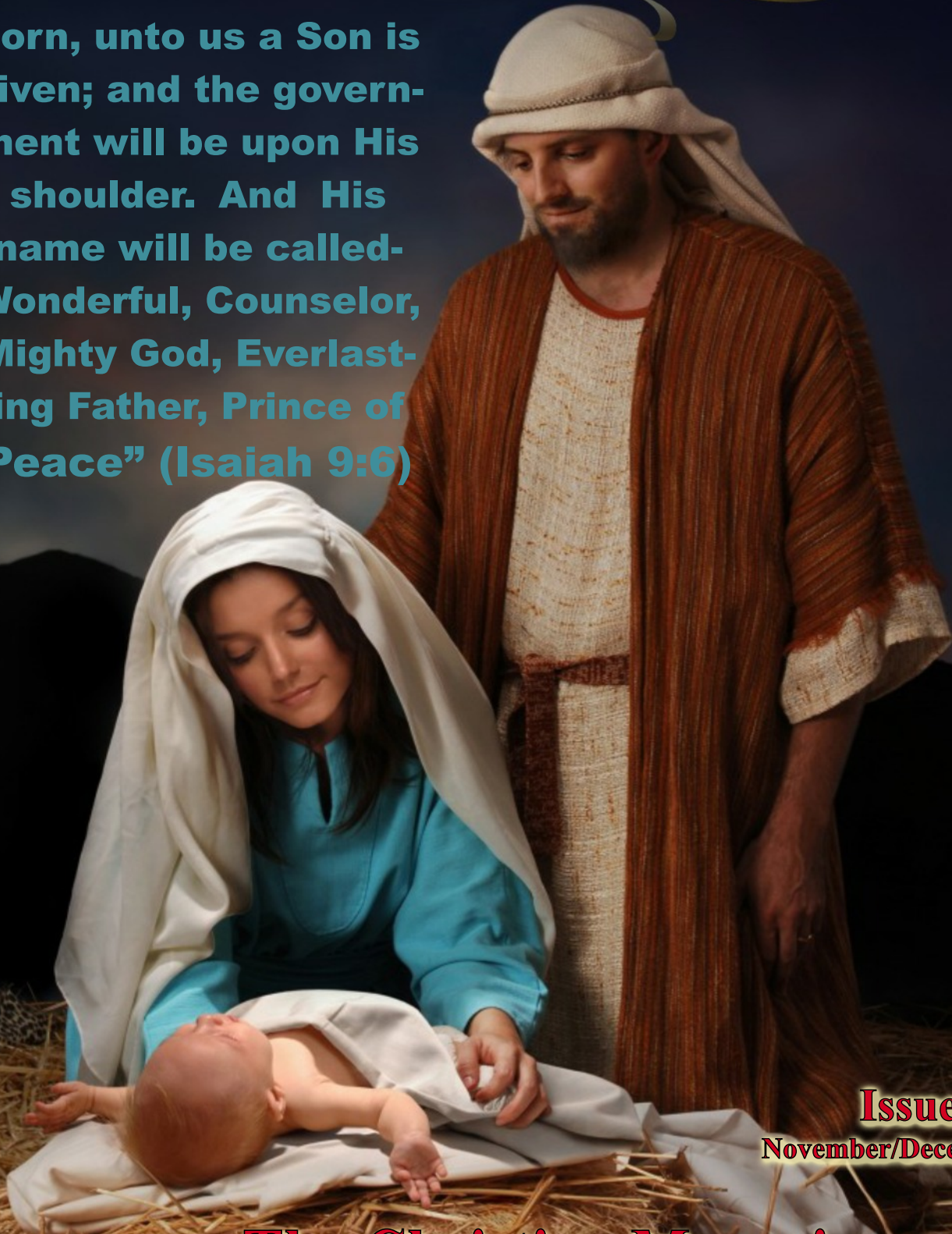


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“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called- Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6)



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Don't Forget Jesus

**Christmas is a special time
To reflect on Jesus Christ,
The wonder of His lowly birth
Brings meaning to our lives**

**There really is no other reason,
We celebrate this day,
The birth of God's precious son
And the life, He willingly gave**

**But so much seems to distract us
In the busyness of our lives,
We lose our focus in all the happenings,
Not knowing, we leave out Christ**

**We lose sight of the true meaning
As we endlessly rush about,
Trying to find that perfect gift,
Seems to cloud our Saviour out**

**We need to stop and reflect awhile,
Remembering our precious Lord,
His birth, His life and sacrifice
And all that He stands for**

**For though the world may celebrate,
It seems, though, for other reasons,
Let's keep in mind that Jesus Christ
Is the true meaning of the season.**

By M.S.Lowndes

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hope that you have enjoyed a blessed Christmas and New Year. Indeed, although the official Christmas celebration is once a year, we can celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ every day and sing, together with the Angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:15). Hallelujah!

