

## UNDERSTANDING HIDDEN MANNA (Prophetic types and shadows explained)

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The Bible is a wonderful treasure of wisdom and knowledge covering the entire spectrum of human existence.

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All truth about God, the church, nations, natural and scientific knowledge and every individual human life is contained in the Bible.

**John 17:17 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. (KJV)**

However all this truth is hidden in the Bible by symbolic language which only the Holy Spirit, the author of the Bible, can help us to correctly interpret in every particular situation and circumstance. The written Word reveals the living Word: The Lord Jesus Christ.

**John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. (KJV)**

**John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (KJV)**

**2 Tim 3:16 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable... (KJV)**

**2 Pet 1:19-21 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (KJV)**

Inside this written Word, that reveals the living Word, are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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The Bible does not exaggerate: if it says *all* the treasures of wisdom are *hid* in it then it is so. Notice these treasures are there but they are hidden. In the same way God's plan for every individual life is hidden in the Bible:

**Col 3:3 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. (KJV)**

**Rev 22:19 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (KJV)**

Since this truth is hidden it is only the Holy Spirit that can guide us into this type of truth. Without the Holy Spirit we can easily get 'lost', so to speak, in the 'maze' of the Word and be deceived or misled by our flesh or the devil into misinterpreting or misapplying the hidden truth in the written Word. The Holy Spirit guides us into all this hidden truth in the written Word by interpreting spiritual truth with symbolic spiritual language.

**John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (KJV)**

**1 Cor 2:13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. (NIV).**

All these hidden truths were all things to come in the future when men inspired by the Holy Spirit were writing the Bible. All these things to come are hidden in types and shadows in the written Word; the Holy Spirit shows or reveals these things to us by helping us to understand these hidden truths, types and shadows or what the Bible also calls hidden manna.

**Heb 10:1 1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. (KJV)**

**John 16:13 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (KJV)**

**Rev 2:17 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. (KJV)**

In these articles on hidden manna we will be learning the principles of interpreting hidden manna and looking at various practical examples on a regular basis.

### **UNDERSTANDING ZION IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup>. DAY**

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Zion in this third day refers symbolically to the perfect Church: The Church that has its leadership in manifesting perfection with a fully submitted followership that are walking after the example of their leaders.

**Ps 50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. (KJV)**

**Heb 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. (KJV)**

**Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. (KJV)**

The whole Church is referred to as Israel.

**Gal 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. (KJV)**

**Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. (KJV)**

**Gal 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (KJV)**

Now the whole Church is the house of God in which there are various kinds of vessels: gold, silver, wood and earth. Jesus said the same thing in another way: some 30, some 60 and some 100-fold.

2 Tim 2:20 **But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. (KJV)**

Mark 4:20 **And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirty fold, some sixty, and some an hundred. (KJV)**

Now the whole Church is symbolically referred to as Israel; the 60-fold or silver Church is referred to as Jerusalem and the 100-fold or gold Church is referred to as Zion.

**Psa 14:7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. (KJV)**

**Joel 3:16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. (KJV)**

**Heb 12:22-23 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, (KJV)**

Observe that the whole Church is the general assembly, referred to as Israel; Jerusalem is in Israel and Zion is in Jerusalem.

God's purpose for us as Christians is to progress from Israel: just being born-again, to Jerusalem: being filled with the Holy Spirit and regularly receiving revelation knowledge and hidden wisdom from the Holy Spirit and finally to Zion: experiencing dominion, cleansing, manifesting and ultimately permanent perfection.

#### **AFTER 2 DAYS**

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**Hosea 6:2-3 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.** Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.(KJV)

After 2 days? What is the present truth of this statement?

We need to understand that one day here refers to a thousand years so after 2 days means after two-thousand years from the birth of Christ.

2 Pet 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that **one day is** with the Lord **as a thousand years**, and a thousand years as one day. (KJV)

Secular history reveals that Christ was born about 4 B.C. so after 2 days would have started about 1995/6. What is the difference between the third day and after 2 days? On the surface they seem to be the same. However when you consider a natural 24 hour day the difference becomes clear: After 2 days refers to any time after midnight while the 3<sup>rd</sup>. day refers to the dawning of the new day usually after 6.00 a.m. in the morning. It is with this subtle but profound understanding of a natural day that we can understand where the church is presently on God's time-table and what the Spirit is currently saying to the Church.

**Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his (KJV)**

**Rev 2:29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (KJV)**

If 1995/6 was the midnight hour between the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. millennium and the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. millennium from Christ then what is the time now in the year 2001? By divine revelation we take 1 year to represent 1 hour during the transition years from 2<sup>nd</sup>. millennium to the 3<sup>rd</sup>. millennium: about 1990-2000. This interpretation will no longer be valid after the new day has dawned: after about 2002-2003 A.D. In the Word of God we find God taking a day to represent a year or a week to represent a year or a day to represent a millennium.

**Num 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. (KJV)**

2 Pet 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (KJV)

**Luke 13:32 And he said unto 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 shall be perfected. (KJV)**

**Dan 9:24-27 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. (KJV)**

**Rev 9:15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. (KJV)**

So we see that now in early 2001 A.D. we will be about 5.30 A.M.: just before dawn it is still dark but the perfect or Zion church is about to arise and shine. This truth is typified in the story of Ruth and Boaz. Ruth represents the perfect Church and Boaz represents the Lord Jesus Christ who eventually marries Ruth. In Ruth 3: 7, 14 we see what Ruth does between midnight and the dawning of the day:

**Ruth 3:7-8 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down. And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. (KJV)**

**Ruth 3:14 And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor. (KJV)**

So right now the Church going into perfection should be lying at Jesus' feet: uncovering His feet, which is symbolic of His walk:

**I Jn 2:5-6 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. (KJV)**

Just before dawn, which really is, any time now, the perfect Church will arise and shine with the glory of God with miracles, signs and wonders.

**Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. (KJV)**

**John 2:11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. (KJV)**

### **UNDERSTANDING BABYLON IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup>. DAY**

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#### **The Spirit of Babylon**

Babylon in this third day refers symbolically to the Church that is in captivity to carnal Christianity and spiritual immaturity. The spirit of Babylon is symbolically depicted in Revelation 17 and 18 as a harlot that causes men to commit fornication both spiritual and physical but primarily spiritual:

**Rev 17:1-5 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.**

**So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (KJV)**

#### **Spiritual Fornication and Adultery in the Church today**

Now spiritual fornication or adultery is described as friendship with the world, which is described as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life:

**James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (KJV)**

**I Jn 2:15-16 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (KJV)**

The lust of the flesh refers to an inordinate love for physical indulgences like eating, sleeping and of course sex. The lust of the eyes refers to an inordinate love for material things. The pride of life is an inordinate love for human recognition, ambition and position. These lusts make up the world and any Christian who loves the world is controlled by the spirit of Babylon. The pride of life: love for human recognition and position, is the reason for so much competition for positions and so much title totting in the Church today. Everywhere you go you hear of Bishop this, Apostle this, Prophet this etc. This was exactly what Jesus condemned in the Pharisees, which represent the present day leaders of the Church in Babylon:

**Matt 23:5-7 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. (KJV)**

An inordinate love for something is a desire that makes you neglect your fellowship with God, in prayer and in the word.

**Col 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: (KJV)**

#### **Operation of the spirit of Babylon in the church today**

The influence of the spirit of Babylon is prevalent and widespread in the Church today and many Christians are ignorant of its operation in their lives. Many Christians do not realize that spiritual forces are behind the natural desires of the flesh and the mind causing them to become inordinate to the point they very subtly steal the time and energy we should spend with and for God:

**Eph 2:2-3 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. (KJV)**

This spirit is released in the preaching and teaching of many genuinely born-again and spirit-filled ministers of the gospel who either deliberately or unconsciously emphasize only material, physical and financial blessings in their ministry and omit the weightier matters of the Word: **judgement, mercy**, which give **the fear of the Lord** and **faith** for the salvation of our souls which will produce **perfection** and **spiritual maturity**.

**1 Pet 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. (KJV)**

**Matt 23:23** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. (KJV)

Jesus tells us here not to neglect teaching on giving of tithes and offerings and material and financial prosperity; but we should not overemphasize them to the omission of the weightier matters of the law: judgment, mercy and faith. These are more important than material blessings. Satan through the spirit of Babylon has deceived the majority of the Church, by this subtle error of overemphasis on material blessings and omission of teaching on the fear of the Lord and faith for perfection and maturity, to keep the Church in captivity to carnal Christianity.

#### **Leave Babylon and return to Jerusalem and Zion**

The nation of Israel was carried into captivity in natural Babylon. In Babylon they were in captivity but not in bondage as they were in Egypt. In Babylon they were comfortable materially and financially though they were in captivity. Similarly today the church is financially and materially comfortable in spiritual Babylon. When God told the children of Israel that they could leave Babylon and return to Zion most of them did not because they were comfortable in Babylon. Similarly today the majority of the Church do not want to leave Babylon and go up to Zion: they are materially and financially comfortable in Babylon and do not desire to make the necessary spiritual sacrifice and discipline it will take to leave Babylon and go to Zion.

They do not care that the material things they love in Babylon are choking the word in their lives keeping them in captivity to carnal Christianity and spiritual immaturity sending leanness to their souls:

**Mark 4:19** And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. (KJV)

**Ps 106:15** And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul. (KJV)

However God is about to bring judgment to the Church in spiritual Babylon and is now commanding His people to leave Babylon and go up to Jerusalem and Zion to build the temple of God: the third day perfect Church:

**Rev 18:2-4** And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. (KJV)

Ezra

1:1-3

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. (KJV)

**Isa 2:2-3** And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, & we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (KJV)

#### **Cooperating With Angels (week 9, 2003)**

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Angels are ministering spirits who have created and assigned by God to minister or serve those of us that are heirs of salvation.

Heb 1:13-14 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? (KJV)

We need angels because they are the intermediaries between the spiritual and the physical realms: they can operate both in physical and spiritual realms. They are God's agents that are used to bring into physical manifestation the will of God through the prayers and the words of God's people on the earth.

**Ps 103:20** Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. (KJV)

This is where cooperating with our angels becomes critical: our angels operate through our prayers and the words we speak. Speaking words of doubt, fear and strife hinders the operation of our angels, while speaking words of faith, encouragement and love fuels their effective operation. In fact, the Bible says that we should be careful of the words we speak because they affect our angels either positively or negatively and determine how effectively they bring into physical manifestation the will of God for our lives.

**Eccl 5:6** Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? (KJV)

**Exod 23:20-23** Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the land of the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off. (KJV)

So we should be diligent in the place of prayer and be watchful of the words we speak so we can fully cooperate with the angels who have been given charge over us to bring our inheritance into physical manifestation.