

Your message burns in my heart and bones, and I cannot keep silent.

(Jeremiah 20:9)

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***"Look for the Signs"
"Heaven Waits to Come to Earth"
(Word/Experience)***

Over a period of many years, I drove back and forth between Richmond, VA and Charlotte, NC by way of Route 360. During these years, I began to realize that an evil, spiritual wall would come against me every time I passed through an area about one hour from Richmond. I had never logged into my mind the exact area, but it seemed to be about an hour away, which would place it about 60 miles out. Fortunately, I finally realized that this was a spiritual attack from some evil, dark forces in the area. I began to wonder if I was a marked man since for many years (at least five years) I was involved with a lot of prayer campaigns for the gospel going forth in Richmond, as well as for the church of Richmond (i.e., Concert of Prayer, Urban Harvest, and other special prayer times). At any rate, it became quite clear that the forces of darkness did not like me passing through their territory.

On July 21, 2012, my wife and I drove to Richmond for the 21st birthday and baptism of the son of a dear brother and sister in the Lord that we have known for years.

On this day, about 80 miles out from Richmond, I began to pray silently. Shortly after, my wife decided to play a music CD. I wasn't interested at first, but then the spirit of the Lord began to minister to me. The CD was ***On the Shores*** by Jonathan David and Melissa Helser. The first song that spoke to my heart was titled *Explode my Soul*, but when ***Earth like Heaven*** came on, I really began to worship in my spirit. This song was right in line with a word the Lord spoke to me on July 3, 2012: ***Heaven waits to come to earth.*** Needless to say, heaven coming to earth (not us going to heaven) has been very much on my heart, so this song really spoke to me.

Here are the words:

The dust that we were made of is calling us to free them. The earth that we were pulled from is crying to liberate us. We won't be satisfied till the earth looks like heaven.

Like the waters cover the sea let the earth be filled with Your glory till the prayers You prayed become reality and the earth looks like heaven.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, till the earth looks just like heaven.

Wake up you sons and daughters. You were made for so much more. Wake up you sons and daughters, start singing. Creation's waiting.

As we continued moving toward this area of evil, I began praying against the spiritual wall that we were approaching, not knowing exactly where it was located. As I prayed fervently that heaven come to earth, I envisioned **angels all lined up along the road and an arch over the road** with an angel standing at each side and us punching through this evil wall as we passed under this arch.

Along with this picture, I heard the Lord speak: **Look for the signs**. I immediately knew that we were to watch for street signs. At this point, I yelled out to my wife: **We are punching through the wall. We are crossing over**. I am not sure why I used these specific phrases, other than it was the holy spirit giving me the words. The matter of crossing over was not something that I had contemplated prior to or during the trip.

Just as I said *we are crossing over*, we both looked up and the next street sign read **CROSSING**. We let out a yell. Then, a few seconds later, the street sign read **LOVE**. We let out another yell. Then, we saw another sign: **NARROW BRIDGE**. Immediately, both of us thought of ***narrow is the way that leads to life*** (Matthew 7:14). (The bridge we crossed was indeed narrow.)

Here is the thrust of what transpired—the arch and the angels were positioned on the narrow bridge, and we victoriously crossed over, leaving the enemy defeated and in our wake. Praise God! The good news is that not once did I experience any evil thoughts on the trip, going and returning, or while in Richmond.

When we drove home, we stopped and retraced our route to see if there was anything we failed to notice. It turns out that from *Crossing* to *Narrow Bridge* is about one mile, so everything happened within about one minute. **Crossing** is **Route 718** and **Love** is **Route 704**. The next town after the bridge heading toward Richmond is **Meherrin**, which was the home of Roy Clark of "Hee Haw" fame. When we got home, I researched Meherrin and the names of the streets and their route numbers. Here is what I discovered.

