# LAVER - THE MOLTEN SEA - SEA OF GLASS

We will see a biblical pattern found in the Laver just as we see the progression from the Outer Court of washing in the Word to the Holy Place of being baptized in the Spirit to the Holy of Holies where we become one with our Lord and Savior. Being transformed from Jacob to Israel is our goal, no longer a trickster, schemer, usurper of authority but one whom God rules and governs. No longer I live but the Christ now lives in me!

Our growth in the Lord Jesus is seen in the laver as we wash in the Word and allow Him to overtake us. Then we are purged in the Molten Sea of being molded and transformed through the baptism of fire to stand in transparency reflecting our Lord and Savior in the Sea of Glass as Eliakim and Pleiades to rule and reign with Him in the millennium. As we take a closer look at the symbolism of the Laver, we will see a progression from Water Baptism to a Baptism of Fire. John the Baptist declared in Matthew 3:11, "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me...will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

We will see this more clearly in the symbolism of the Molten Sea and the Sea of Glass as a complete immersion of God Himself as a consuming fire burning away and consuming everything until we arise into the full measure of the stature of Christ's perfection. The Molten Sea representing a place that God molds and shapes us into the image of His Son through the refining process of His Spirit and His Word to cause us to overcome our flesh, the beastly nature, in order to stand victorious on the Sea of Glass mixed with fire in His throne. (Rev. 15:2).

In this study we will see that the laver not only represents the baptism of water but a full immersion in Him - who is the consuming fire – until, as the scripture says, "as He is, so are we in the earth today." (Heb. 12:29; 1 John 4:17)

**Exodus 30:17-21** - <sup>17</sup> And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>18</sup> "You shall also make a laver of bronze, (judgment) with its base of bronze, for washing; and you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it. <sup>19</sup> And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands (works) and their feet (walk) from it; <sup>20</sup> when they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, that they may not die; or when they approach the altar to minister, by offering up in smoke (driving out all

occupants, being a pure sacrifice of worship) a fire *sacrifice* to the LORD. <sup>21</sup> So they shall wash their hands (works) and their feet, (walk) that they may not die; and it shall be a perpetual statute for them, for Aaron and his descendants throughout their generations." NASB

We can see from this scripture that the laver in the Tabernacle was for washing for the priests. Aaron and his sons were to wash their **hands** (their works) and their **feet** (their walk) before they ministered to God and to the people. This is symbolic of God's ministers, His servants, having the motives of their hearts and character cleansed and purified by God's Word every day to be able to minister and serve God and His people. The Word must change us first, before we can serve others with God's Word to see it change them.

Hebrews 10:19-22 - <sup>19</sup> Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, <u>having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed</u> (bath, immersion, baptism, to bathe (the whole person, cleanse garments, to flow) with pure water. NASB

The Greek word for *washed* is *loutron* which means, *a <u>bath</u>*, *immersion*, *baptism*. This word is from a primary verb, *louo*, *to bathe (the whole person*; *to cleanse (especially the hands or the feet or the face); ceremonially, to perform ablution*; which was a part of the priest's daily temple duties. Vine's also tells us that *loutron* means *a laver*. In the following scripture, Jesus is washing the feet of His disciples. We will see how these different meanings are used to convey the message of our one time water baptism, symbolic of our conversion to Christ and also a continual washing in God's Word for sanctification (to become holy).

### **Jesus Our Pattern**

John 13:3-11 - Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God, and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel (a linen cloth, towel: of the towel or apron, which servants put on when about to work), He girded (gird tightly, bind about) Himself. 5 Then He poured water into the basin (laver, cleanse the hands and feet) and began to wash

the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. <sup>6</sup> And so He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you shall understand hereafter." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed (to bathe (the whole person) needs only to wash (to cleanse (especially the hands or the feet or the face) his feet, (his walk) but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean." NASB

Peter first opposed Jesus washing his feet. He said "Lord, do You wash my feet?" Jesus' reply was, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

This is where we choose to go to the **LAVER** (ALSO MEANS BASIN) the **WORD OF GOD** and let Jesus wash our feet (our walk in Christ, our manner of how we live and move in Christ) and our hands (our works).

This was to be done on a daily basis! Jesus, the WORD, washed His disciple's feet as an example for us, to prepare us in turn to wash each other's feet (to train how to live, walk in truth and victory) with His Word. There is an initial washing, an immersion, a baptism of water that also prophesies of the entire submersion of the body of flesh being consumed by the baptism of fire. We are buried with Christ, the old man crucified and dead, the old nature destroyed and we immerge from that water (unregenerate humanity) resurrected into the image of the one new creation man in Christ Jesus. Jesus said, "It is finished," we are complete in Him. Now we must live this TRUTH out and see it become a reality in our lives.

We must first receive Christ's full cleansing as Titus 3:5-8 says, "He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the WASHING of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, (6) whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, (7) so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." (NASB)

He saved us by the "washing of regeneration and the renewing by the Holy Spirit". The word "washing" here means, "bath, immersion, or baptism." Jesus said in John 3:5, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (NASB)

Jesus tells His disciples in **John 13:14-17**, "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. (15) "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. (16) "Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. (17) "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. NASB

WE ARE TO WASH ONE ANOTHER'S FEET to serve in Spirit and in the Truth of God's Word. Not only to bring forth the Word but to manifest the Word of God through our example, SERVING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.

