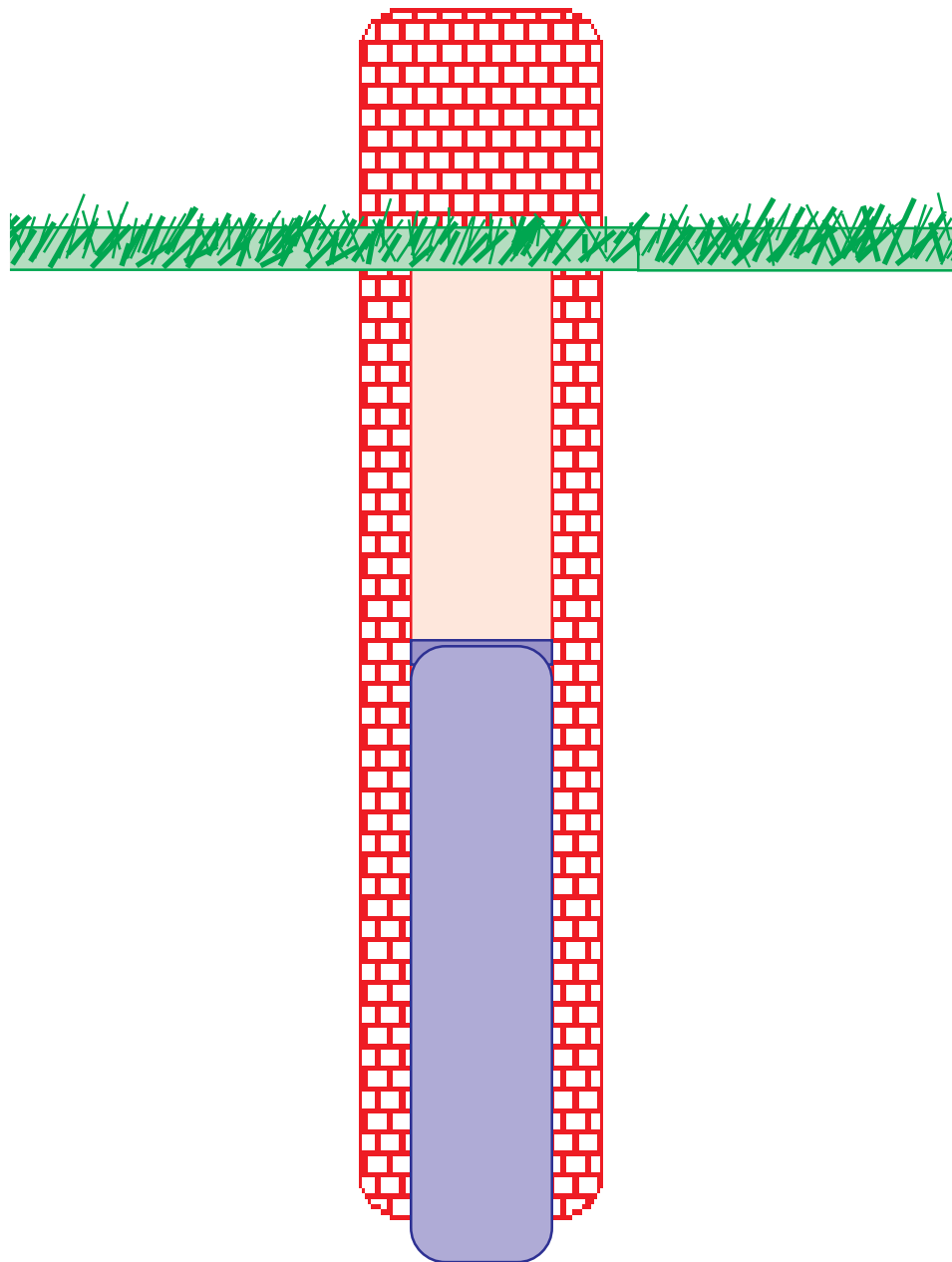


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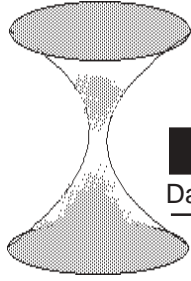


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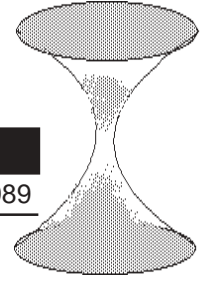
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THE MYSTERY OF GOD THAT ENCAPSULATES TIME



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The Wells of Melchisedec

In the sermon on the mount we are told that blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. So one would infer that the path will take one through many thirsty lands in which wells have been strategically placed by the Most High God.

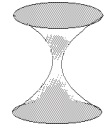
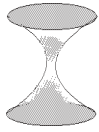
And yet, paradoxically, our Savior said, "... that he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." How is it that we thirst and yet we shall never thirst? Do the scriptures given below answer this question?

ISAIAH 35:17 When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the Lord God will not forsake them.
35:18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

To answer this paradox, we realize that the Lord takes us into the desert where the east wind blows and our flesh begins to shrivel and dry up. Oh what a terrible, awful place in a dry, thirsty, weary land! And yet when we are just about to dry up and blow away, he leads us to an oasis with a wonderful well where our spirit is refreshed. And we abide there for a time of refreshing.

Then after a period of time, paradoxically, the water in this wonderful well no longer quenches our thirst. We watch as those parched wayfarers come in from the desert and have their thirst quenched so wonderfully. Why is it that the same water that quenches their thirst so wonderfully and once had quenched our thirst no longer satisfies us? Has the Most High God put a peculiar type of salt in our diet that makes us thirsty and this thirst can be only quenched by the water from a specific well which He has created?

Our thirst grows and grows and deep within we know that we must move on to find a well with water specifically designed to quench our thirst.



THE WELL OF THE OATH AN OATH MADE WITH THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC

So off we set in search of something that the Most High God, El Elyon, has for us - but exactly what it is we don't know. The sandstorms come and again we go through the same agonizing trials of the flesh - which scream to turn back for certain death lies ahead! And truly for the flesh area being afflicted, this is true. And then again, almost-miraculously at our lowest moment, we sight a garden spot ahead and right in the middle of it is a well with the most cool, delicious, satisfying water. At our very lowest point in the flesh, we reach our highest point in the spirit.

Then, as we become comfortable and settled in this garden and plan to stay there forever, we find the same thing happening again. The water is no longer as satisfying and we know that we must move on - in search of something that only God knows.

Is this an unending process that goes on and on forever and we will never find a well that permanently quenches our thirst? Or, somewhere out ahead is there a well that once we drink of it, we will never thirst again?

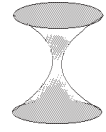
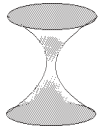
John 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water of water springing up into everlasting life.
4:15 The woman saith unto him, Sir give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

What is the name of this well of which we will drink and never thirst again? What are the names of other wells that are strategically placed along the desert trail that leads finally to the well of water which will forever quench our thirst?

We will boldly propose that this well is the well of experientially knowing the immutability of the oath made by God to the priesthood of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the **immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath.**
6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.
6:19 **Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.**
6:20 Whither the **forerunner** is for us entered, even Jesus, made as an high priest for ever after the **order of Melchisedec.**
7:21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him **The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:**)

Jesus is the Son of the Father and to get a clue as how the Son relates to the Father, we will look into the types and shadows of another father-son relationship - the relationship between Abraham and Isaac.



