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# COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN



should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

In this article, we will <u>partially</u> examine the prophetic night visions of Daniel in the book of Daniel chapter 7, and beam the searchlight of the Spirit into the mystery of the four winds of heaven, the four beasts that ascend out of the sea, the destruction of the beast and the coming of the son of man in the clouds of heaven. I say partially because revelation is continuously unfolding and we all see in parts. I can only write what I have received presently from the Spirit and nothing more. We will see how these visions are applicable to us and the rest of the world today.

### RETAINING WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED

Some of these things we are hearing today are secrets hidden from men for ages and are being brought forth to light by the grace of God so that we no more walk in the ignorance of this present age. These are things we already know in our spirits, but we ought to put them in remembrance with the intent of maintaining our faith in the knowledge of the truth for the sake of continuity. You will agree with me that the greatest challenge we have in the faith is retaining what we have heard from the Father in the midst of a dark world where everything seems contrary to what we hear. It is our ability to continue in the revelation of Christ that causes us to realize this great inheritance in lights. The Spirit flowing through us freely reveals these things to us to establish us and make us unmovable in our quest to inherit the precious promises of God and to maintain ourselves in it. We partake of this flow by fellowshipping together in love and allowing the flow of the inner anointing within us to daily refresh us both individually and corporately.

Mysteries inspired by the Spirit of God like we will be reading in this article are not the end of the matter, but rather it leads and establishes the believer in it. One may wonder and ask, what is the end of the matter? The end is awakening in Christ, and along with this awakening is the reality of God's world otherwise known as God's kingdom. In this conscious reality (Christ consciousness), death, fear, time etc are no more, and that which remains is unchangeable

stillness and bliss. So we do not crave for just increase in information, but pray to fully realize the end of the faith. Jesus once said, rejoice not in the workings of the gift of the Spirit but rather that your names are written in heaven in the book of life, because therein lies the end of the matter. Gifts, Prophesies, diverse tongues, visions, mysteries etc, is not the goal for they all eventually give way in the hearts of men because that thing, which is the conscious reality of God's kingdom within, that was hidden and not clearly understood is finally brought to light. In that reality, which is present and continuous, the word of the prophet Jeremiah is fulfilled; this says that all shall know me from the least to the greatest [Jeremiah 31:34]. If we are established in truth and know Him, we know that we are that one Spirit that spans eternity. In this sacred knowledge, the people have been built up in the living one, in pure undiluted love.

# **SEIZE FROM MAN**

Like we know, many most of the famous quotes and prophecies of Jesus were gotten from the law and the prophets, in what we call the Old Testament today. He clearly understood the true meaning of the various rudiments and rituals associated with the laws of Moses, he also had clear insight into the prophetic utterances of the Prophets and used many them during the days of His ministry. This means that in reading these things, Jesus being endowed with celestial insight from above, was able to understand the communication of the Spirit through the law and the prophets. Being endowed with extraordinary celestial insight, He understood the hidden secrets of the end, the coming of the savior (Messiah), the glorification of the saints, the judgment of the ungodly etc. He knew that all these were nothing but pointers to the grand awakening and ascension of the sons of God into glory and therefore diligently endeared himself to them.

Jesus also knew that beyond the books, everything seen and perceived in this natural world has a message behind it that simply testifies of his Father's kingdom, which is also the Son's, for they are one. This is why He also spoke in parables. That thing that differentiated Jesus from the men of this age was the simple fact that He was illumed by the inspiration of God; He had the ability to listen to the inner voice of truth which testifies constantly of the living one and

His eternal kingdom which is without beginning or end. For this reason He says: it is the inspiration of the Spirit (the Almighty) that gives life, not the flesh (the carnal mind); the flesh profits nothing [John 6:63]. The flesh (spirit | wisdom of mortal man) which empowers the man of this present world only leads to hell, death and destruction. This is confirmation of the word that says there is a way that seems right to man (mortal man) but the end is destruction [Proverbs 14:12].

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

When we hear things like this, there is a tendency to think that **Proverbs 14:12**, is a reference to violation of basic standard moral codes of the systems of men and their religious beliefs which say do this or do not do this. We must however realize that the ways of man is that earthly wisdom which ties him to a falsely derived identity after the flesh and to the deceitful glories of this present natural world. In so doing man denies His true spiritual self (the Christ) and consequently forsakes His unlimited grace in God's kingdom for the torments of hell beneath. So we see that all of the destruction and hell that man suffers is the wages of His mistaken identity and an illusory world which He formulates for himself through the wisdom of this outer age.

You will agree with me that the inhabitants of this world inhabit the realm of hell and death, but the grace of God has appeared from heaven today making us wiser than the beasts of the field by giving us the keys with which we loosen ourselves and ascend back into that true eternal life. Love and grace has consecrated for us a new and living way whereby we can depart Hell beneath and find true rich and pleasurable life in abundance.