## Laver was made from the Metallic Mirrors of the Women

**Exodus 38:8** - Moreover, he made the **laver of bronze** (judgment) with its **base** of bronze, from the **mirrors** (looking-glasses) **of the serving women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting**. NASU

In the above scripture we see the **Laver** was made from the **bronze** (judgment) **mirrors** (reflection) of the women who served at the doorway of the Tabernacle. Bronze is symbolic of judgment. The Hebrew word for *mirrors* means, *vision*, *as means of revelation* and *mirror*, *as place*, *or instrument*, *of seeing (oneself)*.

The Laver was the place that the priests washed. Because the Laver was made from **metallic mirrors**, the priests saw a reflection of themselves as they washed. Ephesians 5:26 says, "that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word" and refers to Christ using His Word to wash and cleanse His church, that He might present to Himself a Bride without spot or wrinkle, holy and blameless in Him. We can see through this scripture that the Laver of the Old Testament is symbolic of God's Word.

The word of God is an instrument of judgment to bring righteousness, not to condemn us, but to transform us into His marvelous light to reflect and manifest Him. Before Christ came they were under the law and the law made them conscious of sin. Now through the blood of Christ we are under His grace, God consciousness. Just like when the High Priest went beyond the veil once a year for all of Israel to receive a blessing, the blessing was completely dependent on the High Priest acceptance from God, this was a shadow, a pattern that would be fulfilled in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who was the ultimate sacrifice and High Priest for all humanity. The

blessing and acceptance was not something the people of Israel earned or did or had anything to do with. The blessing came from the right standing of the High Priest as He went into the Holy of Holies for Israel with great reverence without spot or wrinkles to be accepted by God as we see in the fulfillment in Christ as our High Priest. Who went beyond the veil and eradicated, nullified the power of flesh as our forerunner that we also could follow Him our Beloved. So our freedom is not something we can achieve and earn but has already been paid for in full by the one and only High Priest Jesus Christ that was the perfect sacrifice for all humanity. Our qualification does not come from works, of something we can do but to believe what He has already done. We are complete in Him and now we are learning to walk in His power and authority as true sons and daughters of the Most High. We see this in James 1:22-25 that says, it is the "perfect law, the law of liberty" - the law of truth that frees us from the bondage to sin and deception. Rather than being a hearer of the Word, which is likened to a man who sees his natural reflection in the mirror, and when he walks away he forgets what kind of man he really is, we are to be like the priests who lean over the Laver, peering into God's Word, and looking intently at His perfect law of liberty, abiding in it. As we apply it to our lives we allow God's Word to judge the thoughts and intentions of our hearts (Heb. 4:12) so we can be changed into His character and nature.

This is why the Hebrew rendering of the word mirror means "an instrument of seeing one's self and as a means of revelation," because when we come to the Word in this way, we really see ourselves for who we are – sinners saved by His grace – and in need of a transformation into His character and nature. According to **2** Corinthians 3:18, as we apply His Word to our lives it has the power to cause a repentance in us that removes the veils of our flesh transforming us to reveal "as in a mirror the [reflection of] the glory of the Lord." When we repent it becomes a means of revelation – revealing the glory of Christ in us. In this way a transformation comes through letting God's fiery Word perfect and purify us to manifest His character and image.

1 Corinthians 13:12 also uses the word, "mirror" in it. I like how the Amplified Version says it, "For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim (blurred) reflection [of reality as in a riddle or enigma], but then [when perfection comes] we shall see in reality and face to face! Now I know in part (imperfectly), but then I shall know and understand fully and clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully and clearly known and understood [by God]." The Greek word for "mirror" in this scripture means, "a flat piece of highly polished metal used to reflect an image -

*mirror*." This of course correlates with the women's brass mirrors that were used to make the Laver for the Tabernacle. We can see our progression and our transformation from glory to glory in this scenario. We start off in an inpart realm symbolized by the bronze Laver in the Outer Court. Our understanding is limited but there is a progression where we move on into the Holy Place to be perfected by God's Spirit, our down payment, a foretaste, a pledge of our full redemption to go beyond the veil into the Holy of Holies receiving the full redemption of our bodies (glorification). (Rom. 8:23)

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The women's looking glasses (mirrors) were from the "serving" women.

The Hebrew Word for serving means *host*, *military service*, *war*, *army*, *service*, *labor*, *conflict*—*to wage war*, *to serve in worship*. This symbolizes them being willing to give up the vanities of life and the pleasures of this world to become a mighty army – a host - a corporate expression reflecting the beauties of His righteousness and holiness. Assembled in Him we reflect His glory and His image.

The LOOKING GLASSES - THE MIRROR – GOD'S WORD – is expressed through a corporate body to bring forth **REVELATION** that provides **VISION** and **UNDERSTANDING** of **GOD'S PURPOSES** for the **PRESENT TIME** – **THE END TIMES**.

## Ten Lavers and the Molten Sea

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**authority**. The *oxen* are symbolic of God's governmental strength and authority as burden bearers - priests who were intercessors to establish God's divine order to bring lost humanity and all of creation into harmony and restoration.

I Kings 7:38 He (Hiram) made ten (divine order and law) basins (lavers) of bronze, (judgment) one basin (laver) held forty (testing, trials) baths; (cleanse) each basin (laver) was four (universal) cubits, and on each of the ten (divine order and law) stands (foundation, position, office) was one basin. (laver)

In 1 Kings Chapter Seven we see a description of the *Ten Lavers* and the *Molten Sea* that was being prepared for the Temple. We see a progression from one laver used in the Tabernacle, a moveable, temporal, dwelling place of God, to a multiplication of Ten Lavers and the Molten Sea being prepared for the Temple, a fixed, established dwelling place for God. The New Testament says that we are the Temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 6:19) There was a transition from the Old Covenant, the physical, to the New Covenant, the spiritual. We are to be the abode or dwelling place of God. He is preparing a fixed tabernacle in us that is spiritual and cannot pass away, one that is not made with human hands, but built by God Himself, an enduring kingdom.

