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## The Overcomers

We are entering one of the greatest times in history. In the air all around us are tribulations and storms, yet, there is an atmosphere of anticipation and expectancy to those who know their God. There is something brewing in the atmosphere that man has no control over. Truly there is a God who orchestrates all things and as the Word of God says, in **Proverbs 8:15-16 - By Me kings reign and rulers decree justice. (16) By Me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges and governors of the earth.**

God is calling forth His mature sons of God to rise up in Him; to be adorned as a chaste virgin (pure bride) enveloped in the fullness of His Spirit. He is calling forth a church prepared in His fullness, manifesting His character and nature, so that the knowledge of His glory will cover the earth.

This message came from a dream the Lord gave me. In the dream I said "The second coming of Christ was to remove sin," and a woman stood up and said, **"I have something better," and she said, "LAMBKINS"**.

I proceeded to search this out and the results of this opened a revelation of wonderful truth and understanding. Jesus Christ is our pattern that we are to follow and witness of what He is doing in the earth. His Word says that nothing happens unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets (Amos 3:7). One of the most important things we must understand is that our Lord and Savior was slain before the foundation of the world, but in a divine time in history the Father implemented His WORD, Jesus in flesh to tabernacle amongst us as the pattern Son that we would follow (Heb. 6:19-20). So it is with the lambkins. We were in the heart of God BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, taking us beyond the veil, making us ONE with HIM, and even though we do not understand all things yet, He has

given man all things and made all things subject to man in Christ even though we have not come into the reality of it (Heb. 2:8). In the Concordant Version, lambkin is used thirty times. Thirty speaks of spiritual maturity and the Lambkins were Rams, mature sheep, and they were masculine. Paul saw Christ as both the HEAD AND THE BODY. You cannot have a head without a body. This is why He died, to reinstate us to our true identity as His Bride consummated in Him as one. In Eph. 5:22-23 Paul tells us that this mystery is great and speaks of Christ and His ecclesia, which is His body, that the two are now ONE (Col. 1:18). The body is included in Christ; that is why He died that we would be ONE. He calls those things that don't exist as though they do (Rom. 4:17). This is a picture of His little lambs; lambkins, the mature, molded into the image of Christ and they will reign with Him on the throne. This is what the Lord just recently spoke to me in Isaiah 22:23 that Eliakim became the throne of honor and glory! (See Eliakim Book)

In Ecclesiastes 3:15 it pretty well sums it up, "That which is NOW already has been, and that which is TO BE already has been; and God seeks that which has passed by [so that history repeats itself]." AMP

**John 17:21-23** - That they all may be one, [just] as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me.

(22) I have given to them the glory and honor which You have given Me, that they may be one [even] as We are one:

(23) I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one and perfectly united, that the world may know and [definitely] recognize that You sent Me and that You have loved them [even] as You have loved Me. AMP

I wanted to emphasize this Word in John seventeen, that as you study this message you see through the Lord's eyes and that He will make this so real to you that you have been made ONE with HIM before the foundation of the world. That is His intent in scriptures, for you to see your true identity. Remember He completed and perfected you before the foundation of the world (Heb.4:3).

Only in John 21:15 and in the book of Revelation is lambkins, Lamb as One, Christ and His body, found in the Word of God. We will see the two types clearly in John 21.

- **John 21:15-17** - So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Tend** (feed, to pasture, by extension, to graze) **My lambs.**" (**rams - arnions, lambkins, masculine, disciples**) (16) He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Shepherd** (supervise, rule, feed, tend as a shepherd) **My sheep** (**ewes - feminine**)." (17) He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "**Tend My sheep**" (**ewes - probatons**). NASV

Jesus was saying to Peter, what I have taught you, train and disciple My lambs (**lambkins, overcomers**), those who are hungering for Me; they are My body, feed them like I have taught you. The truth I revealed to you, give also to them. To those who have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying, disciple them to execute My purposes in the earth. Build My government to establish them in the knowledge of My glory. (**Ephesians 3:13**)

Jesus is talking to Peter and speaking to him about **two groups of sheep**. One group is **masculine (rams, lamkins)** and the other is **feminine, (church, ewes - nurtures, feeds and looks after the flock)**. The **ewes (feminine, church) are destined to give birth** and the **rams (lambkins, overcomers) are destined to rule and reign**, executing as God's government, bringing the church to full maturity in the earth as His manifested sons.

Both of these groups belong to Jesus; they are two different types of sheep. **In Christ all will be resurrected, but not all receive the same reward.** Here we get great insight on a truth that the Lord is revealing. By the grace of God, through this message He will open your eyes to know Him in an even greater dimension and you will hunger in your heart to have a greater passion to know Him in the power of His resurrection.

In John 21:15 "lambs" in Greek are **rams (arnions), lambkins – masculine; little lambs**, they have been made one with Him, are the overcomers, an extension of the **right hand company** (Matt. 25:34, Rev. 1:12, 16, 20), and the **sheep (probatons), ewes- feminine** are the **church**, who have not come into full maturity. We can see this illustrated in the five foolish virgins and the five wise virgins. The foolish virgins didn't have any extra oil and had to go and buy more oil, but when they were gone the bridegroom came (Matthew 25:2-11). They were not prepared and full of the Spirit as a bride waiting eagerly for her beloved groom. They missed the time of their visitation.

These two groups are also seen in **Revelation 12** when a **great sign appeared in heaven, a woman (Church)** who is **clothed in Christ** (the WORD) gives birth to a higher order the **Manchild**, which are also known as the **lambkins or overcomers**. The purpose of the church – is that the **virgin church** (soul married to spirit, one with the Spirit of God) will bring forth and birth mature sons of God called the **Manchild**.

- **2 Corinthians 11:2** - For I am zealous for you with a godly eagerness and a divine jealousy, for **I have betrothed you to one Husband, to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.** Amp.
- **Revelation 12:1-2** - AND A great **sign** (wonder) appeared in **heaven**: a **woman clothed with the sun**, (Christ) **with the moon** (soulish realm, traditions of man) **under her feet**, (complete submission) and **with a crown** (royalty, honor, rulership,) like garland (tiara) of **twelve** (government) **stars** (illumination, light) on her **head** (mind of Christ). (2) She was pregnant and she cried out in her birth pangs, in the anguish of her delivery.

The woman is the bride of Christ. She is the virgin Church. She is clothed with the SON of righteousness, the glory and splendor of the Lord Jesus Christ. She will be crowned, brought under complete submission to the divine authority of God. Twelve is the number of divine government; this government being symbolized by the stars of the twelve tribes of Israel, the twelve apostles of the Lamb which is symbolic of the government of Christ of the descendants who were Jacob and transformed into Israel, sons of promise.

**Jesus is the light** (John 8:12) and **we are sons of light** (John 12:36).

- **Revelation 12:5-6** - And **she brought forth a male Child, One Who is destined to shepherd** (rule) all the nations with an **iron staff** (scepter), and **her Child** (offspring) was **caught up** (seized) to God and to **His throne** (power & authority, exalted place). (6) And the **woman** (church) fled into the **desert** (wilderness), where **she (church) has a retreat prepared** by God, in which **she (church) is to be fed** and **kept safe** for **1,260 days** (42 months; three and one-half years).

Just like God fed the Israelites in the wilderness manna from heaven, the manchild, which is Christ and His body, will nourish the church to maturity.

The male child, the lambkins, will feed the woman (church) to bring her into full maturity, to the full measure of the stature of Christ. (Eph. 4:13) This is symbolic of a time of preparation. Just like John the Baptist was hidden until the time of his showing. This was also the time of Christ's ministry on the

earth from the time He was baptized by John in the Jordan, until His death and resurrection.