Proverbs 15:24 The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

The days are here when we seize from that wisdom which is inspired by the breath of man and receive solely that true wisdom which is from above, from the Father of lights; this is the only way to life.

Isaia 2:22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

For this reason we ask for that celestial wisdom given to us freely by the Father; it is life for those who adhere to it.

# JESUS' DESCENT AND ASCENT

If we can see the end, which like we know is conscious realization of Christ, the incarnate of the only true God, who like we know is our true life, we should like Jesus be prepared to endure the many contradictions from men and stay anchored through faith to the impeccable glory of the Father beyond the veil of human reasoning in the spirit (the invisible). Being born into this world as a natural man along with His many attachments to this present world, Jesus could discern that this world was nothing but an illusion and a haven of endless tribulation and destruction and therefore reached out for that invisible and eternal glory hidden in God. He realized that the raging sea engulfed in gross darkness and the formless and desolate earth in Genesis 1:2 represented His debased state as a human in this present world where there is absolutely no knowledge of God.

Genesis 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.

His natural birth in the flesh represents a descent into the realm of the dead, where He also tasted of the horrors of the tormenting sensation of a life separate from the eternal Spirit of the one and only God. By virtue of His natural birth as a mortal He tasted of fear of death, the emotional sentiments associated with men of this age, the sense of incompleteness, anxiety and the many limitations and temptations associated with the flesh. He also experienced the temptation to gain the vain glories of this world as a form of covering for self exaltation, security and peace at the expense of the knowledge of truth etc [Matthew 4:1-11].

Note: If Jesus in His human experience did not experience a sense of separation from the life of God, there is no way He would have been tempted of the Devil, for God cannot be tempted. Spirit is Spirit and flesh is flesh, they do not meet.

Jesus was able to see through the eyes of His inner comprehension that the Spiritual windy cloud and embodiment of light that hovered over the waters in **Genesis 1:2** was His true life and origin. Being persuaded in his heart, He reached out for it by faith, leaving behind Him the vanities associated with this present natural world. His realization of this great mystery was His key to overcoming this world and escaping the wasting and destruction associated with it.

For this reason during the days of His flesh He was heard offering up prayers and supplications unto Him that was able to lift Him up out of the bowels of hell and death where corruption reigns. He had to learn obedience by humbling Himself to the requirements of the cross.

Hebrews 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Psalms 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

In reality, His prayer was that He be lifted up out of that darkened sensation of a life after the flesh which in reality is hell and death, where man feels alienated from the flawless life of God. His inner groaning was that He once more realizes His oneness with God. In this consciousness (oneness with the Father) there is nothing like death, time and contrasts of good and evil etc, because one lives even as the Father lives. The nations below which inhabit the abyss (the flesh realm) where there is no conscious knowledge of the living one are continuously changed, they wax old and they die off, but God lives and is unchangeable. Those who realize this oneness never die because they live even

as He lives. They enter into perfect stillness where nothing changes; they simply reign as He reigns.

Psalms 102:26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: 27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. 28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

1John 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but <u>he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever</u>.

After His baptism in water which is symbolic of His dissociation from the illusory life after the flesh, Jesus was symbolically baptized into that glory cloud at the beginning of His Ministry. It is recorded that the Spirit (glory cloud) of God descended gently upon Him as a dove accompanied by lightening [Matthew 3:16]. That cloud (Spirit) is that same invisible body that hovered over the waters in the allegorical creation account in Genesis 1:2. This is a picture of the Spirit of God moving over the formless earth and the abyss which represents His lowly human identity, to elevate Him back to His oneness he had with God in the beginning. It is the going forth of the will of the Father to illuminate Jesus with the revelation of His true form and inseparable oneness with the living God. For He says let there be light, and the light brings forth the true creature of God from the beginning.

He appeared in that same cloud on the mount of transfiguration [Matthew 17:5], and was symbolically lifted up into the cloud at the close of His ministry [Acts 1:9]. In reality, while standing in the gap as the true and faithful witness during the days of his ministry, he was continuously being lifted up into that cloud. This lifting up is the glorification that He spoke of When he prayed: "Father glorify me with yourself, with the glory I had with you before this world was (meaning cause me to realize the oneness I had with you in the cloud before I discovered myself in the semblance of flesh and blood along with its sensation of separation from God)". It is the same He meant when He normally declared "I go to the Father (meaning I ascend back into conscious oneness with the Father in the cloud)".

So Jesus like we know overcame this world and has been exalted far above all the principalities and powers of the darkness of this world and today sits and reigns at the right of God the Father in that glory cloud. When the carnal mind hears this, it imagines God sitting on a throne and Jesus on another throne on His right hand side, but this is a wrong perception. In the ascended state, there are no more two but One; the One who lives and inhabits eternity. The one who ascends is swallowed up in the eternal Spirit, so that God becomes all in all.

