A Whisper on the Wind Joseph Herrin (8-22-2002)

In recent days the Father has been leading many of His children through a place of further refining. Most of these children have undergone much refining already, having endured many trials and tests without fleeing from the heat of the purifying fire. Yet it has been spoken by many, and it rings true in my spirit, that a further firing to these vessels of clay is now occurring that will result in them being prepared as vessels of honor in the Master's house. These vessels are soon to be filled with a glory that is without precedence in the church age. Much is to be unveiled to them that has formerly been hidden. Great and tremendous anointings are to be poured out upon selected and prepared vessels. Astonishing things will be seen in the earth.

It is my belief that we are soon to experience the calling forth of the 144,000, that firstfruits company who will bear an unprecedented anointing, and in whom the glory of the Lord will be seen. These are those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These are those who are virgins, having been espoused to Christ and who have not given their affection to another. These have turned their eyes away from the world and all its seductive allure, and they have their sight firmly fixed upon the One who is truly worthy of all their devotion and energies.

Recently I have been revisiting some studies I have come across on the Internet that speak of the spiritual symbolism of the Great Pyramid on the Giza Plateau in Egypt. I am convinced, as have been many others throughout time, that this pyramid was built at the leading of God's Spirit to stand as a sign and a testimony to mankind of the working of God and His plan in creation. There are many phenomenal details relating to this pyramid, and, of course these things are not broadcast widely, for much deception and falsehood is taught about the origin and purpose of the Great Pyramid. It is commonly proclaimed that it was built by Pharaoh Cheops, also known as Khufu, for a burial place. However, no Pharaoh's have ever been found to be buried in ANY of the pyramids. All the Pharaoh's that have been found to this date, such as Tutankhamen, have been found far away in the Valley of the Kings. They were not buried in Pyramids.

Isaiah records these words that many believe relate to the Great Pyramid.

Isaiah 19:19, 20

19 In that day there shall be an altar to Yahweh in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a monument beside its boundary to Yahweh.

20 And it comes to be for a sign for the eon, and for a testimony to Yahweh of hosts in the land of Egypt.

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The words, "it comes to be a sign for the eon (age)," seem to be very appropriate for the Great Pyramid, for no other structure of such grand scale has survived the ages to remain with us as a sign and a testimony unto this day. It was Sir Isaac Newton that first determined that the Pyramids had been built with a measure called the Pyramid Inch, which is slightly larger than the English Inch. Five times five of these inches comprised a Pyramid Cubit, and it was later determined that these were the same divine measurements

that the Hebrews used, and which are spoken of throughout the scriptures.

I could not relate all the phenomenal things about the Great Pyramid that have been observed to this date, but I will mention just a few. The height of the pyramid is the exact height of the average height of the earth above sea level if you were to average all the land mass upon the earth. The pyramid is situated at the center of the greatest amount of land mass of any place in the world. That is, if you were to measure north and south anywhere on earth, you would find more land and less water both north and south where it is located than anywhere else on earth. The same is true if you were to measure east and west. So this sign that God has placed in the middle of Egypt (Egypt being a symbol of the world) is literally situated in the middle of the world.

The Great Pyramid is not hollow as some imagine, but solid, with just a few chambers and passageways within it. It is estimated that over two million stones were used in its construction, and it is so heavy that there are only a few spots in the world that could support its massive weight. The pyramid is so massive that its interior temperature remains a constant 68.8 degrees Fahrenheit, similar to what one would find in a deep cave in the earth. The pyramid is also aligned perfectly with the directions of the compass, and only in recent years has modern man been able to measure to the accuracy with which this pyramid was laid out.

Inside the Great Pyramid are two main chambers. One is called the Queen's chamber because it has a vaulted ceiling, and it was thought that the ancient Egyptians used to bury women in rooms with vaulted ceilings. However, no tomb, sarcophagus, or other items relating to a burial have been found in it.

At exactly twice the height within the Pyramid as the Queen's chamber, is another chamber known as the King's Chamber. The walls of this chamber are lined with red granite, and the best known source for this type of red granite is Mount Sinai where Moses received the ten commandments. It is thought that the ten commandments were also carved into tablets made of this same red granite.

There is only one thing in the King's chamber, and this is an empty coffer that was hewn out of a single piece of granite. It is believed that the coffer was drilled out to make it hollow, and the tools it would have taken to do such a job are unknown. The coffer is too large to fit through any of the passageways inside the pyramid, so it would have had to have been placed there before the pyramid was finished, and before this room was sealed off from above. The empty coffer in the King's chamber is the same dimensions as those given for the Ark of the Covenant. There is much symbolism here, of course: an empty tomb in a room of red granite, the coffer being the same size as the Ark where the presence of God was manifested in glory.

There is a single passageway leading to the King's Chamber, and for six sevenths of its length it is very constricted so that a man has to walk down it bent over. At exactly the six sevenths point the passageway opens up and a man can stand upright. This is symbolic of man's condition for six thousand years as he has walked with the burden of sin, but on the seventh day, the millennial kingdom age, there will be a group of firstfruits overcomers who

will at last know the freedom of being loosed from the burden man has carried for so long.

I have not even scratched the surface of all the mysteries hidden within this pyramid, but one thing I want to mention that I have understood recently, and which I believe holds significance for the hour we live in. The Great Pyramid today is missing its outer covering. It was once covered with smooth cladding stones made of white granite. As it sat on the Giza Plateau and the sun shone on this massive structure covered entirely with polished white granite, it must have appeared as a beacon that was blinding in its brilliance. It has been estimated that its reflection was so great that it could be seen from the mountains of Israel.