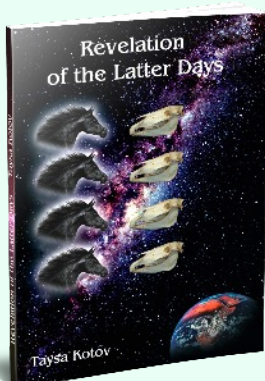
We live in the time of the New Testament covenant, a covenant sealed by the Blood of Jesus which cleanses us from our sin and restores us to right relationship with the Father.

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Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ !

We would be very pleased to receive letters from you and any testimonies about how God is working in your lives, about any miracles and signs you have experienced on the path of following Christ, or while you were searching for Him. Please send your letters to us and we will be glad to publish them in our magazine. The editor has the right to edit all material which is sent for publishing, but the content will not be changed. Unfortunately we are unable to return any originals.



Attention!

Anyone who wants to know what time he is living in, what is happening in the spiritual world and how it is reflected on the earth, about which God wants to warn His people speaking about the last days and the approaching end (Apocalypse) through the Apostle John and Prophet Daniel, can read about this in the book "Revelation of the Latter Days" which was received from God and written down by the pastor of Philadelphia Church, Taysa Kotov.

At the present time the book is available to purchase for the retail price of £5.50 or EURO 7.70. For churches who would like to place a larger order, a discount is available.

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The Bible is filled with mysteries, as the superficial meaning of the words do in fact have a deeper origin, and we are far from knowing the total depth. This superficial knowledge of the truth gives rise to a superficial relationship towards what the Lord has done and towards the Lord Himself. For example, what do we know about the birth of the Son of God? We know that He was born of the Virgin Mary. However, we can see that His birth was much earlier than His appearance on Earth in the form of a Child. It was not that He was first born as a Child on Earth and then, as He aged, made covenants and agreements with God about our salvation on Earth. This was not the case. This plan was already in place when He came to Earth. This means that a lot was decided with the Father in Heaven; while still in Heaven in the glory of the Father, He gave His consent to everything that, subsequently, He went through, and went through in obedience. The plan of our salvation was determined in Heaven.

Having come to Earth and being born in the flesh of a human being, nothing came as a surprise to Him. Behold, He was born and, alas, here both the cross and sufferings were prepared for Him. He knew what He was agreeing to and why He was going, as it is said that He walked as it was written about Him, and it was written long before His birth on Earth: "Then I said, 'Behold, I have come - In the volume of the book it is written of Me - To do Your will, O God.' " (Hebrews 10:7), "Then He said to them, 'These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with

you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me'." (Luke 24:44), "Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb." (Acts 13:29).

The third chapter of Zechariah records the greatest revelation about the election of Jesus in Heaven and about His mission on Earth in the form of the Son of Man: "Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. And the LORD said to Satan, 'The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?' Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, 'Take away the filthy garments from him.' And to him He said, 'See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes.' And I said, 'Let them put a clean turban on his head.' So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My house, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here. Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, for they are a wondrous



sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH. For behold, the stone that I have laid before Joshua: Upon the stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'Everyone will invite his neighbour under his vine and under his fig tree.' " (Zechariah 3:1-10 – translators note: the names 'Joshua' and 'Jesus' used in the English translation of the Bible are the same name in Hebrew). Let us look under the veil of the hidden letter in these verses.

When God chooses Jesus, the High Priest, for a specific purpose, everything takes place in Heaven. Straight away Satan stands at the right hand of Jesus in order to harm Him, in order to resist, so that what has been determined regarding Jesus does not come to pass. Satan's malice and envy are fully justified by his exile and the fact that he has lost everything: all the regalia and honour that Jesus has: "And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" (Zechariah 3:2 - * see translators note at the end of the sermon). From the second verse it is clear that we are talking about the chosen Jerusalem, that is, about the Church, since the Church and the Bride of the Lamb are figuratively called Jerusalem. The battle will be fought for them. She needs to be saved like a brand from the fire. There is a dialogue between the Lord Jesus and Satan, since He was sent to save His Church, or to pluck His Church out of the fire. It is also clear from these words that Jesus was not sent for the whole world, in which there are those who have the fallen seed of the devil, but for those who are written in the Lamb's book of life, as Jesus will later mention in His prayer: "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours." (John 17:9)

Zachariah further writes: "Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, 'Take away the filthy garments from him.' And to him He said, 'See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes.' And I said, 'Let them put a clean turban on his head.' So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the Lord stood by." (Zechariah 3:3-5). As we continue reading Zechariah's prophecy, we can see verses three through five describing Jesus' return to the Father in Heaven after He has completed and fulfilled His destiny. Jesus already stands in robes, stained with the guilt of all people, which He took upon Himself, and receives justification and reward.

Even at the creation of the world Jesus was slain, that is, intended to be crucified: "All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Revelation 13:8). Although nothing had yet taken place in the physical realm, but with God everything had already been accomplished. The garments of the High Priest were placed on to Jesus because He became the Mediator of the New Covenant. However, the following verses of the same prophecy say that He still has to accomplish all this on Earth in the physical realm, in the form of a human being. What had already been accomplished in Heaven with God the Father, like a picture painted in the artist's imagination, now had to be embodied, transferred to the canvas in order to become manifest in the material world.

"Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My house, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here. Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, for they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH'" (Zechariah 3:6-8) If Jesus agrees to become a participant in God's plan of salvation, then He must come as a BRANCH, that is, become an offspring, a descendant, an offshoot of God's people on Earth, and therefore, be born of the seed of David on Earth: "...For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH. For behold, the stone that I have laid before Joshua:..." (Zechariah 3: 8,9). The BRANCH is Jesus Christ, Whom we know, He is the stone that the builders rejected, but which became the cornerstone. While still in Heaven, Jesus saw that Son of Man, with Whom He was supposed to accomplish salvation on Earth. Indeed, without any doubt, in Heaven He had a completely different body and a different appearance, different from the one that He will take when He is born as the Son of Man. If He will fulfil God's will and walk in God's ways, then everything that has been shown to Him as a perfect fact will be fulfilled.

This is a prophecy that was told to Jesus Himself while still in Heaven with the Father, and even shown. If He gives His consent, then He will become the foundation - the stone on which the plan for the salvation of the Church will be inscribed, and on the same stone are seven eyes, which means that God the Father Himself will be in Him, and will vigilantly observe what is happening. It is also interestingly said that on Jesus Christ, that is, on His destiny, God engraved an inscription, something that will certainly be fulfilled: "For behold, the stone that I have laid

before Joshua: Upon the stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'Everyone will invite his neighbour under his vine and under his fig tree.' " (Zechariah. 3: 9,10). The inscription on the stone is the plan of salvation through which many will come under the bosom of the Church to receive salvation.

In the next chapter, the Lord continues to reveal the secret of the end times. However, we will now consider only the election of Jesus. The image of Zerubbabel is the spiritual order of Jesus, the High Priest, He is the first and last, as it is said that He will begin and He will complete salvation, and there will be no one else who could save in His place: "Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying: 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the Lord, which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.' " (Zechariah 4:9-10).

But now let's move on to the Psalm of David, which also describes the election of Jesus back in Heaven: "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' " (Psalm 2:6-9)

The election of Jesus in Heaven and His consent to go and accomplish the will of God was so great that God announced to all Heaven that today He has begotten a Son for Himself. From that moment on, God put the Spirit of His Son into Him.

What does this tell us? It tells us a lot, that Jesus, being in Heaven, became the Son of God by election. He is the Only Begotten and First Begotten, and became the Son of God by election, the moment God put His Spirit of adoption into Him. This is a very important moment for us, since now we are also given the opportunity to receive adoption by the same Spirit: "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (Romans 8:15-17). Here it is, God's great mystery of our adoption. If

it were not so, then we would never have the opportunity to become children of God, because we have earthly parents. In Heaven, Jesus was not born already being the Son of God, but He became Him. So, just as God had begotten Jesus as a Son at the moment when Jesus chose obedience to Him, so we must also be born of the Spirit of God in order to become children of God through choosing obedience: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. (John 3:6-13). Jesus spoke, but who heard? He revealed secrets, but who understood them? Even now, reading these things not everyone understands.

We also have an election, God chooses us and we choose obedience to Him, and only after that we become children of God through obedience. Here are several passages from the Holy Scriptures that confirm that the election takes place in Heaven, and is confirmed when a person chooses ones calling in obedience: "And ere the present years were sought out, and or ever the inventions of them that now sin were turned, before they were sealed that have gathered faith for a treasure..." (2 Esdras 6:5 <https://biblestudyforlife.com/PDF/2%20Esdras.pdf>), "... (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), it was said to her, 'The older shall serve the younger.' As it is written, 'Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.' " (Romans 9:11-13), "Thou hast known -- for then thou art born And the number of thy days [are] many!" (Job 38:21 – Young's Literal Translation).

Paul also describes God's predestination, explaining that it occurs even before the appearance of a person on Earth, but it also depends on each person as to whether one chooses ones calling or not: "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified,



these He also glorified." (Romans 8:29-30). God determines, but a person makes one's own choice. While living in the flesh, a person chooses either obedience and adoption, or rebellion and rejection, although the predestination about us has already been in Heaven.

Therefore, Jesus, who appeared as a BRANCH, the Son of Man and the Son of God in one person, still had to choose obedience in order to be perfected. Despite the fact that His birth was a miracle with His conception being from the Holy Spirit, He nevertheless became what He was through obedience: "...who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek," of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing." (Hebrew 5:7-10).

For us who were predestined according to God's will even before we did anything good or bad, God gives the right to choose and accept adoption. Having been born again from the Spirit of God, we receive the Spirit of the Son in order to become the sons of God, to accept adoption: "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!' Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of

God through Christ." (Galatians 4:6-7).

This means that those who do not receive the Holy Spirit for their adoption cannot be children of God: *But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (Romans 8:9-10), "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (Romans 8:15-17)*

So we can see that the Holy Spirit, poured out on the Earth, is the Spirit of the Son of God, the Spirit of adoption, and it is impossible to become children of God without accepting Him.



