

## Understanding The Contents Of The Ark Of GOD

In our previous article, **‘the Ark of GOD and the Mystery of CHRIST’**, we said that the Ark of GOD, also called the Ark of YHWH [see 2 Sam 6:9], **is fulfilled in the SON**.

John 1:18 [NKJV] declares: < <sup>18</sup> **No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him** [NASB: ‘He has explained Him’]. >

The SON declares and explains **all** that the FATHER has [see John 16:15]. It is in the context of being the only begotten in the bosom of the FATHER, who explains and declares the reality of the FATHER and **all** that HE has, that YESHUA MASHIAH declares that **He manifests the Name** - to those whom the FATHER gives Him [see John 17:6, 26].

YESHUA, the SON, declares who the FATHER is and all that the FATHER is, in a revelation of infinite potentials manifested by the HOLY SPIRIT **into us** – in the **substance and witness of JESUS CHRIST** - as we unfold as morning stars manifested in the image and fullness of the Bright Morning Star.

Pointedly, John 1:16 [NASB] declares: < <sup>16</sup> **For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.** >

Receiving **His fullness** is the mandate that **establishes apostolic foundations** in and by **all that is of the substance and witness of JESUS CHRIST**. And, **His fullness** actualized / realized in us, in our inward parts, is the reality that establishes apostolic authority in the fabric of our being, in **an actual revelation of the pre-eminence of JESUS CHRIST!**

What we understand theologically must be manifested in reality that is of the substance and witness of JESUS CHRIST so that truth is communicated.

The Mystery of CHRIST is the manifestation of CHRIST JESUS Fullness to the Body of MESSIAH, the Church [see Col 1:26-28; Eph 1:22-23]. This fullness of MASHIAH YESHUA represents the contents of the Ark of GOD – carrying the apostolic and prophetic content and mandate of the Mystery of YHWH’s will [see Eph 1:7-12] **fulfilled in the SON** [see Eph 1:10; Col 1:17-20; Heb 1:1-2].

And, Ephesians 1:23c declares that the fullness of JESUS CHRIST is to fill all in all. Filling all in

all, is the apostolic vision and the prophetic scope of the contents of the Ark of GOD, the Ark of YHWH, revealed and communicated in the SON.

Colossians 1:19-20 [NASB] declares: < <sup>19</sup> **For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness [predestined to fill all in all – see Eph 1:23c] to dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven. >**

YESHUA [JESUS] also declares that all things that the FATHER has are His [see John 16:15]. And, in this reality we are instructed that the SON is heir of all things [see Heb 1:1-2].

**The contents of the Ark of GOD point to all things that the SON is heir of.** In the light of being the heir of all things, we can understand how YESHUA declares [in John 16:15a]: < <sup>15</sup> **"All things that the Father has are Mine >.**

The contents of the Ark involve all things that the FATHER has which belong to the SON. The contents of the Ark are channeled in and as the fullness of MESSIAH YESHUA. In this reality, the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets are communicated in the Testimony of JESUS so that every promise of GOD, will be fulfilled in the FATHER's will!

The contents of the Ark also point to the fullness of the SON that is to reconcile all things to the FATHER - through the SON. Colossians 1:19-20a declares: < <sup>19</sup> **For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, <sup>20</sup> and through Him [in the communication of His fullness] to reconcile all things to Himself [the FATHER] >.**

**The contents of the Ark also point to all things that the SON upholds in the Rhema Word of His Power [see Heb 1:3c] that are to be brought to fulfillment in the revealed realities of the Mystery of the FATHER's will [see Eph 1:9-10; Col 1:19-20].** It is in this context that Revelation 19:10c declares that the Testimony of JESUS is the Spirit of Prophecy.

The Mystery of CHRIST that unfolds the Testimony of JESUS in growing Epistles of CHRIST unfolds the light of the knowledge of the glory of GOD - in the face of JESUS CHRIST - in our hearts, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of GOD and not of ourselves [see 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; 2 Cor 4:6-7, NKJV]. This light of the knowledge of the glory of GOD - in the face of JESUS

CHRIST - in our hearts, is the prophetic Word that brings us forth as morning stars [see 2 Peter 1:19].

The contents of the Ark of GOD are fulfilled in the Mystery of CHRIST; **revealed and manifested in us**, as CHRIST in us the hope of glory [see Col 1:26-27]. The actuality of this fulfillment is as CHRIST is formed in US [see Gal 4:19; Col 1:28].