A CRYSTAL CLEAR RIVER FLOWED FROM THE NEW CHURCH FORMED AT PENTECOST UNTIL IT WAS MUDDIED BY WORLDLY INFLUENCES

We now look into Isaac's travels as he goes to Gerar during a time of famine. Then the LORD appears to Isaac and reaffirms the oath given to his father Abraham.

GEN 26:1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.
26:2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:
26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, **and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;**
26:4 **And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven,** and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;
26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.
26:6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:
26:12 **Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold:** and the LORD blessed him.

Matthew 13:8 speaks of different degrees of fruitfulness - thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and one hundredfold. We note first that there was a very important reaffirmation of the oath that was received by Isaac. Then when his seed was blessed according to the oath, the seed brought forth one hundred fold. Just what did Isaac do during the year of 100 fold reaping?

GEN 26:15 **For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.**
26:16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.
26:17 And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.
26:18 **And Isaac digged again the wells of water,** which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: **and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.**
26:19 And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.
26:20 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water [is] ours: and he called the name of the well **Esek;** because they **strove** with him.

This is all very interesting - but what do stopped up wells have to do with us today? Lets look at it this way. When the church was formed at pentecost - were not the wells flowing freely? Did not Jesus say in John 7:38,39 that the Holy Spirit would be like a river of living water flowing out of the believers?

Then, gradually over a period of time, the Philistines (the world) crept into the bright, shining church and gradually brought in darkness reaching a low point in the dark ages. Then, little by little in the Renaissance, the wells were begun to be redug and unstopped, with much strife or "Esek" resulting.



I'VE BEEN HANGIN AROUND THIS OL' PLACE TOO LONG, AND I'VE GOTTA BE MOVIN ON!

It is interesting to trace the history of the original church and see how that the leadership of man was gradually substituted for being led by the Spirit. More and more levels of structure began to be set up to use religion to control the "sheep". Over the years, many devout, pious saints were ultimately forced to bend the knee to a worldly church system. The religious system held a club over them that to refuse to obey them was to refuse to obey God himself - frightful words for anyone not totally grounded upon the Christ rock. It is no wonder that when the body of Christ began to unstop the wells of the Spirit and wrest back some of these truths that terrible strife developed. The religious system and their allied political leaders did not want to lose the control that they had so painstakingly developed over many years. Let's look at the next wells that were unstopped.

GEN 26:21 And they **digged another well**, and **strove** for that also: and he called the name of it **Sitnah**.

26:22 And he removed from thence, and **digged another well**; and for that **they strove not**: and he called the name of it **Rehoboth**; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and **we shall be fruitful in the land**.

Sitnah means opposition and accusation. The religious system began to do everything it could do to oppose the new flow of the Spirit and accused it of being not of God. This time Isaac and his servants could not longer function within the Philistine system and "removed" themselves to a new place.

In the new place, Rehoboth, he found a place of fruitfulness and enlargement. The scriptures tell us that by our fruit we shall be known. The Philistine system decided to quit struggling with Isaac because it now realized the LORD was with him and began to fear him. Quite a turn of events that should teach us to let God deal with our enemies. Let's continue to follow Isaac's progress.

26:23 And **he went up from thence to Beersheba**.

26:24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I [am] the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I [am] with thee, **and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed** for my servant Abraham's sake.

26:25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: **and there Isaac's servants digged a well**.

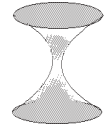
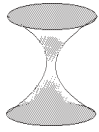
26:26 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.

26:27 And Isaac said unto them, **Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?**

26:28 And they said, **We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee**: and we said, Let there be now an **oath** betwixt us, [even] betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;
26:29 That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, **and as we have done unto thee nothing but good**, and have sent thee away in peace: thou [art] now the blessed of the LORD.

26:30 And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

26:31 And they rose up betimes in the morning, and swore one to another: **and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace**.



THE MYSTERY OF THE LAST WELL

It is wonderful when we come to a fruitful, productive place in the Spirit - it seems like a good place to stay. But Isaac didn't stay at Rehoboth - even though no one chased him away. He went on to Beersheba. Often, we hear ministers say that they want to re-establish the new testament church and its government. The implication is that if this could only be done they would have "arrived". And certainly we should re-establish the truths that the new testament church had - but is it a place to stop? The following scriptures written by those involved in that church seem to point on to something else.

1 COR 13:12 For **now we see through a glass darkly**; but **then face to face**: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

HEB 5:10 **Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.**

5:11 Of whom we have many things to say, and **hard to be uttered**, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God: and are become such as have need of milk and not of strong meat.

5:14 But **strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age**, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

The new testament church has just about completed its full age and we are now entering the threshold of the millennial kingdom. Is it time to move on from Rehoboth to the next well - the well of Beersheba?

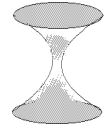
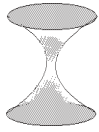
When Isaac came to Beersheba, his enemies became afraid of him and began to pursue making peace with him. Note that he was able to make a feast for them and send them away in peace. Likewise, when the truths of the order of Melchisedec come forth, no one will be able to dispute them and a spiritual feast can be served to those who were once enemies.

GEN 26:32 **And it came to pass the same day**, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, **We have found water.**

26:33 And he called it **Shebah**: therefore the name of the city [is] **Beersheba** unto this day.

What truths are to be found in this last well that Isaac's servants dug? Is it possible that all the preceding wells only partially quenched our thirst but could this be the one of which Yehoshua spoke saying, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."?

And what about the woman at the well to which Jesus offered this water. Wasn't she just a loose woman that had a number of husbands and was living with another? Why would He offer this water to her? Obviously, the apostles that had left to buy meat in the city were more deserving. Yet, when they returned, He told them that He had meat they knew not of. What water could possibly be in this particular well that would cause one to never thirst again?



BEERSHEBA - WELL OF THE OATH

SHEBA - WELL OF THE SEVEN EWE LAMBS

We will now begin to dig into the meaning of the well of Beersheba. Cruden's Complete Concordance of the Bible offers the following concerning the meaning of Beersheeba:

"The fountain of an oath, otherwise the seventh well, or well of satiety"

The dictionary defines satiety as "to satisfy an appetite or desire fully, saturate." Could this be the well that completely saturates one's thirst so that they never thirst again?

Next, let's go back to the account of Abraham's digging of these wells. In Genesis 20, an account is given of Abraham and Sarah's soap opera like story of meeting King Abimelech. You remember how Abraham passed Sarah off as his sister (the same thing that he did with Pharaoh) and how Abimelech was almost destroyed. Incidentally, Isaac did the same thing with Rebekah in Genesis 26 but Abimelech's son (also called Abimelech) apparently had learned from his father's experience and did not make advances toward Rebekah. In the spirit, we can see that there is a virgin remnant of the church that God has his protective hand over and will not let it be contaminated by the seed of worldly doctrines even though at times it seems to have happened.

Now let us turn to the account of Abraham's possession of the well of Beersheba in Genesis 21 and see where the concept of the well of the oath and the well of the seven ewe lambs came from. You will note that this became the basis for a covenant between Abraham and Abimelech.

GEN 21:22 And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, **God [is] with thee in all that thou doest:**

21:23 **Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me,** nor with my son, nor with my son's son: [but] according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

21:24 And Abraham said, I will swear.

21:25 **And Abraham reprov'd Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.**

21:26 And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I [of it], but to day.

21:27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.

21:28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

21:29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, **What [mean] these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?**

21:30 And he said, **For [these] seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that have digged this well.**

21:31 **Wherefore he called that place Beersheba; because there they sware both of them.**

21:32 Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

21:33 And [Abraham] **planted a grove in Beersheba,** and called there on the name of the LORD, **the everlasting God (EL OLAM).**

WHAT MEAN THESE SEVEN EWE LAMBS?

