

"The Blessing of Abraham" (part 2 of 2 parts)

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*"For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive **the promise**. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."* (Hebrews10:36-39)

*"The blessing of Abraham" was to be passed down his family line to; Isaac, then Jacob and finally to be fulfilled, to the **ONE SEED**; Jesus.*

The " **blessing of Abraham** " was given, as Paul states in Galatian's 3:13-14, "that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith".

God's goal, or point aimed at, in making such a promise was;

"That thou mayest inherit the land";

- *Gen 28:4 (Old Isaac speaking); "And give thee (Jacob) the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land.*

Make no mistake here, the land that was promised or "The promised land", is another allegory or metaphor which points to the "land" where "the King has dominion" (say; "Kingdom"). This "land" is a part of the Mystery of "the Kingdom of God".

So, just where is this "land" where the King is to have dominion?

- Jesus stated, very clearly, that The Kingdom of God" is not something of a natural nature that you can see, but rather it "is within you".
- Luke 17:20b-21; ...The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! Or, lo there! For, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

"The promised land" in the natural is a metaphor pointing to the Spiritual.

First is the natural, followed by the Spiritual, "the flesh" then "the Spirit". Here, in "**this land**" of the heart, is where the warfare or controversy of the ages for Christians has raged for over 2000 years. For Christians, as in **the allegory or mystery** that lies hidden in the lives of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael and Isaac, the **second birth** begins the war.

The War (warring, as Paul called it in Romans 7:23) or the controversy is between our "**Flesh**" (Ishmael, "the child of the flesh") and our "**Spirit**" (Isaac, the child of the Spirit). In other words, our warfare to possess this "promised land" **is not "carnal"** but the war is between our fleshly desires and the desires of the Spirit of God, within our hearts.

- **Rom 8:5-10 (CEV):** *"People who are ruled by their desires think only of themselves. Everyone who is ruled by the Holy Spirit thinks about spiritual things. If our minds are ruled by our desires, we will die. But if our minds are ruled by the Spirit, we will have life and peace. Our desires fight against God, because they do not and cannot obey God's laws. If we follow our desires, we cannot please God. You are no longer ruled by your desires, but by God's Spirit, who lives in you. People who don't have the Spirit of Christ in them don't belong to him. But Christ lives in you. So you are alive because God has accepted you, even though your bodies must die because of your sins."*

The scriptures tell us that "judgment" must begin ..."**at the house** (say: temple) of **the Lord**". First we must "**cast out the bondwoman**", as it were. First we must allow God to deal with the fleshly desires which influence our outward actions from within our hearts. Only then can the Holy Spirit completely **FILL** our temple and from **this heart** (land), **fully governed by Him**, we will stand fully equipped and ready to do the will of God and to rule and reign with Jesus as **joint heirs** to the promises.

- **2Co 10:6** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

It is here, in the **heart**, this "Anti-Christ" is **revealed** by the brightness of the light which the Holy Spirit's coming and indwelling brings. This "**Ishmael**" (child of the flesh) **is** "Anti-Christ" and has withstood Christians who have long waited

for Christ to Come and completely **fill** His temple and fully manifest **His government** (say; Kings Dominion) within His temple; which we are.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

However, many Christians are so caught up in the doctrines of "the flesh" they have lost the vision of God's overall plan which He gave to the Prophets of old;

- **Dan 7:22** *Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.*
- **1Co 6:2-3 WN** *Do you not know that God's people will sit in judgment upon the world? And if you are the court before which the world is to be judged, are you unfit to deal with these petty matters? Do you not know that we are to sit in judgment upon angels--to say nothing of things belonging to this life?*
- **2Co 10:6** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

But, first things first; Before "judgment is given the Saints of the most High", our obedience must be fulfilled. Judgment must, first, begin at the house (temple) of the Lord. God help us!

The light of Christ in these days is arising on his people like;

"the morning sun that spreads upon the mountains"

The morning light of **the day of Christ** is breaking on us, revealing that it is "**Christ in us**" that was purposed by God to be "**the hope of glory**" or the method to **glorify the Father again**, as Jesus did. While **this light** is arising on us, at the same time the world is still covered with **darkness**.

- **Isa 60:1-3** Arise, shine; for **thy light is come**, and the glory of the LORD is raised upon thee. For, **behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and**

gross darkness the people: **but the LORD shall arise upon thee**, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

- *Joel 2:1-2 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and **sound an alarm in my holy mountain**: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for **the day of the LORD** cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, **as the morning spread upon the mountains**: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.*

This truth will be challenged, also, by the carnal mind and will also create division. **Flesh vs Spirit**. It is all out **warfare in the spirit**. However, ultimately, the truth will reign because our hearts of stone, carnal minds (flesh and blood) will not be allowed to usurp Gods government or kingdom and share in the glory that is to be revealed in us.

- *1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the **Kingdom** of God neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*

Who did the descendants of the children of the free woman find among those resisting them when they crossed the Jordan river to take their promised land? Not surprisingly, among those resisting their possession of "the promised land" were the descendants of Ishmael ("the child of the flesh").

As it was then and is even now in the natural, so it is now, in the Spirit.

- *Gal 4:28-31 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.*

In Psalms, the 83rd chapter, it is revealed that among those who would wipe out the nation of Israel and make sure no one remembers their name was the

descendants of good ole' Ishmael! Even today, as I write this, the descendants of Ishmael, in the natural, are making such threats against the nation of Israel.

Of course we have to remember that there is a "natural Israel" and then there is the "Spiritual Israel, who we Christians are. Therefore, we Christians must identify with the natural Israel in this allegory.

In fact, none of these bad boy types in Psalms 83 want us to fully possess "our promised land". They do not want us to become a people who are partakers of God's divine nature, under the governing rule of the Spirit of God within our hearts. This "land" or placement or position has been theirs for a long, long, long time. Yet, it is a "place" or a "land" or a "dwelling place" that is not theirs, it is "the land" of the promises to Abraham and his seed, as it were.

(Note: Interestingly, in the natural, natural Israel's borders are not along the lines, currently, of God's promise either and the controversy rages in the natural there, also.)

- ***Psalms 83:4-8 ASV:** They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent; Against thee do they make a covenant: The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre: Assyria also is joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot. Selah.*
- ***Eph 6:12 CEV:** We (who are Christians) are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and powers in the spiritual world.*

And sure enough, right there in the middle of this "bad boy" mix in Psalms 83 is: "The Ishmaelites"! That would be; the descendants of Ishmael or in other words; "the desires of our flesh".

- ***Gal 4:29-31 CEV:** "But the child who was born in the natural way made trouble for the child who was born because of the Spirit. The same thing is happening today. The Scriptures say, "Get rid of the slave woman and her son! He won't be given anything. The son of the free woman will receive*

everything." My friends, we are children of the free woman and not of the slave. "

- **1Corinthians 15:50 KJV:** Now this I say, brethren, that *flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*

"Then the LORD told me: "I will give you my message in the form of a vision. Write it clearly enough to be read at a glance.

At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting-- it will happen!

"I, the LORD, refuse to accept anyone who is proud. Only those who live by faith are acceptable to me." (Habakkuk 2:2-4 CEV)

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