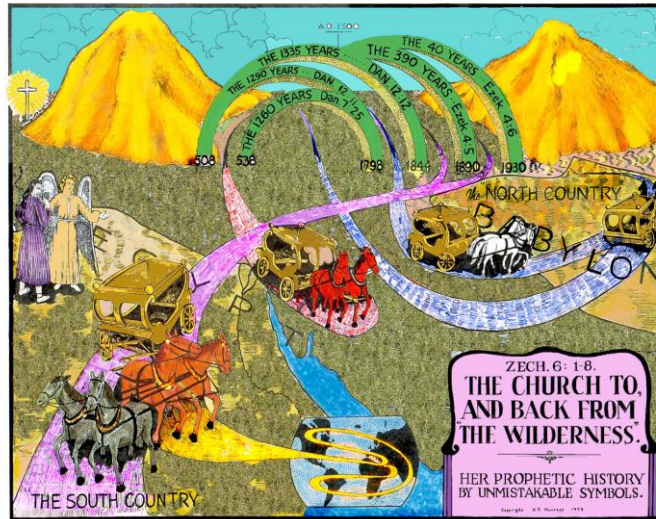


Discerning the Body

A Summary and Overview In the development of the Second Brass Mountain of the Zechariah 6 Prophecy

(Based on the study first given by V. T. Houteff, Tract 2)



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Introduction

This study brings to light the progress and development of the Government of Christ (Yahshua) in the earth today. Our understanding must begin with the HEAD of the Body, thus revealing the True Order that was evident and ordained in the First Brass Mountain of Zechariah 6 -- the Apostolic Church of 2000 years ago (according to the Spirit of Prophecy through Victor Houteff). Only in like manner can the True Government of Heaven be established in the earth in our day. It is quite important to understand when it is manifested in our day, just WHO is in charge of the Second Brass Mountain, BECAUSE, if the Holy Spirit, "the simple means", is not in charge, then there can be no Divine Government on earth for the promised Kingdom of Righteousness -- the Kingdom of Glory. Ellen White made this quite clear in her landmark statement of April 1, 1901 (General Conference Bulletin), where she counseled the leading brethren of SDA from her day forward that **"I saw a narrow circle, and within this narrow circle there was a Royal Reigning Power. God means what He says. Let the Holy Spirit be King..."** The leading brethren of her

day rejected this counsel, thus rejected the direct leading of the Holy Spirit over the church. This story of rejection and refusal of Divine Kingship continues to this day, in all three movements of the Advent Movement church body, SDA, DSDA, BDSDA (Isa. 11:1; Tract 8:45). But now, this Truth in the Church today will bring about a complete Revival and Reformation (1TG8), upon True Principles, under direct Divine Rule over Christ's Church, a Pure Theocracy, where True Harmony, Love, and Righteousness will be systemic in the Body of Messiah. It must begin somewhere. Why not begin at the Head, with the King of Righteousness and Peace, the Bride of Yahshua? She has been the True King and Priest over the Church for nearly 2000 years. No man can claim the Position that She was given in the First Brass Mountain (church)-- a fact universally recognized by the Church past and present. The True and Eternal Leadership Role of the Holy Spirit over the people of Israel goes back to the time of Moses, when the Shekinah Glory was seen in "the cloud by day and the fire by night" (Isaiah 4:5-6). She overshadowed Her children in a Constant Stream of Divine Love and Devotion, as only a Mother can do. Only our Divine Mother can both understand and manifest the Fullness of this reality as King and Priest over the Kingdom.

Mountains of Brass

In one of the most amazing visions of Scripture, the Spirit of Prophecy gives the latter-day saints a prophetic picture of the most remarkable and important events of Sacred History. Two mighty Mountains of Pure Brass, separated by a valley from which come forth four chariots, portrays the entire Sacred History of the New Testament Church from her beginnings in the Apostolic Era to the climactic events that bring about the Purified Church on earth. This prophecy is vividly brought to life in the vision of Zechariah:

"And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of **brass**. In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; and in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses. Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth." Zech. 6:1-5

This Holy Mountain is made of Brass in two sections; it represents the Church in a Time of Purity. This Church is the Body of Christ on earth. The First Brass Mountain portrays the Spirit-filled and Spirit-guided Apostolic Church; the Second Brass Mountain is the Church in the Time of the End -- the Body of Christ Today.

Zechariah's prophecy dramatically reveals the Truth that Yah has only One True Church Organization at a time on earth. Yah's Dwelling Place, in His Holy Mountain, is pictured in two sections separated by two thousand years of sacred history. An understanding of this prophetic time line is imperative to those who are to discern the Body of Christ today.

"Thus saith the Lord: Jerusalem shall be called a **city of truth**; and the mountain of the Lord of Hosts the Holy mountain." Zech. 8:3

This Pure Church is also portrayed by Zechariah in the marvelous prophecy of Joshua and the Angel. Joshua, the Body of Christ, once covered with filthy rags (Zech. 3), having repented and been judged innocent by the Word of the Angel, is now pure and clean. This Body of Believers with Christ the Divine Daughter Herself at its Head has become a fit Dwelling Place for His Glory; it is a City of Truth headed by the One who brings all Truth.

A mountain is a picture of strength that can withstand both wind and flood. It is an immovable force, and the people who make up THIS Mountain "shall not be moved."

“And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.” Isaiah 32:2

The symbols of prophecy are perfect, and the Spirit of Prophecy makes them clear to the careful student of the Bible. Brass, the third metal pictured in the great image of Daniel 2, indicates a third division of time according to worldly kingdoms. The three great divisions of history (from creation to the flood; from the flood to the Crucifixion; and from the Crucifixion to the Second Coming) pinpoint the time of the Mountain of Brass as being in the Christian Era. Within the Christian Era, Present Truth shows us yet three more great divisions of time (SDA, DSDA, BDSDA). From these perfect symbols, we can know where we are in Prophetic Time. We are in the third great Division of the Advent Movement in the Christian Era and as such, we can, with the Discerning Eye of the Indwelling Spirit, recognize the time of the Second Brass Mountain.