Because of lack of knowledge we live in captivity. If God's number one priority is to bring full salvation the second time He comes to earth, as we see in Hebrews 9:28, then we must realize that the focus is not going to heaven, but bringing the heavens, the Spirit realm, to the earth to accomplish this. Earth is the place we receive Salvation. God wants us to give full attention to what He is saying and why He is saying it, so there must be something here we have not understood yet. Like Hebrews 2:8 says, "All things have been subject to man but man hasn't comprehended or understood it yet".

- **Hebrews 9:28** - Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself and bear as a burden the sins of many once and once for all, will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but to bring to full salvation those who are [eagerly, constantly, and patiently] waiting for and expecting Him.

The WORD says, He is coming the SECOND TIME TO BRING FULL SALVATION! To whom? I am glad you asked! To those who are eagerly, waiting for and expecting Him! We must come to complete understanding now, of what full salvation is. The Word will interpret itself (Himself) and confirm what He says. God made us complete, spirit, soul and body. Our spirit is awaked to our true identity as God's offspring - children of God.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:23** - And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and **may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** (the Messiah). Amp.
- **Ephesians 4:23-24** - And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude], (24) And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness. Amp.

**Salvation** is not only for our spirit but also our soul and body. Our spirit is saved, our soul is being saved and our body shall be saved. Your spirit is God-conscious, your soul is self-conscious and your body is world-conscious. Our first death is to die to self; that no longer I live, but Christ now lives in me. The old Adam, old man, the unregenerate man, is dead and now my soul, my conscious, my senses, my feelings and emotions do not rule me because I am a new creature in Christ. No longer shall self dictate to me and govern me,

but the Word (the Last Adam) is overtaking me and lifting me above the natural-physical realm, as I sit (rest in His finished work) with Him in the heavenlies – (position-disposition of the heart) the Spirit realm. The last enemy to be overcome is death, at which time our body, soul and spirit will have received full salvation, our glorified bodies.

- **Luke 20:34-36** - Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, (35) but **those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead**, neither marry nor are given in marriage; (36) for **they cannot even die anymore**, because **they are like angels**, and **are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection**. NASV

Those overcomers who are alive, as well as those who are dead in the age, the time of the first resurrection, will be made like angels and will be the sons of God who are the overcomers who receive their glorified bodies.

This is the promise, the reward of God that He has planned for His children from the beginning - to be His offspring in His fullness, governed by and through Him, ruling as priests and kings.

Christ is coming a second time for **His bride who is prepared**; also known as **overcomers, the lambkins, the five wise virgins - a government of pure vessels full of the Spirit**. The last thing to overcome is death and then, **“As He is, so are we in the earth today!” (1 John 4:17)** Enoch was another example, a pattern of walking, of being one with God. Enoch was caught up and escaped death.

The word for **Salvation** in Greek is *“soteria”* (verb is *sozo*) which means deliverance, preservation, protection, made whole, health and safety. Salvation is a complete deliverance. The new birth (born again or regeneration), is the beginning of salvation. This complete redemption has made provision for the deliverance of man’s spirit, soul and body. Passover represents salvation, passing from death to life; Pentecost represents being baptized in the Holy Spirit, which is a foretaste – the introduction to the thoughts, purposes and will of the Lord; and Tabernacles represents the fullness of Spirit, being clothed in the full stature of Christ, the redemption of our bodies.

- **Hebrews 2:10** - For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, **in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings**. NASV

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Through suffering we are perfected, we come into maturity and we understand how to walk and live according to the Spirit. Through trials and tribulations we learn to understand what glorifies God and what does not. Is.48:10-13 says, God has refined you, tried and chosen you in the furnace of affliction. Rom. 5:3-4 says rejoice in your suffering, knowing pressure and affliction and hardship produces patient endurance which brings maturity of character. Rev. 1:9 says that John was a companion with tribulation brings perseverance. God is Spirit and to know Him is to know Him in Spirit and in Truth. When the Word of Truth and His Spirit, His creative power comes into agreement in us there is impartation, revelation and consummation that will lead to manifestation of His character and nature in us that will reproduce His power and authority in the earth.

- **Isaiah 26:9** - At night my soul longs for You, indeed, my spirit within me seeks You diligently; for **when the earth experiences Your judgments the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.** NASV
- **2 Corinthians 4:17-18** - For our light, momentary affliction is ever more and more **abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory.** (18) Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; **for the things that are visible are temporal** (brief and fleeting), **but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting.** Amp.

That which is unseen – invisible - Spirit life is deathless and everlasting.

We have been indoctrinated into an atmosphere of cultures, traditions and heredity that has influenced us and trained us in many diversified dimensions that do not glorify God or train us in the things of the Lord. Our true identity and character flows from an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ; having an inward transformation from knowing Him, not an outward appearance or an external projection. The outward is only for the approval of man's talents, gifts and achievements of ambition, pride and ego that only brings self gratification and has no life. Everything we do must come from a place of humility and death of self-life; coming to God as a living sacrifice, that man is not drawn to us, but to God Himself. This is the true mission of the church; to teach the character and nature of the true and living God, growing up in maturity, to be completely enveloped and instructed in and by the Spirit of the Lord, to hear from God ourselves.

Jesus told His apostles to go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. But today we mostly have a country club mentality of programs and entertainment with God's name on it,

instead of training and discipling people to equip them and bring them into the maturity of Christ. Whatever way people are first drawn in is the same way they must be maintained to keep them coming back. Unfortunately many are attracted by programs and entertainment instead of by the uncompromising Word of God that will transform them for eternity. Jesus never entertained anyone. He brought resurrection life to everyone He came in contact with. He brought Spirit life. He did not stroke man's flesh, He brought deliverance to it. If we are living in and being led by the Spirit of the living God everything we do will draw people to know Him in a greater way, because they witness the transforming power in us. This is the purpose of the church, to disciple and train people in order for them to know Him in the power of His resurrection. Then we understand "CHRIST IN ME the HOPE (confidence, expectancy) OF GLORY!" (Colossians 1:26-27)

What did we fall short of? GLORY! WHICH WAS IMMORTALITY! Isn't that what Adam and Eve lost?

Christ gave us access back to that glory, and we are being changed from glory to glory. As we behold the Word as a mirror, it reflects our true condition so that we can see truth and repent. Then the veils are removed and "we shall see Him as He is".

- **2 Corinthians 3:18** - And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit. Amp.
- **Philippians 3:10-11** - That **I may know Him and the power of His resurrection** and the fellowship of His sufferings, **being conformed to His death;** (11) **in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.** (Attain immortality) NASV
- **Romans 6:5-7** - For **if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death,** certainly we shall **also be in the likeness of His resurrection,** (6) knowing this, that **our old self was crucified with Him,** in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; (7) for he who has died is freed from sin. NASV

God is preparing and bringing forth those who have been waiting eagerly and expecting their transformation, (Romans 12:2, 8:19); His bride prepared

(Revelation 19:7. 21:2). Romans 8:19 says that creation is groaning and waiting eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

Why does He need a bride prepared? To be one with Him, which was His plan from the beginning. Why? Because Adam never fulfilled God's plan to rule and reign in His character and nature as the offspring of God. We were made in His likeness and image to have dominion and authority over all things. Let's look at this a little deeper. What law was operating when God gave Adam this command to have dominion and subdue all things? The law of the Spirit, immortality, a realm of life where there was no death. Adam was immortal, but what happened? Yes, he fell into a lower law, the law of the flesh -- DEATH -- the physical realm of mortality. Now he was on the same level as the animals, the beastly nature. Isn't it strange that in Revelation God talks about those who have not taken the mark of the beast? In other words, those who have found their true identity and are rising up in the Spirit, are not identifying with the first Adam, the nature of the law of flesh - the beastly nature, but now they are identifying with their true identity which is of the Last Adam, Jesus Christ, the life giving Spirit. They are eagerly awaiting the redemption of their bodies, the promise, and the reward. Death is the last enemy to be conquered. It is all that stops us from complete salvation and all the fulfillment of our inheritance, of being everything that God had planned for man from the beginning of time. All creation is groaning for the manifestation of the Sons of God. Why? So that God may rule and reign and the knowledge of the glory of God will fill the earth. Then the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of God.