1 Corinthians 2:7 [NASB] describes this as follows: < <sup>7</sup> but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory; ... <sup>9</sup> ... just as it is written, "*Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him."* <sup>10</sup> For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. >

The fulfilled reality of **"those who love Him"** will be seen, in the end of the Age, in a virgin **Bride for the LAMB** [see Rev 14:1-5; Matt 25:1-13; Rev 19:7-8].

1 Corinthians 2:10 and John 1:18 [NKJV] declare that the depths of GOD involve, **"the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father"**.

The only begotten SON in the bosom of the FATHER is revealed in us – **in fully subordinate and derivative terms**, manifested in **substance** [Gk: 'hupostasis'; Heb 1:3a, ASV] and **witness** [Gk: 'maturia'; 1 John 5:10a, NKJV] – in revealed expressions of the Mystery of CHRIST described as: **"CHRIST in us, the hope of glory"** [see Col 1:27c]. John 1:16 [NASB] declares: < <sup>16</sup> For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. >

As such the 'contents' of the Ark of GOD [see 2 Sam 6:2] are brought to progressive fulfillment in the Mystery of CHRIST being **"manifested [in substance and witness] to the saints"** [see Col 1:26c, 26-27, NASB] – as **"I in them"** [see John 17:26c] – **"so that we may present every man [Jew and Gentile, a new man – Eph 2:14-16] complete** [perfected and completed – by being begotten subordinately [see Col 1:18; Eph 1:22c-23] - in the substance and witness of MESSIAH JESUS, the only begotten SON in the bosom of the FATHER] **in Christ"** [see Col 1:28c, NASB].

**This progressive fulfillment of the Mystery of CHRIST in our inward parts actually establishes apostolic foundations,** by the SPIRIT, in CHRIST JESUS, in the fulfillment of the

Law and the Prophets [see Rom 8:2; Matt 5:17-18], in the inward parts of the Body of MESSIAH, through the **substance** and **witness** of JESUS CHRIST.

This revealed, progressive fulfillment - through the substance and witness of JESUS CHRIST - also ensures the actual establishment of the pre-eminence of the LORD JESUS CHRIST as the Head of the Body.

The pre-eminence of CHRIST ensures that apostolic authority is being progressively established in the inward parts of the saints, based entirely on the fullness of JESUS CHRIST perfected and completed into us by the HOLY SPIRIT [see John 16:14b; 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV]; so that all of the prophetic operating in the Body of MESSIAH will establish apostolic foundations and will operate under apostolic authority to fulfill the apostolic mandate of YHWH ordained in the SON, who is the Ark of GOD and the Ark of YHWH [see 2 Sam 6:2,9].

**The true prophetic always ensures these apostolic goals – right foundations in the substance and witness of JESUS CHRIST leading to the pre-eminence of the LORD JESUS CHRIST in the Body of MESSIAH - in the Testimony of JESUS, established as CHRIST is formed in us making each one of us an Epistle of CHRIST** [see 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV].

Colossians 1:26-28 [NASB] declares the apostolic foundations for the fulfillment of the true Body of MESSIAH: < <sup>26</sup> ... the mystery which has been hidden from the *past* ages and generations, but has now been **manifested to His saints**, <sup>27</sup> to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> We **proclaim Him**, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may **present every man complete in Christ**. >

Ephesians 3:8-11 [NASB] declares the apostolic vision that is meant to be displayed in the righteousness of YHWH through: < <sup>8</sup> ... the **[revelation of the] unfathomable riches of Christ**, <sup>9</sup> and to bring to light what is the administration of **the mystery** which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup> so that **the manifold wisdom of God** [see 1 Cor 2:7-9] might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*. <sup>11</sup> *This was* in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord >.

This administration is apostolic, based on the prophetic established in the Testimony of JESUS [see Rev 19:10c], in Epistles of CHRIST [see 2 Cor 3:3], flesh of YESHUA's flesh and bone of YESHUA's Bone [see Eph 5:30, KJV/NKJV].

Apostolic fulfillment arises in the mandate to establish 'all-in-all' in the glory [see Col 1:27] and authority [see Matt 28:18] of JESUS CHRIST [see Col 1:17-18, 19-20]. Apostolic fulfillment is being established in the SON being the heir of all things [see also John 16:15].