We can see the progression from the one laver in the Tabernacle of Moses which was moveable, temporal to a multiplication of *Ten Lavers* connected to the *Molten Sea* being prepared for the Temple, a fixed, established dwelling place of God. The Word says, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. (I Cor. 6:19) There was a transition from the Old Testament, which was physical pattern, a type of what was to come, as we see in the New Covenant, the spiritual, Christ in us the hope of glory becomes a reality. He is preparing a permanent tabernacle in us that cannot pass away, one that is not made with human hands, but built by God Himself, an enduring kingdom. Now we are the temple, the dwelling place, Christ in you the hope of glory!

There were *Ten Lavers*. The number *ten* represents *divine order and law*. The number Ten is Hebrew letter Yod and means *deed or work*. Ten is the number of the law which brings divine order. Testing and trials reveal whether our works and deeds are for self or for the Lord. Divine order is being established one way or another through the judgment of the law of our works or deeds. It exposes man's heart. Ten is the number that portrays

that time of judgment when men either receive their reward or come under divine judgment.

These *Ten Lavers* held *forty* baths each. *Forty* means *a time of trials and testing*, *tribulation and probation*. The Israelites were tested in the wilderness for forty years. At the end of that period, those twenty and under who were not destroyed in the wilderness, were qualified to pass over Jordan (death) and possess the Promised Land, representing rest and the age of Tabernacles. Joshua and Caleb were the only ones left of the old generation that were allowed to cross over. Jesus also underwent *forty* days of trials and testing in the wilderness while being tempted by the devil. At the end of His testing Jesus came forth victorious driving Satan away, saying be gone, Satan! (Matt. 4:10) We can see from this example that one of the purposes for trials and tribulations is to learn to drive away the evil-one, overcoming temptation.

Just as Jesus was our pattern, we must also follow His example as the Word says, in Rev. 12:10 we overcome by the WORD of our testimony and the blood of the Lamb!

It is through trials and testing that we learn to overcome the flesh. We overcome through the blood of the Lamb and the Word of our testimony (Rev. 12:11). This prepares us to be intercessors, represented by the twelve (God's government) oxen, or burden bearers, holding up the Molten Sea of lost humanity, upholding God's Word and Spirit that cleanses and purges all of lost humanity. 5This is our victory and our pattern!! It is through trials and testing we learn to overcome the flesh. This prepares us to be the intercessors, represented by the twelve oxen (burden bearers) holding up the Molten Sea of lost humanity, upholding God's Word and Spirit that cleanses and purges us from all iniquity.

# Ten Lavers with Their Stands and Wheels

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God's divine order to bring lost humanity and all of creation into harmony and restoration.

**The Molten Sea was a reservoir** – a **storehouse** - from which the priests washed in and then filled the Ten Lavers, drawing the water from one source, to cleanse the sacrifices.

In the following scriptures, we will take a closer look at the Ten Lavers with their stands and wheels and break down the meanings to see a progression and how it relates to our lives. This revelation of scripture is awesome and gives us such great clarity of understanding of what the Lord's purpose is for us.

# The Stands

1 Kings 7:27-29 Then he made the ten (divine order being established through judgment) stands (of the laver) of bronze (judgment)...(28) And this was the design of the stands (pedestal, a fixture, a foundation, habitation, dwelling-settled place) they had borders, even borders between the frames, (29) and on the borders which were between the frames were lions, (kingdom authority) oxen (burden bearers) and cherubim; (thoughts, will of the Father, mind of Christ) and on the frames there was a pedestal (foot, base, office, stand, station) above, and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work.

The Hebrew word for "stand" means a pedestal, a fixture, a basis (the part on which something stands or rests), rendered as foundation, habitation, and (dwelling-, settled) place. It also means, to be erect; to set up, establish, fix, prepare, apply, or appoint, render sure, proper or prosperous. The Hebrew word for pedestal is ken (OT:3653), and means, foot, base, place, office, estate. A stand and station. Some of the ways this word is used in the KJV is, faithfulness, firm, be fitted, be fixed, frame, ordain, order, perfect, provide, make provision, (be, make) ready. The Theological Wordbook defines pedestal as denoting the physical base or foundation of something (especially the bronze laver). It also refers to a person's position or office.

Again there were Ten Lavers in the temple. This represents God's divine order being established and implemented through a people who have been called and prepared by the Word and perfected to execute His righteous judgment in the earth. Remember God's judgment is not like ours. The

purpose of His judgment is to teach righteousness, to establish His justice with the purpose of restoration.

Isaiah 26:9 - For when Your JUDGMENTS are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn RIGHTEOUSNESS. NKJV

# The Wheels

1 King 7:30-33 - Now each stand (of the Laver) had four bronze wheels (OT: 212, to revolve) with bronze axles, and its four feet had supports... (33) And the workmanship of the wheels was like the workmanship of a CHARIOT WHEEL. Their axles, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs were all cast.

