

A DOOR IS OPEN



*“After these things I
looked, and behold, a door
open in heaven.....” Rev 4:1*

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THE CLOUD OF GLORY

There are many mentions of the Cloud in the Scriptures

- We want to understand and enter in to the tangible Presence of Almighty God as we see in the Word and believe what it says
- In Argentina in the 1970s there were experiences of the Cloud in that great revival – visitations from angels, an amazing outbreak of signs, wonders and miracles
- We need to have faith to enter in – have eyes of faith to see the open revelation that is in the Word of God

The Cloud is the Cloud of Glory

- God, Yahweh, manifested in the cloud
- Moses entered the Cloud
- Awesome things transpired when the Cloud manifested among Israel, or came down on the mountain and Moses was called up into the cloud

The Cloud in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

- Jesus will descend from heaven with the dead in Christ who are coming to receive their resurrection bodies
 - We who are alive and remain will be **caught up together with them in the Cloud** – 'in the Cloud'!
 - To meet the Lord in the air [what we breathe on the earth]
 - Our destiny is to be caught up in the cloud with those who are being resurrected in Christ
 - Even as Jesus put on a glorified body, so this is also a major part of our hope, being clothed in the glory of God, living on into eternity with our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ
- The Cloud is the Presence of God manifesting
- A voice came out of the Cloud

We want to see the outworking of the Cloud from the Old Testament and the fulfillment of the Cloud in the New Testament

A reference to the Cloud in the New Testament

Matthew 3:16-17

- When Jesus came up from waters of baptism, the heavens opened (could have been the cloud)
- The Spirit of God came upon Him
- A Voice spoke – possibly out of the Cloud
- The Voice declared Jesus as the Son, the Beloved

When the Cloud came down in the Old Testament, nations were dealt with

- The Cloud delivered Israel out of Egypt – **Exodus 14-15**
- The Cloud moved from being in front of the people of God and went behind them and became a wall of fire – to protect them from the Egyptians – the enemy could not penetrate
- When God came down in the cloud, individuals who were causing problems and troubles were dealt with – even Miriam and Aaron were dealt with when they were jealous of Moses
- Even family problems God will come to deal with in the Cloud
- The Cloud led Israel, always guiding them in the journeys

A Question: Is the Holy Spirit the Cloud? There are many crossovers

First mention of the Cloud

Genesis 9:13 - After the flood

- God set His bow in the Cloud
- It is a sign between God and the earth of His covenant
- Every time we see a Cloud and the Bow it is a sign of God's covenant

The Cloud and the Angel of God

Exodus 14:19

- There is a close association between the Angel of God and the pillar of Cloud
- The Pillar of Cloud went to stand behind the people
- It was not a blank cloud – it seems like it is also called the Angel of God
- The Angel of God is equal to the Cloud

The glory of Yahweh appeared in the Cloud

Exodus 16:10

- This happened in the wilderness
- Even if we are in a wilderness place, we should look up to the Cloud and see His Glory in the Cloud

How is the glory described in the New Testament?

- **Colossians 1:27** - Christ in you, the hope of glory
- **2 Corinthians 4:6** - We see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ
- **2 Corinthians 5:19** - God was in Christ

YAHWEH comes in the 'thick cloud'

Exodus 19:9

- Yahweh comes to Moses in the thick cloud
- The Cloud can come in degrees of intensity
- When we really need to hear from God He will come in a "thick cloud"
- You will not mistake Him from someone else, you will not miss Him
- The people realised that it was God speaking

YAHWEH spoke from the 'thick cloud'

Exodus 20 – the giving of the Ten Commandments

- God is appearing in the "thick cloud"
- There was something important to say to the people of God
- He got their attention
- Through Moses He released His law Word
- The voice of God spoke to Moses in a thick cloud – because of the importance and intensity of what God wanted to say
- Moses was releasing into the earth the law Word of God, of how we as human beings should live – nothing like it had ever been spoken before

Comments on Revivals

- o Early in 1900s the Pentecostal revival broke out in USA
- o Many gathered to wait on God and wait for the Holy Spirit to manifest Himself
- o God released things in this revival that are still breaking new ground in the nations and are continuing
- o It was not the end of all revivals, but the beginning of the end of all revivals
- o God would release His Presence on those waiting
- o There are New Testament manifestations of the Holy Spirit
- o The Angel of God manifests in the New Testament – the Lord Jesus Christ
- o The gospel is to be preached to every creature on the earth
- o We are ministers of the gospel of the kingdom of God – the kingdom manifesting on the earth, affecting nations, disciplining leaders of nations

YAHWEH came down upon the mountain

Exodus 19

- Yahweh descended upon the mountain in fire
- Smoke ascended as a furnace and the whole mountain quaked greatly
- Blast of the trumpet – long
- Yahweh came down on Mt Sinai, on top of the mountain
- Moses went up, ascended

There was a manifestation of God's presence

Exodus 20:18

- The people saw the manifestation and they trembled and stood afar off, thinking they would die
- God wanted them to fear Him so they would not sin

To enter God's presence, we need the sprinkling of blood

Exodus 24

- God allowed the elders of Israel to go up on the mountain and they saw God
- Before they went up Moses had spoken to them all the words that God had given him to that time
- This was the setting in place of the Old Covenant, the Covenant of Law between God and Israel

- The shedding and sprinkling of blood on the people of God, the altar and the Book
- Then the elders were invited to come up and see Him
- Why did they not die? They had a blood covering and a Word covering
- They had heard the Word, they agreed with it, and they were sprinkled with Blood (**Heb.12:24, 1 Pet.1:2**)
- To really hear from God, we need to be sprinkled with the Blood
- When we receive Jesus and are forgiven of our sins then we can ascend His Holy Mountain
- When any human being comes to the place of believing the Word and being born again of the Spirit of God, having our sins washed away by the Blood of Christ, we can ascend God's Holy Mountain
- They saw the God of Israel, they saw into the realm of Heaven, they saw into the realm of Glory
- We see Jesus and we enter that realm

The Cloud of God is the place of His Glory

Exodus 24:15

- Moses went up into the mountain and a cloud covered the mountain
- God is wanting to give us a hunger and a desire to go up on the mountain
- This went on for 6 days and on the 7th day God called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud
- **v.17** – the sight of the glory of Yahweh was like a consuming fire on top of the mountain in the sight of the children of Israel
- the Cloud of God is the resting place of His glory
- when the Cloud manifests the glory manifests – the Glory – the manifest Presence of Almighty God
- the "glory" in Hebrew *chabod* – weightiness, heaviness, sometimes you cannot stand; we can have a growing hunger to want to explore the glory

The Day of Pentecost - Acts 2:2

- Sound from heaven; like a mighty rushing wind
- This sound filled the whole house where they were sitting
- Divided tongues as of fire was over each one's head
- They were **all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues
- Then they spilled out into the streets – it was only 9am
- The disciples seemed to be drunk and some thought they were gabbling nonsense but when they listened, they were hearing the gospel in their own dialect – 16 different languages
- What an awesome visitation – but more than visitation – an outpouring
- The outpouring was so strong, with a tangible Presence in the midst, that it electrified the whole city and 3000 were saved, believed in Jesus Christ and were baptised in water, confessing Jesus the Christ, remitted of sins and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit

**The Day of Pentecost was an outpouring of all that we
saw of the Cloud in the Old Testament**

Peter was not preaching for salvation, he preached Jesus the Christ to them, that He was raised from the dead, ascended to Father in heaven, and that He received from the Father the Promise of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Himself poured out the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost

- Is Jesus the awesome Angel of God, Messenger of God?

Moses asks to see God's glory

Exodus 33 - Moses is having deep conversations

- Moses knew it was about time to move on
- **v.14** – My Presence will go with you and I will give you rest
- Moses was not quite convinced
- Moses said that if God's Presence did not go with them, he did not want to move
- Moses had been in that manifest Presence for forty days
- the people were vexed by the Presence and even got into idolatry at the bottom of the mountain
- **v.18** – Moses said to God to "show me Your glory"

YAHWEH revealed Himself in the Cloud

Exodus 34:5

- Yahweh descended in the cloud and stood with Moses there
- God is always willing to visit any one of us
- God knows when any one of us gets into trouble and He is willing to come and help
- Yahweh proclaimed the name of Yahweh
- The revelation of the name has become so important to us
- From the first season of God bringing us into apostolic revelation in 1998, the first discipleship class was looking at the names of God, exalting the name of Jesus, understanding the root meaning of the Word

Christ Jesus – being in the form of God

Philippians 2:5-11 - We are to have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus

- Christ comes from eternity; He was in the form of God before He manifested as a Man; He existed as God
- It was not robbery to be equal with, or one with, God
- He made Himself of no reputation, He took on the form of a Bondservant
- He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, death on the Cross
- How different is this to God coming down in the Cloud? Now God is coming in the form of a Man, in appearance as a Man
- Then He died on the Cross – this is as low as He could get, to die on a cross like a criminal
- The result = therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name above every name
- Now Jesus the Messiah has complete authority, is Lord

YAHWEH is a Jealous God - Exodus 34:13-14

- You shall destroy their altars, break their pillars, cut down their wooden images

- For you shall worship no other god, for Yahweh, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God

The Cloud and the Glory

Exodus 40

- Moses had been ordered by God to build the Tabernacle
- It was more than a physical Tabernacle, it was setting the people of God in order, in position
- The way the people were positioned if you saw it from a bird's eye view, was in the shape of a Cross
- Moses was disciplining the people and the artisans were building the Tabernacle
- God wanted a sanctuary among His people to live with them (**Ex.25:8-9**)
- By chapter 40, Moses has finished building the Tabernacle
- The Cloud came and the Tabernacle was filled with the glory (**Ex.40:34-35**)
- The Presence was so strong in the Tabernacle that the glory filled the house
- The effect of the Cloud is the glory
- Cloud by day and by night it became a fire

Romans 8:14 - Them that are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God, led by the cloud

A Cloud of Incense - Leviticus 16:12-13

- Aaron had to prepare to go in the Holy of Holies
- The Cloud of Incense may cover the mercy seat
- God provided a way for Aaron to enter the Holy of Holies
- He had to be totally covered
- The only way to cover him fully was to have incense and coals with him
- The smoke of the incense was to totally cover the mercy seat
- This is pictured for us in the Book of Revelation where it tells us that the incense is the "prayers of the saints" (**Rev.5:8, 8:3**).

Incense represents prayer - Revelation 5:8

- Golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints
- **Revelation 8:3** - offered incense with the prayers of the saints upon the golden altar before the Throne
- **v.4** – prayers of the saints ascended before God
- **v.5** – then prayers were answered

The Cloud in the New Testament

A voice spoke out of the cloud - Matthew 17:5

- A bright cloud overshadowed them
- A voice came out of the cloud, "This is My Son, the Beloved"

➤ What is this cloud? Sounds like the same cloud in the Old Testament

Caught up in the clouds - 1 Thessalonians 4:17

- We are caught up in the cloud to meet the Lord in the air
- **v.15 & 16** – the Lord is coming and will descend from heaven
- He is descending and we will meet Him in the air

A cloud of witnesses - Hebrews 12:1

- A great cloud of witnesses
- Jesus is coming with a cloud of witnesses – the dead in Christ and those who are alive on the earth when Jesus comes
- This cloud could be the assembling of all the saints to be with Jesus forever

Is the Holy Spirit the Cloud?