(*Translators note:

Zechariah 3:2 uses the word 'brand'. In the website www.biblehub.com the meaning of this word is translated from Hebrew as: firebrand - From an unused root meaning to rake together; a poker (for turning or gathering embers) -- (fire-)brand.)

Pastor Taysa Kotov (translated from Russian)

Prophecy for the year 2022

God will change my spiritual status so much that it will even affect the style of my clothes. He will even change the style of my clothes. Even outwardly, I will look more smart, higher in status. This will happen unexpectedly and not foreseen. God will do it Himself.

God will transform the whole church, ministry will rise to a new level, enter into a new anointing, be transformed as a bride on her wedding day. It will be fragrant with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. People will gather for this fragrance, they will be attracted by the fragrance of the anointing. The church will triumph over the works of the world. She will not be of this world and will not merge with the world. Just as oil does not mix with water, so the church of Christ does not mix with the world. Oil sanctifies water, but does not dissolve in it, does not mix into one mass. It floats on the surface of the water, on top of the water. The church that will be the anointing oil for the earth will sanctify it with its presence, but will not mingle with the world. The world cannot dilute the church with its

iniquities. But the church that will mix with the world, in which the world will merge with her and she with the world, is not the church of God in its essence, but only in name.

Such a church will commit adultery with the world, this is not oil in her and not God's fire, but a strange one, and she is not the bride of Christ. In such a church there is no oil, these are foolish virgins, about whom the Lord spoke. They have not stocked up on oil and will not be able to burn in the presence of His coming. Under no shock, or with diligent stirring, the oil will not mix with water. This will distinguish the church of Christ from the harlot who calls herself the church. And now the oil is gathering together after the shaking, after the shaking and stirring, which Satan was trying hard to do with the church of Christ. Every drop of oil will be found and reunited into one anointing. She is drawn by the Spirit of God into one, into one sacred oil. They will be above the world, above the waters of the earth, and will rise above their ene

mies.

And while God is preparing the oil, He leads His oilseeds through Gethsemane, grinds them in the millstones until oil for the sacred oil flows out of them. He took the selected grains for Himself, and He Himself, rolling up His sleeves, is working on the winepress. He does this in love, not in anger, this is not a punishment, but an election, although to those who go through these millstones, it may seem that this is the winepress of His anger. Alas, this is not the case. This is the winepress of His love, prepared by those who followed His Son. Jesus said that those who follow Him, who will serve Him, wherever He is, they will also be. Where will they be? First of all, it will be done on earth, they will be where He is, they will follow in His footsteps: If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. (Jn.12:26,27). He spoke these words before He ascended the mountain to Gethsemane. So that those who serve the Lord will also ascend Mount Gethsemane, and the Father and God of the Lord Jesus Christ will glorify and honor them, having appointed them as oil for the world. And then there is life in victory on the cross, in the glory of the resurrection.

Life on the cross is the fulfillment of its mission. The Apostles understood this once, and this is how the first churches taught. Paul wrote about this that he was crucified with Christ and lived like that, in the state of crucifixion, that is, in the state of death of the soul, so that the spirit lived in resurrection with Christ. This is when the world is crucified for a person by the cross of Christ, and he is crucified for the world by the same cross. And not in words, not quoting Paul's words, but imitating him, as he imitated Christ, with his own life. It is impossible, leaving Gethsemane, to continue to lead the old way of life. Peter tried to return to his old way of life and craft, when he was confused by everything that happened to Jesus, when he did not understand the ministry of the cross and its glory. However, he could not stay the same. Jesus called His own to new life in His death and in His resurrection. It means being crucified with Christ, dying to fleshly passions and lusts in order to live in resurrection with Christ. Whoever does not follow this path is not a follower of Him. In this case, he was not in Gethsemane either, and Jesus did not wash his feet, he has no part in serving with Jesus. One can be washed from sins and cleansed and forgiven, but he will not be in the ministry of Christ (without choosing His cross.) Jesus did not wash everyone's feet, but only those who had a part with Him in ministry.

There are a lot of grains of wheat harvested in the granaries of Christ, but at the same time they never fell into the ground in order to die and bear fruit - new lives: Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. (Jn.12:24-26).

This is how Paul describes the fulfillment of Jesus' words: For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. (2Kop.4:11,12). And in order to become bread that came down from heaven, you must first become flour. Allow yourself to be ground so that nothing remains of the old grain, and the flesh of the grain must be ground into flour. The millstone is Gethsemane, the one who wants to avoid it, will never take their place as a disciple of Jesus Christ and His follower. In order to become the bread of life for others, one must sacrifice one's body as a living sacrifice, pleasing to God. Service without the cross is not reasonable service that pleases God. This is an unauthorized ministry, and those who remain in the granaries not involved in the ministry, preserving their souls, are dead Christians. This is a dead faith without deeds, he lost his soul, because he lost his purpose, did not fulfill, lived in vain: "... and he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. (Matt.10:38,39).