### **HIS ELECT MOLDED INTO THE IMAGE OF THE SON**

- **Romans 8:23** - And not only the creation, but we ourselves too, who have and enjoy the first fruits of the **Spirit groan inwardly as we wait for the redemption of our bodies which will reveal our adoption ( our manifestation as God's sons.)** Foreordaining them **to be molded into the image of His Son** (and share inwardly His likeness), that **He might become the firstborn among many brethren. (Romans 8:29)** Amp.

As Paul described in Philippians 3:10-12, he pressed toward the mark of the high call to **obtain a better resurrection**. If so, then there must be more than one resurrection. If there is a better one, what is the difference? I was waiting for you to ask! We will see confirmation in this next scripture in Revelation

what Paul was pressing in for, which explains the **better resurrection** which is the **first resurrection. (Revelation 20:4-6)**

We also see that the patriarchs who have passed on are anxiously awaiting a generation to rise up in Christ Jesus as overcomers - lambkins, so that they may receive the promise - their reward of perfection - the resurrection of their bodies - their glorified bodies, which is full salvation. This is why Jesus Christ overcame death, hell and the grave - to reinstate humanity into their original state for which God purposed for man from the beginning. What did Adam and Eve lose? Yes, their immortality, the fullness of God. The very law they submitted to now ruled them; the law of the flesh, of mortality, which brought death.

- **Matthew 24:31** - And **He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call**, and they **will gather His elect (His chosen ones) from the four winds**, [even] from one end of the universe to the other. [Isa 27:13; Zech 9:14.] Amp.

What is the purpose of gathering His elect, His chosen ones, also known as overcomers and lambkins? God's purpose from the beginning was that the knowledge of the glory of God would cover the earth. We must understand until the manifestation of the sons of God arise in the earth, we are in an in part realm. No matter how much we try, with all the love and desire to serve Him, we are still mortal, a death realm. But when a people rise up in Christ and are transformed into their glorified bodies, the pure Seed of Christ, the overcomers, the lambkins, the first fruits, a remnant shall manifest His character and nature, clothed in His Spirit. The bride, His prepared virgin church has consummated with her beloved, and has brought forth the Manchild (Rev. 12:1-2,5). Now, "As He is so are we in the earth today" (1 John 4:17b).

The first time Jesus came, He came and tabernacled in the flesh, the physical, to destroy the power of death, hell and the grave. He had the power to reinstate mans true identity. The second time He comes is to bring full salvation to God's true offspring, made in the image and likeness of their Father through the power of the Forerunner, the Son, to bring forth a multiplied SEED in the EARTH, the MANIFESTATION OF THE SONS OF GOD. As this Manchild Company arises in the earth then the completeness of God's intention from the beginning of time will truly be revealed.

- **1 Corinthians 13:9-10** - For we know in part and we prophesy in part. (10) But when **that which is perfect has come**, then **that which is in part will be done away**. NKJV

To bring full salvation for the eternal gospel to be preached so that the knowledge of the glory of God will cover the earth.

- **Hebrews 9:28** Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself and bear as a burden the sins of many once and once for all, **will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but to bring to full salvation those who are [eagerly, constantly, and patiently] waiting for and expecting Him.** AMP
- **Revelation 14:6-8** - Then I saw another angel (messengers) flying in the midst of heaven, **having the everlasting (eternal) gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth** — to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people — (7) saying with a loud voice, "**Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come**; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." (8) And another angel followed, saying, "**Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.**" (many lovers) NKJV

In Revelation 14:6-8 we see two things happening. Babylon is being judged, and you can see the description of her in Revelation 18. She is a harlot and has many lovers. She is full of idolatry with the merchants of the world system, the mammon spirit, and she adorns herself with the luxury of the material realm and denies the power of God. For her gods are lovers of pleasure, power, ambition and the accolades of men. We can see this is prevalent in all places in the earth. We can see it here in our own nation, and in the church.

At the same time God is judging Babylon, He is bringing forth those who have been waiting eagerly and expecting their transformation. They are His bride who is prepared and waiting to be transformed into their glorified bodies in the **first resurrection**. These are those who are His first fruits, His overcomers, **His lambkins who will reign with Him for a thousand years**.

- **Revelation 20:4-6** - Then I saw thrones, and **they** (lambkins, overcomers) sat on them, and **judgment was given to them**. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and **those** who had **not worshiped the beast or his image**, (Rev. 18, beastly nature, harlot - counterfeit–Babylonian system) and had **not received the mark (character) on their forehead** (human thoughts) **and on their hand**; (works of man) and **they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years**. (5) The rest of the dead did not come to life until the

thousand years were completed. **This is the first resurrection.** (6 )  
**Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection;**  
 over these the second death has no power, but **they (lambkins,  
 overcomers) will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with  
 Him for a thousand years.** NASV

What mark do you bear? What occupies your mind? Jesus Christ or self?  
 What do you think about every day? What are you most concerned about? Do  
 you have faith to believe that God is your complete source for all things or do  
 you worry about food and clothing and how you are going to pay the bills?

- **Matthew 6:31, 33** - Therefore do not worry and be anxious, saying, what are we going to have to eat? Or what are we going to have to drink or what are we going to have to wear?... (33) But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides. AMP

In a Kingdom the king always takes care of His citizens. He is our provision, our protection and our pleasure. These things are important, but if they take the place of God and our focus is on what we have or what we don't have, we become the main source and our dependency is in the physical material realm instead of living according to the Law of the Spirit. The whole purpose for which Christ died for us was so that we would not be bound by the law of flesh, but instead live above it and be governed in and by the law of the Spirit which is Christ Jesus. He creates out of nothing. He calls those things that don't exist as though they do. So, whatever law we trust in is the law that governs us.

If we will follow after Christ and abide in His Word we will also reap the fruit of Him. As the Word says, "then all these things will be taken care of for you". Just like in Joseph's time when there was famine in the land, the Israelites who dwelt in Goshen lived in abundance and they prospered while the rest of the world was in famine. Why? Because of faith in the Word; the expectancy and dependency on who God says He is and believing that "I don't live according to the dictates of the world but according to the Word of God that takes me above all lack, all insufficiency and that supersedes all laws and all dimensions". God creates something out of nothing, out of the unseen, and He calls those things that don't exist as though they do! God is looking for a people to come into agreement with what He has already spoken, to bring it to the earth to glorify His name.

