

Road Signs

Joseph Herrin (04-05-09)

From the very beginning of my current trip, the Lord has been setting signs before me. He is using these signs to encourage and enlighten me. I mentioned in a previous blog that before I had even left Macon the Spirit brought my attention to the following sign.



The numbers here are all very profound and were all very much related to this trip. If you missed my comments on this sign, you can read about it in the post titled Zion's Road.

<http://parablesblog.blogspot.com/2009/03/zions-road.html>

The Lord has been speaking to me through a wealth of signs on this trip. I am not referring to road signs, but rather physical objects and events that serve as parables for a spiritual message. At times God does speak through a literal "sign" such as that pictured above. In doing so He is able to bring our attention to discern the double nature of that which we are viewing. He is able to lead us to discern a spiritual message through a natural object or event.

I want to share some further signs I have observed on this trip. I have written in previous posts that the Spirit of Christ is testifying that America will be divided soon. There will be great civil unrest, and federal troops will be used against the citizens of the nation even as they were in the days of Lincoln's presidency. Many comparisons have been made by the media, and the supporters of Barack Obama, between Lincoln and the current president. To

emphasize this relationship, Barack Obama even requested to take his oath of office with his hand upon the same Bible that Lincoln used for his swearing in.

During Lincoln's presidency there was much bloodshed as brother took up arms against brother. We have certainly seen an escalation of bloodshed of this type in recent days. Many massacres of the cruelest and most evil nature have been occurring with appalling frequency. One man slaughtered the residents and staff at a nursing home in Carthage, North Carolina. Another man shot down the immigrants and staff at a civic center in Binghamton, NY. This man was himself an immigrant, and his actions represent brother slaughtering brother. The violence of Cain is being poured out in the land.

Historians describing America's Civil War often described what occurred in terms of a house divided and members of one's own family being enemies. They have frequently used the expression that brother fought against brother, and Yahweh has been drawing my attention to this to bring forth some insight concerning the hour we live in.

On my trip from Georgia to New York I drove by numerous Civil War battlefields. Some that I noted were Gettysburg and Manassas. The entire area from Georgia, up through the Carolinas, Virginia and Pennsylvania, is marked with a profusion of Civil War battlefields. It was the bloodiest period of America's history, but it is soon to be eclipsed.



Mark 13:19-20

"For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created, until now, and never shall. And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect whom He chose, He shortened the days."

We have a president now in office who has been compared often to Lincoln,

and the events of Lincoln's presidency will be repeated, but they will be worse this time. We are daily seeing evidence that the restraining hand of God is being withdrawn, and men and women are acting in a very beastly manner. People are walking into nursing homes and churches and shooting people they do not even know; people who have done them no harm. When widespread civil unrest comes upon this nation due to the collapse of the economy, terrorist events, and other occurrences that will inflame the masses, the darkness in the heart of Cain will be observed in the hearts of multitudes across the land.

Today the news reported three policemen were killed by a man whose mother had called police to have him removed from the house. The man murdered three policemen and injured others.

I have found it strange that I have been following a trail of these events upon leaving Long Island, even as I followed a trail of Civil War battlefields on my way up there. I drove through Binghamton today on my way from Schenectady, New York to Fort Wayne, Indiana. I heard about the policemen being killed in Pittsburgh even as I was driving through Western Pennsylvania.

The Spirit is testifying that America will be divided in coming days. Brother will rise against brother. Yet the Spirit is also testifying that the church will also be divided, and a remnant of believers who are willing to take up the cross and follow Christ will find that their enemies are the members of their own households.

Matthew 10:34-38

"Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's enemies will be the members of his household. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me."

Matthew 24:9-12

"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name. And at that time many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another. And many false

prophets will arise, and will mislead many. And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.”

We are seeing an increase of this lawless spirit that results in an absence of all natural love. When I was in New York the news reported the story of a young man who began murdering his family and even decapitated his five year old sister in front of a shocked policeman who had entered the house. There have been multiple stories of men murdering their entire families after losing their job. Stories of mothers murdering their children, manifesting an absence of natural love, are being reported with increasing frequency. What was once very uncommon is now becoming commonplace.

At the Schenectady meeting held yesterday, I spoke to those gathered about the separation that God would bring about among His people in the days we are entering into. When the economy of the nation is collapsing and people are facing homelessness, and famine, and are confronted with widespread civil unrest, the government will present themselves as the answer. The government will offer to feed and shelter the people of the nation.

I shared with those gathered that America will not be as it is now. The government will merely be offering the bare necessities needed for subsistence living. The fatness of the land will be stripped away. The land will appear as if it has been stripped by locusts. The prosperity and abundance will be gone. Grocery store shelves that were once full and running over will be bare.