At night God woke me up and I heard, that from one river - our church, many streams will flow out, and gardens will be planted around each stream, which will be irrigated by these streams. All these gardens will be fed by these streams, but they will all come out of the same river, from the same teaching, from the same anointing, from the same revelation. They will flow in the same channel, in the same Spirit. It will be one word, rushing from the river to the streams, and from the streams to the gardens. Everyone must prepare for the time when everyone will have to open the doors of their homes for ministry. These will be mini churches, home groups. The time will come when everyone will have to open their doors. We must prepare ourselves to receive and instruct. There will be many domestic ministries; they will not be separated from the mother church, as well as streams from the river. They will not flow separately from the river, but will carry water to the gardens that the river does not reach. We must be ready to accept the people, instruct



and teach. It will not be a separation, it will be one big church under one anointing, one water, but it will flow in streams and streams. One water, it all flows from

the Lord, but will flow from a large river along streams. Some streams will be larger, others smaller, but all will serve as food for the gardens.

Pastor Taysa Kotov (translated from Russian)

Prophecy of Lois Hoshor for 2022

As I began to seek the Lord for what He has for the church, this is what I heard Him speak for the upcoming year 2022:

Isaiah 22:22: "The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulders; so he shall open and no one shall shut; and he shall shut and no one shall open."

The year of 2020 and 2021 were years of challenge, testing, sifting, separating and seeking. For many their time had run out and they were weighed in the balance and found wanting. For others, their time was at hand and they had the revelation that they were to take their journey home and had prepared their lamps with oil.

To the natural eye, it seemed as though sickness had them bound and they lingered in pain. But, I had them in my hand and was speaking to them. Men do not understand the mystery of my ability to see the end from the beginning. (Comfort one another with these words). But, this is a new season, a new time, and a new year saith the Lord. I have been preparing a People for "such a time as this". This will be the year of the beginning of the end as you know it.

My Spirit will move on the hearts of men in unprecedented ways. Their eyes shall be opened to see the muck and mire they have been living in. They will know the presence of the living God and will call upon my name and I will answer them.

The stadiums and coliseums around the world will be filled with people crying out for My mercy and grace. The sons and daughters that have known My name shall be filled with My Spirit and lead the multitudes.

I will give to them the key to the house of David and they shall close doors to sin that has been rampant on the earth and they shall open the door to worship the King.

A great harvest will begin to come into the kingdom and miracles, signs, and wonders will fill the earth. The glory of the Lord shall be seen and there will be multitudes in the valley of decision.

Church, as we have known it, will be a thing of the past. The churches that have My Spirit and have been waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God will begin to have their doors open seven days a week, for they will realize that I am working every day, not just on Sunday. They will wait on Me before speaking a word in the leader ship will be open to hearing My voice. My called and ordained leaders will see the new

thing I am doing and will embrace it for the greater good. There will be those that continue to have "church as usual" but My Spirit will not be present.

I am speaking to my apostles and prophets around the world to come together and hear my voice. They will be amazed as they hear the same words of instructions. For truly the harvest is ready and I have released my angelic host to begin the reaping. (John 4:35)

Did I not say through my prophet Amos that the day would come when the plowmen should overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sow seed? (Amos 9:13). That day is up on you saith the Lord and will soon be manifested to My people.

Darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people, but look unto Me for My glory shall be seen upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)

There are those that have waited for decades for this to be fulfilled. I say to the ones that have remained, "look up", for your redemption draweth nigh. I am releasing My Spirit upon the youth and old alike and they shall see My glory fill the earth. To the young, wisdom beyond their years; to the old, a renewed strength to fulfill my purpose in them.

Do not look at the circumstances concerning the nations, the economy or the government. They are in My hands, saith the Lord, and I will do what I will do. The enemy will try to stop this move of God, but it CAN'T be stopped!

I have released a spirit of evangelism that began when My servant, Billy Graham came through those gates. If the churches are shut down, the beaches will be filled with young people preaching the gospel and singing praises unto Me. There will be a new sound of worship that will permeate the remnant that I have raised up and their voices shall be heard.

You will hear with a clarity of spirit and go forth with a fortitude to obey my voice and see My plan come to pass.

The prophets of old desired to see the day that you are living in. REJOICE, for the King of Glory is planning His entrance and the greatest battle is just ahead.

But, we are VICTORIOUS!



In HIS service, **Lois**

I heard the Lord say “I am lighting a new fire in your belly! Make room, go slow and allow Me to fan the flame”

The Lord showed me recently that there is a deep ‘stirring’ taking place in many right now. It is a deep groan. It’s the stirrings of a groaning that is deeper than they have ever experienced before.

I saw this deep groaning, this deep stirring, it is travail, it is a birthing and it is IMPERATIVE that you MAKE ROOM to LEAN IN to this stirring. Do not lean away from the stirring. Do not allow the ‘past’ to keep you from leaning in. Do not allow the voices of others dampen the fire that is beginning to burst forth. In the deep stirring of what is SO NEW to you and the questions and thoughts that flood, ‘what is this going to look like?’, ‘what I am experiencing and the deep stirring I am feeling is birthing in me something I’ve never experienced and leading me in a way I’ve never been’, do not allow the voice of fear to have a place.