These prophetic events are no child's play, they are EXTREMELY important for us today, so that we can be truly mindful of the manner of our glorification in Christ, for the end has come. The glorification path of Jesus simply shows us our pathway out of this world (the visible and earthly) into God's celestial kingdom (the invisible and celestial). Any man who seeks life must understand these basic principles within Himself <u>as He receives from above</u>.

## THE GLORY CLOUD AS THE EMBODIMENT OF GOD

The glory cloud represents the invisible and incorruptible glory of God which abides eternally in the heavens. It is a living spiritual body, a celestial man so to say, in which dwells the fullness of God bodily. Christ as we know is the glory of God; he is the image of the invisible and incorruptible God. While on earth manifesting the mystery of godliness, it was in reality, Jesus, the son of man coming in the clouds of glory, bringing to light that which is hidden from the men of this age (world).

This was the one who descended from that glory of God, into that lowly inglorious nature and image of mortal man. In His humanity, <u>He tasted of what it meant to fall short of that impeccable glory of God</u>. He was born of a woman and consequently experienced the deadness of life in the flesh along with the many pains and tribulations associated with it as a result of that sensation of a life apart from God. He realized as a human, He represented that state of nothingness and no power that is why He says: "on my own I can do nothing". He however received that flash of light revealing that He was the son of the living God whose origin was in the blossom of the Father in the cloud. With this

revelation, Jesus began His ascent back into that glory cloud, and during His forty-two months of ministry, the inhabitants of the earth were beholding the appearing of the son of man in the clouds of glory. Through this appearing, the inhabitants of the world below were able to have a glimpse of the invisible God and His glorious kingdom revealed through the flesh of Jesus. This is what Paul calls the mystery of godliness [1 Timothy 3:16].

#### GLORIFY ME WITH THINE OWN SELF

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

The Father glorifies the son with His own self through the resurrection (awakening, ascension) from the earthly into the heavenly, the corruptible to the incorruptible, the mortal into the immortal, and the visible into the invisible. By virtue of His natural birth, Jesus partook of the lowly characteristics of the mortal man of this world, who in reality is dead asleep. A man is asleep when He consciously walks as a mortal in relation to the beggarly elements of this material world; He is deep asleep when he senses Himself to be something apart from the eternal Spirit of God which we call Christ (the glory cloud). When man comes back to his senses, He awakens from this deep sleep of death in what is termed the resurrection and rediscovers Himself in the glory of the Father. In this grand awakening He once more realizes that, "I and the Father are one". Along with the realization comes the abolition of death and its fruits of fear, sin consciousness and lack. As a man awakens, what men without behold is the coming of the son of man in the glory cloud of the Father (Christ), for Christ the eternal Spirit of God is our true life. Paul confirms this when he says:

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Today we who have ears to hear have the sole duty of embracing by faith this great salvation that the Spirit is revealing today, and confess like Jesus, "I go to the Father". If we understand this, we also know that we ought to walk the

same path that He walked, acting as witnesses of the truth while transcending the lower places of the earth and ascending into the very same glory cloud that Jesus ascended into, where we can consciously realize our oneness with the eternal Spirit. Herein lays our peace and total fulfillment forever.

This is the message that Paul was conveying to the Thessalonians.

1Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

That voice or trump of the archangel (messenger) is activated by the breath of God revealing the deep things of God. <u>Today</u>, if you can hear this message by the Spirit, you will know that it is the voice of the archangel and the trump of God streaming forth from the heart of God, to gather man out of the realm of the dead, back into that glory cloud of God where He can meet (unite) with the Lord in one. The lifting up is both present and continuous, meaning it is progressive in those who have ears to hear. You will notice that even though Jesus confessed that I and the Father are one, he still had to continue ascending till every trace of attachments to this outer world was totally dissolved.

### THE VISIONS OF DANIEL

Through the prophecies of Daniel, the Spirit confirms the marvelous work the Lord is accomplishing in our lives today. These prophetic texts have a striking resemblance with those in the book of revelation and just go to prove how unbreakable the word of God is. To think that Daniel was on the scene hundreds of years before the Apostle John who wrote the book of revelations, we see that the Spirit never changes; it always says the same thing.

Like the book of revelations, the book of Daniel is a prophetic book that deals solely with the end. We have defined Christ as the end; we who are gathered

unto that sacred name do stand in the end. All the signs seen in this book speak about the great unveiling of the offspring of God in us; there is absolutely no other thing to be heard or known for they all amount to nothingness. Jesus once said, seek first the kingdom of God and all other things will be added, for therein lies the dominion and the omnipotent power. Realizing the kingdom and the dominion comes hand in hand with the unveiling of the Christ within us, for the kingdom is His.