The people of God will be brought to the point of decision. They will either heed the voice of the Spirit and cast their entire lives and welfare into the hands of God, or they will embrace the beast system of this world, looking to world governments to sustain them.

When people are driven by fear, all natural love will be displaced. Christian family members who are afraid of placing their lives totally in the hands of God; Christians who love their natural lives, will turn against the remnant who are willing to trust the Lord and who refuse to embrace the beast system of this world. Great anger will be manifested, even murderous anger as that observed among the Israelites who spoke of stoning Joshua and Caleb because they were exhorting the people to trust God and face giants and armies that caused the majority of people to tremble in terror.

As difficult as it is to consider such division taking place among the people of

God and the citizens of the nation, it is absolutely necessary. God must have a purified people who are made ready for the return of His Son. The church has halted between two opinions for far too long. He will send forth the spirit of Elijah to bring them to choose.

I Kings 18:21

And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If Yahweh is God, follow Him..."

Yahweh will perform a work of dividing between the holy and the profane, the just and the unjust, the righteous and the wicked. The signs are being given. A man's enemies will be the members of his own household.

Part Two of *Road Signs* will be continued tomorrow.

Road Signs - Part 2
Joseph Herrin (04-07-09)

Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, *I am with you always*, even to the end of the age.”

I have found since I have begun following the Lord wherever He would lead me that His presence has become exceedingly precious to me. When we surrender to be led of the Spirit in all we do, we find that there are few companions along the way. The way of the disciple of Christ is often a lonely path.

There are many examples from Scripture that give testimony of the lonely aspect of following Christ. He is our pattern man, and He also had to walk alone. In the moment of His greatest crisis and distress the Lord longed for a friend to stay awake to provide some comfort and fellowship, yet Peter, James and John all fell asleep.

Matthew 26:40

And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour?"

The apostle Paul also had a moment of darkness when he was hard pressed and none stood with him.

II Timothy 4:16-17

At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them. But the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me...

Because the Lord experienced the pain of standing all alone at Gethsemane when His soul was crushed to the point of death, He is extremely compassionate to us in our trials. He has been tested in all ways as we are. Yahshua did not abandon Paul in his hour of testing. He neither slumbers, nor sleeps. His eye is ever upon His saints.

God often gives us companions to walk with, even as Christ had twelve disciples, and Paul had traveling companions on his journeys. Yet both of

these men found that a time came when they were all alone. Companions do fail us. Christ's fell asleep and Paul said his abandoned him.

I was thinking of my own journey as I was traveling to New York from Georgia. God has given me companions along the way, yet quite often I have found myself alone for various reasons. When I was about 500 miles into the trip, and driving through the mountains in the middle of the night, my senses were alert to how the van was doing mechanically. I think perhaps the Lord allowed me to be tested a bit, and I noticed something occurring with the transmission which had just been rebuilt before I left. Whether it was abnormal or not, I could not tell, but thoughts of the transmission encountering problems so far from home entered my mind.

I think the Lord allowed me to be tested in this way that I might become more aware of His presence with me. I began praying to the Lord and confessing that I did not know if there was a problem or not, but I did know that God had directed me to go to New York, and I was on my way in obedience to Him. I knew that whatever might happen with the van, that God was with me, and He would have some provision.

Right at that moment God sent me a sign that greatly comforted me. You would have to know the background to understand it. For many months God has been speaking to my friend and brother in Christ Randy Simmons whenever he sees a truck from Covenant Transport. This is a Christian company, and Randy has often seen these trucks just when he was struggling with the promises of God which have often been delayed. God has used the name on these trucks to declare that He is faithful, and what He has said, He will accomplish. His word is His covenant, and if we will simply believe and follow where He leads, He will be faithful to fulfill all.



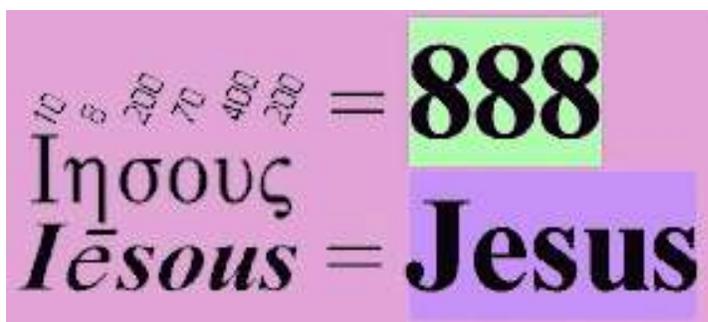
I had not seen a single one of these trucks on my trip, but at that very moment as I was driving along in the dark with my attention focused on the sounds and functioning of the van, praying to the Lord, I looked beside me and there was a truck bearing the name Covenant Transport.