- **Ecclesiastes 3:15 - That which is has been already and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by.** NASV

### LAMBKINS – TWO TYPES OF SHEEP

We will now explore more examples and patterns of these two groups of sheep. The **church**, (the ewes, feminine) receives the Word of God and is the bearer and nurturer of the seed. Her number one priority is her ability to receive the seed and bring it to birth. In this next example of the woman representing the church I want to emphasize that it is not the church of man's traditions and religious ceremonies. This church is the bride being prepared, adorned and full of the Spirit of God. She is not the harlot of Revelation 18 and she only has one love, and that is her beloved, the Lord of lords and King of kings. In Revelation 12:1 she is the **woman, a virgin bride with twelve stars over her head operating in the government of God. She is giving birth to the manchild, the manifested sons of God who are the lambkins also known as overcomers.** They are to implement the full order of Christ without mixture. They are aggressive warriors like we see in **Joel 2:7-11** with the masculine character of God, the procreators of Christ, which are an extension of His right hand in the earth. They are a Benjamin company, "sons of My right hand", bringing forth righteousness and executing justice. These are the manifested sons of God that creation has been **groaning for the redemption of their bodies.**

- **Romans 8:23** - And not only the creation, but we ourselves too, who have and enjoy the firstfruits of the [Holy] Spirit [a foretaste of the blissful things to come] **groan inwardly as we wait for the redemption of our bodies** our **adoption** (our manifestation as God's sons). AMP

The whole earth is waiting eagerly for the manifestation of God's sons to receive their true identity as His offspring, in His fullness of what He intended from the foundation of the earth, that the knowledge of His glory will cover the earth.

- **Hebrews 2:10** - "For it was an act worthy [of God] and fitting [to the divine nature] that He, for Whose sake and by Whom all things have their existence, **in bringing many sons into glory**, should **make the pioneer of their salvation perfect** [bring to maturity) **through suffering**. Amp.

So we see in these scriptures that through tribulation and suffering we are brought into maturity. By them we see what is in our heart, whether it is of God or of ourselves. In (Jeremiah 2:19) it says, that our own wickedness will correct us. In (Isaiah 26:9) it says that when Your judgments are in the earth the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness (right standing with God). We are to be in the world but not of the world.

- In **Luke 14:27** it says, “Who does not **carry**, (bear, endure, declare) **his own CROSS** (exposure to death that is self denial, to stand, abide, covenant, establish, upright, active position, conceive) and **come** (accompany, enter) **after** (follow) **Me cannot be My disciple** (learn, pupil, understand).

Most of the church is not living in a discipleship mentality let alone pursuing to be an overcomer, a church without spot or wrinkle. The church mostly lives in fantasies of an escape mentality with no accountability or responsibility; thinking we are going to escape tribulation, affliction, pressure or even persecution when the Word clearly says that through tribulation we are perfected, that it produces patience and endurance and develops maturity. Just like Hebrews 2:10 says, “In bringing many sons into glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect [bring to maturity) through suffering”. Revelation 19:7 NASV says, “His bride has made herself ready.” They are full of the Holy Spirit, like the wise virgins; but remember the foolish virgins did not have enough oil for their lamps. This clearly makes a distinction between two different groups of people, those who just go to church versus a people who are **becoming the church**. A disciple who is truly abiding in Christ and denying himself is pressing toward the mark of the high call to obtain the better resurrection. (Philippians 3:10-12)

I like the way **Luke 8:10** says it, “And He (Jesus) said, “To you it has been granted to know the **mysteries** (that which is hidden, concealed) **of the kingdom of God**, but **to the rest it is in parables**, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand”. NASU

In **Mark 4:33-34** we can see these two different groups. Jesus spoke to everyone else in parables, **but to His disciples He explained everything fully**.

- **Proverbs 25:2** - It is the glory of God to **conceal a thing**, but **the glory of kings is to search out** a thing. Amp.

They are the man-child company, the lambkins which will bring forth the knowledge of the glory of God.

- We see in **Hebrews 11:35** it says, “Others were tortured, not accepting their release, **so that they might obtain a better resurrection.**”
- Then we see in **Hebrews 11:39-40** it says, “**Having gained approval through faith, did not receive what was promised. (40) because God had provided something better for us, so apart from us (who are still alive) they could not be made perfect (glorified).**

What was promised them that they did not receive YET? Yes, the promise, which is perfection, is a body like Jesus had, a glorified body. That is why the Lord said, be perfect as I am perfect.

- **Matthew 5:48** - You, therefore, **must be perfect (growing into complete maturity) as your heavenly Father is perfect.** Amp.

I thought going to heaven and being with Jesus was the answer? No, we have missed it. God wants man to bring the heavens, the Spirit realm, to the earth. That is why He taught the disciples to pray, “Thy Kingdom come thy will be done ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN”. That is why we have a foretaste of the Spirit when we are first baptized. We learn to exchange our mind for His. The Word says we have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16). The first Adam was overcome on the cross, he is void and null because the last Adam, Christ the life giving Spirit, now rules and governs us. As we grow we learn to completely depend on Him in all things and we no longer depend on our soulish physical realm (1st Adam) to govern us. God’s purpose from the beginning was that man was to rule and reign in the earth. God made us in His image and likeness as His offspring, immortal, incorruptible, to have dominion and authority, but because of Adam missing the mark, death (mortality) was imputed to us. But when Christ died, He gave us access back into His presence, and the last enemy to overcome is death. This is why Christ died to save us and complete us in spirit, soul and BODY. That is why the Word says, the last enemy to overcome is DEATH.

This is why the earth groans and we ourselves groan to receive our immortal bodies that God’s kingdom will be set up and rule and reign over all other kingdoms, powers and authorities, in Him. Now we can understand Ephesians 4:13 that we all grow up in the full knowledge of the full measure of Christ with the completeness found in Him. What is that completeness? He destroyed death, hell and the grave. He cast down the accuser of the brethren, triumphed over everything that brought death, so that we could also walk in that same resurrection power. Isn’t that what Paul said? That we may know Him in the power of His resurrection being conformed to His death in order that we may attain immortality. (Philippians 3:10-11)

This is the purpose of the true and living church, to make disciples of all nations, not country clubs of entertainment and social clubs of who's who is the zoo. We are to train and disciple God's precious people that they can hear from God themselves and know Him in the power of His resurrection, being conformed to His image in the measure of the stature of the fullness and completeness found in Him. In Him there is no lack or deficiency! We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us, for all things are possible with God.

- **Psalms 22:28-31** - For the kingship and the kingdom are the Lord's, and He is the ruler over the nations. (29) All the **mighty ones upon earth shall eat** [in thanksgiving] **and worship**; all they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive. (30) Posterity shall serve Him; **they shall tell of the Lord to the next generation**. (31) **They shall come and shall declare His righteousness to a people yet to be born — that He has done it [that it is finished]!** [John 19:30.] Amp

The manchild company, lambkins, overcomers are a people declaring the finished work of Christ and executing it in the earth to all generations. (Luke 20:34-36)

In **Romans 10:15** it says, How shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "**How beautiful are the feet of those** who preach the gospel of peace, who brings glad tidings of good things!" NKJV

The word **beautiful**, in the Strong's concordance, means, "belonging to the right hour, season, flourish and timely." In Isaiah 52:7 and Nahum 1:5 it says, "**How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of HIM,**" but after Christ died and arose from the dead we see it changes from a singular position to a plural position in Romans 10:15 "**How beautiful are the feet of THOSE** who preach the gospel of peace."

These (lambkins, overcomers) are those who have followed Christ the forerunner beyond the veil into the Holy of Holies and have been conformed to His image (Hebrews 6:19-20, Romans 8:29). This is why in Romans 16:20 it says, "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under YOUR FEET." Feet are symbolic of a support, submission. We also see reference to this in Psalm 110:1, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, till I make YOUR enemies YOUR FOOTSTOOL." Footstool gives us more clarity; it means not only support for the feet, but also a delivery stool, sanctuary and temple. HMMM... Are we not the temple of the Holy Spirit? Are we not the abode, the dwelling place, the habitation of the Most High God? Heaven is His

throne and the earth is His FOOTSTOOL! Can we not see in this, that God is saying that the earth is His dwelling place for those who are in complete submission sitting and resting in His finished work of the cross? Those that have come under complete subjection to His throne (authority and power), the heavens, the Spirit realm which is the exalted place in Him. Where do we sit with Him? Where do we fight principalities and powers? Yes, in the heavenly realm, which is the Spirit realm, which is the place and position we are to live in. If we are being led by the Spirit then we will be in complete submission to Him!