In 2002, it was reported that a radical Muslim community of about 200-300 was living west of Meherrin in a place called *Virso* [virus??], which is in the area we passed through heading to Richmond. A radical Pakistani Muslim (Jamaat ul-Fuqra) formed a group called *Muslims in the Americas*, and this is where they have (or had) one of their sites in America. According to the *Washington Times*, John Mohammed, the DC sniper, stayed in this community. I could not find an update on their activity in this area, but based on my experience, it seems that the powers of darkness associated with this group are/were still active in the area. Perhaps, there is/was an active Muslim cell still operating but has since gone underground. Regardless, this explains the reason for an evil wall that needed to be punched through.

Crossing Over

Crossing is State Route 718, which led me to consider whether 718 could be connected to some biblical gematria. According to a gematric database, there is only one verse that has a numeric value of 718.

The Lord at thy right hand shall **strike** [i.e., punch] through kings in the day of his wrath. (Psalm 110:5 KJV [bold italic added])

The word *punch* and *strike* are very similar. "To punch" means "to strike."

This is no coincidence; only God could link these together. So, when we crossed over, the Lord was with us to strike the powers of darkness. As we crossed the bridge under the arch, the powers were struck by the Lord, specifically by the angels standing watch along the road and the arch.

Now, in Hebrew, *crossing over* is the word *abar*, which is the primitive root word from which Eber's name is derived. *Eber* (*from across, beyond*) defines the meaning of the name *Hebrew* as *one who crosses over*.

Abar is made up of the following Hebrew words with a gematria of 272:

Resh (200) meaning "Head, Leader"

Beth (2) meaning "A Tent, House"

Ayin (70) meaning "An Eye = to know, see, look, manifest"

Putting these meanings together, could we not form the expression *manifest (see) the house of the leader (Head) or manifestation of the leader of the house* (whose house we are)? In other words, in crossing over, the Head (i.e., King Jesus) is manifested in victory and glory. Perhaps this is seen in the multiplication factors of the number 272 itself—16 times 17 equals 272. The number **16** signifies **love**, and the number **17** signifies **victory**.

Consequently, we crossed over by the love of God and were victorious as we passed through the arch. This is significant given the history of ancient Israel, since the key verses containing *abar* are ones relating to Joshua and the second generation of the sons of Israel crossing over the Jordan into the promised land.

"Now why are you discouraging the sons of Israel from ***crossing over*** into the land which the LORD has given them? (Numbers 32:7 NASB [bold italic added])

"Hear, O Israel! You are ***crossing over*** the Jordan today to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, great cities fortified to heaven.... (Deuteronomy 9:1 NASB [bold italic added])

"Know therefore today that it is the LORD your God who is ***crossing over*** before you as a consuming fire. He will destroy them and He will subdue them before you, so that you may drive them out and destroy them quickly, just as the LORD has spoken to you. (Deuteronomy 9:3 NASB [bold italic added])

"Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is ***crossing over*** ahead of you into the Jordan. (Joshua 3:11 NASB [bold italic added])

Love, Lover of God

With a little more digging, I discovered that Love's route number of 704 is associated with the gematria of *philotheos*, which means *lovers of God* (2 Timothy 3:4) [gematria = 894]. The Greek word **lover** has a gematria of **704**.

Arch

At first, I was a bit puzzled over the meaning of the arch being associated with a bridge. But this was quickly settled, for an arch is often associated with a bridge. *Arch* is defined as *a curved structure used as a support over an open space, as in a bridge*. *Webster's 1828 Dictionary* defines *arch* as **the vault of heaven, sky, and what is used in bridges**. *Arch* also refers to a *chief or prince or ruler*, which speaks of King Jesus: The Prince (*archon*) [Revelation 1:5]. *Archo* means *to reign over*.

Further, the arch and the narrow bridge we crossed are linked. The root word for *narrow* has the meaning *to approach*. Thus, there is a double meaning built into the word *narrow*. We could say it signifies

approaching a tight fit. In this case, the tight fit was to pass under the arch over the bridge. This is the way to life.