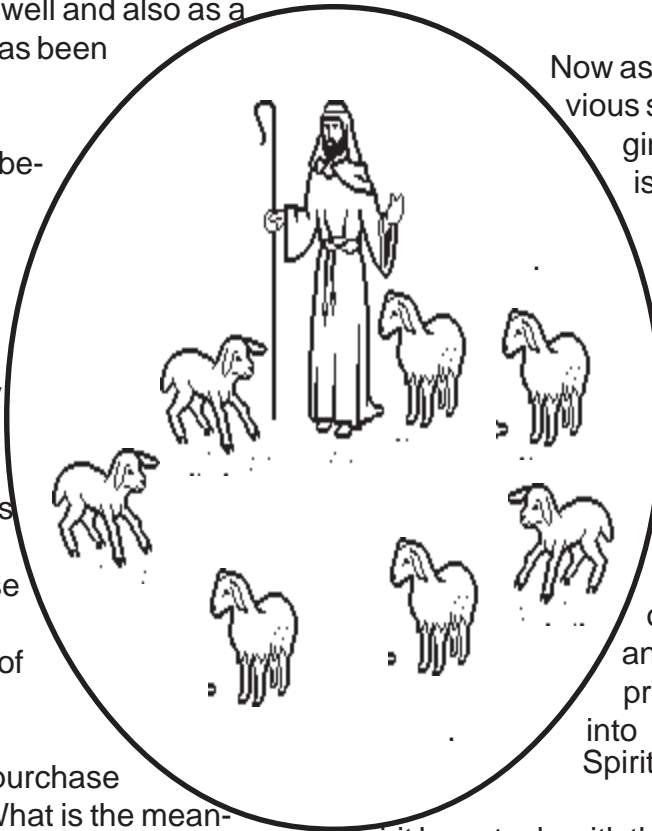
Again we see that Abimelech is afraid of the power resting upon Abraham and wants to make a covenant of peace with him. This Abraham does, but the problem of the well of Beersheba comes up. To seal the transaction Abraham offers seven ewe lambs as a purchase price for the well and also as a witness that the well has been transferred.

Then an oath is made between Abimelech and Abraham to seal the change of ownership. Later on it was necessary for Isaac to claim that which was already his due to his father's purchase with the seven ewe lambs. This reminds one in type shadow of the purchase made by the Lamb of God for the remission of our sins.

However this was the purchase made by the Lamb. What is the meaning of the seven ewe lambs? We can find a clue in the following scriptures.

I Cor 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the **word of wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge** by the same Spirit;



Now as we examine the previous scriptures we can begin to see a pattern. It is apparent that a progression exists in receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

First, there is the earnest of the Spirit which is sort of like a down payment on that which is yet to come.

Then, as one goes on from faith to faith and glory to glory, one progressively comes into a full measure of the Spirit. The gifts of the

spirit have to do with the in-part realm or the earnest of the Spirit. The fullness of the Spirit has to do with the Seven Spirits of God which are named in Isaiah 11:2.

Now consider this. Would you rather have an occasional word of wisdom in the in-part realm or would you rather that the spirit of wisdom abide continually upon you? Would you rather have just a word of knowledge or have the spirit of knowledge abide continually upon you? Do you remember in an earlier writing that we developed that Wisdom is feminine and is another name for the Seven Spirits of God. You might say that the seven ewe lambs represent Wisdom. Let's review.

II Cor 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.**

John 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: **for God giveth not the Spirit by measure to him.**

Isaiah 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.**

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.

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. The last well is indeed a very deep well. The seven ewe lambs represent the fullness of the Seven Spirits of God - otherwise known as Wisdom.

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**;

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.**



The Woman at the Well

Next we will begin to consider a deeper meaning than the commonly accepted interpretation of the account of the woman at the well. Since she was offered the water that would cause one to never thirst again, what is the real significance of this account? Let's first go to the scriptures.

John 4:4 And he must needs go through Samaria.

4:5 Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, **near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.**

4:6 **Now Jacob's well was there.** Jesus therefore, being wearied with [his] journey, sat thus on the well: [and] it was about the sixth hour.

4:7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

4:8 **(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)**

4:9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the **gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee,** Give me to

drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee **living water.**

4:11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and **the well is deep:** from whence then hast thou that living water?

4:12 Art thou greater than **our father Jacob, which gave us the well,** and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

4:14 **But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

4:15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

4:16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

4:17 The woman answered and said, **I have no husband.** Jesus said unto her,

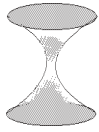
Now let's examine the possibility that this woman represents the church and that the five husbands are the five ministries listed below.

4:11 And he gave some, **apostles;** and some, **prophets;** and some, **evangelists;** and some, **pastors** and **teachers;**

4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

Looking at the above, we can count five main ministries set in the body of Christ which has the purpose of leading the church toward perfection. These five ministries are commonly called the fivefold ministry. Do you think that Jesus could be saying in a parable that the church will have five husbands?



THE SIXTH MINISTRY - ONE THAT REFUSES TO BE A HUSBAND

Now if we pursue the idea of the five husbands representing the fivefold ministry, then what is the meaning of "and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly."

Let's pursue this idea. The sixth ministry involved is a transition ministry. It has the function of changing or transferring the church from the husbandship of the fivefold ministry to the true husband which is the Lord Jesus Christ. Do we not know that a change will take place in the ministry after about two thousand years of the church age? If we consider a day as a 1000 years, the implications of the following seem very clear.

Luke 13:32 And he said to them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold **I cast out devils**, and **I do cures to day and to morrow**, and the **third day I will be perfected**.

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

Thus, the above would tell us that for about 2000 years, the fivefold ministry would continue pretty much as in the early days of the church. The only problem was that the wells of the Spirit became stopped up by the earth of the flesh that came into the church. Then, a renewal came and the early church truths are being restored. But, a big transition is ahead as we enter the third day - or the third 1000 years since the church was formed. What could this sixth ministry which does not function in a husband role be? Let's go to Ezekiel chapter 9 to find the answer.

Thou hast well said, I have no husband:

4:18 **For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.**

Ezekiel 9:1 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man [with] his destroying weapon in his hand.

9:2 And, behold, **six men came from the way of the higher gate**, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and **one man among them [was] clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side:** and they went in, and stood beside the brazen altar.

9:3 **And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house.** And he called to the man clothed with linen, which [had] the writer's inkhorn by his side;

9:4 And the LORD said unto him, **Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.**

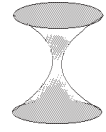
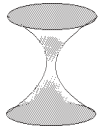
9:5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, **Go ye after him through the city, and smite:** let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

Matthew 24:13 But he that shall endure to the end, the same will be saved.

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.**

Rev 7:3 Saying hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.**

Well, you say, one thing bothers me about the above. The writing ministry as the sixth man I can understand - but what about the fivefold ministry having slaughter weapons in their hands. The fivefold ministry to me does not bring a slaughter weapon. Instead it brings the sweet fragrance of life to me.



A NEW COVENANT - THE OLD WAXETH OLD AND DECAYS

II Cor 2:14 Now thanks be to God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and **maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.**
 2:15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ **in them that are saved, and in them that perish.**
2:16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

Thus the fivefold ministry has the function of bringing forth the gospel. To him that believes - eternal life - to him that rejects - judgement. This is not just some old testament writing about the sealing - it is found in many places in the new testament.