There is a new paradigm of your destiny that is being birthed in your right now. Allow the tears to flow. All on the travail to do what it is meant to do. Surrender yourself completely to the work of the Lord that is taking place deep within you right now, for He is bringing you into another realm of fullness of your destiny and it is a place you’ve never been or walked in, but the depth of encounter with Jesus and the move of His Spirit awaiting you in this new place, is unprecedented compared to what you have seen before.

I heard the Lord say “In the birthing room I have brought you into right now, make room and go slow, protect what I am doing within you.”

It is imperative that you lean into what the Lord is doing and allow the groaning to come forth. You must be TENDER and SLOW in this moment to what the Lord is doing. The Lord showed me that these stirrings and these birthings that are taking place right now are for the positioning of His people for such a time as this (Esther 4:14) to partner with the Lord in what He is doing in the earth right now. There is to be no room for ASSUMPTION or PRESUMPTION but complete yielded surrender. You are going where you have never been. All provisions will be taken care of. Those who are to walk with you will be brought to you. The hand of the Lord will sovereignly move to bring all things together, He is setting the stage, but the place of surrendered YES to these new stirrings, groans and birthings are not to be ignored.

The Lord showed me that these groanings, these stirrings are getting stronger. Do not contain them, allow them to flow. The Lord is breaking the fear of man. The Lord is birthing courage within you. The fire is getting stronger and stronger within you that it is breaking the chains that have contained you. You have

been assaulted, attacked, rejected and not understood for so long, but the Lord is bringing you to a place of personal understanding and clarity for what He is doing within you and the position that you shall now take in this season in partnering with a move of His Spirit. His voice through you will get louder and His voice through you will confront old wineskins and paradigms but that is NOT an indicator that you are to withdraw. You are arising with the NEW SOUND of His heart that is coming forth. No longer will you walk to the beat of the drum of ‘others expectations’ but you will arise with a boldness, overtaken by His heart, His fire, His passion and vision and not be able to help BUT SPEAK. You will walk to the beat of His drum with a greater conviction and fire.

As you lean in, in this moment, lean in to the groanings, to the stirrings, and go SLOW and LOW before the Lord, the Lord showed me that you will SPEARHEAD a MOVE of His Spirit. This is a pioneering moment where God is birthing through you what has not been seen before. The specific instruction, the specific detail of what the Lord wants you to build with Him and how to move with Him in the manifestation of what He is birthing is being given to you and great courage and strength is being released to you through the empowerment of His Spirit.

The Lord is bringing the RIGHT PEOPLE to run with you and you will see your heart expand carrying His fire, His Word and His love like never before.

Lean in to the groaning. Lean into the stirrings. Make room.

Allow the creativity of heaven to burst through you. Do not look back at ‘what was’ or ‘what it is supposed to look like’. Obey the Lord. Pay attention to the creativity and vision being given to you in the groaning and the stirring, for THERE you are seeing into the NEW the Lord has for you and to release through you.

You’re going where you’ve never been before and His Glory and power that awaits will ASTOUND you. You are being extended and invited into a deeper partnership with the Lord in the new thing He is doing (Isaiah 43:19) to see His Glory revealed and a mighty proclamation of the Gospel and harvest come in.



Lana Vawser



Lesson №16. Genesis. Chapter 16.

Verses 1,2. Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. (Gen.16:1,2).

Not everything is as simple as you want. After such a wonderful visit by God to Abraham and the promise of an heir made to him, ten years passed in anticipation. But no one was ever born, and Sarah was still barren. And doubts came to Sarah so much that she decided on such an act, thinking, thereby, to fulfill the promise. When we interfere with the providence of God, without waiting for the date of the fulfillment of the promise, then we only introduce disharmony. And Sarah, in her doubts, decides to give Abraham her maidservant as a wife so that an heir of the promise will appear: So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. (Gen.16:2).

The wife's doubts also had an effect on Abraham, who until this hour had held on by faith. And then we see that he accepts her proposal, without resisting with faith, and takes Hagar for himself: 'And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai.' The very name "Hagar" means "flight". I would like to say that they resorted to escaping from the difficulty of waiting to the easy fulfillment of the promise. The Hebrew

meaning of the words 'I shall obtain children by her' is "for me to create my home from her, to lean on her." But it was necessary to rely only on the Lord, as Jeremiah says: Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord. (Jer.17:5). It is difficult to say that this act of Sarah and Abraham brought them a blessing. Later we will see how Sarah herself began to suffer from Hagar, and then the promised son suffered, and, finally, all of Israel suffered.

Verse 3. Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. (Gen.16:3).

It says that this is like a performed ritual, after which Hagar became the lawful second wife, or concubine of Abraham, with the consent of both spouses, according to the customs of the East.

Verse 4. So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes. (Gen.16:4).