As if this were not enough, there is more.

In considering the number 718 (Crossing), I realized that reading it in reverse yields the number **817**, a number given to me by the Lord on July 17, 2012 that relates to Isaiah 8:17-18.

And I will wait for the LORD who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob; I will even look eagerly for Him. Behold, ***I and the children whom the LORD has given me are for signs and wonders*** in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. (Isaiah 8:17-18 NASB [bold italic added])

Not only were we to read the literal signs, but we punched through as signs—signs that the Lord of hosts is with us. He reigns on Mount Zion, and we have come to His mount, His rule (Hebrew 12:22). Adding to this the meaning of the Hebrew letters comprising the word *abar*, again, we could say: The **HEAD** of the **HOUSEHOLD** was **MANIFESTED**. Of course, the head is King Jesus, and together with Him, we all are signs.

Finally, adding 704 and 718 yields the number **1422**. According to a gematric database, the only biblical verse with this gematria is found in **Psalm 46**.

Relax and know that I am Elohim; I shall be exalted among the nations; I shall be exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:10 CLV)

Is this not what we experienced? Will our God not be exalted? Will He not strike through every king (power and principality) that stands against His kingdom?

Much to our surprise, the Lord did something on the return trip as well.

Watch for the Signs

After we passed Meherrin, which is located in Prince Edward County, we passed through Keysville as we entered Charlotte County. Driving along, I carried on a silent conversation with the Lord as I considered all that had happened over the last few days. The Lord broke in and said: ***Watch for the signs for the next 10 miles.*** I inquired: *How will I know which ones are important?* He responded: ***You will know.***

It seemed as if the first sign appeared almost immediately. It read ***Shiloh Church Rd.*** This caught my attention—for Shiloh was the first place in the promised land that the Lord placed His name, and it was where Joshua divided up the inheritance for the sons of Israel and the ark of the covenant rested. Shiloh is also prophetically significant for the inaugural and consummational presence of King Jesus and the manifestation of the sons of God. Shiloh coming speaks to the king coming along with His conquerors.

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. (Genesis 49:10 NASB)

For more on Shiloh, see: *Until Shiloh Comes* — <https://www.kingdomandglory.com/art/art66.pdf>

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Next, we saw that the name of the highway had changed to **King's Highway** (a giveaway to what follows). Route 360 is the state number of the road—but, as it passes through counties or specific areas, it is often identified by a new name. When we passed through Meherrin, it was called *Patrick Henry Highway* (as in: *Give me liberty or give me death*). Is this not relevant to our crossing over? Was it not a matter of life and death? As 360 passed south into Charlotte County, Virginia, it became *King's Highway* for perhaps a stretch of 20-25 miles.

Then we saw a sign for **Saxe**. Now, this might be lost on most people, but given all that I have studied about the migration of the lost house of Israel, the Lord knew that I would pick up on this. In etymology, the word *saxe* is derived from the word *saxon*. *Saxon* is derived from the name of *Isaac*. When the northern house of Israel was taken captive by the Assyrians in 745-721 BC, they became known by a number of names, such as the house of *Sacae* or *Saka*, or as the *Scythians*. It is believed that the *Saxons*—as in the *Anglo-Saxons*—were descendants of the house of Isaac. It is also believed that America was founded by descendants of the ancient tribes of Israel.

But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the lad and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, for through Isaac your descendants shall be named. (Genesis 21:12 NASB)

For more on this, see: *America—Wake Up!* — <https://www.kingdomandglory.com/art/art67.pdf> and *Abraham's Multitude of Nations* — <https://www.kingdomandglory.com/art/art63.pdf>

Next, we saw a sign for **Hebron**. Of course, Hebron has great meaning. It was the first place that Abraham, the Hebrew, the migrator, built an altar to the Lord. It was also where Abraham buried Sarah.

Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD. (Genesis 13:18 NASB)

Also, David's kingship began in Hebron. It was only appropriate that on King's Highway we would pass Hebron.

