

Monthly Field Letters
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The Angel of "The Covenant" AB 1:79

In keeping with thoughts expressed in the September field letter, we turn our attention to the thirty-second chapter of Genesis as a continuation of the story of all who shall overcome through the ministry of the angels pictured on the mercy seat and beside the ark In the Heavenly Sanctuary.

The story of Jacob, the father of the twelve tribes of Israel is a prime example of the ministry of angels in the restoration of man's direct communion with God.

"And Jacob went on his way, and the Angels of God, Michael and Gabriel, met him. (Captains of the Lords' (Hosts -2).

"And when Jacob saw them, he said, THIS (the angels.) Is God's HOST: and he called the name of that place Ma-ha-na-im (that is, TWO HOSTS or, "TWO CAMPS" - Margin) Gen. 32:1, 2, "and Jacob said, O God... the Lord which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee."

"I am not worthy of the least of all THE MERCIES, and OF ALL THE TRUTH, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; AND NOW I AM BECOME "TWO BANDS". (verses 9 and 10.)

"And he arose up that night, and took his TWO WIVES, and his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok."

"And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day." verses 22-24.

"And he said. Let me go, for the day breaketh and he (Jacob) said, I wilt not let thee go, except thou bless me.

"And he said unto him, WHAT IS THY NAME? And he said, Jacob.

"And he said, THY name shall be called NO MORE Jacob, but ISRAEL: for as a PRINCE hast thou power with God and with men and hast prevailed.

"And Jacob asked him, and said, TELL ME, I PRAY TREE, THY NAME. And he (the angel) said, wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there."

"And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not." Judges 13:2.

"Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A MAN of God came unto me and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his NAME:" Judges 13:6.

Then Manoah entreated the Lord, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

"And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.

"And the woman made haste, and ran, and showed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man that appeared unto me, that came into me the other day.

"And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am." Judges 13:8-11.

"And the angel of the Lord said unto Manoah, of all that I said unto the woman let her beware." Judges 13:13.

"And Manoah said unto the angel of the Lord. I pray thee, let us detain them, until we have made ready a kid for thee.

"And the angel of the lord said unto Manoah, though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah did not know that he was an angel of the Lord.

"And Manoah said unto the angel of the Lord, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

"And the angel of the Lord said unto him, Why askest thou thus after MY NAME, seeing IT IS SECRET?

"So Manoah took a kid with a meat offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the Lord: and the angel did wondrously; and Manoah and his wife looked on.

"For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

"But the ANGEL of the Lord did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was an ANGEL of the Lord." Judges 13:15-21.

"And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him.

"And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol." Judges 13:24-25.

"And God appeared unto Jacob AGAIN, when he came from Pad DAN-a ram, and blessed him. And God said unto him: Thy name is Jacob; thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name; and he called his name Israel. And God said unto him: I am GOD ALMIGHTY (Heb. 'El-Shaddai' - the great BREASTED one). Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations (two tribes and ten tribes (Israel, Ephraim and Judah) shall be of thee, kings shall come out of thy loins; and the land which I gave unto Abraham and Isaac, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. And God ('El-Shaddai') went UP

(Judges 13:20) from him in the place where HE (SHE) spoke with him. And Jacob set up a PILLAR in the place where He ('El-Shaddai') spoke with him, a pillar of stone, (the Beth-el Stone) and he poured out a DRINK - offering thereon, AND poured OIL thereon. And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Beth-el (the house of God, 'El-Shaddai'--The Great Breasted One)." Gen. 35:9-15.

Bethel, the place where 'El-Shaddai' AGAIN confirms Jacob's new birth - new name, (change) made by the "ANGEL" during "the heat of the contest with Jacob in Gen. 32:29.

I AM [GOD ALMIGHTY] said, "Be fruitful and multiply; "signifying through prophecy the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham was to be fulfilled through Jacob and his descendants who were to be as the sands of the sea - without number (verses 11, 12) - Another birth, the BIRTH of the Nations.

"And Jacob called the name of the place Pen-i-el; for I have seen God "FACE TO FACE", and my life is preserved," verses 26-30.

"Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared."

"Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions for my NAME is in HIM. John 14:16, 17, 26; Matt. 12:31, 32. "...HOLY GHOST, whom the Father will send in my "Name". "But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and shall do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an Adversary unto thine adversaries.

"For mine ANGEL shall go before thee, and bring thee unto the Amorites... I will cut them off". Exodus 23:20-23, Ex. 32:34; 33; 2, 3, 11, 14, 18-33.

In all their affliction he was afflicted and the ANGEL of his PRESENCE saved them ...But they rebelled and vexed His Holy SPIRIT-The Spirit of the Lord caused him to rest..." Isa. 63:9, 10, 14.

The "Face" of God

"The "ark" WENT upon the "face" of the waters." Gen 7:18.

"The "Spirit" of God MOVED upon the "face" of the waters." Gen 1:2 Conclusion: The Holy "Spirit" moved the "Ark" upon the waters.

The Holy Spirit, the third member (Person) of the Godhead is represented in the "ARK" of the temple, Sanctuary.