THE DOOR IS OPEN

This a word of proclamation

Revelation 4:1-2 – we need to get a revelation of the open door.

- God is unfolding the revelation of the book of revelation
- Of God's eternal purpose and the revelation of it
- **Chap. 4** is in the context of following **chapters 2&3** – where there are promises to the overcomers
- The churches are in the Holy Place

There is an open door to the overcomers - Rev.4:1

- The church is in an overcoming place, and now John sees a door open in heaven
- Every promise to the churches in Revelation is relevant to the church today – the same way is needed for us to overcome
- To the people who repent and overcome there is a door open in heaven
- John heard a voice like a trumpet – a proclaiming, an invitation, a call to 'come up here' – come through the door
- It is time to enter the Holy of Holies, come out of Pentecost into Tabernacles, from the lampstand to the throne
- "I will show you things which will take place" – the plan of how I am bringing to pass what I doing in the earth. A new thing is coming forth in the earth.
- When you go through the door open in heaven you begin to see the mysteries of God, and of His eternal plans

The Door into 'Heaven' is open

Heb.4:14-16 - We have a 'great High Priest' who has passed through the heavens

- Jesus is the only one who has done that
- Jesus completed the work of redemption by taking His blood in heave and placing it on the Mercy Seat in heaven above
- Jesus finished the work of the great High Priest, He cleansed the heavens, and therefore the door is opened
- The door remains open – the veil was torn in two, the way is open; you can now come to God, you can now approach God.
- There is now no blockage to stop us coming to God – because Jesus has passed through the heavens, and the 'door is open', we have direct access, because of the blood

We can enter boldly

Heb.4:15-16 – The great High Priest can sympathize with our weaknesses

- We can come boldly, confidently to the throne of grace
- John saw a throne in heaven, He saw a sacrificial Lamb on the throne
- A throne for us of grace and mercy, not a throne of judgement
- We can come boldly

A Spiritual Door into a realm of revelation

Rev.4:2 – when we enter boldly, we come into a realm of revelation

- It is a spiritual door; it is in the Spirit!
- John says 'immediately I was in the Spirit, and behold a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne' – it is beautiful and glorious
- Around the throne is a rainbow – it is in the glory – the cloud
- An awesome realm that God is calling us into – get caught up into that place
- This is the realm of the glory, out of Pentecost into Tabernacles, the realm of the throne.
- We are coming to the One who died for us, and He is on the throne
- It is a place of grace and mercy

We are anchored within the veil

Heb.6:19-20 – We have a forerunner, who has made a way

- Our soul is now anchored within the veil, because of the hope of the glory; anchored in the presence behind the veil
- A place where we can behold the glory

Because of the Blood we can go through the door

Heb.9:11-15 – High Priest of the good things to come

- Having obtained eternal redemption
- **Rev.5:9-10** – Sang a new song, there is a new song in the glory
- Sang of the eternal redemption – has to do with being purchased, by the blood, out of every tribe, tongue, nation, we shall reign on the earth
- He has bought us with His blood so that we can go through the door

- **Heb.10:19** – we have a new and living way
- We have a new covenant, we can now access the throne of God
- We can draw near – now live in a realm of the unfolding revelation

There is a realm to enter

In that realm we see:

- Rev.6:2 – The white horse going forward conquering and to conquer
- Rev. 7 – there is a sealing that happens, of the Holy Spirit
- Rev. 10 – get to eat of the 'book' – sweet because it is the word of God
But bitter because it released judgement in the earth
- Rev. 11 - Being part of a witnessing church
- Rev. 12 – victory over Satan
- Rev. 14-15 – victory over the beast, heaven opens
- Rev. 16 & 17 – the harlot gets judged
- Rev.18 - Babylon falls
- Rev. 19 – the bride comes forth
- Rev.21 & 22 – God tabernacles with His people and the river comes forth

**When you go through the Door you begin to see the plan of God unfolding
– it is in the Spirit (John 16:13 - the Holy Spirit tells us things to come)**

Keys given that open doors

Rev.3:7-8 - Doors will open for us

- **v. 7** – get a revelation of Jesus as the One who holds the key of David
- the keys of the kingdom (**Matt.16:16-19** – Peter gets a revelation, A revelation of who Jesus was; he was in the Spirit; Peter given the keys of the kingdom); able to bind and loose
- doors open that no man can shut – because there is someone who holds the keys
- **v.8** – Jesus has set before us an open door and no one can shut it
- ‘You have a little strength, you have kept My word, not denied My name’
- it is rare to find people in these days who have truly kept His word
- let us be found to be people who will keep His word
- There is an Open Door – no one can shut it!
- we are to be faithful

WHAT IS THIS ‘OPEN DOOR’?

• **A Door of understanding mysteries**

- It is a door to come into the place of understanding, of the mysteries

Col.4:2-4 – one of the ways to keep the door open in your life is to be vigilant in prayer,

- Pray for the apostolic team – that there will be an open door for the Word of God to go forth to speak the mystery of Christ – people will respond, as we preach the mysteries of Christ
- The preaching will bring the response (**Acts 2:38**) people will be cut to the heart
- It is a door for the word of God

• **A great & effective door**

1Cor.16:9 – a great and effective door and there are many adversaries

- Great = *mega* – a big door has opened
- Effective = *energes* – an active energetic door, powerful, it is alive it has energy, it is active
- A big and active door is open – may great and effective doors open for more of us, even though there are many adversaries [eg. Religious Instruction in the schools]
- Door = *thura*’ - portal, entrance, gate
- Do not be intimidated by the adversaries; but go through the door

• **A Door of Hope**

Hosea 2:15 – a door of hope in the valley of ‘trouble’ [Valley of Achor]

• **An entrance for the King of Glory**

Psalm 24:7 - we are a door for Him to come through

- When the everlasting doors are open the King of Glory will come in
- The house of God is the gate of Heaven

• **A door to be opened to receive Him**

Rev.3:20-21 – the door here is the human heart

- We are to open the door, listen to His voice, heed His instruction, repent where necessary
- Reward is to sit with Him on His throne

- **A door opened through praise**

Acts 16:25-26 – praise is the power of heaven

- Praise opens the door – chains fell off, the prison door was flung open
- Stay in praise, prayer, worship – the door will open
- The doors will swing open

It is time to go through the door

The blood of Jesus opened the door

You can enter in – are you willing to go through the door?

THE COMING OF THE LORD

God wants us to understand the coming of the Lord

1Cor.15:20-23

- What do we learn? There is going to be a resurrection at the coming
- Christ is called the 'first fruits'
- Alluding back to the Old Testament (Lev.23:9-11 – the day of first fruits, a wave offering, the day after the Sabbath)
- Christ is the fulfillment of the First Fruits – He rose from the dead\
- There will be more rising at His coming

The word 'coming'

Coming = '*parousia*' – term signifying the second advent of Jesus, never used to describe His first coming. Was originally used for the official term for a visit of a person of high rank, especially a king. It was an arrival that included a permanent presence from that coming onward. The glorified Messiah's arrival will be followed by a permanent residence with His glorified people

- The word is a noun – there is an eternal reality to the coming already, it is to manifest
- He is coming – we are preparing for His coming
- When the '*parousia*' happens – the King has come. It is not a coming and a going!

WHAT IS THE COMING?

Peter saw the coming - 2 Peter 1:16-18

- **v.16** - this is not a fable, but we were eyewitnesses, not coming up with stories, not making things up. We actually saw the power and coming of the Lord, we saw His majesty
- What they saw is going to come on the whole earth

When did Peter have this experience of the coming – 2 Pet.1:17-18

- It was when he was on the holy mountain
- **Matt.16:28** – some would not see death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom
- **Matt.17:1** – Jesus was going to fulfill what He said, six days later
- Some would see His coming
- **Mark 9:1** – not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power
- Not an event that is going to happen, it is something that is going to manifest, that we are entering into more and more
- We can push into it – the door is open
- **Luke 9:27** – not taste death till they see the kingdom of God
- you have to be born again to see the kingdom

- if you are born again you can begin to see the kingdom, enter in
- we need to continue to push in to see more

Jesus was transfigured

Matthew 17:1

- Three of the disciples did not see death till they saw the Son of Man coming
- **v.2** He was transfigured before Him
- They were brought up into a whole new realm, it was revealed to them what He is really like
- They saw beyond the veil, in the glory
- Transfigure – '*metamorphoo*' – to change substance
- From temporal realm into the eternal realm
- Face shone like the sun, clothes became white as the light
- **v.3** – Moses and Elijah were there; Mark records that they were talking about His death
- **v.4** – Peter wants to make three tabernacles – one for each of them
- **v.5** – A bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice spoke - "This is My Beloved Son"
- Peter, James and John were caught up with Jesus 'in the cloud'
- They were still on the mountain – they did not go anywhere,
- They experienced the coming

**The coming is not so much an event that is going to happen,
but an unveiling, a revelation of who Jesus; and seeing Him as He is**

When Jesus is revealed, we shall be like Him

- 1 John 3:2-3** – when He is revealed we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is
- We are children of God. When Jesus is fully revealed to us, we shall be like him. We will have a full disclosure of who He is
 - This is why we preach the mystery of Christ
 - It is all about who Jesus is – the more we see Him the more we become like Him
 - **Col.3:4** – we shall appear with Him in glory, found in Christ at His coming

Jesus was taken up and a cloud received Him

Acts 1:9-11 – Jesus taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight [the disciples]

- This was a supernatural cloud – the cloud of glory that appeared on the mountain of transfiguration – Peter, James and John had seen that cloud on the mountain
- This Jesus will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven
- Jesus has gone up – in the cloud; He will come from heaven in the same manner

Daniel 7:13-14 – Daniel gets an awesome vision

- One like the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven!
- Coming with the clouds of heaven to the Ancient of Days
- Referring to His ascension – and He received dominion, glory and a kingdom
- He will come in like manner

Jesus in His ascension has all power and authority

- **Matt.24:30** – see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory
- [**Matt.26:64** – Jesus speaking to the high priest] – prophetic language
- Prophetically Jesus taking up His authority
- See Jesus as King – with all power and authority; the Son of Man is really in charge – the fulfillment of Daniel’s vision
- **Matt.24:31** – He will send out His messengers
- preaching the gospel of the kingdom to gather together the elect. Their voice is like a trumpet to gather God’s people

The heavens will pass away, with a great noise - 2 Peter 3:10

- **Which heavens?** – speaking of the demonic heavens – where there are principalities and powers, rulers of the darkness – they will pass away – with a loud noise!
- Their time is finished
- The elements will melt with heat – not speaking of physical elements
- **What are the elements?**
 - A look at other Scriptures using the word for ‘elements’
 - **Col.2:8** – ‘basic principles [elements] of the world’ – rudiments
 - They are elements of the world – traditions of men, not according to Christ – these will melt: all the denominational traditions of men
 - **Col.2:20** – died with Christ from the basic principles [elements]
 - This happened through baptism
 - These elements are regulations, religious rules of men
 - **Gal.4:3** – in bondage to the elements of the world
 - Sons of God are not bound to the elements of the world
 - Be free of those elements, don’t look back like Lot’s wife
 - **Gal.4:9** – called ‘weak and beggarly elements’ – demonic bondage

What sort of person ought we to be?

