

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
IN CHRIST JESUS.***

(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)

#03-0906

The Days of Noah #4

January 29, 2009

As presented in previous issues of this series, the days of Noah signify something positive, and it is the coming of a worldwide flood not of water but of the spirit of God. In the narrow sense, the days of Noah consisted of the 120 years in which Noah and his grandfather preached to the corrupt generation of their day. In the last issue, it was proposed that the number 120 has a positive meaning in that it signifies the filling of the earth with the spirit of God. It should be noted that there are also six references to the number 120,000. There is some significance in some of these, but these will not be taken up in this series. Now, let us look at the remaining three references to the number 120.

(11) When the priests came forth from the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without regard to divisions), (12) and all the Levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and kinsmen, clothed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps and lyres, standing east of the altar, and with them one hundred and twenty (120) priests blowing trumpets (13) in unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and when they praised the LORD saying, “He indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting,” then the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, (14) so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God. (2 Chronicles 5:11-14 NASB)

This describes the scene of the dedication of Solomon’s temple. The 120 priests blew trumpets and the singers praised and glorified the Lord. Then, the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud of glory. The glory was so powerful that the priests could not stand to minister. The 120 priests are a type of the pouring out of the spirit of God in the age to come. Believers are a holy priesthood, a temple of God, and when they are fully dedicated unto the Lord in fulfillment of Tabernacles, the Holy Spirit will fill them to overflowing, and the glory of the Lord will begin to cover the whole earth as a flood.

We see another type of this over 2,000 years ago on the day of Pentecost when the spirit of God descended on the body of Christ as the 120 were waiting in the upper room.

(15) At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons (120) was there together), and said, (16) “Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. (17) For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry.” (Acts 1:15-17 NASB)

Again, this was (is) not the full anointing or measure of the Holy Spirit. It points to a greater filling that is coming when the reign of the heavens comes to the nations of the earth.

To summarize, there were 120 priests who dedicated Solomon’s temple, and there were 120 men and women waiting in the upper room to receive the spirit of God on the day of Pentecost, which commenced the building or dedication of the temple of God, the temple of living stones, the dwelling of God in spirit, New Jerusalem. This is a topic taken up in another series, so if you have not begun to read it, I encourage you to do so. See issues titled *New Jerusalem*.

So that the point is not missed: Solomon's temple was constructed of inorganic stones quarried from the earth, but this was only a type of the true temple of God, the temple that God has in view in the fulfillment of His purpose. He is building a temple, not of inorganic stones but of organic, living stones that are the saints or conquerors of the Lord. He is doing this by placing His spirit in these people until they have a full inheritance of the spirit as the next eon commences.

Finally, the fourth mention of the number 120 is also in reference to Solomon's temple.

Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty (120) talents of gold and a very great amount of spices and precious stones; there had never been spice like that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. (2 Chronicles 9:9 NASB)

The queen of Sheba gave the king 120 talents of gold in recognition that the Lord set Solomon on the throne to do justice and righteousness (2 Chronicles 9:8). Gold signifies glory. In the age to come, the conquerors will go forth administering justice and righteousness because this is the very foundation of the throne of the Lord (Psalm 97:2). This will be done under the full anointing of the spirit of God as the glory of the Lord begins to fill the earth. Thus, the 120 talents of gold refer to the glory of God that will come upon the earth as justice and righteousness go forth.

To add to the positive nature of the meaning of the days of Noah, let us consider the second mention of the phrase *the days of Noah*.

(7) "For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion I will gather you. (8) In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you," Says the LORD your Redeemer. (9) "For this is like the days of Noah to Me, when I swore that the waters of Noah would not flood the earth again; so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you nor will I rebuke you. (10) For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, but My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, and My covenant of peace will not be shaken," Says the LORD who has compassion on you. (Isaiah 54:7-10 NASB)

Through Isaiah, the Lord spoke to His rebellious and, we might add, immoral and unethical people reminding them that just as He had compassion in the days of Noah, so He will have compassion on His people. He swore that a flood of water would never again be sent to destroy mankind. However, He had another type of flood in mind that is glorious. He will flood mankind, but the next time, it will be a flood of compassion as He floods the whole earth with His spirit. He did it in measure at Pentecost over 2,000 years ago, but He is going to do it again at Tabernacles, starting with His spiritual house.

Though the mountains (kingdoms, nations) may be moved and the hills (governments, their systems) are shaken, the Lord's covenant of peace will not be shaken. We are in days of shaking. All things that can be shaken must be shaken, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude. Glory is coming!

The days of Noah are almost over; the glory of the Lord is about to fill the whole earth.

I am reminded of the word the Lord gave me for the year 2009: **The wind blows!** See issue #03-0901. To free Noah and his family from the ark, God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided (Genesis 8:1), and they came out of the ark to start a new world order, a new beginning for mankind. The wind is once again getting ready to pass over the earth to bring in a new world order, the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. However, this wind will not be a physical wind but a people full of the Holy Spirit, a people that are fully sanctified and anointed to lead the nations in the ways of the Lord.

The days of Noah are about to conclude as the wind blows. Let us face the wind!