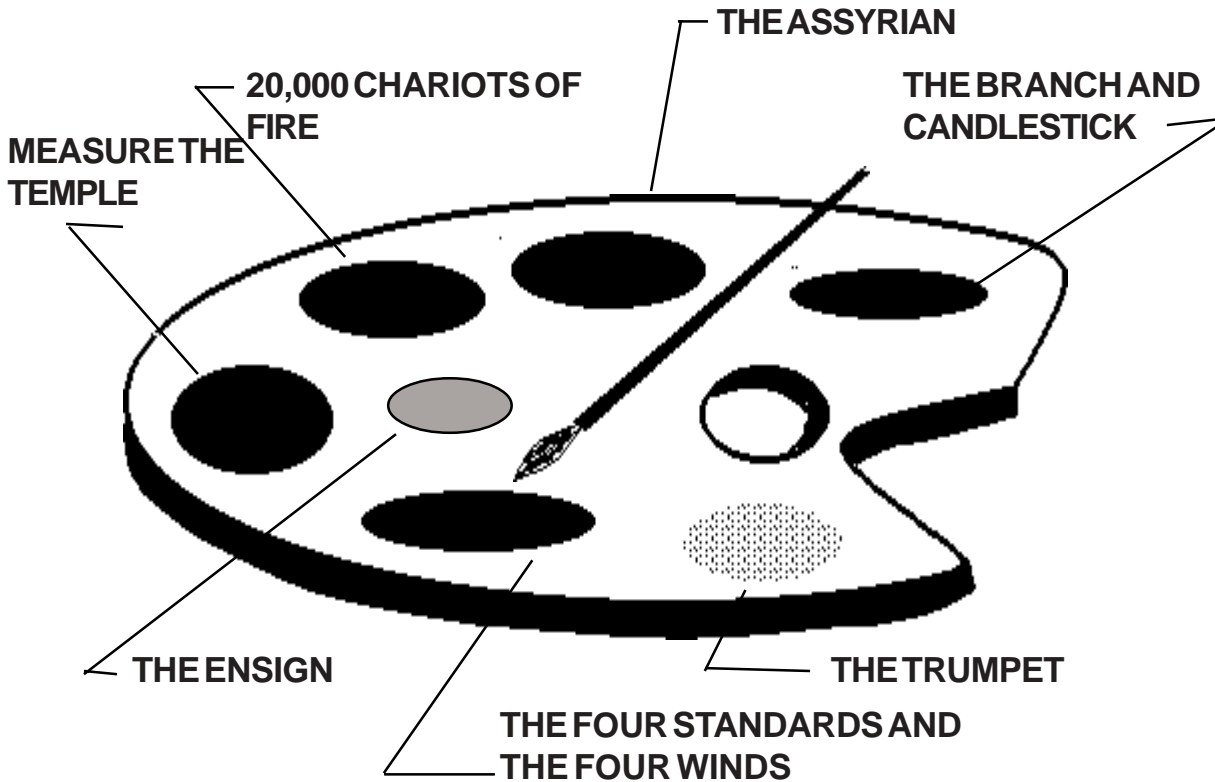
Yes, there are true colors and false colors, but this is no reason to refuse to look at the rainbow God set in the heavens - for fear - instead we need to learn to exercise discernment.

Presently, some of the elect are doing the Lord's will and some are doing their own things. There are even those who have boarded a ship that is not guided by the Spirit of God but by the spirit of the enemy - and they may think that the colors are true. But, the Lord will cause a mighty wind to come upon that ship and even their shipmates will turn on that elect one that should not be there on the enemies' ship. At this point, God's very own whalemobile comes on the scene to transport them to where they should be. So, for some of these, a mighty wind could be telling them that they have boarded the wrong ship. There are others that are simply refuse to let go of the flesh life. Things may be OK for a time, but the circumstances of beginning to reap what is sown will become more noticeable - until it becomes a mighty storm.



IN SUMMARY:

SOME HAVE LITTLE CONCEPT OF ENDTIME EVENTS, OTHER THAN WAITING FOR A TRUMPET TO BLOW. THE FIRSTFRUIT OF THE FIRSTFRUITS ARE BEGINNING TO PAINT A PICTURE OF THEIR ASSIGNED ROLES FROM A PALETTE OF ENDTIME EVENTS.



From a palette of many, many scriptures, we have painted a picture of endtime events. We started with the trumpet of Matthew 24 and then began to paint in the four winds and four standards. We defined the ensign as being the tribal symbols of Israel. We then defined through three witnesses a firstfruit company of 20,000 sons and daughters and related them to the chariots of fire. We defined the role of the Assyrian for chastisement and showed how the Assyrian would be defeated by the ensign. We defined the Branch and Candlestick and showed how this related to Wisdom and the names and natures of God.

Then, we examined Adam's road to ruin and how we are to bring about restoration. Those who have the role of being the "first of all the firstfruits" are now learning their roles.

They are coming into a greater maturity in God where they are ready to leave the realm of milk and eat the strong meat of the Word.

EXO 23:19 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Amen.

APPENDIX A

A CROSS SCRIPTURE PUZZLE

REVELATION

11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and **measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.**

11:2 But the court that is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given to the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread underfoot forty and two month.

We have already measured the temple as instructed in Revelation 11:1. We found, to our surprise, that we were measuring people and there were two groups of 10,000 each. But, the above scripture also says to measure the altar - whatever it is that it represents. So, in Ezekiel 43 we find the measurements of the altar. But what do these measurements mean? Perhaps a clue is that at the "**top of the mountain**" where the whole limit shall be "**most holy**" the measurements are 12 times 12 which gives the number 144. What does all this mean? Hint: Another clue is given in Rev 11:1 - measure **the inside** of the altar - **not** the outside. **What are the inside measurements - ten times ten?** For now, we will simply leave this question as a cross scripture puzzle to be answered.

REV 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the **altar** the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

6:11 And **white robes** were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, **that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they [were], should be fulfilled.**

EZEKIEL 43:10 Thou son of man, **show the house to the house of Israel**, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: **and let them measure the pattern.**

43:11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write [it] in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

43:12 **This [is] the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain** the whole limit thereof round about [shall be] **most holy**. Behold, this [is] the law of the house.

43:13 **And these [are] the measures of the altar** after the cubits: The cubit [is] a cubit and an hand breadth; even the bottom [shall be] a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about [shall be] a span: and this [shall be] the higher place of the altar.

43:14 And from the bottom [upon] the ground [even] to the lower settle [shall be] **two cubits**, and the breadth **one cubit**; and from the lesser settle [even] to the greater settle [shall be] **four cubits, and the breadth [one] cubit.**

43:15 **So the altar [shall be] four cubits; and from the altar and upward [shall be] four horns.**

43:16 **And the altar [shall be] twelve [cubits] long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof.**

43:17 And the settle [shall be] **fourteen [cubits] long and fourteen broad** in the **four squares** thereof; and the border about it [shall be] **half a cubit**; and the bottom thereof [shall be] **a cubit** about; and his stairs shall look toward the east.

43:18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; These [are] the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.

43:19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the **seed of Zadok**, which approach unto me, **to minister unto me**, saith the Lord GOD, a young bullock for a sin offering.