- **Hebrew 2:8** - For You have put everything in subjection under his feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to man, He left nothing outside [of man's] control. But at present we do not yet see all things subjected to him [man]. AMP

God has given man all things, but man has not comprehended it, understood his inheritance of his true identity, yet. What did God give to Adam? Yes, all things to rule and reign and have dominion and authority over them. God has not changed His mind, that is why He taught the disciples to pray, “Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done on EARTH as it is in HEAVEN.” Why? So that the knowledge of HIS GLORY will cover the earth. Does not the Word say, Christ in YOU the HOPE of GLORY? Isn’t that what we fell short of? Why did Christ die? He died to reinstate us to our true identity by re-gene-ration.

Re-gene-ration is a Greek word “palingenesia” and is taken from two other words “palin”, re - again – before, and “geneses” a birth, begetting, born again of the incorruptible seed, to be restored to man’s true identity, before death entered into humanity.

- **1 Peter 1:23** says, “**You have been regenerated** (born again), **not from a mortal origin** (seed, sperm), **but from one that is immortal** by the ever living and lasting Word of God.” Amp.

In the immortal seed (sperm), there is no death, sickness or disease! Jesus died and arose from the dead as the incorruptible seed so that His Spirit would multiply in us, His corporate body, so that the knowledge of His glory would cover the earth.

- **Galatians 4:6** says, “And because you are **sons** (huios, mature sons, lambkins) **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts**, crying out, “Abba Father.”

- **Romans 8:15-17** - For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] **not a** spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but **you have received the Spirit of adoption** [the **Spirit producing sonship**] in which we cry, Abba, Father! (16) The Spirit Himself testifies together with our own spirit, that we are children of God. (17) And **if we are [His] children** then **we are [His] heirs** also: **heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ** [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only **we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory**. Amp.
- **Romans 8:23** - And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the **firstfruits** (beginning of sacrifice, separation, completion, reversal) of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting for the adoption**, (huiiothesian, placing of a son, sonship) the **redemption** (ransom paid in full, deliverance, completion) of our body.

**Adoption** according to Roman law required that the adopter be a male and childless; the one to be adopted had to be an independent adult, able to agree to be adopted. **In the eyes of the law, the adopted one became a new creature**; he was **regarded as being born again into the new family**. The Greek word translated adoption literally means "**placing as a son.**" The placement of sons is called huiiothesia in the Greek language; it is translated "**adoption of sons**" in the King James Version. This is not a reference to adopting a child from another family. It is a reference to the **legal practice of a father formally placing a son in a position of authority when he comes of full age**. It is like giving someone power of attorney over the estate. From that point on, the son's signature on a document would be legally binding. This comes when the Father knows He can trust the son to do everything that He Himself would do. In other words, the son has learned to serve and now is ready to rule. The full placement of sons is also called the manifestation of the sons of God.

- **1 John 3:2** - Beloved, now are we the sons of God and it doth not yet **appear** (make manifest, shining, publicly, openly) what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall **appear**, (make manifest, openly, publicly) **we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.** KJV
- **1 John 3:2** - Beloved, we are now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be, **but we know that when He comes** (appears) **and is manifested**, we shall [as God's children] **resemble and be like Him**, for we shall **see** (behold, experience, take heed, discern) **Him just as He [really] is.** Amp.
- **1 John 4:17** - "As He is so are we in the earth today!"

- **Ephesians 4:13-14** - Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.** NASV

A people who have received the fullness of salvation of their spirit, soul and body!

- **John 17:22** - “And **the glory which You have given Me, I have given to them;** that **they may be ONE, just as We are ONE;** (23) I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfect in unity, that the world may know that You sent Me.

I want to remind you of **Hebrews 9:28** which says that the second time Christ comes He is coming to bring FULL SALVATION. Now read **Revelation 12:10** again and you will see that it is **Christ and the overcomers, His lambkins**, which is Christ and His body of overcomers – declaring “**NOW SALVATION HAS COME**”. Remember Jesus Christ made us complete – spirit, soul and body – and the last enemy to be destroyed in us is death. When the Word says, “salvation has come”, it is saying there has been a people who have followed the pattern Son, Jesus Christ, the forerunner beyond the veil, into the Holy of Holies and have overcome death, hell and the grave and have been molded into the image of the Son.

- **Hebrews 9:28** - Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself and bear as a burden the sins of many once and once for all, **will appear a second time,** not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, **but to bring to full salvation those who are** [eagerly, constantly, and patiently] **waiting for and expecting Him.** (Heb. 6:19-20, Rom. 8:29)
- **Revelation 12:10-11** - Then I heard a strong (loud) voice in heaven, saying, **Now it has come — the salvation and the power and the kingdom** (the dominion, the reign) of our God, and the power (the sovereignty, the authority) of His Christ; **for the accuser of our brethren,** he who keeps bringing before our God charges against **them** (lambkins, overcomers) day and night, **has been cast out!** [Job 1:9-11.] **(11) And they (lambkins) have overcome** (conquered) him by means of the blood of the **Lamb** and by **the utterance of their (lambkins) testimony,** for **they (lambkins)** did not love and cling to life even when faced with death. Amp.
- **Revelation 17:14- 15** - **These** [kings of the earth] **will wage war against the Lamb** [arnions, *lambkins*], and the **Lamb** (lambkins,

Christ & His body) **will overcome them**, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and **those** (lambkins) **who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful**.

**Amnos** is used of **Jesus Christ Himself**, as in Acts 8:32, John 1:29, 36, and 1 Peter 1:19. It means the full-grown Lamb, The Lamb.

**Arnion** is the **lambkin** and only in **John 21:15** and in the book of Revelation is the **arnion** is the **lambkin** –little lamb, Christ and His body (overcomers, elect, lambkins) together as one found in Revelation 5:6, 8, 12, 13, Rev. 6:1, 16, Rev. 7:9, 10, 14, 17; Rev. 12:11; Rev. 13:8, 11; Rev. 14:1, 4, 10; Rev. 15:3; Rev. 17:14; Rev. 19:9; Rev. 21:9, 14, 22, 23, 27; & Rev. 22:1 & 3.

When the beast makes war upon the “saints of the Most High” in Daniel 7:14, John interprets it as the beast making war upon the **arnion** – the saints (lambkins, Christ and His body of overcomers). This is a one-sided war, because lambs do not return violence for violence. The **overcomers**, **lambkins**, are those who have a lamb nature. Like Jesus, they do not require force or violence to establish His kingdom. They have faith that God will fulfill His word at the proper time. **They will overcome the beast by the sword of their mouth**, not by a sword in their hands. **Their sword is the Word of God**.

- **Isaiah 51:16** - "And **I have put My words in your mouth**, and have covered you with the shadow of My hand, **to establish the heavens, to found** (to establish, set up with continuing existence, bringing into existence what has not previously existed) **in the earth**, and to say to **Zion**, (redeemed church) **'You are My people.'**" NASV
- **Isaiah 51:16** - And I have put My words in your mouth and have covered you with the shadow of My hand, **that I may fix the [new] heavens as a tabernacle and lay the foundations of a [new] earth** and say to Zion, You are My people. [Isa 65:17; 66:22; Rev 21:1.] Amp.

Who is the tabernacle, who is the dwelling place, who is the habitation of the Most High God, who is temple of the Holy Spirit?