In the above scripture the Hebrew word for *workmanship* means, an action or activity, work, deed, pursuit, work of Jehovah, of deliverance and judgment, to accomplish, to make an offering, put in order, to produce it from oneself is an expression used of living beings, His power and strength, His voice, to prepare, make ready, to sacrifice to Jehovah, to execute counsel, to effect, to complete.

Ephesians 2:10 says, that we are His workmanship!

**Ephesians 2:10** - For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Thus, the wheels denote movement, and are symbolic of a people prepared and made ready by God to be His chariots, His messengers a flame of fire who have laid down their lives as a sacrifice TO CONVEY A MESSAGE FROM THE THRONE ROOM OF GOD. (Ps. 104:3-4; Is. 66:15) This message is God's WORD and those who bring forth this message will convey it with authority and power.

Paul states in 1 Corinthians 2:4-5, "and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God."

The <u>wheels</u> in Hebrew means revolve, to consider, ponder, and turn over in the mind. To be centered or focused upon, to move around the center or axis.

The <u>wheels</u> of the Cherubim in Ezekiel's vision were the same as the Spirit of the **four living beings** that was in the <u>wheels</u> that were always moving. The Cherubim – the four living beings or creatures – had wheels attached to their base – a wheel within a wheel and the **Spirit of the living beings were in the wheels**. (Ezek. 1:20-21).

Ezekiel 10:15-17 Then the Cherubim rose up. They are the living beings that I saw by the river Chebar. 16 Now when the Cherubim moved, the wheels would go beside them; also when the cherubim lifted up their wings to rise from the ground, the wheels would not turn from beside them. 17 When the Cherubim stood still, the wheels would stand still; and when they rose up, the wheels would rise with them, for the spirit of the living beings was in them.

Also Daniel 7:9 tells us that God's throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels were a burning fire. Again, we will see His clouds His chariots are messengers, ministers who are a flame of fire. (Ps. 104:3-4)

The **lavers** had **four bronze wheels**. The number *four* is *daleth*, and represents *a door* in Hebrew. This number represents the universe, globular of the *earth and the material creation*. Remember bronze means judgment. Therefore, the **four bronze wheels** are symbolic of **MOVEMENT** to convey a fiery message from **God TO JUDGE** the earth and creation **IN RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

Only the movement and message of the Holy Spirit can accomplish the work of God to bring restoration and completion to the whole earth. As the Word says in Hab. 2:15 "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

# The Cherubim on the Ark of the Covenant were as a Chariot

1 Chronicles 28:18 - and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the <u>model of the chariot</u>, even the <u>cherubim that spread out their</u> wings and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD. NASU

Note: The MODEL is a type and pattern.

Jesus was a forerunner beyond the veil into the Holy of Holies after the order of Melchizedek, made like unto the Son of God. (Hebrews 6:20) After and according to the order of Spirit.

**Psalms 104:3-4** - He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; He makes **the clouds His chariot**; He walks upon the wings of the wind;

(4) He makes the winds His messengers, <u>Flaming fire His ministers</u>. NASU

Psalms 104:4 - Who makes His ministers a flame of fire. NKJV

Isaiah 66:15 – For behold the <u>Lord will come in fire</u>, and <u>His Chariots</u> will be like the stormy wind, <u>to render His anger with fieriness</u>, and <u>His rebuke with flames of fire</u>. Amp

Also, note what 1 Kings 7:29 says about the images that were engraved on the borders of the layers:

1 Kings 7:29 – and on the borders which were between the frames were **lions, oxen and cherubim**; and on the frames there was a pedestal above, and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work.

Lions are symbolic of kingly anointing and authority. Oxen are symbolic of burden bearers or the Priesthood. The Cherubim are symbolic of Christ and His redeemed. Remember these images were cast in bronze or judgment. Together these are symbolic of Christ's royal priesthood who will execute His authority in judgment and justice during His millennial reign in the earth.

Revelation 5:9-10 - ... and with Your blood You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation. <sup>10</sup> And You have made them a kingdom (royal race) and priests to our God, and they shall reign [as kings] over the earth! AMP

1 Peter 2:9 - But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellences' of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; NASB

# Elijah the Burden-Bearer Became the Chariot of Fire – A Burning One

2 Kings 2:11 - As they were going along and talking, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven. NASU

**2 Kings 6:17** - Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was **full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha**.

Elijah was a type of John the Baptist, who was a prophetic voice to prepare the way of Christ's first coming. We see in 1 Kings 18:17-46 Elijah stood in the gap as a priest, an intercessor, a burden-bearer, who is a type of the overcomer and offered the evening sacrifice on Mount Carmel where God answered the people with FIRE and consumed the sacrifice (an Ox). Later on Elijah is caught up in a chariot of fire and in a whirlwind. In this scenario we see the burden-bearer transformed to a burning one. In Ezekiel 1:10, Ezekiel describes the faces of the four Living Beings. He says, "As for the form of their faces, each had the face of a man; all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and all four had the face of an eagle." Later in Ezekiel Chapter Ten we see these living beings are now referred to as cherub. Ezekiel 10: 14 also describes the Cherub. Instead of having a face of a bull, their faces now have the face of a cherub.

Ezekiel 10:14-15 - And each one had four faces. The first face was the <u>face</u> of a cherub, the second face was the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. 15 Then the <u>cherubim</u> rose up. They are the <u>living beings</u> that I saw by the river Chebar. NASU

We see these living creatures in the midst of the throne, before the throne, in the center of throne and around the throne. Like I always say the Word interprets Himself!