2 Pet. 3:11- now we know the elements will burn up, what sort of person ought we to be

- Have holy conduct and godliness
- Our behaviour is very important in regard to the coming
- There is no room for cultural traditions or religious practice; Or denominational regulations
- It is just Jesus – revealed
- **v.12** – looking for and hastening the coming of the Lord
- The word ‘*parousia*’ – we can look for and hasten this day coming

What is going to manifest at the coming?

- A new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells
- The Son of Man coming
- The old heaven will pass away
- Only His law, His teaching will remain
- It is a revelation of Jesus

Be ready for the coming

James 5:7 – getting us ready for the coming – be patient

- We need patience; farming patience – having expectation.
- It has to do with the maturity of the harvest
- We have a part to play in bringing the harvest to maturity
- Seeing the sons come to maturity
- A mature church – receiving the early and latter rain [Pentecost & Tabernacles] both needed to bring us to maturity. [the grain and the oil]
- **v.8** – Establish your hearts – the coming of the Lord is at hand
- You can reach out and touch it – it has drawn near

**The coming is an eternal reality, let us experience the Lord
It is at hand, and we can begin to tap into it
When He is revealed, we shall be like Him.**

Give us this revelation. AMEN

AN ARK OF ONENESS

The things that Noah's Ark can teach us

- Jesus alluded to Noah on several occasions
- It is more than a good children's story
- What was Noah building? - An Ark
- What is Jesus building? – Jesus said "I will build My Church" **Matthew 16:18**
- it is being built according to the pattern and He will fill it with His glory
- Jesus will be fully revealed in the Ark He is building – a Body, the place where He will put the fullness of His Presence
- What Jesus is building ultimately does not depend on size or the quantity of adherents – it is the quality, character, nature, resemblance, oneness, togetherness, righteousness and holiness of what is being built
- In Noah's day, God instructed Noah to build an Ark for salvation in his generation
- Jesus is building a vessel of salvation for all generations

As in the Days of Noah - Matthew 24:36-44

- Jesus said 'As the days of Noah, so the Coming of the Son of Man will be'
- People kept living as normal and did not know until the flood came and took them all away
- The Coming will be like that; we need to be ready
- Jesus compares the last days of Noah to the last days of the Church age

WHAT WAS LIKE IN NOAH'S DAY?

- There was an increase of evil
- There was the building of an Ark
- There was a judgement of a flood
- Wicked destroyed by flood, righteous saved in the flood
- Righteous inherited a new earth

➤ **What is it like in these days?**

- There is an increase of evil
- There is wrath coming
- There is the building of a church
- Noah's day was not all doom and gloom – God was doing something, building something very exciting

Perverse things were happening - Genesis 6:1-8

- God's Spirit will not strive with man forever – something wicked was happening, wicked marriages that was causing wicked offspring

- God gave them 120 years
- Giants, evil men were on the earth; wickedness of man was great on the earth
- Yahweh was sorry that He made man on the earth, it grieved His heart
- Yahweh decided to destroy man that He had made on the earth
- **But Noah found grace in the eyes of Yahweh**
- God began to do something to save the world
- In our days there are perverse, wicked marriages taking place, immorality
- There was 120 years left before God would judge
- 120 years for Noah to build the Ark

Men from their youth were only thinking evil continually – Gen.6:5

- “They did not know till the flood came and took them all away” (**Matt.24:39**)
- even though Noah was a preacher of righteousness and building an ark, they still did not know what was coming – they were in total darkness
- God’s desire was to bring an end to all flesh – this is enough
- Noah was a preacher, a faithful man, he preached righteousness

God is Patient and Longsuffering

- **1 Peter 3:18-21** - Jesus was put to death in the flesh (the end of all flesh) but made alive by the Spirit
- By the Spirit He went and preached to the spirits in prison who once were disobedient in the days of Noah, when once the **“Divine Longsuffering”** (a name for God) was being patient while an ark was prepared
- **2 Peter 3:9** - The Lord is not slack concerning His promise – He is longsuffering
- God is patient
- He wanted Noah and the animals and creation to be saved
- He does not want any to perish but all to come to repentance
- God is waiting for the Ark to be built, the Body to come to maturity and be built according to the pattern
- After Noah built the Ark, it was perfect for what it was intended for – it lasted and endured the judgement
- Jesus is building a perfect church, a perfect Body in the earth

The Dimensions of the Ark

- the size of the Ark is not the issue, practically it needed to be big to fit all the animals
- But we need to know about what the dimensions represent
- They speak to us of the character, nature, resemblance, the resurrection, the new life, regeneration that came about through the Ark
- **Genesis 6:14** – 300 cubits long, width 50 cubits, height 30 cubits, three decks, gopher wood, pitch to cover it

The number 300

- 300 cubits long – numbers in Scripture are significant
- 300 teaches us about a faithful remnant, a faithful army, overcoming company
- **Judges 7:2** – Yahweh speaking to Gideon that he had too many people that they would get the glory for themselves
- **v.3** – 10,000 people remained while 22,000 left
- **v.4-6** – took them to the water to test them – 300 remained
- “By the 300 men, I will save you” – says Yahweh
- 300 speaks of the “more than conquerors” who will fight as a team, be submitted to each other and give Jesus all the glory
- Many do not like submission, keeping rank, prefer ‘doing my own thing’
- Many do not like to obey orders
- The 300 speak of the dedicated, consecrated, willing to give their lives in battle
- It is not the size of the army that matters – it is the desire to be part of a body
- With 300 men they overcame

The number 50

- 50 cubits wide - two things connected with 50 in Scripture
 1. Jubilee year
 2. Pentecost
- ➔ **Jubilee year - Leviticus 25:8**
 - 50th year was a year of Jubilee – proclamation of liberty; slaves were set free
 - If you lost land or houses during those 50 years, it was returned to you at the year of Jubilee
 - Returning to your possession, restoration, things lost given back
 - Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty – **2 Corinthians 3:17**
 - We now live in a constant year of Jubilee by living in the Spirit
 - **2 Corinthians 3:16-18** – the veil is taken away by turning to the Lord
 - The Lord is the Spirit – where He is there is liberty
- 50 cubits wide speaks of liberty, rescue, freedom, regeneration
- This is the purpose of the Ark, to bring liberty to creation
- ➔ **Pentecost Acts 2** - speaks of being Spirit filled and Spirit led, filled with the fruit and gifts of the Spirit
 - A corporate display of the fruit of the Spirit

The number 30

- 30 Cubits high - Speaks of maturity, perfection
- This Ark will come to perfection, completion and maturity
- It will accomplish the purpose for which it is built
- The Body of Christ will come to perfection in the earth
- **Genesis 41:46** - Joseph was 30 years old when he came into his destiny to rule over Egypt
- **v.40** – Joseph shall be over Pharaoh’s house and people and everyone in Egypt was to obey Joseph’s word

- Joseph was 30 years old when he came into rulership, authority
- We will come to this maturity together
- **2 Samuel 5:4** - David was anointed king in Hebron when he was 30 years old
- David was 30 years old when he began to reign
- He inherits the kingdom when he was at maturity of 30 years old
- **Luke 3:23** - Jesus was about 30 years old when He began His ministry
- Jesus was mature at 30 years old to begin His ministry

There is only One - Ephesians 4:4-6

- There is One: Body; Spirit; Hope; Lord; Faith; Baptism; God and Father of all
- This Oneness is demonstrated in this One Body
- The one Lord is the Head of the Body
- There was one Ark, there is one Body of Christ
- This is the vessel that God will use to bring about complete transformation

COME into the Ark - Matthew 19:27-30

- The disciples are astounded at Jesus' words that it is easier for a rich man to enter through the eye of a needle than to enter the kingdom
- Peter says, "we have left everything to follow You"
- In the regeneration - when Noah went through the flood in the Ark, when the waters subsided, inside the Ark was all manner of birds, animals, creeping things
- When Noah came out of the Ark there was an awesome picture of the regeneration
- but Noah was still a son of Adam and it did not take long for sin to take over again
- But it is a picture for us - when the flood came God said to Noah, "Come into the Ark" – God was already there
- New versions change it to, "Go into the Ark"
- Jesus invites us to "Come" to Him in the Ark – the invitation is 'To Come'

We are to come to a Perfect Man - Ephesians 4:11-13

- Jesus gave gifts to build up the Body and equip everybody, to "build the ark"
- 'Till we all come'
- To unity of the faith – oneness – Jesus is building the Ark/Body so we can become One, this is reality, come into the Ark to be an active participating member
- To the knowledge of the Son of God – all of us having the revelation of and knowing Jesus
- To a perfect man – not to perfect men – but One perfect Man – corporately
- New beginning, new life – 8 souls saved – Noah's family came into a new beginning, resurrection life

The Ark is being Built

- On day of Pentecost, the real Ark was starting to be built, the Cornerstone (Christ) had been laid
- Then the Spirit came to bring "an end to all flesh"
- The Spirit came on the 120 (120 years God gave man)
- The end of all flesh is now available to those who want it

- To the measure of stature of fullness of Christ (**Eph.4:13**)
- No longer children tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine (**Eph.4:14**)
- We need each other to grow, and be sanctified
- This Body/Ark is going to reveal the glory and Oneness of Christ

It is in Christ - John 17:20-23

- That they all may be One – it is only in Christ, our Ark of salvation, that we can be One
- As Father in Jesus and Jesus in Father that we may be One “in Us”
- Why? So the world can believe that God sent Jesus
- The Ark is to come to Oneness so that the world can believe
- We are in Christ, He is in us
- The glory which the Father gave Jesus is the same glory that Jesus gives us – why? To make us One
- Who is the glory? God Himself presencing Himself amongst us – this is the Oneness
- I in them, You in Me, that they may be perfect in One – There is One Body that will display the glory and oneness of Christ

Final thoughts

- **Ephesians 1:7-10** - we are the Body of Messiah
- Noah’s Ark is a picture of this Body that overcame and all things becoming One
- All things brought together in One – like the animals and all creation saved through the Ark, all things are now being gathered in Christ
- All things brought into Himself, things in heaven and earth, in Him
- This Body has to come to Oneness, maturity in the earth
- **Revelation 21:1-4, 22:1-5** - The City coming down from heaven, restoration,
- **Romans 8:18-21** - Sufferings of present time is not worthy to be compared with the glory that will be revealed **in us**
- The earnest expectation of creation (like in Noah’s Day the creation was saved) was to be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God
- This is why Jesus is building an Ark – to bring all of His creation back into eternal life, shalom, unity, in Christ
- Christ is in His Body and through this Body, of sons, creation will be completely delivered
- **1 Corinthians 15:47** - First Adam was a living being; last Adam a life-giving Spirit
- End of all flesh
- We are to be like the heavenly man – we are heavenly people
- **v.48-49** – as we have borne the image of the man of dust, flesh, so we will bear the image of the heavenly Man
- all things brought back to what it was in the beginning, but even better

“Come into the Ark”

THE LAST DAYS

WHAT ARE THE LAST DAYS?