In the book of Daniels chapter seven, Daniel records a vision He saw showing the <u>four winds of heaven</u> blowing over the surface of the <u>great sea</u>, and while this happened <u>four creatures ascended</u> out of it. The first creature was like a lion with eagle wings, the second like a ferocious flesh eating bear with three ribs in its mouth, the third like a leopard with wings while the fourth was like a dreadful beast with ten horns of which three were replaced with a little horn with human eyes which was boasting. As Daniel beheld these beasts in their various manifestations, <u>he beheld thrones set in heaven followed by the judgment of these beasts</u> by the ancient of days and the <u>destruction by fire of the forth terrible beast</u> which spoke boastfully. Daniel also <u>saw dominion taken away from the other three beasts</u>, namely the lion, the bear and the leopard. After all these, Daniel saw something like <u>a human coming in the clouds and saw Him being presented to the ancient of days who gave Him all dominion, all glory and an eternal kingdom.</u>

When we read these things there is a tendency to think that these are some external signs that relate to countries, empires, kings or even political systems etc, but we are greatly mistaken. These visions all point to the workings of the eternal spirit in our lives this very moment. They speak of our awakening from the realm of the dead and our ascension back into Christ consciousness, for therein lies the will of God for our individual lives. The infinite and eternal mind of the living one is not aware of nations and entities upon the earth, because they are simply formations of the darkened minds of men. He is only aware of His offspring and His eternal invisible kingdom which we call the New Jerusalem. Let us not be distracted by concepts of men which try to relate these prophesies to nations and kingdoms upon the earth. We will soon discover that the visions were fulfilled in the life of Jesus, Paul, John etc, and are

being fulfilled in our lives today, but like Paul puts it, every man after His own order.

Due to the complexity of this prophetic revelation, I will try to simplify it by splitting this subject into several subsections, namely

THE GREAT SEA
THE FOUR WINDS OF HEAVEN
THE BEAST THAT ASCENDS OUT OF THE ABYSS
THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT
SUBDUEING BEAST THAT ASCENDS OUT OF THE DEEP
THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN IN THE CLOUDS

As we read them, bear in mind that all these are events that occur coherently, and continuously within us; they are not events which can be observed with the natural senses.

#### THE GREAT SEA

Daniel 7:2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

In trying to unravel the mystery of the great sea, we will go back to **Genesis 1:2**, which says darkness was over the face of the deep (the abyss). For those of us who are just bumping into this article, we should understand that the creation account as presented to us in the first books of Genesis, is pure allegorical, meaning it can only be interpreted spiritually. The writer of these first few chapters was writing things that are purely prophetic and Spiritual, very much like the book of Revelations which we know is a purely symbolic book. Who knows, the writer might have seen them in a vision or while in a trance like Daniel or John, but one thing is certain, they are authentic. These first chapters simply unveil the secrets of God in man.

In **Genesis 1:2** the bible says that darkness covered the face of the deep(the abyss). The word darkness translated from the original Hebrew texts means:

From <u>H2821</u>; the dark; hence (literally) darkness; figuratively misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness: - dark (-ness), night, obscurity.

This represents the world in which men of this age inhabit. We must see through the eyes of the Spirit that we all died the death of Adam and consequently plunged into the abyss of that great sea that Daniel saw. Adam is a parable that explains man's systematic descent into the abyss of the great sea through induced wisdom of this age. The sea (the world), represents the imaginary dimension of emptiness in which men inhabit. It is an ever sinking realm where men constantly drown into hell and destruction. We call it imaginary because it is purely a formation of the carnal mind (the serpent) and has no reality in it. In other words, the world which men formulate for themselves is nothing but an illusion which draws men into many foolish lusts and eventual destruction. This is the destination of all flesh (carnality) because it lives in relation to things that are not (LIES).

In His realm of wasting (the sea), man gropes in absolute darkness, so that He does not even know himself talk less of the brethren. He chases after vanities and suffers the torments of hell with its fruits of fear, unbelief and insatiability; He is blinded in his heart and consequently fails to see that His roots is in the eternal spirit of God and His Kingdom, an invisible eternal kingdom.

Remember Jonah who was cast into the belly of a whale in the depth of the sea:

Jonah 2:2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God. When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. But I will sacrifice

unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD. And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

That experience of Jonah is the experience of every man who lives in the mistaken identity of the flesh. The prophetic utterance in Jonah 2:2 compares the experience in the depths of the sea to that of hell, a realm privy of God's presence, where corruption and anguish reign. These verses further explain that the reason man finds Himself in the depths of the abyss is simply because He observes lying vanities. These lying vanities represent the carnal projections from the carnal mind with which man forms His world. The things in man's world might look beautiful and attractive for a season, but they are all illusory and momentary; they can in no way give man the desired satisfaction and peace.

Vanities upon vanities, is what King Solomon calls man's world, for he enters into darkness (the abyss) and departs from thence. He is troubled on every side with great tribulation and sorrow, because he chases mirages all the days of His life.

#### THE FOUR WINDS OF HEAVEN

The redemptive work of the Spirit is the lifting up of man out of the abyss of the great sea which he formulates for Himself by reason of the carnal mind, into the light where man can once more enjoy the beauty of boundless life of God. This is the reason why the four winds (the Spirit of God) blows over the great sea, stirring it up and causing the dead in the depths of the sea to come forth. The four winds meaning winds from all directions, represents a whirlwind stirring up the great sea; it is the Spirit of God going fourth to fetch man from the uttermost parts of the earth (the great deep). This thing is happening this very moment, and it is continuous. This is the same move of the Spirit of God over the face of the waters in **Genesis 1:2** to bring forth the true creation of God.