Let's look at Revelation 4:5-8, it says, "Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; 6 and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. 7 The first creature was like a lion (kingly anointing and authority), and the second creature like a calf (burden bearers, priesthood), and the third creature had a face like that of a man (Christ and His overcomers), and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle (sight, vision, revelation of Spirit). NASU

Revelation 5:6-8 And I beheld, and, lo, in the **midst of the throne** and of **the living creatures**, and **in the midst of the elders** stood <u>a Lamb</u> as it had

been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the **seven Spirits** of God, sent forth into all the earth. KJV

We know that the Lamb of God is all authority and power over all things of life and we can see in these scriptures that the four living creatures were also a part of the throne. The **four living creatures represent the characteristic of the Lamb---that are fulfilled in those who are the Sons of God**, God is revealing Himself in people who have picked up their cross and followed Him beyond the veil. These are four living creatures are expressions of dominion and power of the throne manifested through His Eliakim, Seven Stars also known as Pleiades, His overcomers who have denied their flesh to be qualified to rule and reign with Him in the millennium. They represent the nature of God in the throne of what we are to become.

Let me ask you a question where is Christ? Where is the Temple of the Holy Spirit? Yes, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. It says, Colossians 1:26-27 the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, (27) to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**. NASU

Eph. 2:6-7 He raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (7) so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. NASU

Revelation 3:21-22 He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

In Rev. 4:5 as we have read preciously it says, "Out of the throne came **lightning** and **sounds** and peals of **thunder**. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are **the seven Spirits of God**."

We can see the four living creatures represent the overcomers, Pleiades, the Seven Stars, messengers that deliver God's Word as we have learned in the chapter of the Seven Stars who have been perfected in light, illumination and understanding.

We know that Eliakim's name means to be raised up in judgment and in Isaiah 22:23 it says, that he was to become a throne of glory to his father's house. His father's name was Hilkiah that means my portion is Jehovah! Can we not see a powerful pattern and metaphor here of what we are being

raised up to be in Christ Jesus. When we sit with Him in the heavenly places, that is the throne, (seat of power and authority) we are in the highest dimension, because we are in Him, having His mind, His power and authority. The Word says that He has given man, subjected man to all things, but man has not yet comprehended all things that have been subjected to him. (Heb. 2:8)

Out of the throne came flashes of lightning (arrows, sons of God, glory) In Is. 49:2 it says, "He has made me a select **arrow** (sons of God, lightning) in whom I will show MY GLORY.

In Ps. 77:17-18 tells us that, "The clouds (witness of offspring, who makes the clouds His chariots-His messengers flames of fire His ministers, Ps. 104:2-4) poured out water; the skies gave forth a sound (His voice) Your arrows (sons of God) flashed (lightning) here and there. (18) The sound of Your thunder (voice, declaration of His Word) was in the whirlwind; the lightning's (arrows, sons of God full of light, illumination, understanding, revelation) lit up the world."

Jesus was a forerunner beyond the veil into the Holy of Holies after the order of Melchizedek, made like unto the Son of God. (Hebrews 6:20) After and according to the order of Spirit. God is unveiling His truths for humanity to rise up in full stature of Christ (Eph. 4:13) that they can rule and reign with Him in the age that God has ordained to bring forth His Kingdom in the earth. Like Luke 20:35 says, "But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, neither marry nor are given in marriage."

Elijah and John the Baptist are both types of the overcomers, God's elect, who foreshadow and prepare the way of Christ's second coming (in and with His saints) through the ministry of intercession through prayer, i.e. the bull, the burden-bearer. As we intercede through prayer and declare the Word of God, a transformation is taking place in us, we are being changed into a burning one, executing God's Word in the earth. We see this example in Ezekiel 10:2, where God commands the man clothed in linen to go in and "Enter between the whirling wheels under the cherubim and fill your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim and scatter them over the city." We are to stand in Christ before the throne of grace to receive a burning Word, the coals of fire – a message – to bring cities and nations to a place of repentance to be transformed and changed for the glory of God. It is through intercession, becoming the burden-bearers of His government (the twelve oxen holding up the Molten Sea) that we are changed into the

burning ones conveying His message of redemption and restoration to all of lost humanity. This is the **Man Child Company** who will rule with Christ in the earth to bring full salvation. (Rev. 12:5, Heb. 9:28 Amp.)

# **Supports**

1 Kings 7:34 - Now *there were* four supports at the four corners of each stand; (of the Laver) its **supports** were part of the stand itself.

The FOUR FEET had SUPPORTS. The Hebrew word for *support* is *katheph* (OT:3802) and meant, *shoulder*, *shoulder-blade* (*of man*), *supports* of the laver. The *supports* denote administering God's Word by His Governmental Authority.

Isaiah 9:6 - And the government will rest on His shoulders; NASU

Their Axles (Axle-Tree)

1 Kings 7:33 - And the workmanship of the wheels... Their axles, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs were all cast.

The Hebrew word for *axle* is *yad* (OT:3027) and means the open hand of God – indicating His power, direction and means. Therefore, the direction, power and force for the movement of the wheels comes from the hand of God, His power and strength.

## Their Rims

1 Kings 7:33 - ... Their axles, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs were all cast.

The Hebrew word for *rims* is *gab* (OT:1354) meaning, *the top or rim*, *a boss, a vault, arch of eye, bulwarks*. Two of its renderings are, *eminent* (higher) place and eye brow.

We can grasp a greater understanding of the meaning of *rims* as Ezekiel describes the rims on the wheels of the living beings (cherubim).