1) The Holy Spirit is being outpoured on all flesh till the end of the ages

Acts 2:16-17 - Peter quotes from Joel – It shall come to pass in the “last days”

- God says, “I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh”
- Sons, daughters, menservants, maidservants will all be able to receive the Holy Spirit
- Blood, fire, smoke
- What is happening in the last days? Something began 2000 years ago as a sign of the “last days”
- The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is the sign we are in the last days
- Everybody is eligible to be saved and filled with the Holy Spirit
- Women can prophesy – speak the Word of God by the Holy Spirit
- A sign of the last days is everyone can be qualified to minister by the Holy Spirit
- The word for “man” in New Testament is generally a word that means “mankind” or human beings – neither male nor female

When did Joel speak? About 800 years before Jesus

- 800 years before the day of Pentecost he was prophesying about the last days when the Holy Spirit would be poured out
 - Micah was 704–696 BC
 - Isaiah was 700-690 BC
- People are still getting filled with the Holy Spirit today and speaking in tongues and prophesying – we are in the last days!

Paul came to Ephesus in **Acts 19** – he found disciples of the Word

- Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? They had not heard
- They had only had John’s Baptism – being ready to receive Messiah, repentance
- Paul preached Jesus the Messiah and they were baptised into name of Jesus
- They had hands laid on them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke with tongues
- We are involved in the last days

Are we in the last days? - Yes, we have been in the last days for 2000 years

- There are really only two ages – the former days and the last/latter days
- Former days – Adam to Jesus
- Latter days – Jesus to now
- One of major provisions of last days is being filled with Holy Spirit – you can only be filled with Holy Spirit if you have believed in Jesus the Messiah

2) God speaks through the Son in the last days, no longer through the prophets

Hebrews 1:1-2 - In these last days God speaks to us through the Son

- In former days He spoke through the prophets
- Major provision of last days is that God speaks through Jesus Christ
- Every person can hear God speak, as God now speaks to us through His Son

3) YAHWEH's house will be established

Micah 4:1 - It shall come to pass in the latter days

- Mountain of Yahweh's house will be established on top of the mountains

4) Perilous times will come

2 Timothy 3:1 – in the last days perilous times will come

- In a few years of Paul writing this the Romans destroyed Jerusalem – maybe a million Jews died over 5 years

1 Timothy 4:1 – the Spirit expressly says that in the latter times some will depart from the faith giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy

- they will forbid to marry (like the Roman Catholic Church)
- taking on religious things to their detriment
- abstain from foods – people getting all caught up about foods, health and wellbeing food laws is typical of the last days
- receive the food you have with thanksgiving

5) Jesus has come!

1 Peter 1:20 – Jesus came, He manifested in the earth, He was foreordained, He manifested in these “last times”

- We are in the last days because Jesus has come
- The end of the last days will be the “Parousia”/Coming
- Through Christ we believe in God who raised Him from the dead
- Now we have relationship with God, we have faith and hope in God

6) People will store up treasures for themselves

James 5:3 - you have heaped up treasure in the last days

- In the last days there are a whole lot of people heaping up treasures for their own safety, security, houses etc
- There is no point in storing up riches in the last days – looking at how successful we have been
- Jesus told the parable of the foolish farmer who tried to store up all the grain, building barns; do not store up riches and lose your own soul

7) The ends of the ages have come

1 Corinthians 10:11 - all these things happened to the children of Israel as examples for our admonition/warning

- The ends of the ages are upon us, the New Covenant people

- We are those upon whom the end of the ages have come – we should take heed to the Old and New Covenant Scriptures so we know how to conduct ourselves in these days

8) Scoffers will come

2 Peter 3:3 - Scoffers will come in the last days walking according to their own lusts

- By their behaviour many “believers” are scoffing at the real gospel
- Fathers store up for sons, not sons for fathers – many have it the wrong way round
- The Shepherd looks after the sheep, not the sheep looking after the Shepherd

The Prophetic picture of what is happening in the last days - Micah 4:1-4

- Micah and Isaiah were contemporaries – lived at the same time and prophesied around the same time
- Latter days are the days after Christ has come
- In the latter days the mountain of Yahweh’s house will be established on top of the mountains and above the hills
- All peoples will flow to it
- The teaching and word will come out of the House of the God of Jacob, out of Zion and Jerusalem
- Wars will cease
- The result is that everyone will sit under his vine and his fig tree and no-one will make them afraid

1 Kings 4:25 – when Solomon had established the throne and the kingdom,

- Judah and Israel dwelt safely – people of God will dwell safely
- Every family under their vine and fig tree – own home, peace all around, fruitfulness, special provision

Micah quotes out of this picture – peace, nations no longer at war (when maturing Body of Christ emerges), not afraid of military warfare coming, we dwell in a safe place with good provision

What is the mountain of Yahweh’s house?

- It is Zion!

Psalms 132:13-14 – Yahweh has chosen Zion, His dwelling place, His resting place forever

- God will abundantly provide for Zion, satisfy Zion’s poor with bread, clothe her priests

Daniel 2:34-35 – the Stone is Christ; it became a great mountain that filled the whole earth

Obadiah 20-21 - Saviours/deliverers will come to Mt Zion

- They will judge the mountain of Esau (a man of the flesh, gave away his birthright and blessing)
- The kingdom will be of Yahweh
- Deliverers will judge the fleshly decisions in the nations

- Fleshly governments all over the world are being judged by the saviours that Jesus is raising up
- Judgement is meant to be in the midst of the congregation
- We want to enter new realms of prayer together
- The kingdom will be Yahweh's as the people of God stand up for the Word of God
- We are to people of prayer and the ministry of the Word – **Acts 6:4**

Isaiah 2:2-4 – repeats almost word for word **Micah 4:1-4**

- The church taking its place to be the vehicle to express the kingdom of God
- Out of the church flows the word of God that reaches nations

The latter days will see the culmination of this prophecy

- Everything leads to the fulfilment of the building of the church
- When the church is built according to the pattern then the end of this age will come
- God is restoring in the last days
- 5 ministries functioning
- Gifts and miracles happening – **Hebrews 2:4**
- The hope of the gospel is that the church will be built – **Eph.2:19-22**
- A fully functioning and maturing church – **Eph.4:11-16**
- this gospel is to be preached as a witness to all nations, then the end will come – **Matthew 24:14**

We need to recognize that the victory is pre-ordained

Genesis 49:10 – Kings from Judah until SHILOH comes

- SHILOH the great Ruler is being preached again, Jesus the Messiah, all will be obedient to him
- The blessing of the father set parameters for each of his sons
- The Scriptures reveal there are boundaries for our lives
- Jacob's prophecy was fulfilled when SHILOH, Jesus, came about 2000 years later

Jesus is exalted to the right hand of God - Acts 2:33, 36

- Salvation is available in these last days
- Holy Spirit is available in these last days
- The kingdom is coming in these last days
- When the disciples in Ephesus heard Paul they believed in Jesus, baptised into Christ, got filled with the Holy Spirit and 12 disciples were the foundation of the church there

**For the Christian it has got nothing to do with fear
We are living in the last days**

RECEIVED UP IN GLORY

What does "Received up in glory" mean?

1 Timothy 3:15-16 - We are to know how to conduct ourselves in the house of God
v.16 – the mystery of Godliness

- God was manifested in the flesh...received up in glory
- when we know this mystery, we will know how to conduct ourselves in the house of God
- there is a way of life for us when we understand this mystery
- understanding that Jesus is God manifested in the flesh – this is the beginning
- this session we will focus on the aspect of the mystery that he "**was received up in glory**"

1 Peter 1:10-11 – speak of the sufferings of Christ and **the glories that would follow**

- Jesus' coming to suffer and then received up in glory was to release **glories to follow**

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 - He called us by this gospel for the **obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ**

- For all of us who are called and in Christ – there is an obtaining of the glory of the Lord Jesus
- This is a mystery that is to be known in the house of God
- The more we understand the more we can partake

Jesus seated at the right hand of God

Mark 16:19 - He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God

- The glory is also understood as being received up into heaven
- Jesus sat down at right hand of God
- This was in God's eternal plan from the beginning

Isaiah saw this

Isaiah 6:1-3 - Isaiah saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up

- Seraphim were around the throne
- Crying "Holy, holy, holy, is Yahweh of Hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory"
- He is the Lord of Glory
- When Peter preached on the day of Pentecost he declared, this Jesus, God has made both **Lord and Christ**
- Isaiah saw the Lord sitting on the throne

Now Jesus is seated in the place of all authority - Mark 16:19

- Jesus was received up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God
- There were not two thrones
- Right hand of God = place of all power and authority
- He saw the Lord sitting on the throne; there are glories to follow

After Isaiah saw the Lord sitting on the Throne it came to a time of sending

Isaiah 6:5-7 - Isaiah did not feel worthy but God took away his iniquity

- Then the Lord said, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'
- When Isaiah saw the Lord in all His glory then there was a sending

There are glories to follow - Mark 16:19-20

- When Jesus was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God, "They went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying sign"
- There was a great sending because He had been received up in glory
- Jesus was seated, put in a position – not "another place called heaven", but the position of all power and authority

→ **"Received up in glory"** releases a place of sending so that the earth can be filled with the glory of Yahweh!