As Hebrews 1:1-2 declares [NASB]: < <sup>1</sup> **God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. >**

And, as Colossians 1:17-20 [NASB] declares: < <sup>17</sup> **He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.** <sup>18</sup> **He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.** <sup>19</sup> **For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,** <sup>20</sup> **and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. >**

In Apostolic authority, fully established in and through the SON, the SON carries the mandate of the FATHER's will to uphold all things by the Rhema Word of His Power [see Heb 1:3b].

Prophetic fulfillment unfolds in the reality that all outcomes prophesied – **by promise** [see 2 Cor 1:20] – are being manifested in and through the substance and witness of JESUS CHRIST [the fullness of Him that is to fill all in all – Eph 1:23c]; through the communication of the Word of GOD in the Spirit and Life of YESHUA MASHIAH [see Heb 1:1-2]; in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets [see Matt 5:17-18], established in the Testimony of JESUS [see Rev 19:10c] through the Life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST [see 1 Cor 15:45c + Phil 1:19c = Gal 4:6].

The life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST [see 1 Cor 15:45c + Phil 1:19c] is the Spirit of Prophecy; ensuring all fulfillment, in position and function [in the operation of the prophetic office and the prophetic gifts], is established in YHWH YESHUA as CHRIST is formed in us.

**The fulfillment of the Mystery of CHRIST** – in both apostolic and prophetic terms - is being

manifested in **peculiar Epistles of CHRIST** [see 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV; Col 1:26-27; 2 Cor 4:6-7, NKJV] designed by Divine Writ to reveal the **unsearchable riches of MESSIAH** [see Eph 3:8], by each Epistle being developed to become actual **ministers of CHRIST** [see 1 Cor 4:1], **ministers of the New Covenant** [see 2 Cor 3:6, NKJV] — **stewards of the Mysteries of GOD** [see 1 Cor 4:1c].

**Being ministers of CHRIST is foundational to all of the 5-fold offices being in operation in the righteousness of GOD, by the HOLY SPIRIT.**

It is crucial that we understand that in the near future these stewards of the Mysteries of GOD will be identified and sealed before the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet [see Rev 10:7].

Revelation 10:7, [NKJV] declares: < <sup>7</sup> **but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished**, as he declared to his servants, **the prophets** [see Heb 1:1-2; 2 Cor 1:20; 2 Peter 1:19]. >

The Mystery of GOD is finished [see 2 Peter 1:19; 2 Cor 4:6-7, NKJV] in a people – consecrated to YHWH, by the SPIRIT, through the fullness of the SON, in both apostolic and prophetic terms - who respond to GOD's plans for them during the End of the Age. The apostolic establishes the authority of JESUS CHRIST in our inward parts and the prophetic ensures that this authority operates in someone who is an actual Epistle of CHRIST.

GOD will pour out His SPIRIT to achieve with us – in both personal and corporate terms [for fulfillment in cosmic terms in the Age to come] - exceedingly above all that we ask or think, **in the day of YESHUA's power** [see Ps 110:3; Eph 3:20; Heb 1:3c] **in the commencement of an apostolic and prophetic release of all that YESHUA upholds in the Rhema Word of His Power.**

In this apostolic and prophetic release, the highest levels of fulfillment will involve the Bride of the LAMB.

This fact is pointed to in Colossians 2:2-3, [NKJV]: < <sup>2</sup> **that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love** [see Eph 3:16-19], **and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding** [see Prov 9:10b], **to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,** <sup>3</sup> **in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.** >

The specifics of the fulfillment of the Mystery of CHRIST, which are designed to establish us as genuine stewards of the Mysteries of GOD, are foreshadowed in the contents of the Ark as described in Hebrews 9:4 vis a vis: (i) the golden jar holding the manna; (ii) Aaron's rod which budded; and, (iii) the tables of the covenant.

All that is foreshadowed in the contents of the Ark of GOD are the necessary ingredients – in the substance and witness of JESUS CHRIST - to the apostolic and prophetic stewardship of the Mysteries of GOD, brought into [apostolic and prophetic] fulfillment in our inward parts. The highest levels of this fulfillment will be the spiritual legacy of the Bride of the LAMB.

In this eternal revelation, predestined in the Ark of YHWH, and brought into everlasting and ever-growing fulfillment in the SON, the Apostolic dynamic of YESHUA's Authority will be established [perfected and completed by the HOLY SPIRIT] in our inward parts, and Prophetic clarity in the Testimony of YESHUA will be hardwired into our inward parts [see 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV], so that we are each genuinely functional in the name of the LORD JESUS, to the glory of the FATHER, through the promises unveiled by the HOLY SPIRIT in CHRIST JESUS, in us and through us, as we are creatively developed in the glory of GOD [see Rev 21:9-11] in eternity.