There are many who say the vision of the Pure Church, the Second Mountain of Brass, is yet future (Ezek. 12:27,23), but those who have heard the Living Spirit of Prophecy know that the Executive Judgment of the Living has begun, the purification of the Church is going forward, and Yahweh will not rest until it is accomplished.

One Church

To Rebekah was spoken the words,

“Two nations are in thy womb; and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.” Genesis 25:23

The sad history of both Ancient and Modern Israel is one of division and struggle for what has often been an “elusive” goal of Unity. It is the destiny of the True Israel to fulfill the prayer that Yahshua uttered before His death, a prayer that “all may be one.”

Despite the divisiveness in the Church, there has always been only One Church on earth in each generation, one continuous Pathway of Truth that has the Divine Blessing to carry the Great Commission. We can know this from the symbol of Jacob and Esau. The lesson of two classes of leaders, struggling in the womb of Rebekah, just before they are delivered, is not a picture of two churches because these two classes of people are born of one Mother. Two classes of leadership with the same name, Branch, both strive for the Inheritance of the Priesthood. These two groups come under the same Message because they are born from one Mother. They are brethren, begotten by the same Father.

“The children struggled before they were delivered. In this, too, must be a lesson. It is intended to point out the time when the application is made. The children's struggle was before they were delivered; the lesson, then, is for God's people just before they are delivered.” (1SR p.54)

Two powers of spiritual influence have always existed in the Church. Any who accept the Branch Truth must choose from one of two opposing spiritual positions. One position upholds the Holy Spirit as the One Who sits on the Throne of David. This group subjects themselves to Her Personal Reign, exercising the Gifts of the Body. The other opposing group claims a human representative still sits on the Antitypical David's Throne, holding Her place until She comes. One group has crowned Her as King in their hearts and in reality; the other has only crowned Her as King hypothetically, or in theory only, “claiming” the singular

and only connection between the Holy Spirit and the church. One group worships Her as a King on Her Throne; the other chooses a "visible leader", requiring a man to sit upon the throne as an intermediary. The choice is clear, and the consequences eternal.

The struggle of leaders within the Church is not the same as the final wrestling of Jacob with the Angel on his journey homeward. Although it appears to be a struggle between brothers, it is only the True Israelites that prevail in the end. Homeward bound, Jacob, representing those who come in contact with the Branch Message, wrestles with the Truth of whether this Angel can fulfill the promises to Abraham. Jacob spent a long night of struggling personally with an Angel of Whom he was, at first, afraid; One Whom he believed had come to rob him.

After a long night of tenaciously holding onto this Heavenly Being, Jacob prevails and obtains the victory. He receives the Inheritance of the Priesthood and the Government of Yah on earth. With the Inheritance secured, Jacob receives the name which unites him with the Body of Christ whose Head is The Branch. He who had once been identified as a deceiver carries the Identity of Israel the True. He becomes part of the only Church upon which rests Christ's favor.

As it was then, so it is now. We who recognize the true Body of Christ with Deity at its Head become the last great Church on earth. The Church purified by the Mercy of Our Mother is the second Brass Mountain. She was the Head of the first church 2000 years ago (first Brass Mountain), and She is the Head of the Second Brass Mountain of today.

Brother Houteff gave us a picture of that One True Organization on earth today. Seekers of Truth will recognize in it a City of Truth with the Divine Son as the Chief Cornerstone and the Divine Daughter as its Foundation. This Brass Mountain has a Message that no other organization teaches. The Message it bears is the Glory of the Only Begotten Son of Yah, the Divine Daughter, the coming of His Anointed "in the flesh" as Head of the Body of Christ and Ruler on the Throne of David. This Church, the Government of Yah on earth, is bringing all other earthly governments to an end.

Prophetic Time and Type

"None of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand." (Dan 12:10)

The "wise" men from the East, who recognized the Coming of the King, relied on Scripture, Type, and Prophetic Time to guide them to the Truth. It is said that these Babylonian wise men were schooled by Daniel in the 70-week prophecy and were well aware that the Time was near. Even Herod recognized the Truth of the coming King when presented with it; yet Our Mother mourned because Her people knew not the time of their visitation.

There were those at that time who recognized the coming of the Lamb of Yah in both Type and Antitype. Some from 1929/30 to 1955, recognized Brother Houteff as the Antitypical John the Baptist; however, few marched on in the Truth He brought.

John the Baptist and Yahshua the Christ, Who was also a Type, were contemporaries. Yet, it has been almost sixty years since the death of Brother Houteff, and Davidians are still waiting for the coming of the Message which he announced, the Judgment of the living (1TG11:12:3). The failure of Israel, both ancient and modern, to progress with Truth is a history of the refusal to accept the Leadership, spiritual and physical, invisible and visible, of the Divine Daughter.

After leading Israel out of Egypt, the Lord guided and protected them day and night, continually, with a Pillar of Fire and a Pillar of Cloud. The Holy Shekinah of Yah desired to dwell with them. His Personal

Presence was to go with them and be a Light to all people, but their rejection of Her at the waters of Meribah doomed them to a long history of sinful human mediators who could not make up for the lack of a face-to-Face Individual and Personal relationship with the Shekinah. The rejection of Her Personal Reign in each individual heart was the great sin for which they did not repent and which led to the Fall of Jerusalem.