Worship is released

Luke 24:51-53 - Jesus was "carried up into heaven"

- His disciples worshiped Him
- What was the result? Worship, great joy, continually in the temple, praising and blessing God
- There is a release that comes from getting the revelation of Jesus being "received up in glory"

→ **In Mark** – they went out and preached everywhere

→ **In Luke** – they worshiped Him, joy, were in the temple, praising and blessing God

A Cloud of Glory

Acts 1:9-11 - "He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight"

- "Taken up into heaven" - a cloud received Him – taken up in a cloud
- He was carried up into heaven – by a cloud
- This was a heavenly cloud

Daniel 7:13-14 - "Coming with the clouds of heaven" – speaking of His ascension, going up into heaven

- He came to the Ancient of Days
- He was given **dominion, glory and a kingdom** – all power and authority
- One like the Son of Man - Jesus was carried up into heaven by a cloud
- Jesus was received up in glory – seated at the right hand of God
- What did Daniel see? Did he see Jesus received up in glory? Now the gospel of the kingdom, of His dominion, is being preached in all the world
- This is how the earth is filled with the glory, making disciples, making known His dominion
- The cloud that received Jesus was the clouds of heaven, the cloud of glory

The place of dominion, and glory, and a kingdom

Ephesians 1:20-21 - Power that worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead

- Seated Him at right hand in heaven far above all principality and power
- This was the place that Daniel saw, that we also read in **Mark and Luke, and Acts**

- Jesus was raised and seated at the right hand – this is the realm of God, a heavenly realm
- It is the place that is far above all – given dominion, glory and a kingdom
- **v.22** – the One with all authority has been given as head over all to the church
- **v.23** – this church is the Body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all – bringing us into the same position

➤ Jesus prayed that where He is we should be also – **John 17:23**

What is heaven?

- Being received up in glory is being “carried into heaven”
- Heaven is not some “other place”, a geographical place
- He was placed in a position of authority
- We are raised with Him

Heaven is God’s Throne

- **Isaiah 66:1** – Heaven is My Throne, earth is My footstool
- The footstool, a place where He can rest His feet, is the earth
- The earth is to be filled with His glory

The Throne of God is in the Spirit – and it is set in heaven

- **Revelation 4:1-2** - many people try to understand heaven with a carnal mind, some place where all our carnal desires are met
- John was in the Spirit; he saw a throne set in heaven
- The Spiritual realm of God is open to us, and there is a throne
- Jesus was received up in glory – put in a position of all dominion, glory and power
- Why? To bring us in to the same place – His throne is in the Spirit, we must be born again to see

Jesus is in the position of all power and authority

- **Matthew 26:64** - Son of Man will be seen at the right hand of the Power, coming on the clouds of heaven
- Jesus is seated there, the place of all power
- The “Power” is a reference to the Almighty God
- **Matthew 28:18** - All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me
- Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Power
- And He commissions us, sends us out, a great release
- **Hebrews 1:8** - to the Son, it is said, Your throne O Yahweh is forever
- Who is the Son? – God manifested in the flesh!
- When He gives a command, should we be obedient?
- When He says, Make disciples! Should we be obedient?
- The whole earth will be filled with His glory
- We are to come into the same position in Christ
- The Throne is in the Spirit
- **John 4:24** - God is Spirit, and those who worship Him should worship Him in Spirit and in truth

Understanding this position

- **John 20:17** - Do not cling to Me, I have not yet ascended to My Father
- Jesus was to ascend
- Mary was excited and wanted to cling to Jesus, Jesus said, "Not yet, I need to ascend to My Father"
- When Jesus was received up in glory – then we could come to!
- I am ascending to My Father, and your Father, My God and your God

When Jesus ascended to the Father, He opened the way open so that we could come to

- The same fellowship Jesus had with the Father, now we can partake of also because Jesus was received up in glory!!!
- The same position He has, He offers us also
- The church is to be in the same place
- We need to know how to conduct ourselves in the house of God, know how to walk as sons of God, be with Him who is received up in glory

We are raised to be seated with Him - Ephesians 2:4-7

- We have been raised up and made to sit together with Christ in the heavenlies
- We need to be made alive – born again, coming into the kingdom of God, walking in the Spirit
- We are to come alive together with Christ
- We are raised up together with Him – through baptism, where we die, are buried and raised up
- We are made to sit together with Him – received up in glory, at the right hand of God, on the throne, in the Spirit, in heaven, before the Ancient of Days
- In the ages to come – the ages following Christ's ascension – He is showing the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness towards us – this is happening, the glories that follow
- Grace upon grace is released because He is received up in glory
- Grace is expressed through His kindness towards us – This is His glory
- Like when Yahweh spoke to Moses about His glory – "gracious, merciful..." – **[Exodus 34:5-7]**
- These are glories that would follow His sufferings, because He has been received up in glory

Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit

- **Acts 2** – the great proof that He has ascended
- **v.32-33** - This Jesus God has raised up; being exalted to the right hand of God
- He received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit
- He poured out the Holy Spirit
- The pouring out of the Holy Spirit is proof that Jesus is received up in glory (**John 7:37-39**)
- He has poured His Spirit out to bring us in to the same position with Him
- The throne is in the Spirit
- He has poured His Spirit out for us to see and know the mystery of Godliness and to walk as sons in the earth

The Church is to make known the mystery - Ephesians 3:9-10

- All are to see what is the fellowship of the mystery of Christ
- **v.8** – through the preaching of the unsearchable riches of Christ
- We are to see the fellowship of this mystery

- To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenlies
- Suddenly the church is in the same position with Christ
- The church is making known the mystery by being with Christ, received up in glory
- We are to make this known to the princes and powers in heavenlies
- **v.11** - this is according to the eternal purpose which was accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord; the plan that was always in God's heart
- the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord
- for us to come into the fulfilment of this plan, we are to be seated with Christ, received up in glory with Him
- Jesus being received up in glory is for the intended purpose of Him to release His glory in the earth through the church

There is a 'deeper wisdom' - 1 Corinthians 2:6-8

- Wisdom of God is in a mystery
- This hidden wisdom was given by God before the ages for our glory
- We are coming into this deeper wisdom, growing in the knowledge of Him, maturity
- Where Jesus is, He calls us to be
- Where Jesus is, is where we are to be – not "where we are going", but "where we are to be"
- **1 John 1:3** - Our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ

The Glory makes us One

- Jesus was praying in **John 17:22** that we would receive the glory
- The glory which Father gave Jesus, Jesus has given us
- How? Through His ascension, releasing His Spirit, and by us growing in that hidden, deeper wisdom of God
- The glory is what makes us one
- **v.23** - Jesus in us and the Father in Jesus – that we may be One
- **v.24** - Father, I desire that those whom You gave Me, may be with Me where I am
- Jesus wants us with Him where He is, in glory, now

The whole earth is to be filled with His glory

- Jesus has been raised up and seated with the Father
- He invites us into the same fellowship, a communion with our Father, with our God
- From that place, we release the knowledge of His glory, we are sent out into all the world
- Now there is a great company of volunteers in the day of His power
- This is the day of His power, where we see Him on the throne
- From His throne He pours forth His Spirit, He gives wisdom and revelation
- Great is this mystery – we learn how to conduct ourselves in the house of God as sons of God, reigning as kings and priests
- He is calling for His church to be seated with Him in glory
- Jesus was received up in glory
- When we come into Christ, we are raised up to be seated with Jesus in the heavenlies, far above every authority and power, we are positioned in Christ and empowered to do His work.
- The work is making disciples!

**Christ is our life, when He appears,
we will appear with Him in glory!**

JESUS – NAMES AND TITLES

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Scriptures are a revelation of Jesus

- Looking at Jesus and who He is
- **John 5:39** – ‘the Scriptures testify of Me [Jesus]’
- When you search the Scriptures, they testify of Messiah
- The testimony and revelation of Christ

- **1 Corinthians 3:11** – we are to be built on the right foundation
- Only one foundation – Jesus the Christ is the foundation
- The revelation of who Jesus is

The Church built on the revelation of who Jesus is

- **Matt.16:13-18** - In the region of Caesarea
- a place of the political power of Rome, and the witchcraft power of the occult
- Jesus took His disciples to this region
- **v.13** – Jesus asked His disciples a question ‘Who do men say that I am?’
- **v.15** – Jesus wanted to know who His disciples said that He was
- **v.16** – “Peter answered ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God’
- This is a revelation from heaven (**v.17**), revealed from the Father in heaven
- We all need revelation from heaven – we need the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to bring the word alive to us; not just to have head knowledge
- Then Jesus said ‘On this rock [of revelation of who Jesus is] I will build My church’
- the power of the enemy will not be able to prevail against this church

TITLES OF JESUS

1. CHRIST

- The word ‘Christ’ is not understood in the world today; many people say ‘Jesus Christ’, but don’t understand what it means to call Him ‘Christ’

Jesus is the Christ

- Christ is a title – Jesus is the Christ
- **John 1:41** – ‘we have found the Messiah’ – translated Christ
- Messiah is from Hebrew language; Christ is from Greek. Both mean the same thing
- Meaning - Anointed One or Commissioned One – placed into an office
- Speaks of the anointed office of the King
- Anointed with oil – King and Priest – Messiah is both King and Priest
- Jesus is the Messiah [Christ]
- Christ can sound religious, but if we use Messiah, it has more meaning
- It means the One Anointed to be King, the gospel is the gospel of the kingdom.

Messiah is the Christ

John 4:25-26 – the Samaritan woman told Jesus Messiah is coming [who is called Christ]

- She knew that this one would explain everything – the Samaritan woman had a revelation of Messiah, and what He would be like
- If you know the Messiah, you have access to all things (**1 John 2:20**)
- **v.26** Jesus said, "I AM, the One speaking to you" – Jesus revealed who He is; the I AM who revealed Himself to Moses
- Jesus the I AM was the one speaking to the woman

Christ is the Anointed King

Luke 23:1-2 - The understanding of Christ is that He is a King

- The King is the Messiah
- Jesus is the Messiah – Jesus is the King – the Anointed King
- The Anointed King is in us the hope of Glory (**Col.1:27**)

Mark 15:32 – The chief priests referred to Jesus as the 'Christ the King of Israel'

Acts 2:36 – Peter declared on the day of Pentecost that God made Jesus both Lord and Christ [owner and ruler]

Acts 17:2-3 - Paul was explaining that the Anointed King had to suffer

- This Jesus who Paul preached is the Anointed King
- **v.6-7** they said that there is another King, Jesus

2. SON OF GOD

- What does it mean for God to be called 'the Son of God?'