Jesus also spoke of these four winds (the whirlwind) that goes forth to gather the elect (sons of God) from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost parts of the heaven.

Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

The uttermost part of the earth, or the depths of the earth, is a pointer to the abyss of the great sea where men pine away in their transgression in Adam. On the other hand the uttermost part of heaven is a pointer to the highest peak of creation known as Zion, where the eternal glory of the living God resides. In reality they are gathered from the realm of the dead back into that glory cloud of God where they realize and manifest the omnipotent power of God before the nations.

When one reads the prophecies of the end in Matthew 24 and Mark 13, there is a tendency to think that these are events that will occur at some point in time in the future; this is wrong. These are events that are happening now, they were fulfilled in the lives of Jesus, Paul and many others in times past, and they will be fulfilled again and again. On the day of Pentecost, it is recorded that the Spirit of Christ descended from heaven with the sound of a mighty rushing wind and rested upon the disciples who were waiting on the Lord. This is the same wind that Daniel saw stirring up the great sea. After that experience at Pentecost, those disciples were never the same again; they began an upward ascension into the glory of God. If you read the writings of Peter, James, John, Jude etc, you will notice that a transformation had occurred in their lives, they had become spiritual. These once earthly minded and unbelieving disciples had become spiritual Fathers according to the celestial insight given to them from above. They were in the ascension (the resurrection); they were appearing as Christ in the glory cloud before the nations, that is why people who saw thought they were seeing Jesus of Nazareth.

We all must in accordance with the will of God be gathered in that cloud where we can retain the omnipotent power and glory that we lost in our Adam-like descent into the abyss of humanity. The duty of every man who hears truth is to ascend out of the abyss of the sea where there is no knowledge, by yielding to the Spirit of truth in this hour.

In giving us insight into the end, the twenty-first chapter of the book of revelations says there is no more sea in the new heavens and earth. This is the dimension for those who ascend in the clouds on the wings of the Spirit.

Revelations 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

These are those who have overcome the lies and vanities associated with human life in this age, and do live on account of the living one in an unchangeable realm where time is no more. Now we understand why Jesus walked on the sea; the Spirit was demonstrating that Jesus was not aware of the raging sea because in reality He walked in a dimension where there is no sea. He walked in relation to the invisible unchangeable presence which abides eternally.

Along with realizing this lofty Spiritual dimension in God comes the abolition of death and hell, for man awakens in the consciousness of the I, the Alpha and the Omega, who lives forever and inherits all things.

Revelations 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

This was the elevated consciousness Jesus walked in when he declared that all that the Father has is mine [John 16:15]; we must all attain to this consciousness, for therein lies the end of the matter.

#### THE BEAST THAT ASCENDS OUT OF THE DEEP

As the four winds of heaven stirred up the sea, Daniel saw four wild looking creatures ascending out of the sea:

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Daniel 7:4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. 5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. 6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. 7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. 8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

In reality, <u>these four creatures</u> that ascended out of the sea <u>represent one entity</u>. This is seen in the book of revelation chapter thirteen, where these four creatures appear as one entity, <u>a beast arising out of the sea</u>.

Revelations 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and <u>saw a beast rise up out of</u> <u>the sea</u>, having seven heads and <u>ten horns</u>, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto <u>a leopard</u>, and his feet were as the feet of <u>a bear</u>, and his mouth as the mouth of <u>a lion</u>: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 <u>And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.</u>

These may shock some of you out there, but take this; those wild and terrible looking creatures that ascend out of the sea, represent the debased and unregenerate state of man in the fall. This is the spiritual image in which we walked in the fallen Adam. The creatures represent the darkened state of

consciousness of those who walk in ignorance of the living one. In man's descent from the heights of glory, he actually puts on the image of that beast that ascends out of the sea. We can define the beast as a purely terrestrial creature that perceives things only naturally because it is carnal by nature; it has no spiritual light, whereas a son of God perceives things after the Spirit of God.

In Adam, man exchanges the glorious image of the invisible and incorruptible God which in reality he is, for that of the beast; He receives the imprints of the beast and therefore loses out on everything that is God. God never generated a terrestrial creature, rather when man is born into this world, being influenced by the wisdom of this age, he is conformed into a terrestrial creature governed by His carnal senses.

In this state man loses self control and is unable to control His members, He becomes a prisoner to the emotions and insatiable desires. Herein lays the reason why we see the beast-like manifestation in man. The flesh eating bear, the destructive lion, the spotted leopard and the boasting dragon-like creature all show us from the eyes of the Spirit, the murderous, blood thirsty, and stained (spotted) nature of the man who walks in the ignorance of the flesh.