Now why would this ministry of writers refuse to take husbandship over the church? After all the fivefold ministry did as much. We said that writing ministry has the function of bringing about transition. You might say that it has the function of bringing forth a new covenant.

We see in Hebrews 8 that a new covenant is discussed. Yes, there will be teaching required to bring this covenant about. But the object of the teaching is to cause each to know the Lord directly instead of sitting under some other man's vine and fig tree. The sixth ministry has the object of going out of business and refuses to take the husbandship because that belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ. And why is there so much upheaval in the religious world today? Is it not because the old way of doing things is beginning to decay?

Heb 8:10 For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:**

8:11 **And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.**

8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

8:13 In that he saith, A new [covenant], he hath made the first old. **Now that which decayeth and waxeth old [is] ready to vanish away.**

When Jesus began to talk to the woman about the living water, she began to talk about a place of worship. How often today we talk about finding God in a physical place of worship - a building where our church, our denomination, our organization, our prayer group, or our association meets. But is not the Lord showing us a new and living way?

John 4:20 **Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.**

4:21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, **the hour cometh**, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

4:22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

4:23 But the hour cometh, and **now is**, when **the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.**

4:24 **God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.**

John 4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that **Messias cometh, which is called Christ:** when he is come, **he will tell us all things.**

4:26 Jesus saith unto her, **I that speak unto thee am [he].**

4:27 And upon this came his disciples, **and marvelled that he talked with the woman:** yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

4:28 **The woman then left her waterpot,** and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

4:29 **Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?**

4:30 Then they went out of the city, **and came unto him.**

The above scriptures show us that the woman knew about Christ but relegated Him to the future. Isn't this how we are? We have such a tremendous mindset engrained into us that these things are always off in the future - it then becomes difficult to believe that it is actually happening.

Then Jesus revealed Himself to her and she was stunned. However, she did believe. Then a most interesting thing happened. She came to the well to get water but then she left her waterpot behind. She was no longer satisfied with the water drawn from the wells by man. Once she discovered that well of living water flowing from within, she went to the village and evangelized the men of the city. She led them to the Christ.

No doubt the disciples were quite puzzled why Yehoshua was talking to this woman. But it was just like when Jesus came to them after the resurrection when they were fishing and asked them if they had any meat and then told them to come and dine. None of "the disciples durst ask him, who art thou? knowing it was the Lord." They knew that something unusual had happened with this woman but were afraid to ask.

I HAVE MEAT TO EAT THAT YE KNOW NOT OF



John 4:31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

4:32 **But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.**

4:33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him [ought] to eat?

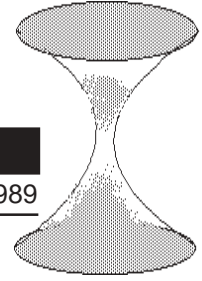
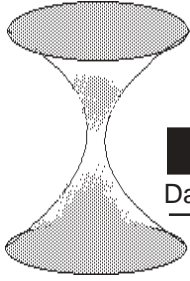
4:34 Jesus saith unto them, **My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.**

HEB 5:10 **Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.**

5:14 But **strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age,** even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

The disciples were puzzled when Jesus did not eat the meat which they had brought for Him. Then they were even more puzzled when He began to tell them that He had meat that they knew not of. They did not realize that he was talking about the strong meat of the Order of Mechisedec. This would be an order that would be revealed as the age came to fullness. But the disciples had their task for the time that they were born into. The ministry of the new testament church turned the world upside down. But there is always more!

THE MYSTERY OF GOD THAT ENCAPSULATES TIME



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Roadmap To Eden

For a brief moment we will return to the early days of our country - to a time when maps were primitive and frontiers unexplored. Suppose that you find yourself in the very tip of Florida with a burning desire to find a place called Eureka (I have found it!). You have heard that Eureka is in a land called California - but the maps are very vague or almost non-existent.

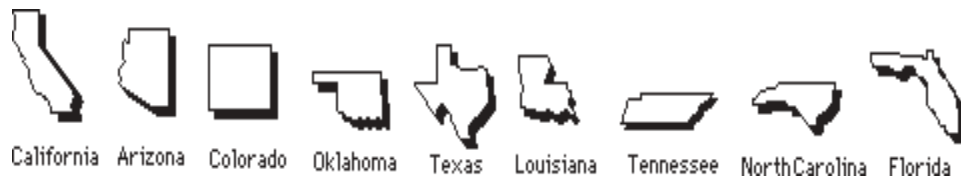
So you begin your journey across Florida and immediately become confused and mired in the Okefenokee swamp - Oh, how valuable a map would have been to find your way through past it!

Then you struggle through the plains of Georgia and South Carolina and on to the mountains of North Carolina. What a maze of mountains and valleys - you go forward up a valley and then have to return because there is no pass over the mountain. Then thank God, you find it, a pass called New Found Gap.

You then come across the mountains of Tennessee and down across Alabama into Louisiana. Everything is fine until you come to swamps around the Atchafalaya and around and around and around and around you go. (It's difficult enough to get through it on Interstate 10).

Finally, you find your way through the swamp, and you think about how valuable a map would have been to guide you - rather than go by trial and error.

Then you go across the piney woods of east Texas and into the wide open rolling plains of Oklahoma. As you come into the eastern prairies of Colorado - it seems like there is clear sailing ahead right on to Eureka. Then, you notice some dark blue clouds on the western horizon - on an otherwise clear day. But surely this is but a temporary storm. Once it passes, it should be just an easy march on into Eureka.



Then as you trudge across the trails of eastern Colorado, you meet a stranger clad in unusual white linen clothing with a scroll tucked under his arm. As you become acquainted, you discover that the scroll is a map of the trail to Eureka. But, as you look at it, you feel it is a false map - no denominational seal is anywhere on it. Surely, there could not be mountains over 14,000 feet high, a grand canyon, aw, come on. A death valley, surely God would not require any Christian to go through that! And red barked trees so big and high that they make men look like grasshoppers - you've got to be kidding.

As you confront the stranger with this, he asks you where you're from and you tell him Florida. Then he proposes rolling the map back the other way and looking at the land you've already traveled. Sure enough you find the piney woods of Texas, the swamps of Louisiana that gave you so much misery. And, believe it or not, there is New Found Gap and the Okefenokee swamps. You think that if you had only had this map, how much backtracking and difficulty you would have saved.

Then the stranger makes a profound observation. He says - if the map represents a true picture of the road that you have already traveled, what makes you think that it does not provide a true picture of the road ahead? Unable to answer his question, you ask him for the map which he graciously gives to you. As you began to travel on, you find that the blue storm clouds on the western horizon are really the majestic Rocky Mountains shown on the map.

Then the thought hits you. Perhaps the road ahead it such a difficult one that God has mercifully provided a map for our travels.

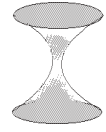
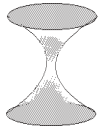
We have talked about a sixth minstry that is a transitional ministry that is given to lead the church to her true husband. It is given the writer's inkhorn and writers are being raised up across this earth that are bringing forth spiritual knowledge to seal the foreheads of the believers and lead them to be married or to become one with the Lord.

This ministry does not have the objective of obtaining a following (husbandship) of its own - but has the objective of teaching itself out of business. It points each man and woman to their true husband - the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us look in on the ministry of the man clothed in linen in Ezekiel and see what additional events unfold.

Ezek 10:1 Then I looked, and, **behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.**
 10:2 And he spake unto the **man clothed with linen**, and said, **Go in between the wheels, [even] under the cherub**, and fill thine hand with **coals of fire from between the cherubims**, and scatter [them] over the city. And he went in in my sight.