The Spirit of Christ used this occurrence at that exact moment to reassure me that He was with me and He would get me to my destination. I know that the Scripture is true, "Man's steps are ordered by the Lord" (Proverbs 20:24). It was the Lord who put that truck beside me at that very moment, and my mind relaxed as a result. The van has been driving wonderfully.

The next day, as I was now over 800 miles from Georgia, a sense of loneliness came over me. I had left all companions and familiar places behind. I was driving with New York City as my goal, not particularly relishing driving through the press of traffic there, and I began reflecting on how I was once more alone. I spent a few minutes speaking to the Lord about it. Yahshua sent His disciples out in pairs, but those with whom the Lord paired me were often dealing with stresses of their own that led them to not relish the journey.

I was not complaining to the Lord about the fact that I was traveling alone. I considered my isolation, knowing that the Father had ordered my steps, and He had some purpose in my experiencing these things. At that moment the Spirit prompted me to look at my trip odometer that I had set when I began my journey in Georgia. At that very moment it read 888 miles.

The number 888 is the gematria value of the name of Christ in Greek. The English name Jesus in the Greek language is Iesous. Each Greek letter is also a number, and the value of the characters in the name Iesous come to the sum of 888.



The Spirit spoke to me as I looked at the odometer and assured me that I was not alone on this trip, but that Yahshua was with me. Through the course of my travels I have continued to receive this witness.

Last Thursday I went with two men from Long Island into Manhattan for the day. One of them took the following picture of me while in the city.



God gives us encouragement along the way. There have been many proofs of His presence with me on this trip. I experienced another one bearing the number 888 as I left Schenectady, New York on Sunday and began driving toward Indiana. I prayed and asked the Lord to let me know where He would have me stop. I did not know if He would have me get a campsite, or get a hotel room. I just left the matter in His hands.

I was in Western Pennsylvania in the late afternoon when the Spirit told me I had gone far enough for the day. I saw I was approaching the town of Brookville, PA and there were gas stations, restaurants and hotels there. I pulled into a Truckstops of America to get gas and then asked the Lord where He would have me to stay. I noticed that right next to the truck stop was a Super 8 motel. I had recently acquired a Verizon wireless air card for my laptop computer which allows me to access the Internet from practically everywhere, so I got online and checked the hotel rates in Brookville. The Super 8 was actually the best deal I saw.

That evening as I was in my hotel room, I received an e-mail from a sister in Christ. She mentioned that she knew I was not traveling alone, for Christ was traveling with me. My attention was then drawn to the phone number for the Super 8 motel chain which was on the room ticket they gave me. The number is (800) 800-8000.

One thing I have found to be true is that when we walk alone with the Lord down paths that few others are walking, He supplies us with a greater grace. I know that during the past ten years I have been led to walk in places that the majority of Christians have not walked. Because I have followed the Lord

alone much of the time, He has given me a greater grace. I have truly known His presence and encouragement in an abundance of ways. He is truly compassionate to those who walk lonely paths.

I know from the correspondence I receive that many who read these posts also are walking lonely paths. If you are doing so in obedience to Christ, then I am confident that He is also abundantly present with you. I am sure that we often fail to recognize His presence because we are not recognizing how precisely He orders our steps.

Yesterday I received a very encouraging witness from the Lord. I had gotten back on the Interstate in Brookville, PA to complete my trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana. I contacted three people in the Fort Wayne area before leaving to arrange a meeting for Thursday. I was not sure where I would stay until the meeting, but I was looking forward to a few days when I could attend to e-mail and writing some posts for the blog.

The Ohio state line was about a hundred miles away, so I prayed to the Lord about the matter of where I should stay. I knew there would be a rest area just over the state line, so I asked the Lord to let me know when I got there where I should stay. I had stayed in the home of Andrew Eberly during my previous trip to Fort Wayne last year. He was no longer living in the home, but still owned it, and was in fact scheduled to sell the home in a couple weeks.

I told the Lord that if I heard from Andy that I would stay there, otherwise I would call the Super 8 reservation line and make a reservation in Fort Wayne. I had received other invitations, but I sensed that I needed some time alone to tend to writing.

When I arrived at the rest area I checked my e-mail, and I received a confirmation from Andy for our Thursday meeting, which would be held at his home. There was nothing else, so I called Super 8. I gave them all my information and was waiting patiently for the young lady to give me my confirmation number when she came back on with an apologetic voice and said her computer had crashed and she did not know if the reservation had gone through. When her computer was back up she informed me that it had not gone through. A moment later Andy called in on my phone to invite me to stay in his vacated home in Fort Wayne. He said the efficiency apartment was still furnished and the power and hot water were on.

Such events are very precious, giving us an assurance that we are on the right track. When we walk alone the Lord does give us a greater grace and many encouraging signs along the way.