That fourth dreaded beast with a little horn with eyes of a man (human understanding), reflects the boastful nature of the man of the flesh who tramples over anything that stands in his way and blasphemes against God, while claiming to be God. Some will call it the ego, others will call itself or the prince of this world; they all mean the same. This is also the man of sin that the revelation light of Christ is exposing today [2 Thessalonians 2:3].

So if you are spiritually alert you will never call any mortal man good, for all men have fallen short of the mark of perfection in Christ and do walk in the semblance of the abominable beast. Now we understand why Jesus called the Hebrews who persecuted Him children of their Father the devil, meaning they bore the name and imprints of the devil who like we know is the lair from the beginning. This implies that men of this age who walk after the flesh are simply a formation of lies, and we know that no liar has a part in God.

To enter into life every man must recognize this abominable beast and reject it. This is why Jesus uses the simply phrase: "You must deny yourself to have I, the true creature of God".

Matthew 10:38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not <u>worthy</u> of me. 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Self modeled after the flesh (human reasoning) is that beast that goes into destruction (To be explained shortly). This is the beast that man worships in ignorance while neglecting the creator. Remember the words of Paul:

**2Timothy 3:2**: "For men shall be lovers of <u>their own selves</u>, covetous, <u>boasters</u>, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God".

There is no point looking outwardly, you will know that it is the terrestrial nature of the unregenerate natural man whose ways are earthly and devilish [James 3:14-16].

Those who will escape the corruption in the abyss (the world) and reign in life are those who will overcome this abominable mark, image and its name (it's nature). It applies to all men because all men in this present world have these imprints of carnality in various degrees. This is the victory over the beast that the Lord Jesus has wrought for us, for He was revealed to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). Man's false terrestrial identity is the work of the devil which must be taken away for Him to see life.

**Revelations 15:2**, gives us a snapshot of those who have realized this great victory that The Lord wrought for us on the Cross, by destroying the devil.

Revelations 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

To still and walk upon the raging sea and to rediscover our angelic harps with songs of freedom and liberation we must receive the working of the cross in our lives by faith and confess Christ. No ravenous beast can stand in the place of life [Isaiah 35:9].

# THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT

After all these, Daniel also saw thrones being set for judgment and the ancient of days sitting to administer Judgment. He also saw a stream of fire flowing from His presence while thousands ministered unto Him.

Daniel 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. 11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. 12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

As the Spirit stirs up the great sea, it literally summons the dead before the great judgment seat of Christ. It does not matter whether you have a flesh body or not, because every man must appear before that invisible throne [2Corinthians 5:9 -11]. You will notice that this is similar to the great white throne judgment in the book of Revelation chapter 20, when the dead who inhabit the depth of the sea, which is equally the realm of hell and death, are brought before the throne of God to be judged according to their deeds.

Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave

up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

We appear before the judgment seat as we hear the words of truth revealing that which has been hidden from man in His descent into the abyss of hell and death. Once a man hears the voice of truth streaming from the Father or sees the glory of the invisible God manifested through those who are gathered unto the name of the Lord, His sole duty is to align Himself with the truth and thereby enter into His rest. The will of the Father is that all men perceive the truth, which is the Spiritual image of Christ and return back to it from the abyss of humanity, for this reason the voice from heaven says: "HEAR HIM". If a man hears the voice of truth and rebels against it by refusing to humbly receive instruction and conform Himself back to Christ, he will never find rest for his soul as long as He continues in that rebellion [Romans 2:3-11].

Jesus said: "if any man sees Him, he actually sees the one that sent me, and He further says that, He judges no man, but rather his words, which are the words of Him that sent him, will judge Him on the last day.

John 12:45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. 46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Who is the one that we see through Jesus? Whose voice do we hear through Jesus? It is the same Ancient of days, that Daniel saw sitting on the throne of judgment. Today the world sees Jesus through the Church, His body. All this means that the invisible presence of God is unveiled and his words heard through those who are gathered unto the name of Christ. Those gathered unto the name of the Lord, are the myriads of saints Daniel saw ministering to the Ancient of days. These saints collectively manifest the Ancients of days (The Alpha and the Omega) unto the world. What Daniel saw is a purely allegorical

view of our eternal gathering in Christ, for the myriads who minister unto the ancient of days are one with Him; they are one Spirit with the Lord. If you see any one of these saints you are literally beholding the image of true invisible living one. Paul, Peter and many others saints are in that number; today we who hearken to truth, and align ourselves with the Lord and His eternal purposes, are in that number.

These saints gathered unto the ancient of days are the ones, Enoch prophesied about many years before Daniel came on the scene:

Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. 16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

If you examine the letter of Jude closely, you will notice He mentions mouths that speak swelling words. This reminds us of the forth dreadful creature that immerged out of the sea with the little horn that spoke boastfully. It is simply a picture of egoistic mortal man who walks in the vanity of His mind, while claiming to be God. So you see, judgment is upon all flesh.