Thus, it is apparent that the linen clothed ministry is acquainted with the mysteries of the cherubim and the mysteries concerning the throne of God. Did not the high priest have to put on certain apparel, some of it being white linen, in order to go into the holiest place (Lev chapter 16)? Are not the cherubim located in the holist place of the tabernacle?



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Gen 3:22 And the Lord said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:
 3:23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden **Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life.**

Num 3:34 But those that encamp before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping charge of the sanctuary
 ...

We see that Adam was driven out of the garden through the gate which faced toward the east. To go back into the garden to the tree of life, we must go back through these same cherubim into the garden. You will note that the tabernacle was also pitched so that the entrance way was from the east. Directly in front of it were Moses and Aaron representing the law - a flaming sword which no man could go through. Then through the sacrifice of the Lamb without blemish, Jesus led the way for us back into the holiest place.

You might say that the tabernacle represents a map of steps to salvation a complete salvation of the spirit, body, and soul. It is not our purpose in this writing to get into a complete study of the tabernacle. Unless you were already somewhat familiar with it, you probably wouldn't be reading this. However, we do want to use it as a foundation to build on.

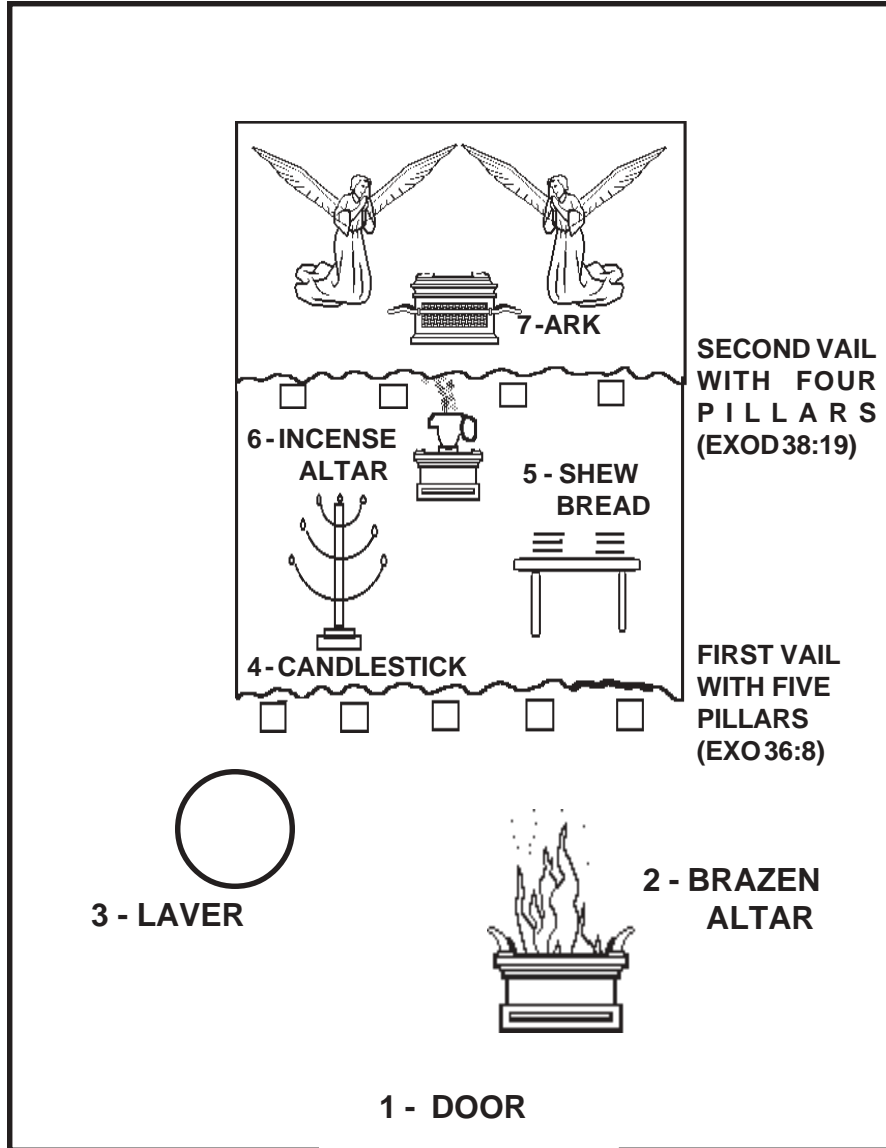
In the drawing on the next page, you will see a representation of the tabernacle and seven basic steps listed. Let's take a quick walk through the seven steps shown in the tabernacle.

1. Gate to outer court or door - A belief that Jesus is the Son of God and entering the body of Christ through the door provided by Him.
2. The brazen altar - forgiveness of sins through the sacrifice of the Lamb and the blood of the Lamb.
3. The laver of water - baptism in water and washing of the water of the word.
4. The candlestick - baptism in the Holy Spirit and receiving the earnest of the Spirit.
5. Shewbread table - eating the word in the light of the Spirit.
6. Incense altar - baptism of fire and the fragrances of the Lord.
7. Ark - Cherubim and the footstool of the throne - light and glory - transfiguration

Then following the tabernacle drawing, you will find sets of scriptures showing how Jesus fulfilled the each of the steps in the tabernacle.

Also, you will see the two veils and the divisions between the outer court, sanctuary and the holiest place. Note the number of pillars in front of each vail. What could the significance of five pillars and four pillars be?

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS



OUTER COURT

Jesus (the Son)
 Passover
 Born again
 Leave Egypt
 Milk
 Grade school
 First heaven

SANCTUARY

The Holy Spirit
 Pentecost
 Baptism in Holy Spirit
 The Wilderness
 Meat
 High School
 Second heaven

HOLIEST PLACE

The Father
 Tabernacles
 Spirit without measure
 Promised land
 Strong meat
 College
 Third heaven

FIVE PILLARS - Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers

FOUR PILLARS - The four standards of the four sided camp of Israel

FULFILLMENT OF THE TABERNACLE IN CHRIST

1. BE BORN AGAIN

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God.

Luke 1:36 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

2.. COME OUT OF EGYPT - (WORLD)

Matthew 2:14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night and departed into Egypt;

2:15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord by the prophet saying Out of Egypt have I called my son.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

3. BAPTISM IN WATER

Matt 3:13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

3:14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou unto me?

3:15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

4. BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Matt 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him.

5. BREAK THE BREAD OF THE WORD

John 6:5 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I give is my flesh which I will give for the life of the world.

Mark 8:6 And he commanded the people to sit down upon the ground: and took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them, and they did set them before the people.

6. INCENSE ALTAR - DEATH OF SOUL

Matt 26:38 Then saith he unto them, my soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here and watch with me.

Mark 8:35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it.:

John 19:40 Then they took the body of Jesus and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

7A. RESURRECTION

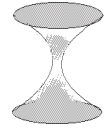
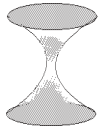
Matt 28:6 he is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay.

7B. TRANSFIGURATION

Mark 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

9:2 And after six days Jesus taketh [with him] Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

9:3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.



TOUCH ME NOT; FOR I AM NOT YET ASCENDED TO MY FATHER

There are many that recognize that a number of major denominations have a veil over their spiritual eyes when it comes to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. They talk of "something more" which includes the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. And indeed in the tabernacle we do see a veil between the outer court and the sanctuary.