The One born of Mary was to be called 'Son of God'

- **Luke 1:31-35** – the angel comes to Mary
- Call His name JESUS – give Him the throne [Messiahship]
- He shall reign and His kingdom will have no end
- **v.35** – the one to be born will be called 'the Son of God'

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit

- The conception in Mary was of the Holy Spirit
- God was coming into the world as a man
- **Matthew 1:20** – that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit
- A fulfillment of the Scripture [**Isa.7:14**]

He was 'God with us'

- Immanuel – God with us; God in the flesh, now with us, made visible
- **John1:34** – John was able to testify this man was the Son of God

The Lamb of God

- The Son of God would be the Lamb [**John 1:29 & 36**]
- who would take away the sin of the world
- The Lamb God – the major revelation in the Book of Revelation is that of the Lamb of God; Shows us the nature of the Son of God

- **1 John 3:5** – God became a man to take away our sins
- **John 1:49** - Nathaniel testified

As the 'Son of God', Jesus was worshipped

- **John 9:35** – Jesus was worshipped as the Son of God; Jesus asked the man who had been born blind, 'do you believe in the Son of God'?
- The man wanted to understand
- **v.37** – Jesus identifies Himself, then the man worshipped Him – he saw Jesus as the Son of God. He got the revelation
- the man saw who was in Jesus, God was in Jesus – Immanuel
- **Col.1:15** – Jesus is the image of the invisible God

3. THE BELOVED

The voice from heaven declared Jesus to be 'the Beloved'

- **Matt.3:16-17** – at the baptism of Jesus, the heavens opened
- The Spirit of God descended upon Him, in the form of a dove
- A voice came from heaven saying 'This is my Son, the Beloved'
- Jesus is the Beloved – means loved; is has to do with 'agape'
- **Matt.17:5** – on the mount of transfiguration the voice said 'This is my Son, the Beloved'
- In the glorious place Jesus is called by the Father 'My Beloved'

Declared in prophecy

- **Matt.12:15-18** - A prophesy from Isaiah "Behold, ... My Beloved"

We are made acceptable in the Beloved

- **Eph.1:5-6** – we are made accepted in the Beloved; we are in Christ
- We are part of the 'Beloved' – we are the Beloved in Him
- Corporately we are His Son 'the Beloved'

4. THE SON OF MAN

The most common title that Jesus used about Himself

- **John 6:27** – God the Father has set His seal upon the Son of Man
- Son of Man is bringing out His humanity
- **Daniel 7:13-14** – Daniel saw One like the "Son of Man"
- Jesus is the fulfillment of Daniel's prophesy
- Ezekiel uses this title all the way through his book
- **Ezekiel 1:26** – one with the appearance of the Son of Man
- Jesus is the one that was spoken about

The Son of Man is a heavenly man

- **John 3:13** – no one has gone up, but He who came down from heaven, that is the Son of Man who is in heaven
- He came from heaven and is in heaven
- The Son of Man will be lifted up on the cross

- In **Revelation 1:13** – John saw one 'like the Son of Man' – in the midst of the seven lampstands – representing the church.

5. SON OF DAVID

God promised David a 'Seed' (2 Sam.7:12)

- **Matthew 9:27** – Son of David have mercy on us
- A popular Messianic term
- There was a promise made to David – he would have a 'seed'
- God would establish his kingdom forever
- The Son of David is also the Son of God

The One who could Heal

- **Matt.12:22-23** – Jesus healed the blind and the mute
- Could this be the Son of David, a belief that the Son of David would bring healing
- **Matt.15:22** – A woman Canaan 'have mercy on me – Son of David'
- Jesus healed her daughter, because of her faith
- **Matt.20:30-31** – two blind men, cried out 'have mercy – Son of David'
- They were healed

The One who had mercy and compassion

- **Matt.21:9** – Hosanna to the Son of David – save now Son of David
- Mercy is involved
- **Isa.55:3** – 'The sure mercies of David'
- The new covenant we are in is described as the sure mercies of David
- He is the one who has mercy and compassion

Jesus is:

- **Christ**
- **Son of God**
- **Beloved**
- **Son of Man**
- **Son of David**

BUILDING A WALL

Setting the context of this message:

- Nick & family coming under attack physically; an attack from the devil
- Had been to Victoria, and had a powerful time there
- Identified that this is witchcraft coming against the family
- Starting to stand against it in prayer

God said 'Build a wall' – what did this mean

- We need to build a wall in the Spirit to withstand the attacks of the enemy
- There will be a hedge of protection
- We need to be proactive, be obedient, do what God shows us to do, then we can expect the protection
- It was for the family, but also bigger than that
- As Apostolic people we are called to build a wall in our generation
- To protect the 'city' – the city of God
- The wall is the protection of the city

BUILDING A WALL IN OUR GENERATION - Ezekiel 22:23-30

Judgement on wickedness

- **v.23-24** – you are being judged, in a day of indignation
- **v.25** – God speaking – prophets are meant to be proclaiming the word of the Lord, but these are prophesying falsely, what things people want to hear – maybe for offerings as well; ministering for money, wages

Priests have violated My law - v.26

- Not distinguished between the holy and unholy
- Prophets and Priests were all teaching false things
- Priest meant to be teaching the people how to live for God, meant to be showing what is holy and what is unholy
- Priests were meant to be teaching the truth, the word of God

Princes were like wolves tearing the prey - v.27

- to get dishonest gain
- Princes were the rulers

[In New Testament - **1 Cor.12:28** God has appointed: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; in Old Testament - princes, prophets, priests]

- All of these ministries are to be building a wall for the people of God

Prophets speaking for God, when God had not spoken - v.28

- Speaking in the name of the Lord, when the Lord has not spoken
- Such ones are not submitted, don't be like that, look for agreement, confirmation, be submitted into the body
- You can tell by the fruit

The result - v.29

- the result of the all the leaders going astray, is that the people also go astray

God is looking for someone to 'Build a Wall'

- **v. 30** God says 'I sought for a man' – looking for somebody – who will be that one
- One who would make a wall – build a wall
- **'Wall'** - Hebrew *gadare* = a hedge, a boundary
- Draw a line in the sand – making a boundary
- To stand against the wickedness coming against My people. God wants someone to make a wall and be prepared to stand
- Standing against the wickedness that is in the world, and that is being presented as 'normal'
- We need to build a wall in our generation, speak the truth, even when it is not popular
- Teach the difference between the clean and the unclean; the holy and the unholy

Stand in the Gap – Ezekiel 22:30

- The wall is to prevent destruction coming upon the land
- **Gap** = breach or break in the wall, where the enemy can come in and destroy
- Abraham stood in the gap for Sodom, and God listened to him – 'for 10 righteous, God would not destroy them'
- God is just looking for one man who will stand in the gap
- There is an aspect of this in intercessory prayer
- But intercession without action is not what God is looking for, we have to be prepared to say/do something
- Prayer and Action

God is rebuking the prophets - Ezekiel 13:5

- The prophets had not gone up into the breaks of the wall
- Places where there are weaknesses in our doctrine and practice – the enemy can come in through there
- The prophets were to stand in the gap, and proclaim the word of the Lord in the gap

When you stand in the gap and proclaim the word, that gap gets repaired

- More and more people will stand and proclaim the truth
- Entrust yourself to Jesus – faith overcomes fear
- Let us stand in the gaps
- Build a wall so that we can stand in the battle
- In the New Testament, the wall relates to the armour of God – so that we can stand and withstand in the evil day (**Eph.6:13**)
- We need to be on the front foot
- Stop being defensive, be offensive – taking ground
- Be moving forward, not just reacting, but pushing back – whatever happens
- Stand in the whole armour of God (**Eph.6:14-18**)
- Do not give in to intimidation from the enemy

- Call on the name of Jesus – pray against the attack of the enemy
- Don't listen to the wrong voice – push back in prayer
- It is time to build a wall – don't listen to the enemy
- Keep the enemy out – in Jesus' name

→ **How do we build a wall**

- Begin in prayer, praise and worship
- Read Scripture

Obey what God has told you to do

- **Exodus 14:19** - In the context of crossing the Red Sea
- **v.15** – tell the children of Israel to 'go forward'
- Don't think the situation is too big – go forward
- Obey what God has told you to do

The pillar of cloud became as a wall

- **v.19** – the Angel of God went behind them – a wall is being built
- The pillar of cloud became the wall!
- The wall is a wall of protection, it is a spiritual wall
- The cloud of glory, the Angel of God

The waters were a 'wall' of protection

- **v.22** – first mention of the word 'wall' – the waters were a wall to them on the right and on the left
- They went through on dry land, the wall held back the water
- But the Egyptians did not have the wall and the waters came in on them and they drowned.

The wall is built by preaching the truth

- By walking in obedience to the voice of Yahweh
- He becomes a wall for us, a wall of protection
- Prayer, praise and worship is building in the Spirit

A wall to hedge us in

- **Hosea 2:6** - a great prayer to pray over people who are going wayward
- Pray to hedge them in so they won't go in the wrong direction
- Wall us in with thorns, so we will not go outside of God's will – it will hurt us if we go astray
- Be a hedge of thorns around us to protect us

God will not forsake us

- **Ezra 9:8-9** – God did not forsake – extended mercy,
- to give a peg, revive us, repair, rebuild, and to give us a wall
- Even though we might have felt like slaves, but God extends mercy to us, and grace available
- There is the ability of God to deal with the enemy, in whatever situation

- He will revive us, revival involves pushing back the enemy in our generation, we have to be willing to speak the truth
- Be encouraged there are more with us than against us, let us experience this
- We are part of the repairing of the house of God

The house of God is being built

- We need apostles and prophets, the denominational system will not fulfill the word of God
- The house of God is built on the foundation of apostles and prophets, **Eph.2:20**.
- The house of God is to be repaired
- The repairing of the house and the building of the wall are linked – so we can come to the unity of the faith, so we can become a wall, with no gaps or breaks

God is the wall of fire, and the glory in the midst!

- **Zech.2:5** – God will be the wall of fire all around and the glory in the midst. The wall keeps extending, it is going further, as we keep pushing back
- Sounds like Elisha (**2 Kings 6:16-17**) – walking in another realm – he had a wall of fire all around him. The enemy could not come against him. The servant of Elisha was afraid, and Elisha prayed for his eyes to be opened, and he saw chariots of fire and horsemen all around Elisha -those who are with us are more than those who are with them.

Building a wall is coming back to the word of God

- Coming back to how we conduct ourselves in the house of God [**1Tim.3:15**]
- People need the understanding and revelation of the word to know how to fill the gaps, so the enemy cannot come in
- The word of God will fill the gaps around us
- Take up your authority, build the wall, believe the word of God, use the word of God and push back

Nehemiah – a wall builder - 2:15-17

- Nehemiah has been given permission to go back and rebuild
- He went to view the damage, and found foundations have been neglected [**Heb.6:1-2**]
- Foundations of the church have been neglected [apostles and prophets]
- There is no understanding of the church coming to maturity, becoming sons of God, the earth being filled with the knowledge of the glory
- These things have been neglected in the church today, we have viewed the damage, the gaps in the wall.
- **v.15** – Nehemiah viewed the damage to the wall, he did it secretly
- **v.17** – Come and let us build the wall – that we may no longer be a reproach
- Nehemiah is an apostolic figure – enough is enough

Come let us build the wall!

- **Build** = Hebrew *banah* = to build or construct; to found or to set up; or to obtain children – build a family; the idea being that we build through sons
- Bringing up sons is how we build the wall in the earth

- Sons don't back down, sons will stand in the evil day
- Sons are not identified by tribe or race or culture

There will be opposition – Nehemiah 2:19-20

- **v.19** - The enemy mocked Nehemiah very much
- Always mocking, trying to discourage, the devil hates us when we start to build the wall
- **v.20** - the God of heaven Himself will prosper us – so we will build! The enemy has no right or heritage
- Nehemiah was on the front foot, he had the shield of faith, he was a man of prayer, praying in the midst of the situation
- He is an example for us.