If you find yourself walking apart from earthly companions, know that there is a divine companion who will never fail you or forsake you. He knows the grief of walking alone, and He will not be lacking in supplying encouragement to His sons and daughters who follow in His steps.

Road Signs - Part 3
Joseph Herrin (04-08-09)

Yahweh has directed me to travel across this nation at this hour to tell the saints what must shortly befall them. He has called me to tell them that days of great tribulation lie ahead.

My first meeting on this trip across America was in New York City on Long Island. I believe there are a number of reasons why God began my trip there. New York is the queen city of America. It is the financial center of the United States as well as the media center. This city leads the nation in many ways, and consequently judgment must also begin there.

On my visit to New York City I was blessed to spend a day touring Manhattan with two men from Long Island. Cap and Pete served as my companions and tour guides through the city. I had some places in mind that I desired to visit which I sensed were of a prophetic nature. Our day ended up being a tour of churches. I had no idea we would visit so many, but we ended up stopping at six churches that day. This too was of the Lord.

Just before heading to New York four different people sent me an article written by Sue Bradley titled *The Watchmen, 911 and the Harbingers*. The entire article can be read at the following link:

<http://www.officialdisclosure.com/watchmen.htm>

Let me begin by citing a Scripture which is central to this teaching. Consider these words in relation to the events of 9-11 and the response of America's leaders and citizens.

Isaiah 9:8-13

The Lord sends a message against Jacob, and it falls on Israel. And all the people know it, that is, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, asserting in pride and in arrogance of heart: "*The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with hewn stones; The sycamores have been cut down, but we will replace them with cedars.*" Therefore Yahweh raises against them adversaries from Rezin, and spurs their enemies on, the Arameans on the east and the Philistines on the west; and they devour Israel with gaping jaws. In spite of all this His anger does not turn away, and His hand is still stretched out. Yet the people do not turn back to Him who struck

them, nor do they seek Yahweh of hosts.

This passage describes a situation that has been playing out in America in recent days. Solomon declared the following:

Ecclesiastes 1:9

That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So, there is nothing new under the sun.

Although Isaiah wrote of an occurrence that occurred in Israel many centuries ago, that which has been is being replayed again. Why? Because men do not learn from history.

Ecclesiastes 1:11

There is no remembrance of earlier things; And also of the later things which will occur, there will be for them no remembrance among those who will come later still.

I remember right after 9-11 there arose talk of replacing the fallen towers with an even larger tower. The World Trade Towers were over 1,350 feet high. The building to replace it is slated to be 1,776 feet high. Interestingly, while I was in New York the news reported that the name of the building has been changed from the Freedom Tower to One World Trade Center. While I was there the foundation and first ten stories were seen rising from the space formerly occupied by the former towers. At the same time the G-20 summit was being held, and truly the foundation is being laid in this meeting and at this hour for a One World financial system that will usher in a One World government. We live in truly historic times of which the Bible has much to say.

Back in 2001 I remember thinking that America was not producing the response God sought. Rather than repentance and humility there was boasting that she would come back better, stronger and taller than ever. The words of the Israelite people recorded by Isaiah were being repeated by those in America.

"The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with hewn stones; The sycamores have been cut down, but we will replace them with cedars."

The article by Sue Bradley points out that these precise words have been

uttered many times by the leading men of America. Because these men do not know the Scriptures and have no memory of history, they have cited the words of Isaiah, not knowing that the words they are quoting are those of arrogance that God judged by sending even more severe judgment.

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On Wednesday, September 12, 2001, as a transfixed nation and world waited and wondered. Expectation was high for answers and outrage: it came in through the airwaves in the Joint Response of the Nation on the Senate floor in Washington, DC. Representing the Congress and the nation and by authority as majority leader, Senator Tom Daschle addressed the world.

Recorded in the Federal Register, the words of Senator Daschle for the Joint Resolution of Condemnation for the attacks the morning of September 12th, 2001 can be read as they had been spoken:

“Mr. President, it is with pain, sorrow, anger, and resolve that I stand before this Senate, a symbol for 212 years of the strength of our democracy, and say that America will emerge from this tragedy, as we have emerged from all adversity, united and strong...

....The world should know that the Members of both parties in both Houses stand united. The full resources of our Government will be brought to bear in aiding the search and rescue and in hunting down those responsible and those who may have aided or harbored them.

Nothing, nothing can replace the losses that have been suffered. I know there is only the smallest measure of inspiration that can be taken from this devastation. But there is a passage in the Bible, from Isaiah, that I think speaks to all of us at times such as this:

The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with dressed stone; the fig trees have been felled, but we will replace them with cedars.

That is what we will do. We will rebuild and we will recover. The people of America will stand strong together because the people of America have always stood together. And those of us privileged to serve this great Nation will stand with you...”