However, just because we have come into some truth, that doesn't mean that there isn't more truth to be unveiled in the progression of our walk. Now we can probably agree that a whole new realm of truth comes forth when we came through the first veil. But the disturbing thing is there is a **second** veil which is between the sanctuary and the Holiest place. Perhaps, many more truths are to be learned when we go through the **second** veil.

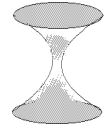
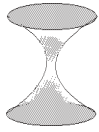
When we went from the outer court to the sanctuary, did we not run into opposition from those in the outer court? In a similar manner, can we not expect to meet opposition from those in the sanctuary when we go through the second veil into the holiest place?

You will note that there are five pillars outside the first veil. Since pillars are symbolic of ministries, it seems that apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers are represented by these five pillars. Then, we note four pillars in front of the second veil. These represent the four standards of Israel. Those entering this veil will have an understanding of the standards and ensigns of Israel that we discussed in the writing entitled The First of the Firstfruits. They will understand the 20,000 chariots of fire.

You will note that in the sixth step outlined as the death of the soul at the incense altar that Jesus was wrapped in the linen and then went on to the resurrection step. Actually, Jesus had overcome in the flesh when He was transfigured, but He also went through the death realm to prove that he had the keys of death and hell. When He went into the Holiest place, He in effect drank deeply of the power of the seventh well and overcame all things and experientially proved the oath given to the priesthood of Melchisedec.

It would seem that all seven wells were given to the new testament church. Regarding the wells of the outer court (basic salvation), the churches of Christianity pretty well retained these, although at times, earth was even thrown into them. The last four wells represent the wells of the Spirit and the Father and earth was thrown into them to the point they were completely stopped up. It seems likely that the disciples were given glimpses of the seventh well during the time that Jesus taught them secretly (Matthew 28:16) before he ascended into the heavens. But neither they or the new testament church really experientially drank from the seventh well.

Do you remember that when Jesus appeared to Mary after the resurrection that He told her not to touch Him because **He had not yet ascended to the Father**. Yet, in effect He had walked out the steps in the tabernacle? Thus, we might conclude that the steps in the tabernacle represent our earthy walk. But once we enter the Holiest place, there is a whole new map to comprehend - the map of ascension through the wings of the Cherubim up into the throne of God.



THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE WAS RENT

Matthew 27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, **yielded up the ghost.**

27:51 And, behold, **the veil of the temple was rent** in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks were rent.

Hebrews 6:19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, **and which entereth into that within the veil.**

6:20 **Whither the forerunner is for us entered,** even Jesus, made an high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec.

John 20:16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto her, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

20:17 Jesus saith unto her, **touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father:** but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up;** and a cloud received him out of their sight.

As we follow the sequence of events in the above scriptures, it is apparent that when Jesus died or gave up the ghost that this was His entry point into the holiest place. During the period of time afterward, he entered through walls and appeared and reappeared. Yet, it is interesting that it was not until a substantial period of time afterward that He ascended into the heavens. as outlined in Acts chapter 1. Thus, it becomes apparent that after having achieved that milestone which mature believers diligently pursue, the entry

through the second veil into the holiest place, there is even more - the ascension!

Hungering and thirsting have to do with the physical plane, but there is a well of the oath, of which we may drink and never thirst again. This is represented by drinking spiritually out of the well of the oath made to the priesthood of Melchisedec. When this is done, we ascend through the crystal from the earthly plane into the plane of the Spirit. This is a plane where we are no longer bound by the limitations of time and space. It is as phrased in Revelation 10:6 "that there should be time no longer."

Now why did we spend all this effort outlining the steps in the tabernacle - something which many of you are already familiar with? Simply to point out that it is a valid roadmap to the tree of life in the garden. Where does it take us? It takes us past the cherubim through the east gate into the garden. However, once we reach the ark and the cherubim, another map is given to us - this map is the map of the ascension.

Stated in a different way, the map of the tabernacle is a horizontal map of our walk on the earthly plane. Once we reach the cherubim, we are given a new map - a map of the vertical or the ascension.

Remember the man in the linen garments in Ezekiel Chapter 10? The scriptures tell us that he actually went into the wheels of the Cherubim - above the heads of which is the awesome crystal (Ezekiel 1:22). On the next page you will find a map of the vertical ascent into the cherubim and beyond - and we will begin to consider its meaning.



RAINBOW,
SEVEN SPIRITS
OF GOD, OR
WISDOM

THRONE

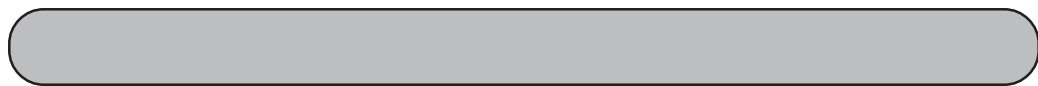


TWENTY-FOUR
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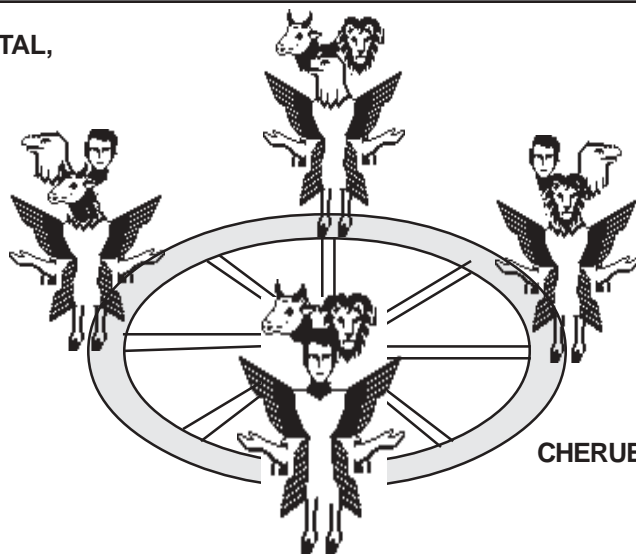


SERAPHIM

Beings that fly in, around
and above the throne



TERRIBLE CRYSTAL,
FIRMAMENT, OR
CRYSTAL SEA



CHERUBIM



ARK

A Quick Tour

Let's begin with a point with which we are familiar - the ark - and begin a vertical ascent within the holiest place. First we encounter the Cherubim. These beings have four wings, a set of hands, and on the four sides of their head, the face of a lion, man, ox, and eagle respectively.

Then we come to the terrible crystal or firmament over the head of the Cherubim. This is also known as the crystal before the throne. It is a dividing point between the world of the Spirit - no longer subject to time or space limitations - and the cosmos.

Above the crystal are the Seraphim which have six wings and one face. Each of the four Seraphim is uniquely different in that it only has the face of a lion, man, ox, **or** an eagle. On the other hand the Cherubim have four faces on one head.

Then we come to the twenty-four elders who lie their crowns down before the throne. And then, of course is the throne itself.

Surrounding the throne are the rainbow colors of the Seven Spirits of God. These include the Spirit of the Lord (or the master light envelope), the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. As we have already discussed, these are also given the name Wisdom.

Now that we have taken a brief tour, let us go back through the ascension route and look at descriptions of each of the beings.

We will start with the Cherubim and begin in the book of Ezekiel which gives detailed descriptions of the Cherubim.



Ezek 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**.

1:6 And every one had **four faces**, and every one had **four wings**.

1:7 And their feet [were] straight feet; and the **sole of their feet [was] like the sole of a calf's foot**: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

1:8 And [they had] the **hands of a man under their wings** on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

1:9 Their wings [were] joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

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**.

1:11 Thus [were] their faces: and their wings [were] stretched upward; two [wings] of every one [were] joined one to another, **and two covered their bodies**.