It is not that God seeks to punish or torment anyone, but the reality of His perfect glory made manifest before the face of men, brings conviction of sin and torment to those who cling to the lie. Everyman who hears the voice of truth must align Himself with truth and live, otherwise He suffers the torments and conviction of sin reserved for the ungodly. One may ask, what is this truth? Truth is spirit and spirit is truth, meaning all men must be conformed to Spirit for spirit is our life. Spirit is flawless perfection, with unhindered access to the Father. To escape the eternal judgment we must put on Christ by exercising ourselves in the word of His love so that we can stand in the day of judgment [1 John 4:17].

So the judgment seat of Christ is made manifest by the unveiling of the invisible things of God before all men who inhabit the abyss of the great sea. It is a present reality and we are admonished to submit ourselves to the truth as we hear it, for we can only be for the truth and not against it. We should not be like those who hear these words and know in their heart that it is the word of the Lord and seek to get away from His presence, because you will only discover that there is no hiding place from God. All men must come out of their dark dens (human systems and beliefs) where they once lived in relation to the lie and present themselves to the creator.

Revelations 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Jesus says the hour is coming (present and continuous) when through buried in the darkness of the great abyss (the graves) will hear the voice of the son of man and come forth into the great judgment of God.

John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

In the resurrection that which is damned and goes into destruction is flesh (the serpent mind), which goes hand in hand with the false terrestrial identity of man. This is the beast which is slain by the sword of the Spirit and dissolved in the fire of God. The consuming fire of God's invisible presence dissolves the beast and the realm of the beast so that what remains is the true creature of God which we know is pure Spirit. This is absolutely necessary if we are to be partakers of His eternal kingdom, for flesh and blood can by no means enter into life.

We all pass through the fire to certain degrees, but the Lord promises those who remain faith unto the death of our Lord Jesus, that they will not be hurt by the lake of fire, which is also called the second death [Revelations 2:10-11]. The lake of fire consumes only that which is flesh. To be liberated from the man of sin (the flesh), along with it many sentimental attachments to this material plane, we must submit ourselves to the truth and allow it consume every trace of carnality in us.

#### SUBDUING THE BEASTS THAT ASCENDS OUT OF THE DEEP

Daniel 7:12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

After the dreaded creature (self after the flesh) which blasphemed against God was slain and its body destroyed, Daniel saw dominion taken away from the other three beasts, which are the lion with eagle wings, the leopard with fowl wings and the flesh eating bear. These beasts represent the inner components within man which were originally designed to be under subjection to the true inner man (the spirit).

In the creation account of man in Genesis 1:26.... Which we have established is purely allegorical; God said let them have dominion over the every animal that moves on the face of the earth. The Spirit was really referring to the inner components of man. You can call them the desires, the will, the thoughts, emotions, consciousness etc. In man's descent, He loses dominion over these beasts, and these components within man become uncontrollable. In this state, man finds Himself a slave to the dictates of His unbraided desires and lusts because they rule over Him.

Ask a man if He likes to sin, He will tell you, No, but He cannot help himself. I personally do not know of any man who likes to sin, they might pretend to like it, but deep within them there is a groaning for freedom from that sinful nature. Jesus once said that whosoever commits sin is a servant of sin, but He is here to set us free [John 6:34-36]. The redemptive work of God is to bring these components back under the subjection of Christ (the Spirit or inner man), that is

why Daniel saw their dominion taken away [Daniel 7:12]. The memberS within a man must all submit to the Christ within, bringing an end to unbraided lusts, greediness, emotional turmoil etc. When the desires, the will, the emotion and everything in man is subject to the Spirit, the power of lust is broken and man experiences true liberty in the Spirit, far from the diabolical sensation of being a sinner.

Isaiah 11 gives a picture of these subdued creatures as they become tamed and harmonized with the Spirit of God. For the breath of God (the Spirit) slays the wicked one (the man of the flesh) and brings about a spectacular sign for the ages.

Isaiah 11:4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 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. 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.

The wild destructive lion becomes like an ox, the flesh eating bear like a cow, the leopard like a kid, meaning all violence and unbraided lusts in man are no more. The knowledge of the Lord now becomes as the water covers the seas; this depicts the ascended state of man into a consciousness that beholds things only with the eyes of the Spirit. In this ascended state all that exists is the glory of God; it is an unchangeable realm, where stillness and peace abounds in a manner that surpasses the knowledge of man. In this consciousness, fear, anxiety, sense of lack etc all seize, because man has His being in the living God. This is the sign in the redeemed of God among the gentiles to see and believe.

In the ascension out of the great sea of humanity, the workings of God by the Spirit is to illuminate the eyes of our understanding so that we no long work in the vanity of our minds, but rather we can behold the one that lives and live on account of Him. As man puts on the mind of the Spirit, those wild looking creatures are translated so that they can consciously become aware of the marvelous invisible presence of the living God. In this consciousness every component in man becomes subject to God and lives on account of God.