The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months. (2 Samuel 2:11 NASB)

Finally, near the end of the ten-mile stretch, the last sign was **King's Cross**. This speaks for itself.

By the way, these were the only signs we saw on this 10-mile stretch. If there were others, the Lord blinded our eyes to them. Also, after this last sign, we observed no signs of any spiritual significance for the rest of the trip through Virginia.

I suggest that the Lord is revealing three vital lessons.

First, spiritual signs are all around us, manifesting in a variety of ways beyond typical street signs. For the discerning, the signs are not there for our entertainment. No; they are there for our encouragement as markers pointing us to a glorious destiny in Jesus. For more along this line, consider this link:

Signposts of the Kingdom — <https://www.kingdomandglory.com/prophetic/p84.pdf>

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Second, *I and the children are for signs*. Do you realize that as the Lord's people, we are living signs? To be sure, there are some who live as signs more so than others and they often go through strange and difficult times that others might not understand. But the signs being lived out are noticed by the unseen realm. Another way of stating this is that when we are a sign of some great spiritual truth or heavenly enterprise, we live it out on earth. It is not play-acting—it is life being manifested as heaven and earth come together as a foreshadow of what is to come in the day of the appearing and unveiling of our Lord Jesus. The Lord summarized this trip for us with this word: ***You live it out.***

Finally, the key to all of this is the word spoken to me on July 3, 2012: ***Heaven waits to come to earth.*** We were a sign of this as we passed under the spiritual arch that was ***the vault of heaven*** with the angelic host guarding it. It was a sign that all hindrances will be removed that keep heaven from coming to earth. Love will lead us to cross over into our promised land—immortal, spirit-animated, glorified bodies.

This was a prophetic moment for us personally, but it also serves as an encouragement for all who long to see Jesus and long to become like Him. For those of us with this longing, may we all see heaven come to earth more and more until the Lord Himself, the love of our Life, comes out of heaven to meet us, the many sons of glory that will be changed into His image and will reign with Him in the ages to come.

What a glorious expectation!

For a follow-up to this experience, see: *Yeshua* — <https://www.kingdomandglory.com/prophetic/p86.pdf>

Postscript

Although heaven waits to come to earth, we must recognize that, in some measure, heaven has already come to earth. Just consider us who are a living temple of the spirit of the Lord who are being made into *a dwelling of God in spirit*. Heaven or the realm (dimension) of God is within us, in measure, but not in fullness. Given this, we wait with a longing to be clothed with our dwelling that is reserved for us in God's realm! We don't go there to get it—it is unveiled to us and in us. It comes when the portal between heaven and earth opens to us and we become like our beloved Lord Jesus.

Next, those who read my material know I place a lot of emphasis on the number 21. Take note that this sign was manifested on 7.21 as we drove to celebrate the 21st birthday and baptism of a young man. The Hebrew month of *Tishri* is the seventh month from *Nisan* on the Hebrew ecclesiastical calendar and the first month of the Hebrew civil year. (*Nisan* and *Tishri* are bookends of a seven-month period.) The ***Feast of Tabernacles*** (as in booths; i.e., typified as **new bodies**) starts on the **21st day of Tishri**. On our modern-day calendar, *Tishri* generally falls in September (making it the seventh month on the Hebrew calendar). In **2021**, this feast starts on **September 21** (aka 7.21), which, by the way, is also **World Peace Day**. Is this a sign of how close we are to the arrival of King Jesus, even if it doesn't transpire in 2021? (Don't let this slip by you; the Prince of peace brings world peace!) Consider the implications in light of crossing over!

For more on this number, here are some links:

21-Year Cycle — <https://www.kingdomandglory.com/prophetic/p21.pdf>

Number 21 — <https://www.kingdomandglory.com/tuc/tuc707.pdf>

Jacob's Distress — <https://www.kingdomandglory.com/tuc/tuc291.pdf>