HIDDEN MANNA

Part 2 "A Wonder in Heaven"

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"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven . . ."

[Revelation 12:1]

To learn more of the "Hidden Manna" that is being revealed, let us go to the book of Revelation.

Now, let me show you six verses that will give you the key how one should read this mysterious book.

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Revelation 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

Revelation 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the <u>things which must</u> shortly be done.

Revelation 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Revelation 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

I have underlined the following words and phrases in the above verses: "words of this prophesy", "the prophecy of this book", "the book of this prophesy", "things which must shortly be done", "things which must be hereafter", and "things which must shortly come to pass."

These are the first keys of knowledge you must have in understanding the book of Revelation. Without a doubt, "this is a book of prophecy". It foretells the future in symbols, and signs. It is not a book describing past events.

I have heard some ministers teach that the destruction of Jerusalem, the birth of Jesus, and so on is described in the book of Revelation. For this to be so, one would have to completely ignore the keys we find in the previous six verses! History records the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. Jesus was born around 4 AD. This book was written in about 96 AD.

The book of the revelation of Jesus Christ is prophetic! It records events that would occur after the year it was written. "The book of this prophesy", "things which must shortly be done", "things which must be hereafter", and "things which must shortly come to pass."

Now with this understanding in mind, and with the help of the Holy Spirit we will uncover some very interesting and powerful "Manna" that has been "Hidden" from the eyes of most Bible students.

Chapter twelve, verse one: "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

Strong's definition of wonder is, a sign; an indication of something happening. And this sign was in heaven.

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Prophetically speaking, heaven is a spiritual realm. "We've been made to sit in heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3; 1:20; 2:6). Paul said he knew a man, whether in the body or out of the body, he knew not, that was caught up to the third heaven and given things that he could not speak (2Cor. 12:2-4). Jesus said the kingdom of God (heaven) didn't come with observation (not natural), but behold the kingdom of God (heaven) was within you (Luke 17:20.21)! Heaven is a spiritual dimension.

This wonder (sign) was seen in the heavens (spirit realm). This wonder was a woman, (the CHURCH), and she was clothed with the sun. As discussed previously; (a woman prophetically symbolizes a church; both false and true) (Part 1 The Travail of Zion).

This woman's clothing was the sun. We are to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 13:14). The sun represents the Son of God. We are clothed with His righteousness. Revelation chapter nineteen verse eight tells us the white clothing of the saints is righteousness. The sun rules the day, and the Word tells us that Jesus is the LIGHT of the world. The Word also declared that the sun of righteousness would rise with healing in His wings. This is speaking of Christ, the Son of God! Therefore the sun is Christ.

She was clothed with the righteousness of Christ and the moon was under her feet. The moon represents the flesh. Mankind. The natural moon has no light of its own. It reflects the light of the sun. Also, man has no light of his own. He merely reflects the image of his Creator. Even though man was created in the image of God, he is not God. He reflects God! She is clothed with the sun *(righteousness of Christ)*. She had the moon *(the flesh)* under her feet *(under subjection)*.

And upon her head was a crown of twelve stars. A crown denotes *royalty, authority and government*.

Let's look at the number twelve. The twelve stars speak of the twelve Apostles. Also they speak of the twelve patriarchs, or the twelve tribes of Israel. Jesus told the twelve Apostles they would sit upon twelve thrones, judging the *twelve tribes* of Israel. The New Jerusalem (Revelation 3:12; 21:2) has twelve foundations. The Apostles names are written thereon: twelve gates, twelve pearls and twelve angels at the gates. The city is foursquare, twelve thousand furlongs (12x12x12x12). It is also twelve thousand furlongs high. The angel told John he would show him the Lamb's wife (Revelation 21:9,10). And then he showed him this heavenly city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven! The New Jerusalem is the Church, the bride of Christ! It has one street in it, not streets, and the street of it is pure gold (Revelation 21:21). Praise our God, this is that highway called Holiness that no unclean thing can walk on! This is that straight and narrow way that leads to life! These are they that have been brought forth as pure gold!

Here then is the picture that God wants us to see: the New Jerusalem is a picture of the church. The number twelve is the number of <u>THE CHURCH</u>! She is crowned with a crown of twelve stars, denoting divine royalty, authority and government. She is also under subjection to the divine government of God through the Apostles' doctrine.

Verse two: "And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

This is the same vision given to Isaiah and Micah (Isaiah chapter 66; Micah chapter 4). This woman, the church, was crying out in pain! Can't you see?! God has brought her to the birth! She was *travailing in birth*! Remember, this is not a natural happening. God uses natural things and occurrences to show us divine revelations.

This church was going to have a baby! Oh, the carnality of some. I have heard many say that this was Trumpet Messenger Page 4 Mary when she had Jesus. How ridiculous! Some said natural Israel, because Jesus came out of Israel. How ridiculous indeed. Remember we are looking at *prophecy*, not history.

Verses three thru five: "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."

Alright, every time God has brought forth a unique moving of His Spirit the devil has been there to try and stop it. Remember how Moses was almost killed as a child?! And when Jesus was brought into the world, the devil tried to kill Him.