They built as families – Neh. Chapter 3

- As individual families let us build the wall, each building a section, made on continuous wall
- **Nehemiah 4:4** – one of Nehemiah's prayers
- Give them as plunder to a land of captivity
- Nothing was going to stop him from building the wall

A wall built on foundations

- There is much to learn from Nehemiah
- A wall of salvation, gates of praise
- A plumbline needed, the word of God
- **Revelation 21** – the wall has twelve gates and twelve foundations which are the names of the apostles of the Lamb
- Built on the foundation of the apostles
- The gates are open, nothing that defiles can enter

The wall is being built

- Build a wall and share with people that there is a right way to come in – repent, be baptised, be filled with Holy Spirit – learn to live in this holy city
- The wall is built with precious stones; living stones = us
- We are being built up as a wall, so the city has no gaps or breaches, no false teaching or prophets can come in, she is all glorious within, and God will dwell there.

**Join in building the wall, and see the wall extend
and push back the enemy in Jesus' name.**

THE GOSPEL OF THE **KINGDOM OF GOD**

This Gospel is to be preached - Mark 16:15-20

- The reality of us walking in the kingdom of God now
- This is a command, a commission from the King Himself
- We are to preach the gospel to every creature – every nation, tribe and tongue
- We are to preach the good news

What is the gospel?

- We want to see the reality of the gospel from the Word of God
- Some are preaching other gospels, some unrecognizable from the Word of God
- **Mark 1:1** - The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God
- This is the gospel – it is about Jesus Christ, the Son of God

It is the Gospel of the Anointed King

- Christ is Messiah – the Anointed
- It is an anointed position – the Anointed King
- He is the Promised One, the Jewish nation were waiting for the mighty delivering Messiah, King, to come
- We are preaching about Jesus the Anointed King, the Messiah
- Jesus is not a ticket for heaven, He is the King of a Kingdom
- We are to preach the King and His kingdom
- There is a kingdom to enter and a destiny to fulfil
- He is Jesus the King, the Son of God

What does it mean to call Jesus the "Son of God"?

- He is Immanuel – God with us – **Matt.1:23**
- He is God manifest in the flesh – **1 Tim.3:16**
- In these days there are many false christs – people even calling themselves Christ – Jesus warned us of this in **Matthew 24**
- We need to know the Jesus that is presented in the Scriptures

Do not preach any other gospel - Galatians 1:6-9

- Paul warns us about false gospels and false christs
- We are to be preaching the Jesus of the Scriptures
- There are "other" gospels, perversions of the gospel
- Do not preach any other gospel
- The reality of the kingdom – preach Jesus the King, God manifest in the flesh

It is the Gospel of the kingdom - Matthew 24:14

- This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations and then the end will come
- **Mark 16:15** – we are to preach the gospel – it is of the King and the kingdom
- Paul in **Acts 28:30-31** preached the kingdom of God and taught the things concerning the Lord Jesus the King
- We must preach the truth in love
- This can be uncomfortable; we pray and ask God for the opportunity to speak the truth in love
- This is to be preached as a witness to all nations, then the end will come!

What did the King Himself preach? - Mark 1:14-15

- Preaching the gospel [good news] of the kingdom of God
- The Kingdom of God is at hand; Repent and believe the gospel
- What should we preach? We should preach the kingdom of God
- The time is fulfilled – what does this mean? The promise of Messiah that was made is now fulfilled!

All things must be fulfilled - Luke 24:44-45

- After the resurrection of the King
- There were eyewitnesses of the resurrection of the King
- All things must be fulfilled that were written in the Law of Moses, Psalms and Prophets concerning Me
- This did not just come about 2000 years ago.
- This was a plan that God had from the beginning
- **Matthew 25:34** – enter the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world
- This was not something that only recently came about – it is from eternity

PROPHECIES ABOUT THE COMING KING

Genesis 49:10 – Moses spoke of it

- The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah - until SHILOH comes
- To Him shall be the obedience of the people
- This was written in the teachings and writings of Moses
- SHILOH is the great King that would come

Genesis 3:15 – the promise of the Seed

- The Seed of the Woman would crush the head of the seed of the Serpent
- This was always God's plan, not an afterthought

2 Samuel 7:12-14a – the promised Son of David

- Seed of David whose kingdom will be established forever
- This is an eternal throne – no end

Isaiah 9:6-7 - the reality of the kingdom

- A Son (mature son walking in the inheritance) was given, government on His shoulder, of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end

- Son is "Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"
- Upon the Throne of David and over His kingdom
- "The Government will be on His shoulders" – this means the Kingdom, the rule and reign and authority will be upon the shoulders of the Son
- Shoulders carry the load
- The King is who gives us identity

➤ **More prophecies from Isaiah 52:13-15 & 53:1 to chapter 55**

Daniel 7:13-14 – the one whose kingdom would never be destroyed

- One like the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven
- Came to the Ancient of Days
- To Him was given dominion, and glory and a kingdom
- All peoples, nations and languages will serve Him
- His kingdom will never be destroyed
- The time is fulfilled – **Mark 1:14-15** – now the kingdom is at hand

Zechariah 9:9-10 – behold, your King is coming to you

- He has salvation, He rides on a donkey
- He shall speak peace to the nations
- His dominion shall be from sea to sea, from the river to the ends of the earth
- When was this fulfilled? When Jesus came riding into Jerusalem on the donkey!!
- Is He your King?

➤ **More promises in the Psalms: 145; 89:3-4,28-29**

The Kingdom of God is at hand - Mark 1:14-15

- The time is fulfilled – the promises are now coming true!
- The Kingdom of God is at hand – the reign, the realm, the dominion of God is at hand
- Jesus told them how to enter: repent and believe the gospel is how to enter

The reality of the Kingdom - Luke 24:46-49

- It was necessary for the King to suffer and rise from the dead the third day
- That Repentance and remission of sins to be preached
- He would send the Promise of Father and they would be endued with power from on high - this Kingdom comes with power
- It was written – He was slain from the foundation of the world (**Rev.13:8**)
- He was to suffer, die and rise on the third day
- If He was not God manifest in the flesh, He would not have risen from the dead
- We need to preach the reality of the kingdom – it comes with power and authority
- When we lift up the name of Jesus, what is the Holy Spirit doing? He is convicting of sin, righteousness and judgement to come

The Kingdom is one of power and authority - Mark 1:21-22

- As the word is preached it comes with power
- He taught them as one having authority and not as the Scribes
- The kingdom comes with power and authority

- The word **"authority"** – Greek *'exousia'* (SC 1849): the power of rule of government, it is the right, strength, sign of regal authority, a crown

Jesus taught with authority

- **Mark 1:23-28** - For with authority – *exousia* – He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey Him
 - What an awesome meeting to be in
 - Jesus got up and read the Scriptures and the demon manifested
 - Jesus rebuked that spirit and told it to be quiet
 - We need to see this kingdom come
- ➔ **"Kingdom"** – SC 935 *'basileia'* – a royal power, kingship, rule, sovereign, realm, reign, a sphere; it is a realm of authority where royal power is manifest
We are to live in a different realm

We are born again to enter the kingdom

- We are born again, we enter the kingdom and see the kingdom
- It is a realm – a King to receive, a kingdom to enter and a destiny to fulfil
- It is more than just "I believe" – we must be born again
- The heart has to be changed and we need to submit to the King, otherwise we will be damned

A demonstration of kingdom authority – (Mark 1:23)

- Even the demons believe there is One God
- Jesus was not scared – He told it to be quiet and come out of that man
- The kingdom is a reality, and we are to live in it
- The Kingdom is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (**Rom.14:17**)
- If we are not walking in the *'exousia'* than we need to repent
- Do not talk up the devil, talk up the King
- Many people have their eyes on the flood instead of the Ark
- Look at the King, not the devil
- Look at the kingdom, not the darkness – preach the gospel of the kingdom
- That is how the things in the heavenlies are dealt with (**Eph.3:8-11**)
- We have the privilege as the *'ekklesia'* (church) to make known the manifold wisdom of God to principalities and powers

MANIFESTATIONS OF THE KINGDOM

- **Demons cast out - Matthew 12:22-30**
- Could this be the Son of David?
- Pharisees said Jesus casts out demons by Beelzebub the ruler of the demons
- Jesus said "But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you"
- The realm, kingship, royal power of the King has come upon you
- The man who was delivered was brought into righteousness, peace and joy of the Holy Spirit
- We are to walk in this realm with Jesus as King
- The Strong Man is dealt with by the gospel of the kingdom of God being preached

- The kingdom manifested through healing - **Luke 4:40**
- through raising the dead - **Luke 7:11-17** –
- through stilling the sea - **Luke 8:22-25** –
- through opening eyes of the blind - **Matthew 9:27-31, 20:29-33** –

Jesus manifested the power of the kingdom - Matthew 11:1-6

- John the Baptist had heard of the works of Christ – the King
- Are You the Coming One or do we look for another?
- Tell John what you hear and see
- **Blind see, lame walk, lepers are cleansed, deaf hear, dead are raised and poor have the good news preached to them**
- The kingdom was manifesting in power – the time was fulfilled
- From that point on the kingdom has been manifesting and there is a greater fulfilment to come

Jesus' disciples given the same power and authority

- Jesus sent the 12 to do the same (**Matt.10:7-8**)
- Jesus sent the 70 to do the same – even the demons were subject to them!!
Rejoice that your names are written in the realm of heaven (**Luke 10:17-20**)

Jesus has now sent the church to do the same (Mark 16:20)

- **Mark 16:15-16** - Preach the gospel to every creature
- Either you are in the kingdom, or you are not – believe and be baptised

The kingdom has come, we are receiving a kingdom - 2 Timothy 4:1-5

- Charged before the Lord Jesus Christ
- **v.2** - Preach the Word! – not our opinions or a social gospel – but to preach the Word as it is written
- There needs to be a fresh commitment by the people of God to preach and teach the Word as it is written
- This will bring the unity of the faith and the maturing of the church (**Eph.4:13-16**)
- **v.2** - Be ready in and out of season; Convince, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and teaching
- We need longsuffering because we are coming against many strongholds in the mind in the ones we are sharing with
- **v.3** - Many will turn aside from sound doctrine and look for teachers they agree with
- Many teachers do not teach the Word as it is written
- **v.5** - We are to make sure we fulfill our ministry
- Many people do not even bring Bibles to meetings to look up the Word
- There is very little word preached
- We must stay with the Word and labour in the Word and be faithful in the Word
- Thus it was written and thus it was necessary

The reality of the kingdom – His citizens speak what the King is saying!