"And the ANGEL of THE LORD, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went BEHIND them; and the pillar of the cloud went from BEFORE their FACE, and stood BEHIND; and it came BETWEEN the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but gave light by night to these; so that the one came not near the other all the night." Ex. 14:19, 20. "And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the "pillar of fire" AND of "the cloud", and troubled the host of the Egyptians, and took off their chariot wheels that they drave them heavily: so that the

Egyptians said, LET US FLEE FROM THE "FACE" OF Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them..." Ex. 14:19, 20, 25.

According to past revelations concerning the Shekinah (Holy Spirit) the "face" of God IS the Shekinah Glory. Therefore, the "face" of Israel is God (The Shekinah); or rather, the "face" of Israel is God and the "face" of God is the Shekinah Glory.

"Then went up Moses and Aaron ...And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under His feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, AND as it were the BODY of heaven in HIS clearness." Ex. 24:9, 10.

"And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

"And the GLORY of the Lord abode upon the Mount Sinai and the cloud covered it six days (as in the creation): and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

"And the sight of the GLORY of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel."

And Moses went into the midst of the CLOUD, -and got him up into the mount:" Ex. 24:15-18.

"And the Lord spoke unto Moses "face to face"...Ex. 33:11 and he said, My "presence" shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

"And he (Moses) said, I beseech thee, shew me thy GLORY. And he said, I will make my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the NAME of the Lord before thee; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

"And he said, Thou canst not see MY "face": for there shall no man see me and live. "And ye said, behold, the Lord our God hath shewed us his GLORY ...we have seen this day that God doth TALK with man, and he liveth." Deut. 5:24.

"And the Lord said, Behold there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon the rock: and it shall come to pass, while MY GLORY passeth by (Ex. 33:21), that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: and I will take away my hand, and thou shalt see my BACK PARTS: but MY "face" shall not be SEEN." Ex. 33:18-23.

This most mysterious view of the "glory" of God reveals only a partial, veiled, display of the Divine majesty.

Moses said "...show me thy GLORY." God said, I will make "all" MY goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the "NAME" of the Lord...(verse 14 - NAME - "Jealous").

"...Thou canst not see my face:" for there shall no man SEE ME, and live.

...while my GLORY passeth by ...Moses was shown as much as he could bear.

"In the tabernacle in the temple His (Christ's) GLORY dwelt in the holy SHEKINAH above the mercy seat." C.O.L. p. 288.

"The terrors at Sinai were to represent to the people the scenes of the JUDGEMENT. The sound of a trumpet summoned Israel to meet with God. The VOICE of the ARCHANGEL AND the TRUMP of God shall summon, from the whole earth, both the living and the dead to the presence of their Judge. (1) The Father and (2) the Son, attended by a multitude of angels, were present upon the mount (Sinai). At the great JUDGEMENT DAY Christ will come "in the (3) GLORY of His Father (the Holy Spirit) WITH His Angels. Matt. 16:27. He shall then sit upon the throne of His glory, and before him shall be gathered all nations."

When the divine PRESENCE was manifested upon Sinai the Glory of the Lord (the Holy Spirit) was like devouring fire in the sight of all Israel...

"But when Christ shall come in glory WITH His holy angels (Michael & Gabriel - the Archangels and their hosts) the whole earth shall be ablaze with the terrible light of HIS "PRESENCE". (Ps. 50:3,4) P.P. p. 339.

"The Heavenly temple, the abiding place of the King(s) of Kings, where "thousands thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him." (Dan.7:10). THAT TEMPLE filled with the GLORY of the ETERNAL THRONE, where Seraphim, the SHINING GUARDIANS (of the eternal throne), veil their faces in adoration - no earthly structure could represent its vastness and its glory. YET important truths concerning the heavenly sanctuary and the great work THERE carried forward for man's redemption were to be taught by the earthly sanctuary and its services."

"After His ascension, our Saviour WAS TO BEGIN His work as our High Priest. Says

Paul, "Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are FIGURES of the TRUE; but INTO HEAVEN itself, now to appear in the PRESENCE of God for us." Heb. 9:24. As Christ's ministration was to consist of TWO great divisions, each occupying a period of time and having a distinctive place in the heavenly sanctuary, so the typical (earthly) ministration consisted of TWO divisions, the "DAILY" and the "YEARLY" service, and to EACH a compartment of the tabernacle was devoted.

As Christ at His ascension appeared in the "PRESENCE" of God to plead His blood in behalf of penitent believers, so the priest in the "daily" ministration sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice in the "HOLY" place in the sinner's behalf. "The blood of Christ, while it was to RELEASE the repentant sinner from the CONDEMNATION of the law, was NOT TO CANCEL THE SIN. It would stand on RECORD in the sanctuary UNTIL THE FINAL ATONEMENT; so in the TYPE the sin offering removed the SIN from the penitent, BUT it RESTED in the sanctuary (the temple) UNTIL the DAY OF ATONEMENT."