Hagar was not barren, and this immediately exalted her over the mistress, whom she no longer considered as such. According to the customs of the whole East, sterility was considered a punishment from God and humiliation, and many children were a blessing and exaltation, so Hagar immediately began to see her superiority over Sarah, and Sarah began to feel even greater humiliation. This is how the word of God began to work: '...Cursed is the man who trusts

in man and makes flesh his strength...' (Jer.17:5). Sarah's life turned into torment and humiliation, more than ever before.

Verse 5. *Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong be upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. The Lord judge between you and me." (Gen.16:5).*

As you can see from what Sarah said, obviously, Abraham, who had been waiting for his son for so many years, began to pay special attention to the pregnant Hagar, thereby giving Hagar a reason to forget and exalt herself over Sarah, so Sarah blamed Abraham for her offense. It was not that she accused Abraham of taking Hagar for himself, since this was done by consent, but precisely in the offense from Hagar's relationship to her. And therefore, in her bitterness, she says that she calls on the justice of God's judgment in this situation. However, Abraham was wise and just, as we saw in his decision regarding Lot.

Verse 6. *So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid is in your hand; do to her as you please." And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence. (Gen.16:6).*

Abraham said to Sarah: '...Indeed your maid is in your hand; do to her as you please', and by this he put an end to the wrong situation in his house. He showed that Sarah remained the mistress in the house and his wife before God, and Hagar, in spite of everything, as she was her servant, remained as such. No one extolled Hagar or gave her a letter of liberation from slavery. Sarah began to oppress Hagar to such an extent that she decided to flee. Here, of course, all the bitterness of Sarah and the resentment that she made up for on the exalted Hagar manifested itself.

But Hagar did not come to terms with her former position of a servant, because now pride spoke in her and not without reason, because she carried a child in her, the only heir of Abraham. And I think she even wanted to scare Abraham with this that he would lose his son if he did not tame his wife. I think she felt she was being treated unfairly by being returned to Sarah's handmaid position again.

Verses 7,9. *Now the Angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai." The Angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand." (Gen.16:7-9).*

To Hagar's surprise, the Angel of the Lord overtakes her at a water source in the desert, on the way to Egypt, with the words: "Hagar, Sarai's maid" He calls her the servant of Sarah, not the wife of Abra-

ham, and not even the concubine, but the servant of Sarah. This immediately shows God's attitude towards her and that God intercedes for Sarah and commands her to return to her mistress and submit to her: "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand." In fact, this command was pronounced to the people who were in the bowels of Hagar in Ishmael. He will have to come to terms with the reign of the promised son, born of Sarah, and submit to him, as in Abraham, Levi himself paid tithe to Melchizedek: *Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. (Heb.7:9,10).*

Verses 10-12. *Then the Angel of the Lord said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude." And the Angel of the Lord said to her: "Behold, you are with child, and you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has heard your affliction. He shall be a wild man; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." (Gen.16:10-12).*

The Angel of the Lord also prophesies to Hagar about her son, who, later, will become the ancestor of the Bedouins and the progenitor of the Arab ethnos. Subsequently, Ishmael marries an Egyptian woman and gives birth to twelve sons. The Angel of the Lord says about him that it will be impossible to count his offspring. The name "Ishmael" translates as "God hears": 'You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has heard your affliction.' Despite the fact that he is not the promised son, nevertheless, he is the son of Abraham, and God, calling Himself a friend of Abraham and him - His friend, blesses Ishmael like the seed of Abraham, but still not from a free one, but from a slave. This leaves its mark on the entire family of Ishmael: 'He shall be a wild man; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.' A wild man is an image of unbridled and savagery, constantly at war with everyone, but everyone opposes and besieges him. He will live without mixing with Israel, but always in front of his face, that is, next to him.

Verses 13,14. *Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?" Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; observe, it is between Kadesh and Bered. (Gen.16:13,14).*

Hagar called the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me." Most likely, this is her first meeting with the living God, which caused her sur-

