

The Bright and Morning Star

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Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Father in Heaven, grant for us, your children, through Jesus Christ, to open the eyes of our understanding that we might see those things that are ours and are in your will to reveal at this time.

The natural morning star is what we now know as the planet Venus. Jesus is referenced in the Bible as; "*the Bright and Morning Star*" in Spiritual terms. Therefore, we should look at the natural characteristics of Venus to see any possible metaphoric or spiritual parallels. We do this in keeping with previous revelations of other Spiritual mysteries hidden by God in types and shadows, parables and metaphors.

One of the characteristics of the star, Venus:

Venus reaches its maximum brightness shortly before sunrise or shortly after sunset.

For this reason it is often called the **Morning Star**. Therefore, as "**the bright and morning star**" it is the brightest star in the darkness of the heavens **just before** the dawning of the early morning sun. There are other physical and astrological characteristics that may be applicable. For now, let's consider the one listed above.

Like the "*Bright and Morning Star*", sometime in the pre dawn darkness of the third day in the grave, Jesus rose up out of the grave.

Then, before daylight, they came "*very early in the morning*" on the first day of the week, some of His followers and found the tomb...empty.

Luk 24:6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

He then appeared to Mary and other followers in a **visible body** but had not yet ascended and was not to be touched until He ascended.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

Later, Jesus appeared to His followers from time to time, after His resurrection and first ascension, over a period of a good number of days, teaching them and instructing them again, before His final ascension to His Father.

When He appeared, He appeared to them in **His glorified body**.

A body with **spiritual** qualities, yet a body with **physical** qualities;

Joh 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, *Peace be unto you.*

Joh 20:20 And when he had so said, **he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side**. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

Joh 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, *Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.*

Joh 21:12 Jesus saith unto them, *Come and dine*. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

Joh 21:13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

Joh 21:14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

During each appearance in His glorified body, He enlightened them to understand further, certain truths. Before, they knew Him only in the flesh. He now was appearing to them in Spirit but also in physical reality. We might even be able to say; in Spirit **and** in truth.

At this time, He limited; His appearances, His impartation of revelation knowledge and appeared **only to a few of His closest followers**.

Joh 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, *Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

Joh 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Just before His ascension to heaven He admonished His followers to "**wait for the promise of the Father**". He ascended and they waited. They waited for "*the promise of the Father*", and the **full morning light** of the new DAY of God's new creation, "*not many days hence*".

Let's back track just a bit, and see the limited ministry of Jesus as the "***Root and Offspring of David***" as He ministered **only** to "*the lost sheep of the house of Israel*". And then see the unlimited, then unknown to man, glorious work that was yet before Him. This passage in John 12: 20-28 unfolds in mystery form the glory yet to be revealed through Jesus, The Christ, Son of Man and Son of God...the Pattern Son.

Joh 12:20-28 And there were certain **Greeks** among them that came up to worship at the feast:

The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

Note here, that they were not Jews that asked to see Jesus, but they were Greeks. Like the Canaanite woman before, He would not and

could not minister to them.

He would not, because God the Father had sent Him to minister only to "*the lost sheep of the house of Israel*", the Jews.

He could not, because He was only one physical person, and as the "**Root and Offspring of David**" He was physically limited and at that time was not equipped by God to minister to the nations.

Jesus almost appears to ignore His disciple's request, but scripture says; "Jesus answered them". And, He did, in mystery form but with profound and world changing prophecy.

Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying, **The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.**

Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone:** but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

If any man serve me, let him **follow me**; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man **serve me**, him will *my* Father honour.

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified *it*, and will glorify *it* again.

Jesus, "**the root and offspring of David**" had been sent as a single corn of wheat into the earth, He was sent only to the Jewish people, as He walked the earth in His earthly flesh. He knew His destiny was to fall into the ground and die, and only then could He fulfill His **unfathomable destiny**. He had been obedient to The Father in His mission, even unto His death. He had glorified the Father in everything He said and did. Yet there would be more glory to come.

Then, after His death and resurrection, **but before** His final ascension, He came again to His **closest followers**, in a **glorified body, in spirit yet in truth**. Here was the full manifestation of the Pattern Son of God. He was **now**; "**The Bright and Morning**

Star" a predecessor to the new DAY which was fast approaching. This **new DAY** would be even more glorious than Jesus' ministry as "**The Root and offspring of David**".

He **breathed on them**, and said "**receive ye the Holy Ghost**". From the brightest light in the dark morning sky was this first breath of the dawn of this first DAY of God's new creation. **This is the day** which would begin the progressive rising of the true light of the world, spreading from the tops of the mountains (his closest follower) unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Psa 118:24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

This **new DAY** of God's **new creation** would first be manifest when the DAY of Pentecost would be fully come (9am). The light of this new DAY would progress from there on to fill the earth and once again would glorify the Father through the light of Christ **in** those who would follow Him.

Joh 14:17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Joh 14:12 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

2nd Corinthians 5:16-17 (New Int. K.J.V.); "So, from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **NEW CREATION; THE OLD HAS GONE (†) THE NEW HAS COME!**"

Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the **evening** and the **morning** were the first day.