Of over 31,000 verses in Scripture, the Isaiah 9:10 verse would become, for those in governmental authority, the flagship verse of the Nation and be specifically spoken by four other prominent politicians [that are in public record and related to this event].

The more esoterically inclined might find the use of five “We Will’s” as an echo and progression of the five, “I Will’s” of Isaiah 14...but this context is at the fall of Lucifer, before the creation of Adam, and before the enmity of the seeds of Genesis 3:14.

In the years following the 2001 event, each of the five leaders in the line of Presidential Succession for the former and current administrations would follow the resolve of the majority leader’s precedent with a pledge to rebuild from this event...

A haunting undertone is found in the 1851 English Translation of the Greek Septuagint by Sir Lancelot C.L. Brenton translates Isaiah 9:10:

*The bricks are fallen down, but come, let us hew stones,
and cut down sycamores and cedars,
and let us build for ourselves a tower...*

On the day of the 911 tragedy, Rudy Guiliani, the mayor of New York City punctuated the resolve of the city. "We will rebuild: We're going to come out of this stronger than before, politically stronger, economically stronger. The skyline will be made whole again."

Seton Hall University Professor A.D. Amar described the devastation as, “A scene that no movie has captured,” correctly determining that, “America will rise out of it. We will build new Towers, larger than the ones we lost to these cowards...”

[End Excerpt]

Incredibly, the very events spoken of by Isaiah have been acted out in a profound parable. Even as Israel boasted of rebuilding with hewn stone, the Freedom Tower was begun with a dedication ceremony where a twenty ton block of hewn New York granite was placed on site as a symbolic foundation cornerstone.



New York governor George Pataki presided at the ceremony and spoke the following words:

"Today is indeed, a momentous day. Today we take 20 tons of Adirondack granite - the bedrock of our State - and place it as the foundation, the bedrock of a new symbol of American strength and confidence. Today, we lay the cornerstone for a new symbol of this city and this country and of our resolve in the face of terror. Today we build the Freedom Tower."

But that is not all. There was also a fulfillment of the boast of Israel that they would replace the fallen Sycamores with Cedar trees. I will quote again from the article by Sue Bradley:

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On September 11th, a freak event happened in the devastation: a steel beam from the North Tower was hurled from the sky. As the Tower fell, it went through the air and struck down an object: it was a tree.

The next day [when] the people returned to ground zero, they found a tree lying on the ground, pierced by the beam of a falling Tower. There, at Ground Zero was a sycamore tree – struck down... after the tree of Isaiah 9... a harbinger of judgment... 'the sycamore has fallen'...

...and strange, eerily, the people made a display of it, not realizing what it was in the Bible... and put it on display, its roots exposed... not realizing, as if to draw more attention to the sign. And a sculptor was commissioned to make a cast of it. He poured metal into the cast: he cast it into bronze, the Biblical metal of judgment... an image of the fallen sycamore to be displayed

on Wall Street.

The significance of the bronze sycamore root sculpture is chilling. In May, 1792, twenty-four stock brokers met underneath a buttonwood tree, along Wall Street in New York City. The Buttonwood Agreement would be birthed as the golden calf of commerce, the bull of the New York Stock Exchange, but would be delivered, uprooted and cast in bronze.

The buttonwood tree is more familiar as the American sycamore. This memorial on Wall Street would come to represent the riches of a nation uprooted, overturned, judged and displayed in bronze: and yet another idol.
[End Excerpt]

When Cap, Pete and I got off the Subway, our first stop was Ground Zero. We saw the site of the new tower being built, and I was desirous of seeing the place where the sycamore was struck down, and I wanted to view the roots from the tree that were cast in bronze. I told Cap and Pete about this story, and we walked nearby to Saint Paul's Chapel where the Sycamore was struck down. This church is very symbolic in that it is where George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States. Washington, along with a number of men, spent a couple hours praying in the church after the inauguration, but one must question what God it was they prayed unto.

George Washington was a Freemason. His Masonic apron is visible to this day being on display at the Grand Lodge Museum at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

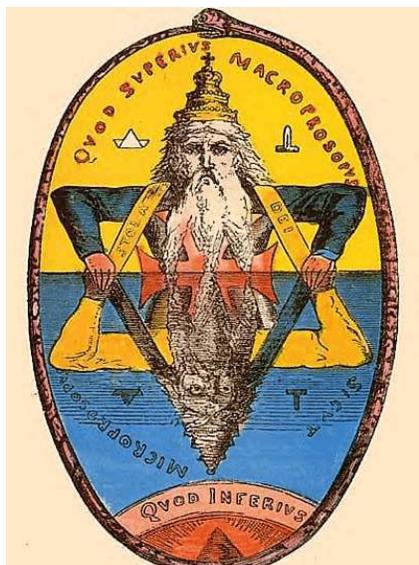


George Washington's Masonic Apron

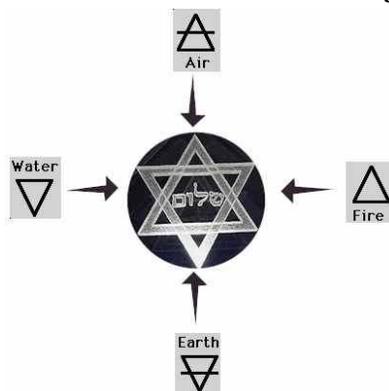
This apron is filled with occult symbols. Notice at the very center of the apron