Now in the last days, we see by the eye of the Spirit that God is about to bring forth a people some call the "man child". Once again, Satan is ready to destroy it as soon as he is born! Look again now at just what these three verses are saying.

Another wonder (sign) is given in heaven, and it is a dragon. In verse nine this dragon is identified as the devil, Satan himself. There is no doubt about this. And his tail drew a third part of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. Stars represent people, usually ministers or those in authority. Remember the dream Joseph had of twelve stars, eleven bowing to one, which was him? In this verse nine, these stars are ministers that failed to teach the Truth, and Satan brings them down to the earth with him. Jude called them wandering stars to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever (Jude 1:13). Jesus called the seven stars

in His hand the angels (or messengers) of the seven churches (Revelation 7:20).

Satan stood ready to devour the man child as soon as he was born. But God has spoken and there is nothing that can stop this birth! Just as Satan could not stop Moses or Jesus, he cannot stop this last birth!

Verse five says that she brought forth *a man child*! Notice how great this man child was to be: "Who was to rule the nations with a rod of iron". "And her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne".

Many have incorrectly taught, that this man child was Jesus. Of course, Jesus does have all power, and He was caught up to God. However, if you are using this particular verse of scripture to teach that, you have missed the true revelation completely!

Let me explain this using what we have learned in part one. First of all, do you believe that we will rule and reign with Christ? If you do, how will you rule? Do you remember how we started over in Isaiah 66, and how the prophet saw Zion giving birth to *her children*? And also over in Micah 4, he saw the same thing, but he called them the remnant of his *brethren*? In each case it was not just one man, Christ Jesus. It was *children* being born! A many membered son of God is about to be birthed! This last son will be in the exact likeness of Jesus Christ the perfect pattern Son! It won't be just one man, but it will be many!

Look what Jesus says to His church in Revelation 2:26-28: "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star."

According to these two verses, who will have power over the nations? Is it not *the man child*?! Who will rule with a rod of iron? Is it not *the man child*?! And who will *Trumpet Messenger Page 6*

receive the morning star? Is it not *the man child*?! The man child is a company of <u>over comers</u>! Well glory, I can hardly contain myself! Can you believe what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us?! Oh my, I can hardly bear the knowledge of the glory that will soon come upon those that will be faithful unto the end!

I can remember the words of our Lord over in St. John 17, verse five: "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

And again the Lord describes for us perfectly just what he intends to give each of us. Look at St. John 17:20-22, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one."

Truly one with God at last! Ruling and reigning with Him forever in the supreme state of being that He has foreordained us for. Jesus, the Son of God has made the way for us.

I hope each of you can catch a glimpse of what God is about to do in our lives if we will hold on! The scripture tells us, "eyes have not seen, nor ears heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, what God has prepared for those that love Him. but, it has been revealed by his spirit" (1Corinthians 2:9-10)!

There is so much revealed in this glorious twelfth chapter of Revelation. Does this all seem so remarkable to you? Or perhaps so extraordinary that it is hard to believe? Well, is it easier to believe that Jesus and Peter actually walked on water? Is it easier to believe that Jesus actually changed water into wine? How about when Jesus translated

Himself (and all His disciples) from the middle of the sea to the shore immediately? How about when He walked through the crowds and they couldn't even see Him? He said, "no man can take my life"! Do you believe that? Could just anyone kill Him? No way! He had to actually give His life! I could go on and speak of the time when Philip was translated, the dead raised, iron floating, dumb ass speaking, the Red Sea parting, food falling down from heaven for forty years . . . Need I say more?

We no longer believe in the supernatural and that is our problem! If I told some of you the supernatural things that have happened to me and to others I personally know, you would probably seek to have me committed. I tell you of a truth, you had better begin now to look past those things that you can physically feel and see and begin to look into those things the natural senses cannot detect. There is hidden manna! But it is for those that are spiritual!

We exercise our bodies and we exercise our five senses; touch, taste, hear, smell and see; but my friends there are other senses! There is the sixth sense of the soul. In this sense we can detect some things with our natural mind. But more importantly there is a SEVENTH SENSE, that God supplies to your spirit man. We need to come to the place that we constantly live in this seventh sense.

For a moment let's set aside the spiritual realm we have been discussing and consider how wonderfully we human beings are made. We are the miracle of God's creation!

In my research of our physical construction I discovered the following: Look at how we see; a hundred million receptors has God placed in your eyes enabling you to enjoy the magic of a leaf, a snowflake, a pond, an eagle, a child, a cloud, a star, a rose, a rainbow.

And how clear we can hear, with the twenty four thousand fibers God has built in each of your ears that Trumpet Messenger Page 8 vibrate to the winds in the trees, the tides on the rocks, the majesty of an opera, a robin's plea, children at play . . . and the words, I love you.

And we speak as no other creature that God has created; in your words you have power to calm the angry, uplift the despondent, goad the quitter, cheer the unhappy, comfort the lonely, praise the worthy, encourage the defeated, teach the ignorant, praise your God, and say, I love you.