To repeat, the blood of Christ in the daily ministration from Pentecost A.D. 31 to 1844 was NOT to CANCEL the sin of the penitent, but only to place the RECORD in the sanctuary UNTIL the great final Day of Atonement"... FIRST, for the dead, starting at the end of the 2300 day of Daniel on October 22, 1844: then, the Investigative Judgment for the Living in the church, 1955 - 1960.

In the typical service the High Priest alone went into the Most Holy Place, the DWELLING PLACE of the Holy Shekinah, Melchisedek, the PRIEST of the Most High God (Gen. 14:18) to UNITE in the RITE of At-one-ment to restore the CHILDREN of Israel back to favor in God's sight, by the removal of their sins from the sanctuary, the temple, symbolized as a woman (High Priest).

The candid mind cannot escape the fact that it takes the UNITED ministrations of TWO High Priests on the Day of Atonement to remove the sins of Israel. Therefore, those who refuse to acknowledge this here-to-fore unrevealed secret of God's work in the sanctuary, cannot benefit from the Atonement and thus have their sins blotted out and their names retained in the Lamb's book of Life. THEIR SINS REMAIN.

SUMMARY

"Before the VEIL of the MOST HOLY PLACE, was an altar of PERPETUAL INTERCESSION, before the holy, an altar of CONTINUAL ATONEMENT, by blood and by INCENSE, God was to be approached (blood and INCENSE - fire - a double intercession representing Christ and the Holy Spirit)." P. P. 353.

"As our mediator, Christ works incessantly. Whether men receive or reject Him, He works earnestly for them. He grants them life and light, striving by HIS SPIRIT to win them from Satan's service..." R&H March 12, 1901.

"Christ, our mediator, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT are constantly INTERCEDING in man's behalf, but the Spirit pleads not for us as does Christ who presents His blood, shed from the foundation of the world; THE SPIRIT WORKS UPON OUR HEARTS, drawing out prayers and penitence, praise and thanksgiving." M.S. 50, 1900...Rom. 8:26,34.

"When Christ ascended to heaven, He ascended as our advocate. We always have a friend at court. AND FROM ON HIGH, CHRIST sends HIS REPRESENTATIVE to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. THE HOLY SPIRIT gives the DIVINE ANOINTING to ALL who receive Christ." The Christian Educator, August, 1897, P. 22.

"He is surrounded by heavenly intelligences, Cherubim and Seraphim, ten thousand times ten thousand of angels. All these heavenly beings have one object above all others, in which they are intensely interested - HIS CHURCH in a world of corruption." Letter 89c, 1897.

"He bids them go and work for the weakest saint who puts his trust in God..." Letter 134, 1899.

"THESE are the themes - (1) Christ CRUCIFIED for our sins, (2) Christ RISEN from the dead, (3) Christ OUR INTERCESSOR before God; AND CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THESE IS THE, (4) OFFICE WORK of the HOLY SPIRIT." Ev. p.187.

"The great sacrifice had been offered and accepted, and the HOLY SPIRIT which descended on the day of Pentecost carried the minds of the disciples from the EARTHLY Sanctuary to the HEAVENLY, where Jesus had entered by His own blood, to shed upon the disciples the BENEFIT of His ATONEMENT." E. W. P. 260.

"WHEN HE COMES THE SECOND TIME:"

"...the ANGELS will come with Him... in the glory of His Father WITH the holy angels." Mark 8:38 "...He shall come in his OWN glory AND in His FATHER'S, AND of the HOLY ANGELS." Luke 9:26 "...He will be accompanied by the angelic hosts - all the holy angels... those ministers of His."

"And He shall send His angels WITH a great sound of a TRUMPET, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds..." Matt.24:30, 31.

"GUARDIAN ANGELS, who have stood by the side of the weakest of His saints, who have watched over them, ministered to them, guarded them till the ceasing of their feeble mortal breaththese holy beings know well the resting places of the people of God, and in that day they will gather them together to meet the Lord in the air."

In like manner: "Angels that excel in strength were guarding the tomb and waiting to welcome the Prince of Life."

"And behold there was a great earthquake; for the ANGEL of the Lord descended from heaven. His countenance was like lightening and his raiment white as snow."

"When the voice of the mighty angel was heard at Christ's tomb saying, "Thy FATHER calls Thee, the Saviour came forth from the grave by the life that was in Himself." (Read D. A. 779, 793). "When the mighty angel (Gabriel) came down to the tomb HE WAS JOINED BY "ANOTHER" (Michael), who with HIS COMPANY had been keeping GUARD over the Lord's body (his own personal guardian, who never left His side from His birth). D. A. 289.

"Mary ...looking in, she saw TWO ANGELS, one at the head and the other at the foot where Jesus had lain." D. A. 790. "THESE TWO ANGELS had been with Christ AS GUARDIAN ANGELS throughout His life on earth ...messengers of the risen Lord." D.A. 793.

As Jesus ascended, "Behold two men (angels) stood by them in white apparel...TWO ANGELS from the heavenly company which made a CLOUD of GLORY about their ascending Lord WERE SENT quickly to earth with a message to the disciples..." - an assurance for them and FOR US that He will come againIN LIKE MANNER... as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11. - With His TWO angels Michael and Gabriel, and their hosts (two) all the holy angels, amen.

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