“It was not until the third siege that Jerusalem finally and completely fell – ‘and as the armies of the Chaldeans came for the third and last time to besiege Jerusalem, hope fled from every heart.’ Prophets and Kings, p. 466. So, likewise, it is the third decree of the Great King of Babylon - the King of Kings, the Lord of hosts - that will in the end, set His people free from Babylon and Egypt today. Then will Judah and Israel be joined together into one stick, never to be two sticks - two Kingdoms - two churches - anymore at all.” (Eze. 37:15-28) (11th hour riddle)

Israel endured long centuries of dwelling in captivity, scattered throughout the world, and stripped of the knowledge of the Jewish Economy that pointed to their Redeemers. Ever benevolent towards His errant people, Yah promised a Restoration of the high calling from which Israel had fallen. It would be from the seed of Abraham, through Isaac the “son of promise” and David of the tribe of Judah, that the destiny of the nation would be fulfilled. Not until the End-Time Church would there be a Body who would recognize the Shekinah as King and enter into the Rest of the Kingdom of Yah on earth.

Those who have overcome the enemy of their souls, have tenaciously, like Jacob, stood on the Platform of Truth. This immovable Mountain of Truth has prevailed over a flood of false theories, practices, and prophets, with lines of error so close to Truth that, if it were possible, it would have deceived the “very elect.”

There may or may not be a dramatic showdown between Elijah (the Holy Spirit) and the false prophets of Baal, similar to the one in the days of ancient Israel, but the decision for the True Yah of Heaven and earth must be made in the minds, hearts, and souls of each individual. No one will escape this decision, and all will bear responsibility for their choice. Christ Himself, the Great Judge, will bring all to the Valley of Decision to be confronted with the same choice that was given to Lucifer and the angelic host in Heaven. Will you worship the Only Begotten of the Father and His Spirit or will you worship a created being (whether man or angel) who covets worship for himself?—that is the decision for which all the angels and all the unfallen worlds wait and watch. This decision is made one person at a time..

Zechariah’s prophecy shows the long period between the two sections of the Pure Church. As soon as the Apostolic Church began, the “spirit of anti-Christ” was at work trying to elevate the created into the place of the Creators. When the “man of sin” brought a falling away from the Pure Truth, there was a long period of time (1260 years) that tested the “patience of the saints” and left millions of them persecuted and martyred. But the time is coming when judgment will be given to Christ and His “holy ones,” all whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, and they will possess the Kingdom.

The completion of the Judgment for the dead marked the Cleansing of the Heavenly Sanctuary. Now the Judgment of the living has begun, and it will culminate in the cleansing of the earthly sanctuary made up of “lively stones.” His anointed One, His Beloved, His Betrothed, the Finisher of our Faith, has been with us in Person, “in the flesh,” has been with us, in Person, “in the flesh,” since the beginning of the Apostolic Church on the Day of Pentecost. John the Revelator records that in the time of the end Her Voice roars forth Seven Thunderous Messages that reveal the “**Mystery of Yah**” and proclaim “time no longer”. With the end of the 30 year overlap of the sixth and seventh seal from 1960 to 1990, the last Seal, the Last Message of Mercy, stands alone (1990). The Living Stone with “seven eyes” has been authorized to set up the Purified Church, the Second Brass Mountain, in the hearts of all who open their hearts to Her. The Branch She, the Lord our Righteousness, has been authorized to publicly claim the Throne of David. She is the Living Spirit of Prophecy, “the One Whose right it is” (Ezekiel 21:27) to rule.

The Apostolic Church

The First Brass Mountain was a Pure Church, flawlessly led by the Holy Spirit; Her Spirit fell on ALL those who accepted the Message of the Messiah, the Divine Son. The apostles were well taught by Yahshua during His Ministry that the only One to be exalted as the Leader of the Church was His Anointed, the Holy Ghost. Only those who accepted Her Anointing and acquiesced to Her Kingship were in the Upper Room, ready to be crowned as one of the 120 on the Day of Pentecost. They were not authorized to carry the Great Commission to the world until this Divine Appointment had taken place. The 120 completely believed in the Holy Spirit's Leadership, both individually and collectively. There was not one iota of self or self-seeking left in their hearts; there was no striving for individual supremacy. This same mindset is the ultimate requirement for the Last Church, the Second Brass Mountain. Time is running out. The last opportunity to become a Citizen of the Government of Yah on earth stands before this generation. Ultimately, the decision made will be a choice between the "seal of Yah" and obedience to the Kingship of the Holy Spirit or, the "mark of the beast" and obedience to the original usurper, Satan.

While the Apostolic Church was only sprinkled with "tongues of fire", the Pure Church will be completely immersed in Truth, a true Baptism with Fire. This Baptism, which delivers an entire body of righteous believers from both death and the grave, is unprecedented in sacred history. This Church stands without guile as a City of Truth and the members of it are called the "redeemed of Yah", "holy ones," "saviors." They share the same Name as Their Parents; they are Branches of the Tree of Their Divine/Human Parents.

The Antitypical Pentecost brings with it the Complete Truth, all Seven Seals and those who have received them are completely encircled by Her Spirit and Power they are fully equipped for the final Conflict of the Ages. They are to go forth to conquer as One Body, baptized by One Spirit of Truth, and ruled by One King. Only the Seventh Angel's Message can bring this kind of Unity because the only Unity we can have is under the Headship of Yah's Anointed and appointed, the Holy Spirit. Any allegiance to a visible human messenger or teacher as head of the Church will lead to the division and confusion that identifies the Beast system (666).

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost....and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:1, 4, 41, 47.