Ezekiel 1:18-19 - As for <u>their rims</u> they were <u>lofty and awesome</u>, and the <u>rims of all four of them were <u>full of eyes round about</u>. <sup>19</sup> Whenever the living beings moved, the wheels moved with them. And whenever the living beings rose from the earth, the wheels rose also. (NASB)</u>

The scripture above describes the *rims* as being "lofty and awesome" and "full of eyes round about." This denotes **Divine understanding and wisdom** – the Seven Spirits of the Lord.

Ephesians 1:17-23 - that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might <sup>20</sup> which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

# The Spoke

**1 Kings 7:33** - ... Their axles, their rims, **their spokes**, and their hubs *were* all cast.

The **spokes** are a connecting rod that connects the rim to the hub. The Hebrew root word for "**spoke**" means (figuratively) to love, delight in, to set (in) love.

The spoke of a wheel in this instance means to be connected to a nave which is the center of a wheel itself. When Christ is our center we are set in love with His divine understanding. When our eyes are opened to His understanding, then there is action and movement of Spirit to convey the Word of God in the Earth.

# The Hub

**Kings 7:33** - ... Their axles, their rims, their spokes, and **their hubs** were all cast.

**Hub** means the heart; it is the central part of a wheel, as that part into which the spokes are inserted. It also means a center of activity or interest as a focal point around or events that revolve around from which they radiate.

Now let's put together all that we have learned and see the bigger picture of what the Lord is conveying to us.

1 King 7:30-33 - Now each stand (of Laver) (foundation, habitation, dwelling place) had four (universal, globular) bronze (judgment) wheels (provide movement & direction, to revolve) with bronze (judgment) axles, (power, direction) and its four (globular) feet (foundation of subject) had supports (shoulder, government authority) ...(33) And the workmanship (action, activity) of the wheels (movement, direction, to revolve) was like the workmanship (action, activity), of a CHARIOT (vehicle of Spirit) WHEEL. (Movement and direction) Their axles, (power, direction) their rims, (full of eyes, vision, understanding, wisdom) their spokes, (connecting rim to hub, love), and their hubs (heart, central connection) were all cast. (One, unity)

In the foundation, habitation, dwelling place (STAND OF LAVER) was for a universal (FOUR) movement of direction (WHEELS) from the hand of God of His Spirit, His power and strength (AXLES) through His governmental authority (SUPPORTS) and of activity (WORKMANSHIP) of those who administer His Word (SUPPORTS) in the earth to bring judgment and justice (BRONZE) as one corporate body of the seven Spirits (RIMS) of the heart (HUB) of God bringing forth vision, wisdom, understanding, counsel and might in love and righteousness.(RIMS)

Here we see the movement and direction in the Spirit to convey a message from God to all the earth through a governmental corporate body of His Spirit. We as His children are learning to hear the voice of the Lord so that we can be a vessel, an instrument of His power and authority to execute His Word by and through the Spirit so that the knowledge of His glory will cover the earth

### **MOLTEN SEA**

God's purpose for refining us is to bring forth His divine character and nature in us. Gold is symbolic of His divine nature. When gold has been melted and refined to its most absolute pure state, it becomes molten gold that is as clear as crystal that can then be used to cast into a mold. This is what God does with us. He purifies us and melts us in His fire that he might mold us into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. Later on we will compare

this with the Molten Sea (2 Chron. 4) and the Sea of Glass (Rev. 4:6 & 15:2).

The Hebrew word for *laver* is means, *caldron for cooking; a chafing-dish* for coals; a washbowl; a pulpit or platform." This word also means to dig through; a pot or furnace (as if excavated). The Theological Workbook defines as, "A SMELTER'S FURNACE FOR THE REFINING OF METAL." The Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon also defines it as, a small hearth, a fire pan, so called from boiling or roasting. According to the dictionary, metal that has been refined and melted and cast in a mold is called molten. This purpose is seen in the Molten Sea, which we will study in greater detail.

Malachi 3:2-3 - "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For <u>He is like a refiner's fire</u> and <u>like</u> <u>fullers' soap</u>. <sup>3</sup> "<u>He</u> will sit as <u>A SMELTER</u> and <u>purifier of silver</u>, and He will <u>purify the sons of Levi</u> and <u>refine them like gold and silver</u>, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness. NASU

Proverbs 17:3 - The refining pot (a crucible; to fuse metal; to refine) is for silver and the <u>furnace (a smelting furnace – The word used for Laver (OT 3595) in the Hebrew is from the same word "furnace" (OT 3564) for gold, But the Lord tests (to test especially metals, to examine, to investigate) hearts.</u>

As we can see from the word study above, that not only is the laver a washbowl, for washing, as seen through water baptism, and washing in the Word of God daily to purify our thoughts, but it also denotes a baptism of fire, which is a purification through allowing God's word, the laver made out of brass, which is symbolic of judgment, to purge and purify by allowing God's *fiery law*, His Word to judge our thoughts and actions, causing us to walk in truth and holiness.

We can see God's government being established as we are learning to judge ourselves to be judges. This also correlates with the Eridanus River, the river of the Holy Spirit that executes justice and judgment in the earth that we will study in detail in the Eridanus River Chapter.

