

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)

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Egypt's Future — "My People"

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Truly, as we seemingly see crisis after crisis and shaking after shaking erupt across the globe, we are living in exciting, if not, turbulent times. Truly, the dawn of the manifested glory of our beloved Lord Jesus and His worldwide kingdom is drawing near. The great and glorious King of Righteousness is coming!

In a 32-year span, the world has witnessed two major revolutions in the Middle East in which dictatorship regimes have been overthrown for the supposed cause of democracy and freedom for the masses.

However, the **Iranian Revolution of 1979** did not lead to democracy and freedom but to a theocracy under the strict rules of Sharia law. Now, as all eyes are on the **Egyptian Revolution of 2011**, many are wondering if it will go the same path or not. Of course, there are views on both sides and forces vying for power and control on both sides, so, at this point, no one knows for sure.

Many are also wondering if this is merely one in a series of dominoes that will fall across the region, the first of which began in Tunisia. Needless to say, Egypt is the biggest and most profound domino to date. Again, if this is part of a broader trend, to what is it all leading? Will it be good or bad for the region or for the world, for that matter? Are there evil forces trying to wrestle their way to power and control over the masses? God only knows!

In this issue, let us put aside the present-day speculation and turn to the Bible to see if we might discover the future of Egypt as revealed by the Lord. Forget what man says or postulates; does the Bible give us an indication of what will happen to Egypt, perhaps in the long term? By *long term*, I mean in the coming Kingdom Age. To me, *short term* refers to the remaining days of our present wicked age, the last days leading up to the manifestation of the Kingdom of God on earth when Christ's conquerors will possess the Kingdom and rule and reign with Christ over the nations, teaching the nations true righteousness and justice.

Now, let us consider what the Lord has revealed about the destiny of Egypt through Isaiah the prophet. For the sake of full disclosure; we should not be surprised that some disagree with the following interpretation of scripture.

(19) In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD near its border. (20) It will become a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Champion, and He will deliver them. (Isaiah 19:19-20 NASB)

Given the context of these verses and what follows, it is apparent that "in that day" refers to the next age or what is called the **Kingdom or Tabernacles Age**, which is the 1,000-year reign of Christ over the nations of our present (second) earth.

The altar and pillar to the Lord refers to the **Great Pyramid of Giza** that is located just south of Cairo in the midst of Egypt, that is, at the border between Upper and Lower Egypt. This great pyramid is an engineering marvel that is so amazing that it is **one of the seven ancient wonders of the world**, and the only one that remains. To learn about its many wonders and mysteries, search the Internet and read some of the many articles about it.

There are three facts worth noting about this pyramid. First, no one seems to know who built it and how they built it. Second, it was not finished with a top stone or capstone; it is absent. Third, and the most compelling reason that verse 19 refers to the Great Pyramid of Giza, is the fact that the number **5449** is the sum total of the numeric value (gematria) of all the words in the above verses (19-20), which so happens to be the precise height of the pyramid in pyramid inches. This must be the hand of God.

According to Isaiah, a day will come when the Egyptian people will be oppressed, and they will cry out to the Lord. In that day, the Great Pyramid of Giza will become a sign and a witness to the Lord of hosts (armies). But, how will it be a sign and a witness, since it has stood on the plain of Giza for millennia?

This might seem a bit of a stretch, but I propose that it will become a sign when those who built it are raised up in the **first resurrection** that commences the coming age. These ancient architects and builders will explain the many mysteries of the pyramid and why a capstone or headstone was not placed on its top. Perhaps, they will even supernaturally restore it. They will declare that they could not lay the capstone until Jesus the Christ, God's Son, is declared the King of kings and Lord of lords of the nations. Zechariah the prophet has given us assurance that the capstone will come forth full of grace.

Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forth the capstone [headstone] with shouts: Grace! Grace to it! (Zechariah 4:7 LITV [KJV])

Christ is the Head, **full of grace and truth** (John 1:14). The Great Pyramid will be crowned with a capstone or headstone (literally and/or figuratively-spiritually) when the King is crowned and declared King of the nations. Thus, it will be a sign and a witness that the Savior and Champion has come to the Egyptians (and the whole world) to deliver them out of oppression and into the glory of His kingdom.

Thus the LORD will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day. (Isaiah 19:21 NASB)

However, the Lord must first strike them in order to heal them.

The LORD will strike Egypt, striking but healing; so they will return to the LORD, and He will respond to them and will heal them. (Isaiah 19:22 NASB)

If this is a prophetic word for Egypt leading up to the coming Kingdom Age, then there are two possible conclusions. First, they have been under oppression for the last 60-61 years, and their revolution is about leading them to the Lord, which means the Great Pyramid will become a sign and a witness to them in some miraculous way. Second, the revolution will lead the Egyptian people into greater oppression for the short term. Either way, Isaiah offers a glorious future, not only for Egypt but also for Assyria and Israel and, by extension, all the nations.

(23) In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. (24) In that day Israel will be the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, (25) whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance." (Isaiah 19:23-25 NASB)

The Lord will reveal Himself to the Egyptians, and they will become His people. They will realize that the Great Pyramid, which stood in their midst for centuries as a great marvel and tourist attraction, is God's witness to them that He has been with them all along and He has come to presence Himself in their midst. **Jesus, the King of kings and Lord of lords and the Son of God, is the headstone!**

Notice that there is a blessing to Assyria, which is mostly present-day Iraq. The two nations that God used in the history of ancient Israel will be united in Christ. Israel was delivered out of bondage in Egypt and later taken captive by the Assyrians. thus, forcing the northern kingdom of Israel (10 tribes) to be scattered among the nations as the lost house of Israel. Do not make the mistake of reading the present-day state of Israel into this. It refers to the house of Israel that lost its national identity and is today found among, most notably, the Western nations of Europe, the UK, the USA, Canada, as well as Australia and South Africa. All will be reunited under Jesus the King, along with the rest of the nations.