THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ZION

As I review this entire set of papers under *Road Signs,* there is an undercurrent difficult to explain. Insert that review under an overall review of my 40-year walk with Him, and a still greater sense of divergence begins to emerge. That sense seems to be best described as one of a new thing, mentioned in Isaiah 43, whereby God declares something new is about to develop.

The setting was a time of troubles, much like today. Equally, there was much incongruity; things which did not mesh with the way God had described in His words. In short, there was much convolution of society, topsy-turvy, upside down and befuddling.

We have the same convolution today, especially as regards religious matters, or better said, matters that relate explicitly to the Most High. With 1000s of denominations, sects and pseudo-sects, there is little resembling order, true Divine Order. This religious package is so convoluted that any unraveling is impossible, a thousand times the difficulty encountered by Luther against the Catholic regime.

The degree of convolution is *prima facie* evidence that this overall system is not of God at all. So I sense way down deep this "new thing", this different Order, is to be a restoration of the Ancient Way. If I am correct, it will be the antithesis of the Copeland/Charismatics/Pope type of apostasy currently underway, following the principle of where evil abounds, grace abounds even more.

A second *prima facie* evidence is the religious counterpart of the principle of Division of Labor. That principle says as capitalism increases, more and more specialization occurs, increasing the number of unskilled, lower-paid workers. This principle of everincreasing matching of an individual's "likes" to increasingly minute jobs has spilled over into every facet of American society, medicine in particular, religion not excluded. Said another way, every minute "like" of humans has a commensurately minute religious denomination suited to its adherents' 'likes'. Surely we are aware of the splits over the color of the carpet...

As this has happened, less and less of what the Most High has established is pushed farther and farther afield, until this plethora of Division of Religious Preferences no more resembles what God said than a Man in the Moon.

Ergo, we find ourselves so far afield, we do not even know how far afield we are, or that we are afield at all. We are in space where there is no up or down, right or left, in or out, good or bad, nor any absolute at all. Power, persuasive talents, personal agendas, looks, influence and communication skills reign supreme, or seem to do so.

But God has and will have the last word. This other will burn up pretty fast. As Lord Rees-Mogg quipped, "Perfection is achieved by institutions on the verge of collapse."

It is my sense this "new thing" will incorporate followers who will believe what God said to a "t", and do it. These are things He said like, "You will do the things I do, and even greater things will you do." –or, "You are My flesh and bones."; "Ask what you will, and I will do it"; "these signs will accompany those who believe, they will cast out demons, heal the sick and raise the dead". Hmmmm; -when is the last time you saw those things done (without any trickery or sleight of hand)? There are a thousand other things we somehow have laid to rest alongside His sovereignty and lordship.

This new thing will incorporate followers who will have no agendas, no self-assertions nor self-promotion, nor aspirations other than the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Period. The remnant will have a mindset common to them all. That mindset will be the complete acknowledgement of Jesus as Sovereign **LORD**. He will be everything to them 24/7. They will be clothed with His Holy Spirit, saturated within their being and encased within Him. They will exude His Presence by all they say and do. They will neither gee nor haw unless bidden by Him to do so. In essence, He will be their first and only love.

The enabling power behind this all-consuming focus arises out of the baptism or total immersion of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit-encasing of the person saturates him/her to the point where the person has effectively "put on Christ", or has been clothed with Him. This "clothing" by the Spirit occurred in the O.T. where Isaiah, or better said, the personality of Isaiah, was rendered non-existent by virtue of the Spirit "clothing" him. This is where the human fused into the Divine.

This fusing of personalities is exemplified in the O.T Mosaic tabernacle in the transition from the Holy Place into the Holy of Holies....

These followers will have their entire spectrum of attention filled and saturated with the Person and Presence of Jesus the Christ. Nothing, absolutely nothing, will have any importance to it at all, relative to Him.

Well; I think I just described the true meaning of Zion, where the Most High dwells...

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ORDER

<u>YHWH,</u> THE ETERNAL ONE¹; LORD (with all capitals)

ELOHIM, YOUR GOD² (PLURAL). (with small o & d)

- 1. THE DUE ORDER OF HIS INTERESTS³ <u>FATHER</u> I. HIS NAME, HONOR AND GLORY
 - SON II. THE PURITY OF THE BRIDE
 - A. DUE ORDER OF SPIRITUAL/MORAL AUTHORITY⁴
 - 1. APOSTLE
 - 2. PROPHET
 - 3. EVANGELIST
 - 4. SHEPHERD/TEACHER
 - 5. ELDER/FATHER
 - 6. MOTHER THREE A REPLICA OF HEAVEN⁵
 - 7. CHILD
 - **B. DUE ORDER OF RECOMPENSE⁶**
 - C. DUE ORDER OF DISCIPLING
 - 1. UNDERSTAND ORDER
 - 2. TAUGHT THE WORD AS WRITTEN⁷
 - 3. FEEDING ONESELF⁸
 - 4. TEACHING OTHERS⁹

HOLY SPIRIT

III. SALVATION OF MAN (ROSETTA STONE)¹⁰

- A. DUE ORDER OF SALVATION-MADE WHOLE
 - 1. DUE ORDER OF DELIVERANCE-OUT OF EGYPT
 - a. CALLED, CHOSEN BY THE SON
 - b. CONVICTION, CONFESSION, REPENTANCE
 - c. SPIRITUAL REBIRTH
 - d. WATER BAPTISM
 - e. DEATH TO SELF
 - 2. DUE ORDER OF SANCTIFICATION <u>INTO</u> FULNESS OF CHRIST = "PROMISED LAND".
 - a. HUMILITY
 - b. CONSECRATION, BAPTISM OF SPIRIT
 - c. OVERCOMING THE SIN NATURE
 - d. OVERCOMING THE STRONGHOLD
 - e. OVERCOMING THE LESSER SINS

2. THE RESTORATION OF THE ANCIENT WAY

IV ZION

- A. BRINGING HIM HONOR, PRAISE AND GLORY
- **B. PRESENTING HIM WITH A PURE BRIDE**
- C. BEARING FRUIT, MAINTAINING ORDER, DEFEATING WORKS OF DARKNESS, REPLICATING JESUS ON EARTH, REPRODUCING HIM.

¹ Exodus 3:14

² Exodus 3:15

³ Ben-Issachar, *First and Second Realms*, pg. 33.

⁴ Ibid, Ephesians 4:11; Issachar, <u>in</u> Second and Third Realms, Seven Nations.

⁵ Ephesians 5:32.

⁶ Issachar, op. cit., 1st & 2nd Realms, pg. 35.

⁷ <u>www.gty.org</u>

⁸ Ben-Issachar, *Meat to Blood*, <u>in</u> 1st & 2nd Realms, pg. 121.

⁹ Luke 12:42.

¹⁰ Ben-Issachar, *The Rosetta Stone*, <u>in</u> *Roadsigns*, last paper herein.