Deuteronomy 33:2-3 - 2 He said, The Lord came from Sinai and beamed upon us from Seir; He flashed forth from Mount Paran, from among ten thousands of holy ones, A FLAMING FIRE, A LAW, (A FIERY LAW) at His right hand. 3 Yes, He loves [the tribes] His people; all those

# consecrated to Him are in Your hand. They followed in Your steps; they [accepted Your word and] received direction from You,

1 Kings 7:23 And he made a <u>molten</u> (cast bronze, a mass of clay, casting, fusion, casting dust – (we are made of dust) pipe (vessel) through which oil (anointing) is poured (Zech. 4:2) to pour out, by extension, overflow, to melt, made liquid by heat, melt, made by melting and casting in a mold, brilliantly glowing, to form by intense heat, to be changed) <u>Sea</u> ( to roar, turmoil, chaos, unregenerate peoples, basin) ten cubits from the one brim to the other: it was round all about, and his height was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. KJV

We are being cast, infused and molded into the image of Christ by the cleansing power of His Word and Spirit. (Rom. 8:29) The Molten Sea (a mass of clay, humanity) is held up by the burden bearers that have stood up in the identity of Christ as His government.

The Molten Sea held two thousand baths of water when in use and three thousand baths of water when FULL. The FULL COMPLETE CLEANSING of the earth is between the second and third day, between two thousand years and three thousand years from Christ (Hos. 6:1-3; Luke 13:32; 2 Pet 3:8). The Sea was for the cleansing of the priests. The twelve (government) Oxen (burden bearers) are symbolic of the government of God, and the four (universal, global) faces, facing all four corners of the world, are symbolic of His cleansing power of the earth. The present age will be crowned by the fullness of the kingdom, through the complete cleansing of the earth between the second and third day.

We can also see by example in these scriptures, through the pouring out from the cast clay, the dust, our humanity is transformed, like the miracle Jesus did at the wedding in Cana of Galilee when He changed the water into wine. Humanity is transformed from being governed by the flesh to being led by the Holy Spirit. Here we see Him prophesying and declaring His purpose from the beginning for which He came, which was to change our humanity into its true identity. Is this not what the Word says, to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth?

How powerful to those who have ears to hear and eyes to see what the Spirit is saying. He is molding us and forming us into His image and likeness to have dominion, to be priests and kings who rule and reign with Him, executing His purpose in the earth to bring forth His kingdom of justice and

righteousness. We see this represented in the example of the Molten Sea. His government of burden bearers, seen in the ox-bull (one of the faces of the cherubim) holding up lost humanity (symbolized by the sea) until the whole earth is washed in Spirit and in Truth so they can see Him as He is through the witness of His government.

Our humanity which is symbolized by clay, the dust of the earth, is being transformed from unregenerate humanity and being formed into living stones of His rest. We are ceasing from our works of flesh to come forth as the government (twelve oxen) of His Spirit, upholding His divine order for all humanity as seen in the Molten Sea. The oxen, the burden bearers, the overcomers, Pleiades, Eliakim's, are His government who has been transformed into their glorified bodies. They have become a witness of His divine order in the earth, teaching and declaring the eternal gospel through His resurrection power, manifesting in people who have risen up into the full measure of Christ's nature and who are molded into His image.

**1 Kings 7:23-26** - Now he made the **Molten** (a mass of clay, casting, fusion, casting dust – (we are made of dust) pipe (vessel) through which oil (anointing) is poured (Zech. 4:2) to pour out, by extension, overflow, to melt, made liquid by heat, melt, made by melting and casting in a mold, brilliantly glowing, to form by intense heat, to be changed) **sea** (to roar, turmoil, chaos, unregenerate peoples, basin)

of cast (formed by a mold)

metal (to cover with stones)

ten (15ft, with REST) cubits

from brim to brim, (speech, boundary, border (Is. 11:4)

circular in form, and its height was **five** (*five-fold ministry, grace*) cubits, and **thirty** (*maturity*) cubits in circumference.

(24) Under its brim (speech, boundary, border, lip)

gourds (splitting open to shed its seeds, burst, buds)

went around encircling it, ten (divine order) to a cubit,

completely surrounding the sea; (unregenerate humanity)

the gourds (splitting open to shed its seeds, burst, buds)

were in two (witness) rows,

cast (formed by a mold) with the rest.

(25) It stood on twelve (government) oxen, (burden bearer, intercessors) three (completeness) facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing (globular completeness) east(glory, presence, looking toward the whole earth, foundation of our cleansing rests upon the burden of intercession, Rom 8:34,Heb. 7:25);

and the sea (unregenerate humanity)

was set on top of them, (Eph. 1:21, Col 3:1-2, Heb. 1:9)

and all their rear parts turned inward. (towards the center, Luke 9:62, Phil 3:12-14)

(26) It was a handbreadth thick, (Eph. 4:11, extension of the Head Christ Jesus through the hands of the fivefold ministry for equipping of the church)

and its brim (lip, edge, border, speech, consume, end)

was made like the brim of a cup, (1 Cor. 10:16 - Is not the cup which we bless in sharing the blood of Christ?)

as a lily blossom; (purity and resurrection)

**it could hold two thousand baths** (2,000 years from Jesus until now). NASU

2 Chronicles 4:5-6 - (5) It was a handbreadth thick, (Eph. 4:11) and its brim was made like the brim (lip, edge, border, speech, consume, end) of a cup, (1Cor. 10:16, Is not the cup which we bless in sharing the blood of Christ?) like a lily blossom; (purity, resurrection life) it could hold 3,000 baths. (6) He also made ten (divine order) basins in which to wash, and he set five on the right side and five on the left to rinse things for the burnt offering; (consecrated) but the sea (unregenerate humanity) was for the priests to wash in

# Transition from the Ten Lavers to the Molten Sea to the Sea Of Glass

We can see the sanctification process that is taking place in us through the progression from the Ten Lavers and the Molten Sea – *sanctification* - that prepares us for *glorification* - *standing on* the Sea of Glass mixed with fire, victorious over death.