This was what the Apostle John saw in Revelation 4, as He was taken through a door into heaven to see things to come. These are things being fulfilled in the lives of those who are redeemed from the depths of the great sea.

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

The beasts that once operated in the dark abyss of the great sea now have eyes all over them. This means that the desires, the will, the emotions, he mind and everything within man being now fully illumed is now in perfect alignment with the one that sits on the throne, and do serve Him and honor Him day and night. Beholding anything apart from Him that sits on the throne, amounts to beholding idols and vanity. Man is a slave to corruption when He lives in relation to anything other than that eternal Spirit which sits on that throne. For this reason, Jesus says, let your eyes be single and you body will be filled with the light of life. Let the eyes see the one who inhabits eternity and live in relation to it, for that is the only life that there is.

#### THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN IN THE HEAVENS

Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

From the preceding sections, we can tell that there is a continuous progress upwards into that impeccable glory of the Father. All the signs we just read about occur coherently within us both individually and corporately. The ascension of the abominable creature from abyss, the annihilation of the terrible boastful creature, and the subduing of the beasts, are all allegorical activities within us as the true creature of God is unveiled. The true creature is the son of God, who like we see in <u>Genesis 1:26</u>, possesses the dominion and the glory of the living God. Christ like we know represents that man for he is the image of the invisible and incorruptible God. This represents the true state of everyman from the beginning and the beginning is the end for everyman.

Man finds himself in tribulation, privy of that glory and power of the Father simply because He falls short of that glory in His conformation to this world. God never strips man of that absolute dominion, but rather man strays away from it, at times ignorantly. In other words all men have descended from that purely celestial image of the living God and put on the image of the terrestrial man whom like we have seen is likened to a beast which inhabits a dimension of nothingness (the deep), where there is absolutely no knowledge.

The good news is that, in as much as we have all borne the image of the terrestrial (the beast), we shall also bear the image of the heavenly which is the Lord from heaven. The end of the beast is here, it was destroyed on the cross and we are experiencing it's dissolution by the brightness of His coming or His unveiling within us. The inner eyes of our understanding is being illumed once more so that we can once more know ourselves the way we are known of God and perceive that real world which is in nested in the living God. No more do

we walk in the vanity of the carnal mind like in the days of old, but we now walk in the unity of the Spirit of the Ancient of days who fills all in all. The ancient of days is without beginning or end; this is a spiritual view of the Father of all Spirits. If any man does not behold Him that sits on the throne, he is in the depths of the sea beholding nothing but vanity.

The glory cloud in which Daniel saw the son of man is the glory of God which man loses in Adam. In reality this is our true covering from the beginning before we began to feel the shame of our nakedness and unworthiness in Adam. That lost kingdom, the glory and the power is restored to man today in all its totality as He resurrects out of the Abyss of nothingness. For this reason we pray: "Thine kingdom come.....for thine is the kingdom, the glory and the power forever". We also know that everything that is the Father's, is equally the son's, so ascending in Christ consciousness causes us man to once more rediscover the dominion, the glory and the kingdom.

In mans ascent back into the glory cloud the eyes of His inner understanding is continuously illumined and the attachments to the flesh destroyed by the brightness of the revelation of Christ. Flesh and blood is that which formulates the image of the beast which goes into destruction at the brightness of the coming or unveiling of the Christ in us. Every faculty within us has to be subjected to Spirit (Christ), for Spirit is our true life. In so doing God becomes all in all and we know in Him there is no death; herein lies the end of the faith.

1Corinthians 15:24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

For this reason, Daniel saw the son of man (You and I) being presented to Ancient of days, meaning the son is absorbed back into the Godhead. In reality

He was never separated from the Godhead, but in little moment He was engulfed in gross darkness and lost all trace of reality. Herein lies the wonders of wonders that we all originated from that eternal Spirit without beginning or end, and by whom all things consist. This is the gospel that the Spirit has handed over to man right from the days of Abraham, when He says I am your exceeding great reward and I will make you Father of many nations. For there is only one Father, and there is only one living one, this is the one that appears as the ancient of days. So you see our crown of life is the Father.

The son of man which Daniel saw in the book of Daniel chapter 7:39 coming in the clouds of heaven is a snapshot of our true immaculate individual selves in the ascension back into the glory of the Father, who appears as the Ancient of days. This is exactly what Jesus meant when he said I ascend to my Father and your Father my God and your God for we must all follow that same ascension pattern of Christ.

Our true origin is in the ancient of days in a dimension of pure light that spans eternity which is also likened to the new Jerusalem. This is the true eternal life that Jesus came to reveal to the world. In our dark hour, we descended into the depths of nothingness known as the great sea, and became prisoners of corruption and vanity and lost out on that true boundless infinite life of God. The grace of God has appeared from heaven, illuminating us with celestial understanding and causing us to escape the wasting in the abyss (the world) and to enter in and possess the spiritual Kingdom and the impeccable glory of God forever.

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