**Revelation 21:19** says, the **foundation stones** of **the city** (people, Rev.21:2) and the **wall** (salvation, Rev. 21:14) were adorned with **every kind of precious stone**. We are those living stones (1 Peter 2:5) of apostles and prophets. (Eph. 2:20-22)

**Revelation 21:14** - And the **wall** (salvation) of **the city** (people) had **twelve** (government) **foundation** [stones], and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. AMP

- **2 Peter 3:13** - But **we look for new** (fresh, renewed) **heavens** (exalted place, mind) **and a new** (fresh, renewed) **earth** (our body, physical realm) according to His promise, **in which righteousness dwells**. [Isa 65:17; 66:22.] Amp.

Where are we to sit? Where do we fight principalities and powers? (Eph. 2:6, 6:12) Yes, in the heavenly realm—which is the Spirit realm, which is also the mind of Christ, the exalted place which is in Christ.

Where does righteousness dwell? Yes, within man, so now we can see what the heavens are and what the earth is? We are the temple of the Holy Spirit, so what did we lose in the garden? The access to divine life which was the thoughts, will and mind of the Father. So what must be renewed, yes like the Word says, for us to be renewed in our mind, and it says we were alienated from Him in the hostility of our mind.

- **Colossians 1:21-22** - Although you at one time were estranged and alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities, (22) Yet now has [Christ, the Messiah] reconciled [you to God] in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His [the Father's] presence. AMP

Adam lost the mind of Christ because he ate of the knowledge of the tree of good and evil also known as the Tree of Conscience.

## Patterns of Lambkins and the Church

As we have seen in John 21:15-21, Jesus was talking to Peter and speaking to him about **two groups of sheep**. One group is **masculine (rams, lamkins)** and the other is **feminine, (church, ewes, nurtures, feeds, looks after the flock)**. The **ewes are destined to give birth** and the **rams are destined to rule and reign**, executing as God's government, bringing the church to full maturity in the earth as His manifested sons.

Both of these groups belong to Jesus; they are two different types of sheep. **In Christ all will be resurrected, but not all receive the same reward.** From the Greek we will see **lambs, rams (arnions), lambkins as masculine**; they

are the overcomers, an extension of the right hand company. The **sheep** (*probato*s), ewes – **feminine**, are the **church**, who have not come into full maturity.

## SAUL AND DAVID

Saul and David are examples of these two groups. Man wanted a king instead of God ruling, so God gave them Saul a man after their own heart. If you will remember, he was handsome and stood out taller than other men. David was chosen by God to rule and reign, and he had a heart after His Heavenly Father. Saul was anointed to be King at Pentecost (1 Samuel 12:1-2,13,16-19) and David was anointed around the time of Tabernacles (2 Samuel 21:9). Saul was anointed with a vial of oil (1 Samuel 10:1). David was anointed with a ram's horn (1 Samuel 16:13). Saul is a picture of the church, of a mixture of flesh and spirit. David is a picture of the overcoming church that has gone beyond the veil of flesh into the Holy of Holies and become one with the Father. In the outer court we meet Jesus, in the Holy Place we meet the Holy Spirit, and beyond the veil we become one with the Father. Our spirit is saved, our soul is being saved and our body shall be saved. The last enemy to overcome is death. This is what all creation groans for, the redemption of our bodies. (Rom. 8:23) from Genesis to Revelation we will see His patterns, metaphors, types and similes repeated, revealing His overcoming power as examples for you and me to follow so that we can be overcomers and be everything He has called us to be.

## RUTH AND NAOMI

**Ruth is another example of lambkins**, an overcomer who fulfilled her destiny. In the book of Ruth we see her mother-in-law Naomi had a kinsman redeemer of whom she could have continued in the lineage of her husband's descendant whose name was Boaz. Naomi became bitter instead of believing in complete restoration according to the law of restoration. **Naomi knew of Sarah's supernatural miracle, how she was past the age of conception** and gave birth to the son of promise, Isaac, but Naomi chose to stay in her life of self pity and not in the atmosphere of the supernatural faith and promises of God, of the incorruptible seed, to witness a miracle for herself. She stayed content, a sheep, a ewe instead of becoming a lambkin, an overcomer to rule

and reign with Christ. Naomi is symbolic of people who are only restored in part and miss the first resurrection, but will receive their glorified bodies at the end of the millennium.

We see in the book of Ruth that when they heard there was bread in Bethlehem (House of bread) Naomi decided to return home to the land of Judah. (praise)

**Naomi's daughter-in-law, Orpah chose to go back to her home land in Moab**, back to her familiar where there is no change. She wouldn't leave her old ways, her old mindsets, her old traditions and her old gods.

We see a pattern here of **Naomi, her name meaning pleasant but when she got back to Bethlehem (House of bread) she said to her friends, don't call me pleasant, call me Mara or bitter**. She did not want to believe for her own restoration of the promises of God with Boaz who was symbolic of Christ her kinsmen redeemer. She saw the move and power of God but now **she was bitter and thought and believed** that God had dealt bitterly with her. (Ruth 1:20)

Proverbs 23:7 For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he. AMP

We see three types of people or churches in Ruth,

1. **Orpah - those who turned back**; back to their familiar, to their own traditions and old familiar ways.
2. **Naomi - symbolic of a people, a church who at one time saw the move of God and experienced His love and power but became bitter**, offended, discouraged and gave up. She believed her own prognosis of her situation and lived in self pity and projected the outcome of defeat instead of living by faith in the supernatural Word of God. Just like Jonathan who witnessed the anointing on David, but he wasn't willing to go all the way to be tested and tried in the wilderness of adversity to learn the ways of the Lord. Never fulfilling his identity, he died with his father Saul of the old order, and never fulfilled his purpose because he wasn't willing to do it God's way and be baptized in the fire of the Holy Spirit to be an overcomer, to rule and reign with Christ Jesus.
3. Last but not least, **Ruth who believed by faith** everything her mother in law taught her of the things of God. She was faithful and obedient and met the kinsmen redeemer, **Boaz** (symbolic of Christ). **She married him, received his name and nature and reproduced His seed in the earth**. She is symbolic of the lambkin company, the

overcomers that will rule and reign in the earth as manifested sons. They will submit at the threshing floor and lay down at His feet in total submission, waiting eagerly until Christ reveals them to the earth as His brethren; bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh, a mighty army of the Lord.

### **JACOB TRANSFORMED INTO ISRAEL**

I believe **Jacob's transformation gives us great understanding of the difference in these two groups of sheep.** We are all like Jacob in some way; tricksters, schemers and rascals in one dimension or another. The issue is not being born again, because both groups belong to the Lord. The difference is their relationship and hunger to know Him in the power of His resurrection; not just in lip service but also in the manifestation of His Word. Yes, I'm talking a faith walk of obedience that separates the men from the boys. Like the patriarchs of old who are still speaking to us and have given us an extraordinary legacy, and most of all patterns, that if we will follow them we will also get the same results. What's the difference? Well, it is like the Lord spoke to me one day, He said, "Your birth is not effective unless you fulfill your destiny in Me." We can see the difference in church today in those who come and go through the motions but never change. The difference is observing instead of participating like the prophets that knew Elijah was going to be taken and stood from a distance and observed while Elisha pursued and wouldn't leave Elijah side with an expectancy to change. I've known some people for over twenty years and they are the same as they were twenty years ago. Then there are other people who are constantly being changed and being transformed into maturity in Christ. Many are called, but few are chosen, because few choose to pursue and seek God with their whole heart. Their purpose and desire is to only please the Father in all things and to follow after Him.