Thus we can see that on one head, there is a face on each of the four sides. If we looked at the back side of the face of the man above, we would see the face of an eagle.

The Firmament

Ezek 1:22 **And the likeness of the firmament** upon the heads of the living creature [was] as the colour of **the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.**

1:23 **And under the firmament** [were] their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their bodies.

1:24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

1:25 **And there was a voice from the firmament that [was] over their heads,** when they stood, [and] had let down their wings.

1:26 **And above the firmament that [was] over their heads [was] the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone:** and upon **the likeness of the throne [was] the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.**

1:27 And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

1:28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so [was] the appearance of the brightness round about. This [was] the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw [it], I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

Rev 4:6 And before the throne **there was a sea of glass like unto crystal:** and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four creatures, full of eyes before and behind.

The scriptures given in Ezekiel trace a path from the Cherubim up through the crystal or firmament to the throne. The scriptures from Revelation chapter 4 describe the same view from the throne. Paul saw through this crystal or glass darkly and recognized his view as being an in-part view. The same firmament is described below in Genesis chapter 1. This describes when the foundation of the cosmos occurred and the world was separated from the spirit realm. The waters above and below the firmament or crystal represent the peoples of heaven and earth, respectively.

I Cor 13:12 For now **we see through a glass darkly,** but then face to face: **now I know in part;** but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

1:4 And God saw the light, that [it was] good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

1:6 And God said, **Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.**

1:7 **And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which [were] under the firmament from the waters which [were] above the firmament:** and it was so.

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: For he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

17:15 And he said unto me, **The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.**

The Seraphim



Next we will consider the Seraphim that Isaiah saw and compare those descriptions to that given in Revelation chapter 4.

Isa 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died **I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne**, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

6:2 Above it stood the **seraphims: each one had six wings**; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, [is] the LORD of hosts: the whole earth [is] full of his glory.

6:4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

6:5 Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: **for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.**

Remember when we studied the Cherubim, we found that they had four wings. Here, we see that the Seraphim have **six** wings. We found previously that the Cherubim were below the firmament. Here the Seraphim are around the throne which is above the firmament. Now, let us go to the book of Revelation for more clues about the Seraphim.

Rev 4:6 And before **the throne** [there was] **a sea of glass like unto crystal**: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, [were] **four beasts full of eyes before and behind.**

4:7 And **the first beast [was] like a lion**, and **the second beast like a calf**, and **the third beast had a face as a man**, and **the fourth beast [was] like a flying eagle.**

4:8 And the four beasts **had each of them six wings about [him]**; and [they were] full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, **Holy, holy, holy**, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

4:9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

Comparing the scriptures from Isaiah and Revelation, we discover some remarkable things. It is clear that both are describing the same thing - the Seraphim.

Note that the Seraphim and the four beasts each have six wings. Note that they each are positioned around the throne. Note that they each cry Holy, Holy, Holy. So it is now clear that the four beasts in Revelation chapter four are really the Seraphim.

Note that each Seraphim is unique. One is like a lion, one is like a calf, one is like a man, and one is like an eagle. We have shown the representation of the Seraphim that is like an eagle in the illustration above. The puzzle is beginning to fit together.



**R A I N B O W ,
SEVEN SPIRITS
OF GOD, OR
WISDOM**

THRONE

**TWENTY-FOUR
ELDERS**



We will continue our tour by exploring the area around the throne.

Rev4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, **and [one] sat on the throne.**

4:3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and **[there was] a rainbow round about the throne**, in sight like unto an emerald.

4:4 And round about the throne [were] four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and **they had on their heads crowns of gold.**

4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and **[there were] seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**

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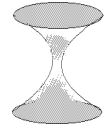
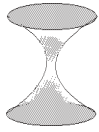
4:10 The **four and twenty elders fall down before him** that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and **cast their crowns before the throne, saying,**

4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

These scriptures take us through the throne and the rainbow around the throne. We see the twenty-four elders who are crowned for their works - yet in the final analysis they cast their crowns down before the One Who is totally worthy to receive worship.

We find mention of the Seven Spirits of God in different ways. As seven lamps burning and as a rainbow. We have discussed this as being in the envelope of light called Wisdom.

We have followed the path of Jesus who led the way for us and ascended into heavenly dimensions to sit at the right hand of the Father.



THE PRIESTHOOD CLOTHED IN LINEN

In completing a tour of this type, it is easy to get wrapped up in the graphics of the rather unusual looking animals and beings. However, we should remember, that for the most part, these are symbols of companies of people that have certain functions. Therefore, we will next look at a practical description of a priesthood which was given instructions on how to function in two realms - the seen and the unseen. This priesthood was described by Ezekiel and was that priesthood which was faithful to David's house when the other priests fell away. Let's first look at a description of the unfaithful priesthood

Ezek 44:10 **And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols;** they shall even bear their iniquity.

44:11 **Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, [having] charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.**

44:12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord GOD, and they shall bear their iniquity.

44:13 **And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me,** nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy [place]: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

44:14 **But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house,** for all the

It is quite interesting that these priests, even though lacking in steadfastness, were permitted to minister at the gates and in the sanctuary. Remember that we said the sanctuary was the realm of receiving the earnest of the Spirit. However, until one passes through the fiery coals of the incense altar, the soul or self will still persist in the worship of the idols of one's own vain imaginations. It is very significant that the Lord said that he would permit them to minister to men - but not unto Him or to even partake of the most Holy things.

Now let us examine how this contrasts with the priesthood of Zadok.

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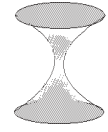
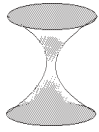
Ezek 44:15 But the priests the Levites, the **sons of Zadok**, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel

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:

44:16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and **they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me,** and they shall keep my charge.

44:17 And it shall come to pass, [that] **when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments;** and no wool shall come upon them, while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

44:18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen



"CAUGHT UP IN THE SPIRIT" THROUGH THE TUNING CRYSTAL THAT NEGATES THE LIMITATIONS OF TIME AND SPACE

You will note that the priesthood of Zadok is clothed in a linen bonnet and has permission to enter the holiest place. This is identical to the ministry of the man clothed in linen that went into the wheels of the Cherubim as described in Ezekiel chapter 10. Also, the priest may not clad himself with anything that causes sweat - symbolic of the realm of Adam who ate his bread by the sweat of his brow.

The Zadok priest is called upon to put on his linen garments and minister to the Lord. He also is called to minister to the people but when he does this, he lays aside the garments of the heavenly realm and takes up the garments of the earthly realm. He then becomes just like any other everyday person that you might meet.

breeches upon their loins; they **shall not gird [themselves] with any thing that causeth sweat.**

Ezek 44:19 **And when they go forth into the utter court, [even] into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered,** and lay them in the holy chambers, and **they shall put on other garments;** and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

44:20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.

44:21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

44:22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

44:23 **And they shall teach my people [the difference] between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.**

(Luke 17:20, 21; 1 Cor 6:19)

Of course the garments being spoken of are not actual linen garments, but in the Melchisidec realm, the garments are garments of light - that light of the blood of the Lamb that washes white. This permits us to boldly enter the throne room by a new and living way - the blood of Jesus (Heb 10:19,20).

Those called to this priesthood will begin to find themselves, in effect, leading two lives. In one realm they will appear to be just like any other person. They may be in a typical job or a ministry. However, when they are called upon to minister to the Lord - a drastic change occurs. They are encapsulated in the garments of light and enter unseen realms.