In the Apostolic Church, the Gift of Inspiration was manifested in Unity and Agreement, in the various members of the Body. All eleven apostles were given the Gift of Prophecy. The Holy Spirit fell on "ALL who heard the word." Stephen saw a vision of Heaven, and Philip was personally directed in bringing in a soul ripe for harvest. The Holy Spirit spoke to entire congregations of people. In clear terms She spoke to the Church at Corinth to "separate out to me Barnabus and Saul." The Power present in the Apostolic Church is unimaginable to us.

If we will let the Holy Spirit be KING, then we will recognize the Messenger Who came according to Time and Type, and we will lift Her up as Ruler of His Pure Church of which the great Apostolic Church was only a shadow. Such a Message will, without doubt, bring controversy, but it will also bring Unity with the Holy Ghost and with those who have chosen Her as King.

We have always had the "Living Spirit of Prophecy" among us, but from now on, She will be manifested differently than we have come to expect, differently than we have been taught through several generations of Advanced Truth teachers. Our Mother is bringing about the long hoped for "great change", the Reformation that was prophesied by all the previous messengers is fulfilled in the Seventh.

Most all have been so indoctrinated ("the common order of things" TM 300) that there must be ONE among us as the visible leader, teacher, prophet, the "Joshua of Today", **that we cannot imagine the goal to which Our Parents have been working for 2,000 years.** They want to see us face-to-Face, and they want this to take place, not next year, not through a human mediator, and not in some distant future, but NOW, TODAY.

The Second Brass Mountain

"And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness." Ezek. 3:1-3.

"When Ezekiel ate the 'book,' it was, as is also to be noted, in his mouth 'as honey for sweetness,' but not 'bitter' in his 'belly,' as was the one which John ate (Rev. 10:10). Though, therefore, as the Word shows, there will be no disappointment with this message as there was with the one in 1844; yet, sadly, it declares that to its warning the people to whom it is sent WILL STOP THEIR EARS AND CLOSE THEIR DOORS." (Tract 1, p.13) (11th hour Riddle)

The most misunderstood Topic of our day is that of the "Joshua of today." Several generations of Advanced Truth seekers have studied under a fellow servant and recognized him or her as the "living Spirit of Prophecy." A single, visible, living prophet has always been the reality, and this was necessary when revelation came "in part". We did not know that She Who is Perfect had come with the finishing Truth until the 1990 Message. **She has always been here IN PERSON, "in human flesh."** There is no need for a fellow servant today as the "living Spirit of Prophecy" to lead the Church because the One to Whom they have all pointed to has always been here.

When Bro. Houteff spoke of Elijah being ONE, he was, by the Spirit of Prophecy, making reference to the coming of the Message and the Person of our Divine Mother. This is corroborated in his rather clear statement, in reference to the Malachi prophecy, that **"in the final analysis, the Holy Spirit is the Messenger of the covenant,..."** There are other titles that go with this Office. One of those titles is "the Joshua of today." **And as is in every case, where we have a title of leadership in a prophetic fulfillment in the truth publications, it is often worded to bring out those who are office seekers.** The prophecies are full of ambiguous wording that can be traps for those who have a tendency to covet the ascendancy over others in the Movement.

Those of us who embrace Her Complete Authority at this time are given Her Blessing to overcome, to have the "garment change" AS A BODY,--NOT through a "fellow servant" intermediary, as it were, who supposedly teaches us what faith is, or somehow bestows this transforming faith to us. Our Divine Mother is willing and able to impart this Faith to each one directly, and we may go with confidence to Her Throne of Grace. We are ready to be "drawn from the breasts" as individuals.

"Let US therefore come BOLDLY unto the **THRONE OF GRACE**, that **we may obtain mercy**, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

"[Whereof] the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This [is] the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these [is, there is] no more offering for sin. **Having, therefore, BRETHREN, BOLDNESS to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a NEW and LIVING WAY, which he hath consecrated for us, THROUGH THE VEIL, THAT IS TO SAY, HIS FLESH; And [having] an high priest over the house of God; Let US draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with PURE WATER.**" Hebrews 10:15-22

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the **MERCIES OF GOD**, that **YE present YOUR bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service." Romans 12:1

One child, a fellow sibling, does NOT feed the other child or children after receiving the Nourishing Milk directly from our Divine Mother. That is not how Nature works. Every one of Her children need this Direct Connection to their Mother, the Source of Life. Is this not how a family unit operates in the real world? Do the parents rule or does the oldest sibling rule? When one among us sets himself up as master and commander of the Body, and there are always those for whom a visible, human leader fills a need.

Yahshua said, "One is your Master, and all ye are brethren." He was clear on this issue with His disciples, particularly at the time of the Last Supper. He desired to "nip-in-the-bud," so to speak, the natural human tendency for position-seeking, knowing that when He was gone the wolves would come in to take over the flock. He made it clear that His Holy Spirit was in charge. That is a clear Type for His BODY today.

I lived under such an understanding for 20 years or more, until the Holy Ghost began to change my perspective. I have observed that when a "fellow servant" sets himself up as the spiritual leader, as "the Joshua of today", it always leads to self-exaltation, whether or not he truly is a messenger appointed by Yah. "Joshua", according to the Spirit of Prophecy, is to receive the "garment change" first, after which he passes it on to others by "crowning" them. The kind of power that this prophecy (1TG8) implies can be quite heady to a sinful human being. In essence, he begins to believe that he has the pre-eminence over others; he begins to think that he can exercise the "Divine Right of Kings"; he even begins to believe that he has the rightful power to decide who will be in the Kingdom and who will not. He begins to see himself as almost "godlike", because prophecy has foretold his coming "in the flesh" for over two millennia. He begins to teach that the Gospel Message is actually about himself, rather than about Yahshua and the Holy Spirit. He becomes so immersed in self-exaltation that he actually forgets the One Who is to receive the garment before "Joshua" does. He forgets the Ones Who are the Authors and Finishers of our Faith, the Masters and Kings of the Body of Messiah and of his own soul. Doesn't the Bride get the bridal gown, the righteousness of the saints? She gets the change of garment, our righteousness that She imparted and perfected in each one of us. This is what Brother Houteff says about Joshua and the change of garment. **He equates the garment change to the wedding garment.** Of course the Old and New Testaments agree! As Sister Roden said, **"The Old Testament is the 'photograph' of the REAL (true fulfillment) in the New Testament."** Our Mother, The Holy Spirit Bride wears, "the righteousness of the saints", therefore she is also known as "Joshua" as the Head along with Her children who are also equated as "Joshua". Bro. Houteff and Sis. White make this very clear, even a child can understand their very clear language in this regard! Here are some of their words on the matter:

"Moreover, through the prophet Zechariah the Lord makes another remarkable illustration which points out that the saints themselves also are to be cleansed:

Zech. 3:1-5 -- "And He shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And He answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him He said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by."

While we have already seen that the house of God is to be cleansed from error and from Hypocrites, here in Zechariah's prophecy we see that **the saints themselves** are cleansed from their sins -- **their filthy garments** are taken away, and clean and beautiful garments are given in their place. This phase of the

cleansing is again illustrated by the wedding garment. (Matt. 22:11).

And now let me remind you that after the tares are taken away, "the wheat" is not left on the field where it grew (that is, the saints are not left where they were), but it is put into "the barn."

Furthermore, after the "bad fish" (hypocrites) are cast out, the "good fish" (the saints) are then put "into vessels," are not left in the "net" (not left in the place where the cleansing occurred). Consequently when the church is thus cleansed, the saints are removed from their former place and put in a safe place -- away from all worldly influences and environments. Having been cleansed, they are necessarily thus kept clean. And where is that place? The Revelator has the answer:

Rev. 14:1, 4, 5 -- "And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads.... These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." The cleansed ones you see, are the 144,000, and they are taken to Mount Sion."

Timely Greetings, Vol. 2, No. 42:33-35

"In the beautiful parabolic prophecy of Zechariah, the high priest Joshua, standing clothed in filthy garments before the angel of the Lord, represents the sinner." COL page 206

The Remnant Church

"Zechariah's vision of Joshua and the Angel applies with peculiar force to the experience of God's people in the closing up of the great day of atonement. The remnant church will be brought into great trial and distress. Those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus will feel the ire of the dragon and his hosts. Satan numbers the world as his subjects, he has gained control of the apostate churches; but here is a little company that are resisting his supremacy. If he could blot them from the earth, his triumph would be complete. As he influenced the heathen nations to destroy Israel, so in the near future he will stir up the wicked powers of earth to destroy the people of God. All will be required to render obedience to human edicts in violation of the divine law. Those who will be true to God and to duty will be menaced, denounced, and proscribed. They will "be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends." {CCh 352.2}

Their only hope is in the MERCY of God; their only defense will be prayer. As Joshua was pleading before the Angel, so the remnant church, with brokenness of heart and earnest faith, will plead for pardon and deliverance through Jesus **their** Advocate. **They** are fully conscious of the sinfulness of **their** lives, **they** see **their** weakness and unworthiness, and as **they** look upon themselves **they** are ready to despair. The tempter stands by to accuse **them**, as he stood by to resist Joshua. He points to **their** filthy garments, **their** defective characters. He presents **their** weakness and folly, **their** sins of ingratitude, **their** unlikeness to Christ, which has dishonored **their** Redeemer. He endeavors to affright the soul with the thought that their case is hopeless, that the stain of their defilement will never be washed away. He hopes to so destroy their faith that they will yield to his temptations, turn from their allegiance to God, and receive the mark of the beast. Satan urges before God his accusations against them, declaring that they have by their sins forfeited the divine protection, and claiming the right to destroy them as transgressors. He pronounces them just as deserving as himself of exclusion from the favor of God. "Are these," he says, "the people who are to take my place in heaven and the place of the angels who united with me? While they profess to obey the law of God, have they kept its precepts? Have they not been lovers of self more than of God? Have they not placed their own interests above His service? Have they not loved the things

of the world? Look at the sins which have marked their lives. Behold their selfishness, their malice, their hatred toward one another." {CCh 352.3}

The people of God have been in many respects very faulty. Satan has an accurate knowledge of the sins which he has tempted them to commit, and he presents these in the most exaggerated light, declaring: "Will God banish me and my angels from His presence, and yet reward those who have been guilty of the same sins? Thou canst not do this, O Lord, in justice. Thy throne will not stand in righteousness and judgment. Justice demands that sentence be pronounced against them." {CCh 353.1}

But while the followers of Christ have sinned, they have not given themselves to the control of evil. They have put away their sins, and have sought the Lord in humility and contrition, and the divine Advocate pleads in **their** behalf. He who has been most abused by their ingratitude, who knows their sin, and also their repentance, declares: "'The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan.' I gave My life for these souls. They are graven upon the palms of My hands." {CCh 353.2}

In parabolic detail, the Spirit of Prophecy reveals the Leader of the Pure Church. Both Davidians and Branches will recognize the story of,

"A certain nobleman... The 'certain nobleman' in this parable is Christ, Himself... " (Tract 8, pp. 69, 70).

But few go on to recognize the complete fulfillment of the parable, as interpreted by the Spirit of Prophecy.