This stewardship capacity of the Mysteries of GOD in our inward parts will continue to be unraveled – by being perfected and completed in the substance [Gk: 'hupostasis'] and witness [Gk: 'maturia'] of YESHUA MASHIAH, which is the apostolic and prophetic continuum of the revelation of the Mystery of CHRIST - in our inward parts [see 2 Peter 1:19], during the End of this Age [when we are identified and sealed as the Bride of the LAMB], and during the course of the Millennial Reign of King YESHUA on the earth from Jerusalem, in the next Age [when we discover the actuality of being the Bride of the LAMB].

As Isaiah 32:1-2 [NKJV] declares: < <sup>1</sup> **Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice.** <sup>2</sup> **A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, and a cover from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.** >

What is being described in Isaiah 32:1-2, is a leadership over the nations [see also Isa 60:1-3], which is being [and will continue to be] fashioned out of the substance and witness of CHRIST JESUS, the essence of the Mystery of MESSIAH, revealed, perfected and completed, as MESSIAH in us the hope of glory.

As 2 Corinthians 4:6-7, [NKJV] decrees: < <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, **who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.** <sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. >

As 2 Peter 1:19 [NKJV] declares: < <sup>19</sup> And so we have the prophetic word confirmed [in and as the Testimony of YESHUA], which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts >.

The contents of the Ark are manifested in Morning Stars who are each a growing measure of Him who is the Bright Morning Star.

What Revelation 14:1-2 [NASB] describes as '144,000', one new man, both Jew and Gentile [see Eph 2:14-15; '12\*12'], "having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads", growing to learn to function in the reality of being the Bride, flesh of YESHUA's Flesh and bone of YESHUA's Bone [see Eph 5:30, KJV + 1 Chron 11:1], discovering the Glory of the FATHER's Grace bestowed on her in the BELOVED [see Eph 1:6, NASB].

It is in being flesh of YESHUA's Flesh and bone of YESHUA's Bone that the specifics of our stewardship capacities are revealed as we progressively actualize our position as Epistles of CHRIST [see 2 Cor 3:3, NKJV], Ministers of the New Covenant [see 2 Cor 3:6, NKJV] **developed** [subordinately] **in the substance and witness of JESUS CHRIST** [see John 1:16, NASB/KJV/NKJV; Eph 1:22-23; 3:8-11], **so as to progress to have the glory of GOD as proclaimed in Revelation 21:9-11.**

The substance of the fullness of JESUS CHRIST fulfills the 'Jar of Manna' in the Ark of GOD.

The witness of JESUS CHRIST fulfills [the functions of] 'Aaron's Rod that budded' in the Ark of GOD.

The heart of flesh that operates in the substance and witness of JESUS CHRIST are the tables of the Covenant that YHWH is, and will continue, to construct by Oath, sworn in the Blood of the LAMB, into the Bride in carefully defined apostolic and prophetic tenants carrying the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, sealed by the SPIRIT of Promise.

The tables of the Covenant in the Ark of GOD will at the highest level bind the Bride in a one flesh tie of the heart with her Husband.

This Bride will be fully functional by Blood Covenant that will open and be made operational in an intimacy with her Husband – definitively established in the substance and witness of MESSIAH YESHUA – in a one flesh tie.

The coming revival will bring in a great, great harvest. But, the coming revival will more importantly re-engineer the Body of MESSIAH – both Jew and Gentile – in the substance and witness of MASHIAH YESHUA [CHRIST JESUS]. Amen.

The apostolic and prophetic dimensions of this revival will involve:

- Our enlightenment [see 2 Cor 4:6-7; 3:17-18; Matt 17:2; Mark 9:2; Gen 22:14, KJV+NASB; Ps 24:3-4, 5-10]
- Our tasting the Heavenly Gift [see Rev 1:17-20; Rev 5:6-10]
- Our becoming actual partakers of the HOLY SPIRIT [see Rev 5:6; 2 Cor 3:17-18]
- Our tasting the good Word of GOD [see Jer 1:11-12; Eze 12:23c -28]
- Our tasting the powers of the age to come [see Rev 11:1-6; Malachi 4:1-6; Rev 1:17-20; Matt 9:1-3 and Mark 9:1-4; Ps 24:5-10; Rev 11:15-17]

## **Maranatha!**

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