### **JACOB RUNS FROM HIS BROTHER ESAU**

We will see in this story of Jacob how God uses the very things Jacob was in sin and bondage to as instruments in others to deliver him. Looking at Jacob's

life we can see ourselves in him and how God takes our sin and shortcomings and delivers us into overcomers when we are willing to repent and pursue God with our whole heart. Jacob wasn't willing to trust God and wait for Him to orchestrate the transition of receiving the birthright, so in taking matters into his own hands he brought great heartache and division amongst his family, and most of all to himself, because he was not willing to trust God to accomplish what was promised.

- **Jeremiah 2:19 - Your own wickedness will correct you**, and your backslidings will rebuke you. Know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing that you have forsaken the LORD your God, and the fear of Me is not in you," Says the Lord GOD of hosts. NKJV

**We see the transition in Jacob when he ran from his brother Esau after stealing his birthright.** His parents sent him to Haran not only to escape the wrath of his brother Esau, but to find a wife. (Genesis 28:6)

When Jacob arrived in Haran and he met Rachael, it was love at first sight and he lifted up his voice and wept (Genesis 29:11), probably because he realized he had nothing to give to her father as a dowry. So Jacob agreed to work for seven years for Rachael and we know what happened. Rachael's father, Laban, deceived him and sent Leah his firstborn in to Jacob on his wedding night instead of Rachael, because it was customary for the elder sister to be married first. So Jacob confronted Laban and Laban promised Jacob if he would finish his week out with Leah then he would give him Rachael also, but he would have to work for another seven years for her.

**Leah was the lawful wife of Jacob**, but Jacob loved Rachael. Here we see **two levels of relationship**. We see a lawful, legalistic, *phileo* love for Leah and an *agape* love for Rachael, which is a divine love of the heart of commitment. Leah had a legal, friendly relationship, but Rachael had a true love relationship. True love brings respect, maturity and a sense of responsibility to do things out of admiration and desire instead of having to do them because they are required of you, or it is expected of you, or you think it is the right thing to do.

**This shows the difference between the believer and the overcomer in relationship**; but there is even more of a pattern and understanding as we look further into **Jacob being transformed at Peniel**. Our God is the same yesterday, today and forever! What He did in Genesis He does all the way through His Word to Revelation, as patterns, types and examples for us to follow. He confirms His Word with His Word.

## JACOB AT PENIEL

- **Genesis 32:22** - Jacob arose up that night and took his two wives, his two women servants and his eleven sons and passed over the ford **Jabbok**.

**Jabbok** means to flow, pour out, wrestling, river of blue, emptying, leads to Sukkot Valley. **Sukkot means Tabernacles**.

- **Genesis 32:24-31** - Then **Jacob was left alone**, and a man wrestled **with him until daybreak**.<sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "**What is your name?**" And he said, "**Jacob.**"<sup>28</sup> And he said, "**Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel**; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed."<sup>30</sup> So Jacob named the place Peniel, for *he said*, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been preserved."<sup>31</sup> Now the **sun rose upon him just as he crossed over Peniel**, and he was limping on his thigh.

When we are delivered from self, the SON will rise upon us!!

**Peniel means God's Face**, where he wrestled with the Angel of the Lord. This is where JACOB'S NAME changed TO ISRAEL. **Israel means God rules, commands or orders**.

Israel does not mean "ruling with God," as is so commonly thought. **It means "God rules"**. God changed Jacob's name from "contender, supplanter or heel-catcher" to indicate a change in his character. No longer is he contending with men, thinking that God is unable to establish his calling or give him the birthright and blessing. No longer does he think that God needs a helping hand from man to establish the kingdom on earth. Now Jacob realizes that he has been contending with God all these years.

At Peniel, Jacob learned the lesson of the sovereignty of God. He now learned that God had been behind both Esau and Laban and that God had used both of these men as instruments of opposition and tribulation to reveal Jacob's heart to him, and to teach him that he was dealing with his own issues and to stop contending and blaming others. God was revealing that Jacob's sin and conflicts were from within not from without. (Mark 7:15-23) NKJV

- **James 1:14** - But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions). Amp

At **Peniel** Jacob came face to face with God and received one of the most important revelations ever learned; that God rules in the affairs of all men,

and that there is nothing any man can do to prevent the kingdom of God from being established in the earth. Jacob also learned that **no man can prevent or stop a believer from obtaining his calling or his birthright of what God intended to begin with.**

The next day, when Esau met him, Jacob-Israel told him, "*For I see your face as one sees the face of God*" (Genesis 33:10). Jacob could finally see the face of God in the face of Esau. No one can see God's face, His presence, unless we see it by divine revelation and understand the absolute sovereignty of God. Do we see God in every circumstance? Or do we see the face of the devil in our adversaries? This is a primary distinction between the believers and the overcomers- the lambkins!

Jacob lost the wrestling match with the angel, but in losing the battle against God, he won the battle against the ignorance in his own soul. Jacob prevailed. He did not succeed in overcoming God or converting God to his view point, rather, Jacob submitted to God and he was dethroned from the enemy of his own soulish carnal mind.

### JACOB MEETS ESAU AT MAHANAIM

- **Genesis 32:1-2** - Then Jacob went on his way, and **God's angels met him**. (2) When Jacob saw them, he said, "**This is God's army!**" So he named that place **Mahanaim** [two armies]. [Gen 32:7,10.]
- **Genesis 32:10** - Now I have become two companies. Amp.

In **Mahanaim** Jacob heard Esau was coming to meet him with four hundred armed men. **Jacob was met by angels, God's host coming to bring justice and judgment** and to intervene for Jacob. This is what the lambkins are going to do in the earth, bring restoration and reconciliation to mankind. (Daniel 7:22, Hebrews 9:28, Revelation 20:4-6, Jude 14-15)

We see here that Jacob divided his household into two groups. Leah, symbolic of the church, ewe, sheep, legalism, mixture, religious ceremony versus Rachael, symbolic of the true bride, the love of his life, symbolic of Christ and His lambkins, Christ and the body as one.

**Mahanaim** means double camp, two camps, encampment of troops, army, company, host, abode or siege, and represents the Feasts of Trumpets where the believers will be divided into two companies as Jacob's family was divided. We see the one company is rulers and overcomers and the other company is the congregation, the church. They are represented here by

Rachael, the beloved, Jacob's true love and Leah, his legal wife not by choice but by responsibility, (weak eyes, vision was dimmed). Leah's children were a more numerous camp, Rachael's children, Joseph and Benjamin (son of My right hand - who was born later), were symbolic of the remnant. We also see this difference with Joshua and Caleb and the congregation of Israel.

Genesis 33:1 says, "Then Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked and behold **Esau was coming with four hundred men, so he divided the children among Leah and Rachael and the two maids**". Jacob was tricked into marrying Leah, when he thought he was marrying Rachael. Rachael was loved and Leah wasn't. Leah had weak eyes (Genesis 29:17). She had a problem like the church has - clouded and blurred vision. She had many children, but not overcomers, not lambkins, not the sons of promise of destiny. Yes, children of God, but they have not developed into mature sons who submit at the threshing floor and who follow the LAMB where ever He goes.

1 Chronicles 5:1-2 says, Reuben was the firstborn of Israel from Leah, but because he defiled his father's bed, (Gen 49:3-4) he lost his birthright and it was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel; he was not enrolled in the genealogy according to the birthright.

Rachael brought forth Joseph, the birthright son of Israel. This prophesies the difference between the rulers, leaders (SONS OF GOD) and the Church in general. Rachael birthed Joseph and Benjamin, "son of My right hand."