I was astonished when I read that the number of cladding stones that had been carved to cover the surface of the Great Pyramid numbered 144,000. The significance immediately struck me in that the 144,000 in Revelation represent those who have been single in their pursuit of Christ, and they are among the first to bear His glory. These 144,000 will reflect the light of the Son. Of the 144,000 it is said, "Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads" (Revelation 14:1). The Lamb is in the midst of the 144,000 even as the King's Chamber with the empty tomb is in the midst of the pyramid that was covered with 144,000 cladding stones.

It is appropriate that the cladding stones have been missing from the Pyramid for ages, for the glory of the Lord has been little seen among men, but a time is coming soon when it will be revealed again. It has occurred to me that there has been much in the news of late about the West Nile Virus. The pyramids sit on the west bank of the Nile River, still awesome, though their reflective glory is completely gone. As I read about this Pyramid, a fact leapt out at me, and this fact is that the cladding stones that adorned the exterior of the pyramid were all quarried on the East Bank of the Nile.

Waters have often been symbolic of separation in scriptures. When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea it typified leaving bondage to the world and sin, and entering into the church age. The Israelites were even referred to as "the church in the wilderness" (Acts 7:38). Once more they crossed the Jordan River to enter into the land of promise, and this marked a further transition. In Hebrews Paul tells us that a Sabbath rest still remains for the people of God, and although Joshua in type represented Yahshua bringing the people into this rest, he did not do so himself. This Sabbath rest yet remains for the people of God.

In the same way, I believe the Nile is representative of a dividing line between one people and another. Even as God made a separation many years ago in Egypt in that those who dwelt in Goshen were spared from the plagues that came upon the rest of Egypt, so we see the 144,000 being prepared on the East side of the Nile, while the plague is on the West side of the Nile. Yet these 144,000 will cross over to the west side, where lies the curse, and they will be as a beacon of light among the people. The following passage speaks of a glorified Zion:

Isaiah 60:1-3 1 "Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of Yahweh has risen upon you. 2 "For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But Yahweh will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you. 3 "Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising."

Can you envision the 144,000, the cladding stones that reflect the light of the Son, being set in the midst of the earth for all to behold? The day is fast approaching. God is building a tabernacle of living stones, and He will unveil a firstfruits company that will bring glory to the temple that has fallen into reproach. The glory of God will arise upon those who have followed the Lamb wherever He led, even when He led them to places of great distress for the purpose of purging and refining them.

Daniel 12:9-10

9 He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.

10 "Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand."

If you find yourself in the midst of a further testing and refining at this moment, do not despise it. Though it is uncomfortable and seemingly without end, stand firm under the Master's hand. Though you may look around and you see multitudes of the saints that are prospering and at ease, and you wonder why you must endure such discomfort, think on these things: there were over two million unpolished stones that went into the construction of this great sign that God placed in the middle of the earth. These two million were indeed part of the structure, even as there are myriads of saints that make up the temple of God. But only the 144,000 who underwent much polishing were set in place on the outside of this great pillar to be seen by mankind. It was only these who reflected the light of the Sun. It will be but a remnant in this hour who have the glory of the Lord rise upon them.

Let the wicked act wickedly, but let the wise gain understanding. There is a purpose to the Father's working in your life. His voice may seem but a whisper in your ears, while all that surrounds you in this world is shouting at you, telling you what a fool you are to stay the course and follow the path set before you. This whisper is speaking mysteries and telling you that magnificent promises will be fulfilled just ahead, while the world is blaring forth its call to find refuge in its embrace at this very moment. The enemy of your soul would like you to trade the barely perceptible dream you are chasing after, for lesser things that can be had now, at this moment. Don't sell your birthright for a bowl of pottage. Though you feel that you may perish at any moment from the unmet clamoring of your natural life, hold on.

Rick Joyner, in the book "The Call" penned these words as Christ speaking to him,

"Those who come to Me now, fighting through all the forces of the world that rebel against Me, come because they have the true love of God. They want to be with Me so much that even when it all seems unreal, even when I seem like a vague dream to them, they will risk

all for the hope that the dream is real. That is love. That is the love of the truth. That is the faith that pleases My Father. All will bow the knee when they see My power and glory, but those who bow the knee now when they can only see Me dimly through the eyes of faith are the obedient ones who love Me in Spirit and in truth. These I will soon entrust with the power and the glory of the age to come..."

You may be undergoing tremendous trials at this moment. You may feel like a thirsty soul in the vast deserts of Egypt following a faint mirage in the distance that holds the promise of water, hoping beyond hope that it is not a mirage, but that it is real. Hold onto the promises that have been whispered to you by the wind of the Spirit. When the Father sees that you desire the spiritual riches that come from His hand, more than satisfying your natural appetites with a bowl of pottage, then He will bring you satisfaction beyond anything imagined before. Like a brilliant beacon in the midst of a darkened world you will bear His glory and all mankind will be drawn to the brightness of your shining forth.

Have you heard a whisper on the wind? Have you wondered why His voice is so faint, why He would call you to such extremities in your trials with so little that is substantial to base it upon? It is in this way that He is glorified as He observes men and women following ardently after Him when they see so little. How greatly does all of heaven marvel when they see such a one turning away from the comfort and pleasures of the world, embracing suffering and hardship and shame, and all for a hope that has been whispered to them, a hope that they fervently long to see become reality.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Through faith let your hopes become substance. Allow the things hoped for to become more real to you than the world that presses in around you. There is a God in the heavens and He is a rewarder of those who come to Him in faith. Your faith is much more valuable than gold that has been tried by fire. Like gold our faith is also tried by fire, but what remains after the firing is something that is precious in the sight of God.

Precious ones, your hour of reward is near at hand. Stand, and having done all remain standing. Will Yahshua find faith on the earth when He comes? Yes Lord, may it be so!

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