is the Masonic compass and square. They appear as two triangles; one pointing up and one pointing down. These occult symbols are found everywhere that Satan has spread his occult beliefs. (Note that one meaning of the word *occult* is “to hide or obscure from view.” Satan hides the true meaning of his symbols behind counterfeit explanations.)

Notice the triangles, one pointing up and one pointing down in the following image.



This is a symbol found in Freemasonry called microprosposos/ macroprosposos. It symbolizes the god of light and god of reflections. Freemasonry is Luciferian. At the highest levels the members of Freemasonry understand this, but the lower levels are intentionally deceived as to the actual meaning of the symbols and rituals. The inverted triangles interposed on one another are seen in a myriad of symbols associated with Satan.



The above image is from a manual on magic. The four elements are

symbolized by the triangles and when laid atop one another they form the six pointed star which sadly has become associated with Israel, being called the Star of David. There is no Biblical precedent for associating this symbol with either David or Israel, however, there is much precedent for associating it with Satan and the occult beliefs he has always spread among mankind.

Deuteronomy 4:19

And beware, lest you lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them...

Lucifer was called the morning star. He ever seeks to establish his worship among the earth. He even tempted Yahshua to bow down and worship him. How much more will he lead fallen men, either through deceit or enticement, to do the same?

Notice how this same symbol of the inverted triangles appears on the new Freedom Tower/One World Trade Center.



From any angle a person can see the image of the triangles pointing up and down. While at Saint Paul's Chapel on Manhattan, the first of six churches I

visited that day, I also noted another prominent Masonic symbol on the church grounds.



This obelisk (shaft of Bel/Baal) is a symbol widely found on the location of sites dedicated to some Satanic purpose. It is not likely coincidental that the One World Trade Center resembles an obelisk. It will greatly eclipse the largest obelisk found in America, which is the WASHINGTON Monument in Washington, DC.

Why is there so much Masonry associated with the name Washington? Beginnings are important. George Washington was the first President of the United States. It was important to Satan's purposes that the first President be a Freemason. If you are unfamiliar with America's Luciferian Foundations, I would recommend the following article.

<http://parablesblog.blogspot.com/2008/09/luciferian-foundation-of-america.html>

The root of America as a nation was bad. Although there were many believing Christians in this nation, those involved in the formation of the government were Luciferian. The root was bad. This brings us back to the symbol of the sycamore tree that was stricken on the grounds of the very church where George Washington was inaugurated. The tree was uprooted, and someone

was inspired to cast the roots in bronze, a metal denoting judgment.

It took some sleuthing, but Pete found out where the bronze roots were on display. They were up the road a ways at Trinity Church. Pete and I posed together there as Cap took our picture.



As you can tell, this was a large tree. When the towers fell, God struck down the sycamore at the very place where George Washington was inaugurated. New York City was the nation's first capital. I was beginning to see why God had me begin my trip across the nation to warn the saints of the judgment to come by beginning here. Yet there is more. Not only did someone make a bronze cast of the roots, signifying that the roots of this nation were going to be plucked out and Yahweh's judgment upon the roots exposed, but someone came up with a plan to replace the sycamore with a cedar.

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...Two years after September 11th ...a strange site was seen on Ground Zero, a crane, a different crane, was lowering a different object... the object was being lowered to a place where there had been a hole in the ground, it was being laid over the place where the fallen sycamore tree had been struck down...It would have been natural to replace the sycamore tree with a sycamore tree, but the Scripture says 'we will replace it with an arez [cedar] tree...The object lowered was an arez tree, a conifer tree, the same as the cedar of Lebanon...



Cedar being placed at Saint Paul's Chapel

Now that would be enough, but there's actually more:

...In Hebrew parallelism...a verse is often matched with a verse that rhymes in thought and so it matches the fallen bricks and the fallen sycamore together and they were both found the day after 911 in the ruins.

And then there are the two others, which are the cedar tree and the hewn stone. They are together because they both are lowered by cranes, they both had a ceremony surrounding them... they both labeled these icons: one was called the "Freedom Stone," the other was "The Tree of Hope."