- **Numbers 1:16 - These are the heads of the tribes the called.**
- **Numbers 10:4 - The rulers and leaders summoned by the one trumpet blown.**
- **Ezekiel 33:7-9 - "Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me.**

God is bringing forth craftsmen of fire. (See message on Craftsmen)

- **Numbers 10:1-4 - The LORD spoke further to Moses, saying, (2) "Make yourself two trumpets of silver, of hammered work you shall make them; and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for having the camps set out. (3) " When both are blown, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the doorway of the tent of meeting. (4) "Yet if only one is blown, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall assemble before you. NASU**

This gives us revelation about the two different groups of sheep. The first group, the leaders, overcomers, lambkins are gathered by a single trumpet as we see in Numbers 10:4 and Matthew 24:31, and they will be a part of the first resurrection (Revelation 20:4-6), when God separates His people into two camps, rulers and congregation. The leaders, overcomers, lambkins, elect will be gathered when the one trumpet is blown and receive their glorified bodies at the first resurrection. (Rev. 20:4-6) The congregation of believers, will be gathered by the sound of both trumpets and they will receive their glorified bodies at the end of the millennium (Revelation 20:11-13).

- **Matthew 24:31** - And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect (His chosen ones, lambkins) from the four winds, [even] from one end of the universe to the other. [Isa 27:13; Zech 9:14.]

There is a related story in the book of Jasher in the thirty second chapter, which gives us a clearer understanding of what happened between the time Jacob and Esau met. It says the Lord heard the prayer of Jacob and delivered Jacob from the hands of his brother Esau. It says angels appeared unto Esau and his four hundred men as they were headed to meet his brother Jacob, and that Esau and his army were greatly afraid. By the time Esau arrived at Jacob's camp, Esau had become quite a nice guy; humble, subdued, and frightened. He had experienced a total attitude adjustment from the time he left home with his 400 men of war and his encounter with God's angelic host until the time he met up with Jacob.

- **Isaiah 26:9** - At night my soul longs for Thee, indeed, my spirit within me seeks Thee diligently; for **when the earth experiences Thy judgments, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.**

Even as Esau was restrained by the army of the Lord from doing harm to Jacob, so also will the overcomers restrain evil upon the earth in the age of Tabernacles.

**Deuteronomy 33:2** speaks of God coming upon Mount Sinai in fire on that first day of Pentecost. "And he said, the Lord came from Sinai, and dawned on them from Seir, He shone forth from Mt. Paran and He came from **the midst of ten thousand holy ones; at His right hand, a flaming fire, a law, decree, His Word.**"

Joseph was the son of the birthright (1 Chronicles 5:1-2) and his brother Benjamin was "son of my right hand" (Genesis 35:18). The firstborn (Christ) of the brethren is travailing in birth (Galatians 4:19) to bring forth the

manifested sons of His right hand, those who have been molded into the image of the Son (Romans 8:29).

- **Matthew 25:34** – those at **My right hand shall inherit the earth.**

So the hosts of God coming at Mahanaim is an early pattern of God coming upon Mount Sinai, the pattern of the **second coming of Christ** as **Jude 14-15** tells us "**to execute judgment upon all and to convict the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds**".

### **BABYLON HAS FALLEN & CHRIST'S SECOND COMING BRINGS FULL SALVATION**

- **Revelation 14:6-8** - Then I saw another angel (messengers) flying in the midst of heaven, **having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth** — to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people — (7) saying with a loud voice, "**Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come**; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." (8) And another angel followed, saying, "**Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.**" (many lovers) NKJV

We see here that two things are happening. Babylon is being judged - you will see the description of her in Revelation 18. She is a harlot and has many lovers. She is full of idolatry with the merchants of the world system, the mammon spirit, and she adorns herself with the luxury of the material realm and she denies the power of God, for her gods are lovers of pleasure, power, ambition and the accolades of men.

- **Hebrews 9:28** - Even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon Himself and bear as a burden the sins of many once and once for all, will **appear a second time**, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but **to bring to full salvation** those who are [eagerly, constantly, and patiently] waiting for and expecting Him. Amp.

At the same time, God is preparing and bringing forth those who have been waiting eagerly and expecting their transformation; His bride, His lambkins, overcomers who will be transformed and receive their glorified bodies.

- **Matthew 24:29-31** - **Immediately after the tribulation** of those days **the sun will be darkened**, and the moon will not shed its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be

shaken. (30) **Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky,** and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn and beat their breasts and lament in anguish, **and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory** [in brilliancy and splendor]. (31) And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, **and they will gather His elect (His chosen ones) from the four winds,** [even] from one end of the universe to the other. AMP

Everything that can be shaken will be.

- **Hebrews 12:27** - Now this expression, Yet once more, indicates the final removal and transformation of all [that can be] shaken — that is, of that which has been created — **in order that what cannot be shaken may remain and continue.** [Ps 102:26.] Amp.

When Joseph dreamed of the sun it represented his father, a leader, the moon was symbolic of his mother, and the stars were symbolic of his brothers. (Gen. 37:9) The sun, moon and stars darkened are symbolic of man's ambition, of self dependency and of the physical realm of self that has no power. The light of revelation and illumination has been dimmed, darkened because of the traditions and ceremonies of man. We have been dependent on man's knowledge rather than being completely dependent on the Spirit of God, where all light, illumination and revelation comes from. Only through our relationship with Him and being in His presence do we receive true revelation and impartation of truth that changes and transforms us into His marvelous light. The church has valued the customs and creeds of man more than the relationship of being one with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We can even see in Joseph's adversity how God used it in his life for him to prevail and turn his tribulation of what his brothers meant for bad for good, to orchestrate Joseph's growth and maturity to become the leader God intended him to be in victory for the kingdom of God. Joseph is symbolic of the overcomer, a lambkin who prevails over adversity and rules and reigns in the earth as a leader. In Joseph's story we see that his father, mother and brothers, who represent the church, experienced the famine in the land, but God used it to bring deliverance and reconciliation to his family. His brothers were brought to humility, accountability and repentance for their evil acts and God restored them into the presence of the King's provision, protection and pleasure as we see all things provided for them.

## JACOB AT SUCCOTH, BOOTHS, TABERNACLES

After Jacob's wrestling match and after his meeting with Esau, Jacob continued his journey, entering the Promised Land. Here he settled in Succoth. (Tabernacles)

- **Genesis 33:17** - And Jacob journeyed to **Succoth**; and built for himself a house, and made booths [Hebrew, *sukkah*] for his livestock, therefore the place is named **Succoth. (Tabernacles)**

At Succoth, Jacob was finally in the Promised Land, his inheritance. "Succoth", Tabernacles or Booths is the final feast day. It is also the season when a people who have qualified for the first resurrection receive their glorified bodies. Succoth is a place where Jacob builds a house (receives his permanent spiritual house, redemption of the body) and the sheep (ewe, church), remain in booths (will receive their inheritance - their glorified bodies at the end of the millennium).

Years later, God told Israel to dwell in booths during their time in the wilderness. They were not to build houses until they entered the Promised Land. Jacob fulfilled this pattern, not building a house until he returned to Canaan. Also, God Himself lived in a tent (Moses' tabernacle) throughout the wilderness wandering. Only after they came into the land of Canaan did God instruct Solomon to build Him a house, that is, a temple.

In this we can see the progressive stages of our maturing and experiencing God. We must remain movable so long as we are still in the learning stages. This is the weakness of most denominations. They are houses built in the wilderness, having fixed DOCTRINES that assume they have full knowledge of truth. We are forever learning and growing into the full measure of the stature of Christ until He transforms us and we live in His sight.

The fact that Jacob-Israel built a house in Succoth suggests the pattern that in the fulfillment of Tabernacles the lambkins, overcomers, will have a full knowledge of God by obtaining the full measure of the stature of Christ in His fullness of the Spirit.

- **Ephesians 4:13-14** - **Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; NKJV**