We are not like the trees that have no movement. God has given us movement. You can stretch and run and dance and work. For within you, God has designed five hundred muscles, two hundred bones, and seven miles of nerve fiber, all synchronized by God to do your bidding.

Look how unique God has made us: Your heart is strong. Touch your chest and feel its rhythm, pulsating, hour after hour, day and night, thirty six million beats each year, year after year, asleep or awake, pumping your blood through more than sixty thousand miles of veins, arteries, and tubing . . . pumping more than six hundred thousand gallons each year. Man has never created such a machine. Why should we not believe in miracles? You are a miracle yourself!

Look at your skin; Your skin is clear and a marvel of creation, needing only that you tend it with soap and oil and brush and care. In time all steels will tarnish and rust, but not your skin. Eventually the strongest of metals will wear with use, but not that layer that God has constructed around you. Constantly it renews itself, old cells replaced by new, just as the old you will soon be replaced by the new!

Look how marvelous God has constructed us and we doubt that God can do what He has predestinated?! We breath through lungs that support us through even the vilest environments of man's making. Our lungs labor always to filter life-giving oxygen through six hundred million pockets

of folded flesh while they rid your body of gaseous wastes.

And even our blood, what a miracle as your five quarts contain twenty two million blood cells and within each cell are millions of molecules and within each molecule is an atom oscillating at more than ten million times each second. Each second, two million of your blood cells die to be replaced by two million more in a resurrection that has continued since your birth.

And what of your mind? Your brain is the most complex structure in the universe. Within its three pounds are thirteen billion nerve cells, more than two times as many cells as there are people on the earth. To help you file away perception, every sound, every taste, every smell, every action you have experienced since the day of your birth, God has implanted within your cells, more than one thousand billion, billion protein molecules. Every incident in your life is there waiting on your recall! And to assist your brain in the control of your body God has dispersed, throughout your form, four million pain sensitive structures, five hundred thousand touch detectors, and more than two hundred thousand temperature detectors. No nations gold or wealth is better protected than you. There is no creation in this world greater than you!

Within you is enough atomic energy to destroy any of the world's great cities and rebuild them! How can one not believe in the impossible! Our very existence in the form we now inhabit is a declaration of the impossible! And now this finest creation of God is about to begin to travail.

Soon we will bring forth the ultimate creation of God! As complex and wonderfully made as we are, yet there is something lacking. God is about to make the finishing touches on His greatest of all masterpieces, <u>man</u>!

Man has always had awesome potential. Look at the past one hundred years. Man has built the automobile, the skyscrapers, great advances have been made in the fields of

medicine and science. We travel at the speed of light and have walked on the moon. We have sent probes into the universe. Great cities have risen out of deserts; lakes and rivers have been created where there were none. We have televisions, telephones, computers and fax machines. An entire encyclopedia can be stored on computer disks so small that I can hold in my hand.

Truly, knowledge has been increased much in the past one hundred years. Man has fulfilled his HUMAN potential in many ways, but there is one potential that has escaped him. And that is to be like his Creator!

I know those are strong words but it is exactly what God intended us to be. In the beginning Adam was created in the image of God and given dominion (rule) (a kingdom), over all the earth. Adam lost this position with God. When Jesus came to this world, He came to give to those that would receive Him, "Power to become sons of God" (St. John 1:12).

The awesome potential that awaits the sons of God will soon become reality as God Himself will bring His church to the state of travail. The man child will be born, this army of the Lord will come forth and no one, man nor devil, will stop it. Verse nine of Revelation twelve states boldly that Satan will be cast out of heaven and when this happens, the kingdom of God will be fully manifested! The accuser will be powerless against this great army for they will have power over the elements as well as over all sickness!

There is much to be said about this great revelation and space will not allow me to continue. But let me say that the greatest miracle that God has ever performed is about to happen. You and I are about to become one with God: spirit, soul and body.

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with Trumpet Messenger Page 11 our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." [Romans 8:15-19]

To manifest something is to reveal, to show openly. I believe this is exactly what God will do. He is not mocked, He knows them that are His, and He will soon reveal them to the world!

There are two images that mankind will soon attain. And my friend, the choice is yours. Either you will attain unto the image of God through the face of Jesus Christ or you will attain unto the image of the beast. The warfare between the flesh and the spirit will soon be brought to the climax!

Jesus said there was treasure hidden in earthen vessels. We have spoken of how wondrously and marvelously our bodies (vessels) and senses were created. And now dear saints, it is time for the finishing touch of the Master's hand! The awesome potential can only be found in Christ. Very soon, "we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is!" After all: "now, are we the sons of God!"

There is nothing impossible for the sons of God! God has predestinated it! He has declared it! It is His Word and cannot fail!

Our awesome potential is to reign with Christ! It is to sit down in the Father's throne with Him! It is to be one with Him! Finally our destiny in God will be accomplished, our potential will be realized, and this magnificent scripture will have come to pass: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." [Revelation 21:7] All things? Yes, all things!

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