Many have had experiences where they have entertained angels unawares. However, in this realm those clothed in linen may find themselves used in the mission of angels. After all, an angel is simply a messenger and the Lord sometimes sends us on missions - which may be halfway around the world from where we happen to physically be located. For example an ironworker, skilled in rigging heavy loads reports an unusual account which we paraphrase as follows.

The Ironworker

Taken from sleep on my bed in the middle of night, I found myself in a European land - probably Germany. A bridge was in the process of construction. The workers were preparing to make a major lift of a heavy beam. As I watched, I saw that the beam was not safely rigged and would fall - causing much damage and injury. I walked into the middle of the group of workers and asked a question about how the beam was rigged. The workers looked over the rigging and decided to change it. I then walked out of the group and found myself being transported back to my bed.

The Ship

A man was praying on a ship in the Mediterranean. He was quite distressed about the deathly sickness of someone close to him. A brother halfway around the world was taken in the spirit to minister to him. A few days later others were sent in the spirit to this same ship. Explosives that were to be unloaded from a car to blow up the ship "accidentally" prematurely detonated - blowing up the car instead.

The Chieftain

A housewife was suddenly taken from her normal environment to a faraway village where a tribal chieftain was deathly sick. The chieftain was a Godly man. She asked to see him and was brought into his presence. She spoke to him about Jesus Christ and prayed for his recovery and then left. She then found herself back in her home environment.

The Cosmonauts

In July, 1985, Soviet cosmonauts that were aloft were faced with a life threatening malfunction in their space vehicle. In the meantime a group of housewives had gathered together to share and to pray. As they joined hands during their prayer time, they were led to pray for the cosmonauts. They reported a whirlwind-like experience, like an Ezekiel's wheel and were quickened in their spirits as they prayed. One of them remarked that she felt that they had actually been in the presence of the cosmonauts. Another said that she thought that they would receive a confirmation that something had actually happened with the cosmonauts.

The cosmonauts did return safely to earth. The cosmonaut's accounts were picked up in a number of periodicals - reporting that they saw "figures in the form of humans, but with wings and mistlike halos, as in the classic depiction of angels." Twelve days later the figures returned and were seen by three other Soviet scientists, including woman cosmonaut Svetlana Saviskaya. "They were smiling," she said "as though they shared in a glorious secret."

Yet, for the housewives praying, they knew something had happened, but would not have even guessed the way that they were being perceived by the cosmonauts. They truly had put on garments of light and were transported in the spirit, but to them it had simply been a prayer meeting.

The preceding examples show ways in which the priesthood of Melchisedec functions in dealing with earth's problems. As conditions in the earthly realm worsen, the type of interventions related in these accounts will likely increase.

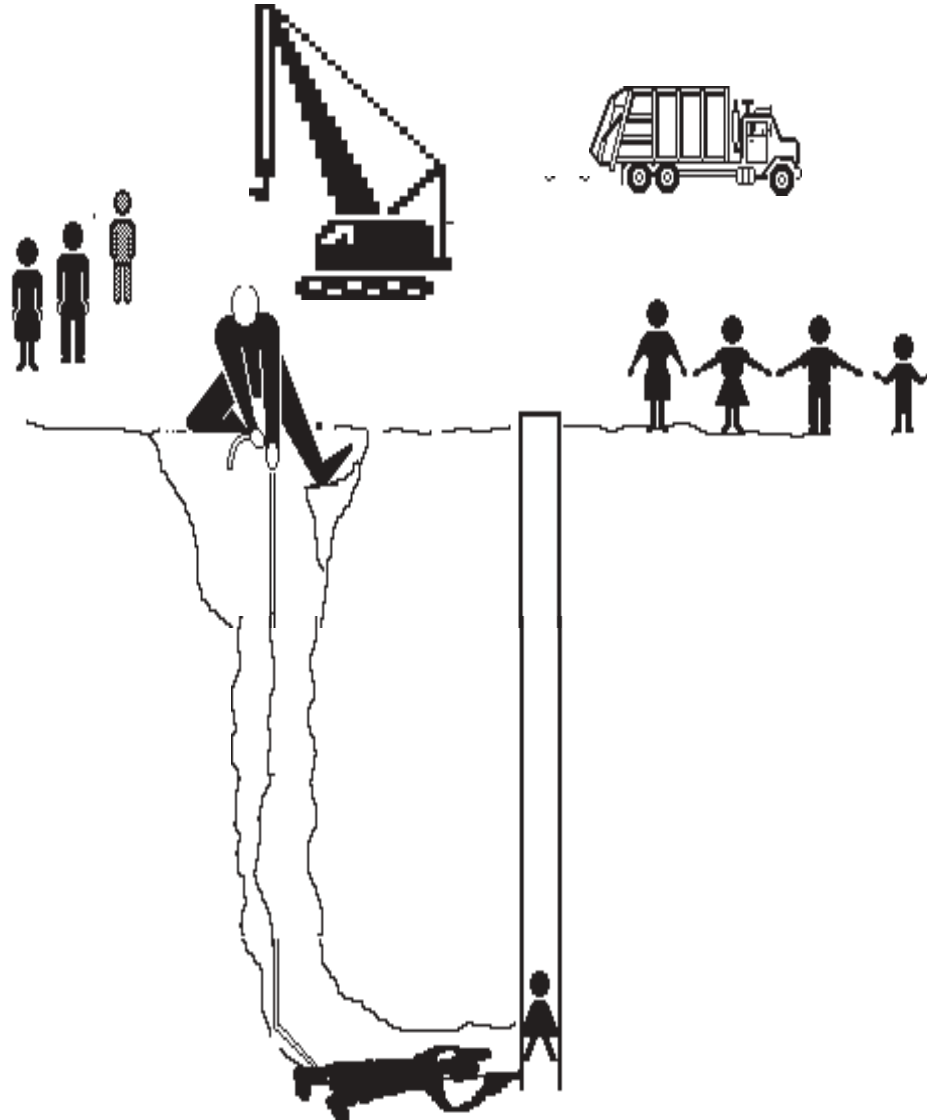
Thus we come back to the main point of this writing. The progression in God is a never ending progression. We must unstop the wells of the Spirit and move on from well to well as the Spirit leads. God sends us to denominations, organizations, and groups for a time of training. We must be patient to complete the training we are sent there for, or we will be required to repeat it. At the same time, we must be able to discern when that well is no longer quenching our spiritual thirst and it is time to move on. It is clear from studying the veils that our particular group or organization may think it "has it all" and may not realize that there is more. Worse yet, the organization may try to prevent it's members from learning that there is more because it would lose control of them.

We found that establishing the government of the new testament church is not an end in itself - but simply a waystation on the way to another government - the government established by the kings and priests of the order of Melchisedec.

And what is the biggest problem that we will face as we walk the horizontal path of the tabernacle and ascend the vertical ascent to the throne. As Paul, himself, found when he ascended into the third heaven - more than likely it will be pride. As David refrained from criticising Saul, we must refrain from criticising those from whom the anointing has departed. If they must fall, God will use worldly forces (of a Philistine nature) to bring about their fall.

May you find those wells that were flowing even from before the foundation of the world.

A LITTLE DAUGHTER LAMB TRAPPED IN A WELL



A Sign And A Wonder

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 fear of the Lord.

Isa 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

On October 16th, 1987, rescue workers in Midland, Texas pulled 18 month old Jessica McClure from an abandoned well where she had been trapped for more than 58 hours.

The well of the ewe lambs is being unstopped. As these are taken from their entrapment in the earth, the rivers of living water will begin to flow from that well of the Spirit which has been shut up for many centuries.