It is interesting to note that when gold has been refined to its absolutely pure state, molten gold is as clear as crystal. The GOLD is symbolic of GOD'S DIVINE NATURE BEING PRODUCED IN ALL OF MANKIND.

Revelation 15:2- - And I saw something like a <u>SEA OF GLASS</u>
 <u>MIXED WITH FIRE</u>, and those who had <u>been victorious over</u> the
 beast and his image and the number of his name, <u>STANDING on</u>
 <u>the sea of glass</u>, holding harps of God. NASU

These are the overcomers! These are the Eliakims! The "sea of glass mixed with fire" is symbolic of a people who have become transparent, reflecting Christ in all authority and dominion. Can you see the correlation? These overcomers (Eliakims) are those who have been victorious over the beastly nature and his image, his likeness and the number of his name, his character, and have overcome through the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony! They have not loved their lives unto death! They are seen standing victorious over the second death. They know that death was defeated by the Lamb and that they have overcome through Christ's death and resurrection. Death is under their feet! They have willingly come through the fire to triumph through Jesus Christ. Oh death where is your sting, oh grave where is your victory?

We see these overcomers again in Revelations 20:4-6. Daniel describes this same scene he also saw in a vision when the heavens were opened up to him, in Daniel 7:9-10.

• Revelation 20:4-6 - And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. NASB

What is the second death? Revelations 20:14 tells us that the second death, is the Lake of Fire. The Lake of Fire is also a type of the Molten Sea.

Revelation 2:10-11 - 'Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten (completion, divine order) days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life (the mind of Christ). 11 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. HE WHO OVERCOMES WILL NOT BE HURT BY THE SECOND DEATH.' NASU

Take note that this scripture does not say that the overcomer will not experience the second death, but they will not be HURT by it. The purpose of the **second death** or the lake of fire, which is the purifying presence of God - who is the all-consuming fire (Heb. 12:29), **is to destroy the first death in us** (our mortality – imputed to us through Adam's transgression)!

Therefore, the Molten Sea held up by the twelve oxen (God's government of overcomers) is the **lake of fire** (the divine purification of all humanity!)

The lake of fire is the second death – <u>His fiery law administered by the</u> <u>overcomers</u> as we see in the Eridanus River who have overcome through the second death and have triumphed over it through Christ.

We see a transition of those overcomers who have endured unto the end are now those who are standing on the Sea of Glass, victorious over the beastly nature of the first Adam.

These are the overcomers, the ten thousands of his saints – who have already undergone the fiery process of the second death.

**Jude 14-15** Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, (15) to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. NASU

To get a better understanding for the purpose of the Lake of Fire, we need to break-down the following words found in the above scripture.

FIRE is the heat and light that you feel and see when something burns. It takes heat to start a fire, but once the fire is started it produces heat that keeps the process going. Thus, fire is really HEAT and LIGHT. – *Preston Eby* 

The word **BURN means combustion, or to consume**. Thus, **to burn, means to CHANGE**. And all that it consumes "goes up in smoke," to exist in a new form in a higher dimension.

"The Lake of Fire and Brimstone signifies a fire burning with brimstone; the word 'brimstone' or sulphur defines the character of the fire. The Greek word THEION translated 'brimstone' is exactly the same word THEION which means 'divine.'

Divine purification and divine consecration are the plain meaning in ancient Greek.

The purpose of the second death is to destroy death! The death in us. We are living in a death state, mortality.

The FIRE is to purify! To cause a change! This is when death is overturned! What is the purpose of the fire? It is that **death be no more.** 

John states in Revelation Chapter Twenty-one, "*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth*..." THEN – after death and hades is thrown into the Lake of fire and destroyed by all that God is, for He is an ALL CONSUMING FIRE, THEN he saw A NEW HEAVEN and A NEW EARTH.

The end result of the purpose of the Lake of Fire is to bring forth a <u>New Heaven</u> (a new mind – the mind of Christ) and a <u>New Earth</u> (a new body – a glorified body – transformed into the image of Christ). THE NEW JERUSALEM is the BRIDE OF CHRIST adorned for Her Husband the BRIDE GROOM, Jesus Christ

THE LAST ENEMY TO BE ABOLISHED IS DEATH! THIS IS THE PURPOSE OF THE FIRE! This is the progression of being raised up to become a throne of judgment, an Eliakim. It is the process of us being purified. The pattern of Scripture bears out the same pattern that Jesus himself followed, Jesus went beyond the veil and He has made a way for us to go beyond the veil also. We must not only just wash in the Word daily and be water baptized but we must learn that our appointment is to learn to hear the voice of God, and become burden bearers for lost humanity. When we begin to intercede there is a cleansing fire that takes place in us to cleanse us of our unrighteous judgments and give us His mind, His judgments. This cleansing fire is the Truth. The Truth of our hearts and the Truth of His Word, our subjection to His Truths purifies our selfish thinking and changes our hearts and minds to grow up into His government, His office of authority. Our office is to be trained up to be

judges. This is the Elaikims of the Earth. But the Eliakims are not the final stage, we are in this training to be called into the congregation of the Judge. The Lord wants us to be His judges in the millennium, the Word is Pleiades.