[At] the ceremony, as the tree was coming down to where the sycamore was, there was a clergyman there....he said:

We are gathered here today on holy ground. Ground hallowed by its witness to the dust, and death and destruction of September 11th. The ground is sanctified by our presence here as we dedicate this Tree of Hope in witness the divine within each of us.

It replaces a sycamore tree destroyed on September 11th 2001 by the collapsing Towers...

Seven months later, the quarried stone came down on the ruins of Ground Zero.....two months after that was complete, there was a Presidential election and the Democratic candidate for Vice President was John Edwards.

He was speaking in Washington DC at a gathering, it was September 11th, the third anniversary of the devastation. And since it was a prayer breakfast he chose a Scripture which he linked to the events of September 11th. These now are his words on September 11th [of 2004]. Listen: Washington DC.

“Good morning. Today on this day of remembrance and mourning, we have the Lord’s Word: [Listen]

‘The bricks have fallen, but we will build - with dressed stones:

the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place....’

He goes on to say:

“Let me show you how we are building and putting cedars in those three hallowed places, the Towers, the Pentagon and the Field. Walk with me through this day and you will see that while those bricks fell and the sycamores cut down, our people are making those cedars rise.”

And he closed with,

“Each time that bell tolls it calls us to a greater purpose. To never forget: it calls us to always remember that when we walk together this day that the cedars will rise and the stones will go up.”

[End Excerpt]

People of God, history and Scriptures reveal to us that when Israel made this boast after having received a preliminary judgment from God, the judgments got much worse. Isaiah continues this passage with some very sobering words.

Isaiah 9:14-19

Yahweh cuts off head and tail from Israel, both palm branch and bulrush in a single day. The head is the elder and honorable man, and the prophet who teaches falsehood is the tail. For those who guide this people are leading them astray; and those who are guided by them are brought to confusion. Therefore the Lord does not take pleasure in their young men, nor does He have pity on their orphans or their widows; For every one of them is godless and an evildoer, and every mouth is speaking foolishness. In spite of all this His anger does not turn away, and His hand is still stretched out. For wickedness burns

like a fire; It consumes briars and thorns; It even sets the thickets of the forest aflame, and they roll upward in a column of smoke. By the fury of Yahweh of hosts the land is burned up, and the people are like fuel for the fire; No man spares his brother.

Because America has repeated the error of Israel, boasting arrogantly when suffering the judgment of Yahweh, His fierce anger will not turn away. What is coming will be terrible indeed. So what should you do, knowing what is coming?

Zephaniah 2:3

Seek Yahweh, all you humble of the earth who have carried out His ordinances; Seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps you will be hidden in the day of the Lord's anger.

Road Signs - Part 4
Joseph Herrin (04-16-09)

There are some things the Spirit is communicating to me along this trip across the nation. I am continually reminded that the Father has not sent me out to the masses of Christendom, but to a remnant who are destined to come forth as overcomers in these last days. Some time back I wrote an article titled *That I Lose None*. In it I stated the following:

The heart of Yahshua is the heart of a perfect Son. A perfect Son is consumed with the dreams of His Father, and He yearns to see them fulfilled. Christ always had in focus those things which were the Father's will and pleasure.

John 6:39-40

"This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

In the mind of the Father He sees the total number of those appointed to sonship. He has determined the precise number of the righteous who will attain to the first resurrection from the dead, being the firstborn among the creation. He does not want any of this appointed number to be lost, yearning that they might ALL be raised up on the last day of this present age.

Christ ever kept in mind the number of those appointed to salvation in this age, and He labored to not lose a single one of them.

Matthew 18:14

It is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

The Lord sought to instill this same passionate focus in the minds and hearts of His apostles. After His resurrection Peter and a number of the disciples went fishing. They had labored all night and had caught nothing. In the morning as they were some distance from shore they saw the Lord on the beach. He told them to cast their net over on the right side of the boat, and the nets surrounded a great catch of *153 large fish*.

Earlier in the ministry of Christ the disciples experienced a similar event, and

their nets began to break, and fish were lost. This time the outcome was different. Their nets did not tear, and they hauled every single fish in the net to shore, losing nothing.

John 21:11

Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of *large fish, one hundred and fifty-three*; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.

One hundred and fifty-three is a very precise number. It is not an estimate, nor is it rounded off. It is an exact tally of the number of fish in the net, and none were lost.

Christ was seeking to reveal to His disciples a profound truth. God has determined in His mind the exact number of His sons to come to maturity in this age. He has known them from before the creation of the earth, and has called each of them by name.

[End Excerpt]

As I have been traveling I have been aware that it is a remnant to which the Father is sending me. He has not sent me to speak to the multitudes who are dull of hearing. He has appointed me to encourage and strengthen His sons and daughters who are willing to count the cost of discipleship and to pay the cost.