"Clearly, then, before He is coronated, and prior to **His return to reckon with His servants**, He appoints a 'man' to reign over them in His stead. Whereupon they say to Him, by their attitude and stand toward His message, 'We will not have *this man* to reign over us,' although '**this man**' as we now see, is **the antitypical David (the 'simple means'), the visible king.**" (Ibid, 70)

In Tract 8, Brother Houteff stated that after Christ's Ascension to Heaven to receive His Kingdom, He appoints "a man" to rule in His stead until His return, the "antitypical David," the "simple means." **The "antitypical David" must logically be "Joshua", the "under leader."** **The Type shows us that the One Who took over the reins of the Church after Christ's ascension on the Day of Pentecost was the Holy Spirit!** Could this perhaps be what Ellen White was referring to when she said, "Let the Holy Spirit be King!?" (GCB, 1901). **Who else could the "antitypical David" be, but the Holy Spirit Daughter, Who has been with us in the earth, "in the flesh", for almost 2,000 years?**

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. **In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this [is the name] wherewith SHE shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.** For thus saith the LORD; **David shall never want a MAN to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;** Neither shall the priests the Levites want a **MAN** before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually." Jeremiah 33:14-18

Yet there are still those who want to put a human upon Her Throne; those who want a "visible leader." Present Truth in blazing brightness shines the Light on She Who, from the time of the Cross, has been Christ's Representative in the earth, "flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone," reigning in His Stead and waiting patiently for His Return. The Apostolic Church recognized Her Authority and honored Her with respectful obedience. The whole world, Jews and Gentiles alike, saw the manifestation of Her Power upon Her representatives in miracles, signs, and wonders, each hearing the Gospel Message spoken with

perfect accents in their own particular language. The 120 turned the world upside down because they were baptized with “cloven tongues of fire” and “filled with the Holy Ghost.” Is it not the desire of every Sincere Believer that this might be so once again? Does not each one long to participate in and witness the fulfillment of Joel 2?

With the coming of the Seventh Angel’s Message (beginning in 1990), with the Seventh Seal fully open, a deeper understanding of the Work and Office of the Spirit of Prophecy has been progressively given to the Church. The Branch Movement received the Ezekiel 9 slaughter in 1993, most particularly because the people chose to follow a man, Vernon Howell AKA David Koresh, instead of Deity. Men, women, maids and little children were harshly judged at the official headquarters of the Branch Movement, New Mt. Carmel, Waco, Texas. The whole world witnessed the results of worshipping man in Yah’s place; the penalty for choosing the “serpent’s root message” in the place of the Message of the Holy Spirit, the Divine Daughter and Yahshua’s (He’s our Everlasting Father) “Sister My Spouse”. (Song of Songs) The days of “leaning upon the arm of flesh” by following a single prophet are now past. Christ and the Holy Spirit want a whole Body of Prophets to work through once again.

At the Last Supper, Yahshua washed everyone’s feet and told them that they were clean. He told them that He had done this as an Example for them that they should wash one another’s feet. Note that Yahshua did NOT appoint one among the twelve to wash everyone’s feet. Christ Himself did this. He did not appoint a human as a “visible leader”. They were to serve and subject themselves to one another with the Holy Spirit in complete control. All areas of “office” and “service” were filled with individuals of the Holy Spirit’s choosing. Any disciplinary actions were instigated and completed by the Holy Spirit. Each individual was crowned and authorized with “cloven tongues of fire”, by the Holy Spirit, beginning at Pentecost and after that at the moment of conversion. But while the Apostles and the 120 were only sprinkled with fire, the Latter-Day Pentecost will bring a complete Immersion in the Truths of the Seven Angels’ Messages. The 120 all died, most of them martyrs’ deaths. The Latter-Day Pentecost will bring Eternal Life and Glorification without ever seeing death – Translation—for the 144,000.

There has never been anything like the Pure Church. It is composed of “men wondered at,” a nation of “kings and priests,” of which there has never been the like (Zech. 3:8; Joel 2:2). The Spirit of Prophecy addresses them as,

"My battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; and with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider; with thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid; I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers." Micah 5:7, 9; Jer. 51:19-23.

This Pure Church, headed by the Holy Spirit Herself, is the Church that will finish the Work interrupted by the “man of sin”, who desires to ascend to the Throne of the True King and take Her place. It is the Body of Christ on earth that will possess all the Gifts of its Head.

"Who would dare question that in prophecy these are the people and **this is the church** that completes the work -- the only people and the only church that will possess all the gifts of the spirit, from the gift of prophecy to the gift of government and gift of miracles; that these gifts are given them for the achieving of their crowning work of lightening the earth with glory (Rev. 18:1), of ‘preaching this gospel of the kingdom in all the world for a witness unto all nations,’ thereby gathering God’s people, the second fruits, tare-free (‘My people’), out of Babylon (Rev. 18:4). Out of every nation and kindred and tongue and people (whom Babylon rules), they bring ‘their brethren’ into the church purified (Isa. 66:19, 20), the kingdom of God on earth in its infant

restoration." 2TG46:31

This Church, as the Apostolic Church before it, will be completely controlled by the Holy Spirit both individually and collectively. NO ONE will move without Her Express Direction. The Glory of Yah will be poured out on everyone. The Pure Church speaks "As Yah, As the Angel of the Lord", as a nation of "kings and priests."

To those who do not stop their ears or close their doors, She makes this Glorious Promise:

"O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I...will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles... And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isa. 54:11-13.

For those who have eyes to see, this is the Second Brass Mountain, the Holy City, the Purified Church, which can only be purified by the Spoken Word of Deity.

This Holy City of Truth is not the one which comes "down from YAH out of heaven"(Rev 1:2) for this City is for a time tossed with tempest and uncomforted. It is not the Heavenly City with a gate of "one pearl" (Rev 21:21), for this City has "gates of carbuncle". This is the city that is composed of "living stones" (Eph. 2:20-22), the people of Yah, who have received the Indweller Who, by Her Intercession, has cleansed them. Each of them is a precious jewel, with not a sinner among them. The stones are of "fair colors"; her foundations are sure; her windows are living prophets; and her gates of watchmen only let those enter who have a right to enter.