THE REVELATION OF GOD

YAHWEH our God, YAHWEH is One - Deuteronomy 6:4

- The faith of an orthodox Jew from Moses to Christ is based in this verse, even unto this day
- This was a verse quoted every day of their lives - The Shema!
- Hear O Israel – Yahweh our God, Yahweh is One

LORD = YAHWEH

- The English Bible says “the LORD our God, the LORD is One”
- His name is not “LORD” – He is YHWH [YAHWEH]
- The King James Bible four times translates it as “Jehovah” [**Ex.6:3; Ps.83:18; Isa.12:2; Isa.26:4**]
- 6,500 times in Old Testament the name is mentioned in the Bible but in the English nearly always as “LORD”
- It is woeful that we have not translated God’s personal name – God wants us to know His name
- It blocks intimacy, friendship and the freedom to communicate without fear or sanction – He wants us to know His name so we can be friends; worshipers “**know Him who is from the beginning**” (1John 2:13-14)

A love for the name ‘YHWH’ was lost

Hebrew Scriptures were translated into the Greek language – called the Septuagint in about 300BC

- This was after Malachi – after the prophetic books, no direct prophetic word coming from God during that time
- During that time the Jews in Israel became backslidden
- They lost their love and intimacy of knowing God and stopped using His name and the “name” became so sacred that they stopped using His name
- They called Him “the Name” (Ha Shem) – they did not know Him
- They also called Him “Adonai” – it means “Lord” but only ever used for God, it means God in His resplendent glory in all of His glorious attributes
- Sometimes in the Bible He is called “Adonai YHWH” – Lord Yahweh
- We are living in a time of the restoration of the name
- People are growing tired of Bibles which keep calling the name YHWH, ‘LORD’
- In Swahili He is called “BWANA” – this was the word for “Boss” that the people called the colonizers of Kenya – this was pathetic and a wrong view of God
- People see Him as the white Boss, the Lord when He wants us to know Him by His name

When Jesus said ‘I AM’ they wanted to kill him

- **John 8:58** – even though they did not use the name, they did know it
- When Jesus said, “I AM” they knew He was calling Himself God, Yahweh
- They picked up stones to kill Him

- When one of our brothers visited Jerusalem a few years ago, his tour group face a problem. Our brother said to the tour group leader who was a Jewish lady, we need to pray to YAHWEH. She became very agitated and said 'we don't speak that name'.

In Scripture the use of a 'name' had meaning

- Throughout the Bible there is so much in "the name"
- When Jesus met Simon, He added to Simon's name to be called "Peter"
- "Cephas" is the Greek for Peter, a stone
- **Acts 4:34-37** – Joses was noticed by the apostles – they gave him a new name
- They called him "Barnabas" – literally – "son of the prophet", or "son of encouragement"

Peter preached Jesus as Lord and Christ - Acts 2:36

- Peter did not preach the gospel of salvation
- He preached from the Old Testament Scriptures proving that Jesus is the Lord and Christ
- We are blessed to be receivers of the restoration of the name
- We have been flowing in the stream of learning the name of God and coming to know who Jesus is
- The revelation of God only comes to us in coming to know Jesus the Christ

YAHWEH was in the burning bush - Exodus 3:2 & 4

- **v.2** - The Angel of YHWH appeared
- Moses saw burning bush that was not consumed
- **v.4** - YHWH saw that Moses turned aside to look
- "God called to him ..."
- Here we have "Angel of YHWH", "YHWH" and "God" all referring to the same One

God commissions Moses

- **v.13** – Moses wanted to know His name
- What is His name? What shall I say?
- it was not enough to say "God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob"
- it is not enough to say "Father, Son and Holy Spirit" – there is a 'Name'
- **v.14** God said to Moses 'I AM that/who I AM'
- God said His name is 'I AM'
- 'Who was, who is, and who is to come'
- Eternal One – Yahweh
- Open ourselves up to receive the revelation of who God is
- God looks at the heart, not the religious exercise we can perform
When we cry out to Him, even if we do not know Him, nor His name, He will hear

In the beginning God - Genesis 1:1

- "Elohim" – probably comes from a word meaning *mighty*
- "Elohim" is a plural word – not meaning He is more than one person but more like what we call the "royal plural"

- He has all the power and authority
- **Isaiah 6:8** – “Whom shall I send, who will go for Us?” – not meaning a New Testament theory of “trinity”
- 30 or so times in **Genesis 1** “God”, “Elohim” is mentioned
- God in English is similar to that in Hebrew – it is the general word for “God” – not a name
- “Elohim” is not a name – it is a noun referencing God

The LORD God - Genesis 2:4

- And the “LORD God” – literally – “YHWH Elohim”
- He reveals His name, He is the personal God
- The name is YHWH
- Jesus in English comes from Greek “Iesous” which comes from Hebrew “Yeshua” which is short for “Yehoshua” – means “YHWH saves”
- The name of Jesus is the name above all names – how can that be?
- The name of Jesus is the name of YHWH saving us

- **YAHWEH our God, YAHWEH is One - Deuteronomy 6:4**

These three are one - 1 John 5:7

- There are three bearing witness in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit
- These three are One
- What is the emphasis? On three or one? Certainly One

GOD WAS MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH

- **Romans 9:5** - According to the flesh Christ came
- He would come through the Jewish people
- Christ came who is over all, the eternally blessed God
- Christ is the eternally blessed God – Amen!
- **1 Timothy 3:16** - There is no argument – without controversy
- God was manifested in the flesh – it does not say “2nd person of God” but God Himself was manifested in the flesh
- Do not try to change it - Jesus is God manifested in the flesh

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself

- **2 Corinthians 5:18-19** - God has given us the ministry of reconciliation
- That God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself
- Who was in Christ? God!!
- The Eternal God was in Christ, the everlasting One; God became a man
- So who was in heaven while God was in Christ on earth? He was in heaven always
- He can be everywhere at the same time – He is not limited. ***“No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven”*** John 3:13
- If you meet Christ, who will you meet? God, your Father
- When we ask Jesus into our lives then **YHWH saving us** comes into our life
- All of us need to receive the Word of God and hear the voice of God

'One' not 'Three'

- Some theologians even say that the "theory of trinity is not really great but it is the best we have got"
- It is an intellectual pursuit to try to figure out God in a formula
- There is Greek way of thinking, and a Hebrew way of thinking
- Greek is institutional, philosophical, higher levels of learning
- Hebrew is family, fathers, tribal
- Through British colonialism the Greek model of thinking and life spread everywhere
- Christianity brings us back to the Biblical model – fathers and family
- "Trinity" teaching became law by end of 5th century
- First appeared in writing of Tertullian at end of 2nd century
- By end of 5th century when it became law you could be excommunicated and even killed for not accepting it

In what name are we baptised?

- **Matthew 28:19** – into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - What is the name?
- Father is not a name; Son is not a name and Holy Spirit is not a name
- Peter heard Jesus say this – he was one of the 11 that was with Jesus when He gave that commission

How did Peter obey Jesus in Acts 2:37-38?

- Peter told the Jews who believed that asked him what they should do
- He told them to "repent, be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"
- They were baptised into the name of Jesus the Christ
- Jesus said to baptise in "***the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit***" (Matt.28:19)
- Did Peter make a mistake, or did he have a revelation of the name?

How did Paul obey Jesus' command - Acts 19:5

- Apostle Paul baptised the disciples in the ***name of the Lord Jesus***

This is a very relevant issue to this day

- To this day most ministers baptise in the "name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" as a formula without the revelation of the name, and Jesus is not mentioned.
- This is a way to get over the issue: "I baptise you into the name of the Lord Jesus to the glory of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"
- Some teach that the name is 'Lord Jesus Christ', and they say that the Lord refers to the Father; Jesus of course is the Son; and the Holy Spirit is Christ. Both the reference to the Lord being the Father and Christ being the Holy Spirit is not Scriptural. The name of the Father is not 'Lord' and certainly the Holy Spirit is never called 'Christ' in the Scriptures.

THERE IS A MYSTERY TO UNDERSTAND – Colossians 2:1-10

- Paul had a relationship with these believers even though he had not seen them in the flesh
- He had a great struggle to make sure they had got the message – that the message had been passed on properly
- To the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ

The Mystery of God

- People need to get a hold of this mystery, need to pass this on to Laodicea also
- That you are knit together in love
- The Mystery of God is both of the Father and of Christ
- Many versions leave "Father" out of this verse
- The mystery we need to understand is of "Father and of Christ"
- We are to come to the revelation of the mystery of God
- Just keep reading the Bible
- It is absolutely essential to have the Father to understand the mystery of God
- In Christ are hidden all the treasures of the wisdom of God
- "trinity" doctrine is pure Catholic doctrine that nearly all Protestant churches readily accept
- God gave us the printing press in about 1480 and now books and Bibles have been published so that we can all read it for ourselves
- We can all have access to the Scriptures now

Colossians 2:4 - Do not be deceived with persuasive words

- Doctors of divinity can even make strong statements that are persuasive but deceptive
- **v.5-6** - they sound like they are well settled and functioning in good order in Christ, in the steadfastness of faith in Christ
- **as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him**
- it is more than "asking Jesus into my heart"
- He is Christ – Messiah – King
- He is Jesus – Saviour
- He is Lord – supreme ruler and authority and ownership
- **v.7 - rooted and built up in Him**, in the doctrine and revelation of Christ
- **Ephesians 4:12** – good ministry going on in Colossae, brethren being equipped and built up
- in the apostolic there is nothing to join and nothing to own, we have relationship, being built up in the faith and growing to maturity
- we are to be established in the truth as we have been taught (discipled)
- we are to abound in the faith with thanksgiving – not talking about football but talking about Jesus
- **v.8 - beware lest anyone cheat (plunder) you** through philosophy (*'sophia'* of the Greeks, wisdom of the Greeks)
- **Zech.9:13** – raised up the sons of Zion against the sons of Greece

- sons of Zion are like a sword (word) of a mighty man – then YHWH will be seen over them
- there is a war between Greece and Zion – the philosophy of Greeks and the philosophy of Christ
- the encroaches of Greece, the sons of Zion need to stand against it
- An empty deceit – the “trinity” doctrine has done terrible damage to the Christian church for many centuries because it brings Christ down to the “2nd person” rather than the “Eternally blessed God”
- “basic principles of the world” – not speaking of physical matter, but the Greek way of life and philosophy which is at war with the Hebrew, Biblical, Christ way of life
- How do you judge the “basic principles of the world” – because they are not according to Christ
- **v.9 - In Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily**
- *'theotes'* – Godhead – SC#2320 – divinity, stresses “deity”, the state of being God
- in the Son dwells all the fullness of absolute Godhead
- In Christ dwells (still dwells) all the fullness of the Godhead
- no mere rays of divine glory, like on Moses’ face, Christ is absolute and perfect God
- the word *'theotes'* is used to stress His essential Godhead
- **Col.2:10 - we are complete in Him**
- He is the head of all principality and power
- we are growing up in Christ, into the Godhead
- just let the Scriptures open up the revelation instead of imposing a doctrine onto the Scriptures

Mark 12:29 - Jesus quotes literally the Shema -

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