As I was in Fort Wayne, Indiana the Lord provided a remarkable testimony to this. I had been introduced to a brother in Christ via the Internet, and I had never met him face to face. Patty Hunt on Long Island was well acquainted with this brother in Christ, and she much wanted the two of us to meet. I also discerned this to be the will of the Father. I invited this brother in Christ to meet me for lunch.

On my way to meet him I was stopped at a red light in Fort Wayne when the Spirit drew my attention to the license number of the car in front of me. I was so impressed that the Spirit was speaking something that I took a picture of the car.



I sensed that the Lord was proclaiming to me that the man I was to meet was one of those symbolized by the 153 fish in the nets of the disciples. I became convinced of it when the Lord reminded me of the name of the man I was to meet. His last name is Fish.

This man was also considerably taller than me. He was indeed a “large fish.”

John 21:11

Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of *large fish*, a hundred and fifty-three...

By such things the Spirit has reminded me that His focus is not upon large numbers of people in this hour. He has set His eye upon those who are appointed for salvation, and it is His will that none of these be lost.

Along the way I have also found that many people with whom I am meeting have embraced a variety of doctrines. Some of these doctrines I know to be error, for the Spirit of Christ has instructed me in many areas and led me to understand things that He has set His seal upon.

As I have met with these saints I have not been led to discourse with them on a wide variety of doctrines. I have sensed the Spirit bearing witness that it is not His will that I be drawn into discussions that are outside of His will for this

time, but that I remain focused upon what He sent me to proclaim.

Recently I wrote a blog titled *The Called Out*. In it I shared the following:

Many people who say they are *Christ*-ians (members of Christ), part of Yahshua's body, are yet walking in the mindset of the Greeks (Gentiles, nations), or the mindset of the Jews. The Scriptures readily identify for us the distinct mindset of each of these three groups. You can tell which one you have embraced by examining your life and beliefs. Many Christians are so by confession, but not by profession. They say they belong to Christ, but they are not living as those who are called out from among the Greeks and Jews.

Following are the three overriding characteristics by which we might identify each group.

Greeks esteem Knowledge

Jews esteem Signs

Christ (both the Head and the body) esteem the Cross...

Paul said he was sent to proclaim "the cross of Christ." This phrase inseparably establishes a link between the cross and Christ. We must ever keep in mind that the cross of Christ is not a reference limited to the cross of Yahshua. It is a reference to the cross that belongs to all who are members of Christ.

Matthew 16:24

Then Yahshua said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up *his cross*, and follow Me."

Mark 8:34

And He summoned the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up *his cross*, and follow Me."

Luke 9:23-24

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up *his cross* daily, and follow Me."

There is a cross appointed to ALL who are Christ, both the Head and the body of Christ. Those who are truly disciples of Christ will be linked to, and identified by, the cross. The cross is the instrument of victory and transformation for all who belong to Christ...

To the world and a worldly church the disciple's cross appears as something weak and detestable, but to those who are a part of Christ the cross is the power of God to transform a fleshly creature into a spiritual being.

- Christians with a Greek mindset today seek wisdom and view the disciple's cross as foolishness.
- Christians with a Jewish mindset esteem power and view the cross as an offense.
- Disciples of Christ who have been *called out* (ekklessia) from the Greek and Jewish nations see the cross as the wisdom and the power of God.

All Christians fall into one of these three groups. It is the smallest number of the people of God who have embraced the cross, seeing the necessity and the wisdom of it. Most Christians are pursuing knowledge or signs, or both **APART FROM THE CROSS**. This is folly, and must be corrected in this last hour...

Christians who esteem wisdom and knowledge while rejecting the disciple's cross fail to attain to the *form* of Christ. Christ **LEARNED** from **SUFFERING** and so to must all who are part of Christ.

Hebrews 5:8

Although He was a Son, *He learned* obedience from the things which *He suffered*.

These parallel phrases should never be disconnected.

He learned...

He suffered...

Many Christians today are pursuing learning while doing everything they can

to avoid suffering. Their knowledge is therefore distorted, corrupted, and full of error.

[End Excerpt]

As I have been traveling the Lord has borne witness to me that He would have me proclaim the cross of Christ. When the people of God embrace the cross appointed to all disciples of Christ, their doctrine will begin to correct itself. Erroneous doctrine often comes from esteeming knowledge while rejecting the cross. The solution to this is not to merely refute the error, but to bring the child of God to embrace the cross, apart from which none can be perfected.

I have found a remarkable consistency among those saints who are following the path of the cross. They have far more agreement in their doctrines. The crucified life has brought them to a place of dividing between soul and spirit, and they have recognized much that was soulish in their beliefs and have been led to the truth by the Spirit of Christ.

For those who are called to teach the saints in these days, the role of the cross should ever be kept in mind when they begin to address doctrinal errors.

May you be blessed with peace and understanding in these days.