No weapon formed against the Divine Daughter shall prosper. Her warfare ended, She will no longer be oppressed, afraid, or condemned (Isa. 54). She has been delivered from the Babylonian-type leadership of faulty human beings. As the Living Stone (Zec. 3) with "seven-eyed perfect vision" is set before them, the members of the Pure Church, clothed both individually and collectively with the Armor of Righteousness, will go forth into the world for their final conflict.

The Body of Christ on earth, the Second Brass Mountain, headed by the Divine Daughter, the Shekinah Glory, is the one to which the Gentiles seek and the only one into which any one can be saved. Of like character with the First Brass Mountain before it, this mighty Mountain has the Power, Unity, and Purity that will finish the Great Commission. She is the Antitypical Pentecostal Church that sets the world on fire and brings the world of sin to an end.

The Message of the Divine Daughter's Water Intercession

In the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit is often represented by the symbols of "oil" and "water". The "oil" represents the Truths brought by the Spirit of Prophecy. The water represents life and cleansing and, particularly, the Intercession of the Holy Spirit on our behalf as the Last and Final Intercessor (Mercy) that remains after the Son finishes His Blood ministrations in the Heavenly Sanctuary. The End-Time Church, the Second Brass Mountain, cannot exist without the Message of the Water; any church without this Message can only be made up of "dry bones--"dry as the hills of Gilboa," as Sr. White would say—with no hope of resurrection.

The following chart by Victor Houteff of the Ezekiel four time prophecy, shows the condition of the church in the "falling away" time by the "man of sin", after the Apostolic Church, and the progressive upward path of restoration of all the truth beginning with the Protestant Reformation led by Martin Luther and culminating in the Church in Her Purity.

receive sinew and flesh and skin. He did as commanded and the bodies took on sinew, flesh and skin, but it was not until the Lord put his Breath, the Holy Spirit, into them that they stood up out of their graves. Without the added Living Water and the Breath of Life, the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, resurrection could NOT take place, the only remedy for the “dry bones” condition.

“And ye shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken [it], and performed [it], saith the LORD.” Ezekiel 37:14, 15

Without the remedy of LIFE (breath), the WATER Intercession, the OIL (Spirit of Prophecy), the OFFICE OF THE ANGEL OF MERCY, there is no hope, no future, and no final redemption from sin, no Wave Sheaf, and no “change of garment.” You see, in the final Message, there is no room for a fallen man because that message “**humbles in the dust the glory of man.**” (E.G. White)

As Brother Houteff says, it would be as impossible by human effort to bring out this Pure Church “**as it is to dry up the ocean.**” This is the work of Deity alone. The Spirit of Truth brings forth the City of Truth, with the winnowing Fan in Her Hand.

“And I will,” She says, “fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy My people, since they return not from their ways.” Jer. 15:7.

The First Brass Mountain serves as the **Type** for the Second Brass Mountain, the **Antitype**. The Son of Yah and the Wave Sheaf of the dead were resurrected by the Holy Spirit after She interceded for them before the Father and the Mother in Heaven (Hebrews 9:14). The resurrected Wave Sheaf walked the streets of Jerusalem, proclaiming a risen Savior (Matthew 27:52, 53). Christ prophesied that His Father would send “Another Comforter in My Name” after His ascension (Matthew 14:17-19). She arrived in “cloven tongues of fire” on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:3, 4). The Holy Spirit, as the Son’s Representative on earth, was in complete control of the work of the Apostolic Church, both individually and collectively. **These Types are given to us so that we will not be deceived as to the fulfillment of the Antitypes and be as chaff in the wind.**

“**Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.**” 1 Corinthians 10:11

“The professed churches of Christ in this generation are exalted to the highest privileges. The Lord has been revealed to us in ever-increasing light. Our privileges are far greater than were the privileges of God’s ancient people. We have not only the great light committed to Israel, but we have the increased evidence of the great salvation brought to us through Christ. **That which was type and symbol to the Jews is reality to us.** ...” Christ’s Object Lessons, Ellen G. White, p. 317

“**The work of God in the earth presents, from age to age, STRIKING SIMILARITY IN EVERY GREAT REFORMATION OR RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT.** The principles of God’s dealing with men are ever the same. **The important movements of the present have their PARALLEL in those of the past, and the experience of the church in former ages HAS LESSONS OF GREAT VALUE FOR OUR OWN TIME.**” The Great Controversy, Ellen G. White, p. 343

“While the enemy has succeeded in confusing the written Word, God lightens the earth with His glory by these symbolic revelations; and by which He discloses the entire truth and uncovers the traps of the devil! Thus through types and symbols He makes wise the simple and confounds the prudent by showing that **where there is NO TYPE there is NO TRUTH.**” The Shepherd’s Rod, Vol. 2, Victor T. Houteff, p. 10.2

"When once we are settled on a **prophetic message based on TYPE and ANTITYPE, reinforced by history**, it is certain that we will not go too far wrong, as long as the message continues to unfold and providing we do all that it commands." (11th hour riddle)

The Head of the Pure Church

The realization of the Second Brass Mountain, the Body of Messiah, is for our day. It is imperative that those who are called to be the Earnest of this Mountain, the Barley Wave Sheaf, choose to "Let the Holy Spirit be King!" The Body can only take form and receive Life when the Divine Daughter is accepted, recognized, and honored as the Head of the Body. This is the separating Truth in The Branch today. When She is realized as the "**simple means**" by which the Son of Yah will Revitalize, Reform, and Lead His Pure Church, then Type will meet Antitype, and the Harvest will begin.

"... and the **stone** that smote the image became a **great mountain**, and filled the whole earth." Daniel 2:35

"**And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, [but] it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.**" Daniel 2:44

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and **the earth was lightened with his glory**. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird." Revelation 18:1, 2

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all **my holy mountain**: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." Isaiah 11:9

Those who accept the cleansing of the Divine Daughter, our Mother, become the Second Brass Mountain, the Purified Church. Yah's Purpose for the Apostolic Church, the First Brass Mountain, was thwarted by "the son of perdition" when the "spirit of anti-Christ" infiltrated the Church. Remember that the "spirit of anti-Christ" is the denial that the Son of Yah has come "in the flesh" (1 John 4:3). He is still here among us "in the flesh" through the Daughter of Yah Who took on His Flesh at the Cross, which was symbolized by the rending "in twain (or two)" of the veil in the earthly temple in Jerusalem (Matthew 27:51). The spirit that refuses the Leadership of the Holy Spirit is the "spirit of anti-Christ", and it is at work today among those who refuse to submit to Her Authority in the Church as the One Who rules from the Throne of David in the earth.

If you are following a visible human mediator, you are NOT a part of the Second Brass Mountain. If you are looking to a sinful human being as the "Joshua of today" to interpret scripture for you, you are NOT a part of the Second Brass Mountain. If you are NOT a part of the Second Brass Mountain, you are working at cross-purposes with Yah.

It is a mystery why anyone who recognizes that She Who is the Giver of Eternal Life is HERE on earth in person, "in the flesh", would want any other leader, especially a fellow servant. There are many who do not understand that She has the Ability as well as the Authority, and particularly the Wisdom, to lead the Church. **Only when "believers" choose to stop "leaning on the arm of flesh," will She truly be able to function unencumbered as the "Visible Leader", the Living Spirit of Prophecy, of the Second Brass Mountain, the means by which the Lord "has taken the reins (Reigns) into His Own Hands."**

The Body Experience—The Gifts of the Spirit

The Apostolic Church manifested all the Gifts of the Spirit because the Holy Spirit was able to move unhindered amongst them all. Collectively, the Church functioned as the “Living Spirit of Prophecy.” The Holy Spirit does move upon whomever She will, for whatever purpose and to whatever extent that in Her Infinite Wisdom She chooses for the benefit of the Body. There are manifested in the Body different Gifts that are meant to operate as a Spiritual Whole and every gift is necessary; no one gift is more or less important than any other. (1 Corinthians 12)

Can there be more than one Manifestation of the Gift of Prophecy at one time? The answer to this is YES. White, Jones and Waggoner were contemporaries and such was certainly the case under Ben and Lois Roden. More proof of this we can look at Phillip’s FOUR daughters who prophesied in the New Testament Church. Or, Moses, Aaron and Miriam, then look at Haggai and Zechariah, Ezra and Nehemiah, Joshua and Zerubbabel, and so on. Then, there were the twelve apostles, all given the Gift of Prophecy. This Type of Manifestation of the Spirit of Prophecy would not go over well with Davidians, or even Branches, would it?

We are to seek the best Gifts. Everyone will have a natural Gift or Gifts, and if we let Our Mother lead, She will put those Gifts, both natural and Divine, to the very best use. We will become our very best selves. Only our Mother Who is raising us, Her created and recreated little children, the sheep of Her pasture, can determine this in Her Infinite and Loving Wisdom.

Based on Her “change of garment” in 1990, we are already accounted clean or righteous in our present standing, just as Yahshua pronounced His disciples clean at the Last Supper. The Divine Mother’s Work in us IS cut short in Righteousness. We are given Full Empowerment to overcome every sin, since our baptism under Her Water Ministration and Her Authority and Her Power over us now is potentially far greater than that of the Apostolic Church.

We are in the very last days of life on this earth. The world of sin is quickly coming to an end, and the closing scenes of this world’s history will be dramatic ones. The Israel of Yah is to be “brought forth” (Zech. 3:8), and our long promised Inheritance is at the door. All Creation groans in Holy expectation, and the rocks are literally crying out at the expected Fulfillment of the Promise of Our Parents to Their sons and daughters:

“Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours.” Deuteronomy 11:24

This is the Church Body for which She has been waiting. We are Her people, and She is our Eloah. We have WAITED for Her!!! And NOW She can move on us, or more appropriately, MOVE US TO OUR COMPLETION, THE RESTORED IMAGE OF YAH IN THEIR REDEEMED CHILDREN. Hallelu YAH!

This message is brought to you by Our Glorious Mother Jerusalem, through Her adopted and born again children, the Joshua Body, the purified church of the Seventh Angel Message. This Last Message of Mercy goes forth under the direction and power of the Head of the Body, “the Angel who joins the Third Angel”,

The BRANCH

Zechariah

4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This [is] the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, **but by my Spirit**, saith the LORD of hosts.

4:7 Who [art] thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel [thou shalt become] a plain: and he shall bring forth the **Headstone [thereof with] shoutings, [crying], Grace, grace unto it.**

4:8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

4:9 **The hands of ZerubbabYah have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.**

Joshua 24:15 - And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwYahl: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

EACH AND EVERY TRUTH SEEKER IS INVITED

TO RECOGNIZE WHO IS REPRESENTED AS THE "HEADSTONE", THE CAPSTONE, OF ZECHARIAH 4,

AND JOIN US IN PROCLAIMING - "GRACE, GRACE UNTO IT."

THE HEADSTONE IS THE "OMEGA" OF CHRIST, HIS GLORY, AS HE HIMSELF IS THE ALPHA.

FOR HE IS THE "FULNESS OF THE YAH-HEAD BODILY" THROUGH THE REVELATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.