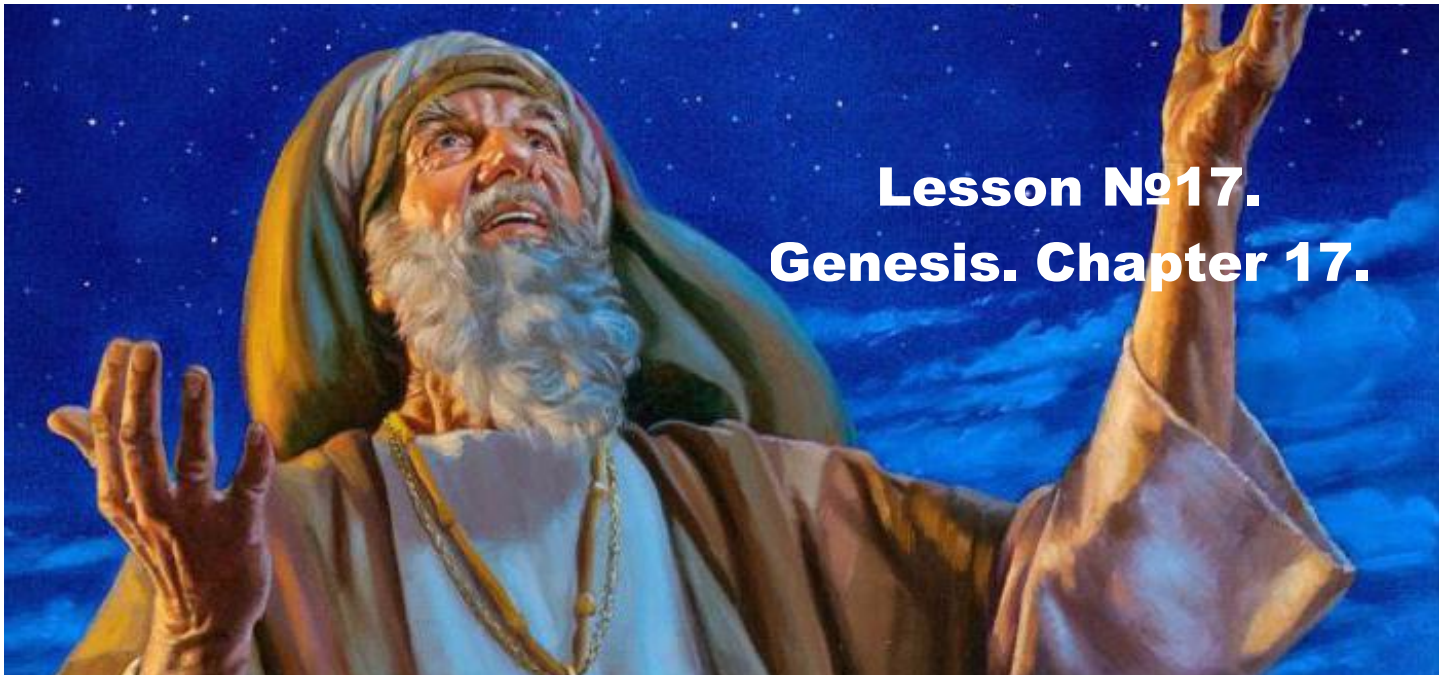


prise that He saw her life, her feelings and experiences. She understood that this was not a chance meeting, but He watched her: *'Have I also here seen Him who sees me?'*

And the source in the desert, at which she met the Angel of the Lord, was renamed by her in "Beer-lahai-roi" - "the source of the Living One who sees me."

Verses 15,16. *So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram. (Gen.16:15,16).*

Hagar, having obeyed the words of the Angel of the Lord, returns to Sarah and is reconciled to her. Shortly thereafter, she gives birth to a son. It is said that Abraham named the son born to Hagar Ishmael. Consequently, Hagar talked about her meeting in the wilderness with an Angel, about the command and about the prophecy. Abraham, by faith, calls his son Ishmael, accepting the prophetic word about him. It goes on to say that Abraham was 86 years old when Ishmael was born, but the promised son was still missing.



Verse 1. *When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. (Gen.17:1).*

Twenty-nine years have passed since Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees, when God again appeared to him, and here we see that He reveals Himself to Abraham as God Almighty - the Hebrew is 'El Shaddai', which translates as "God Who is enough". It is not by chance that God proclaims this name for Abraham; He wants to show by this that He will manifest His omnipotence.

When is God's omnipotence manifested? When human possibilities run out, of course. Where the laws of nature are no longer able to act, the omnipotence of God acts in order for an obvious miracle and His absolute will to appear, without any admixture of human intervention and his will. All that was required of Abraham was to walk blamelessly before God, that is, to continue to believe Him and live righteously, seeking His face, since it is impossible to walk before God without seeking His face.

Verse 2. *And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." (Gen.17:2).*

It says: "...and I will make My covenant...", It does not say: "I will create", because it was already created earlier, but now this covenant, as God says, begins to work. When it says "I will make," it means "I will complete," as it has already come down from heaven and incarnated, set between Himself and Abraham.

Verses 3-6. *Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. (Gen.17:3-6).*

Abraham fell on his face before God's presence as a sign of humility. Here God says about Himself: "I". I think that by this He wanted to show that He Himself appeared to Abraham, not in an Angel, but He personally concludes a covenant with him, as with His friend. "I", who is enough for a miracle to take place. And He reaffirms that Abraham will be the father of many nations. As a sign of approval, God gives Abraham a kind of new name, that is, not Abram, but Abraham.

His original name is "Abram", meaning "Father of Heights" or "High Father". Ab means father, ram means tall. This name is found in the oldest monuments of Akkad in the form of "Aburam". Abraham, as we remember, came from a family of priests of the Sumerians, astrologers who "contemplated the heights", that is, they watched the starry sky; hence his name - "Father of Heights". But God changes his name, introducing one more letter into it - "hei", and the name of the patriarch becomes "Abraham" - "father of the multitude." The letter "hei" has a numerical value of "five", which indicates the Torah - the Pentateuch, God's Law, which will be given to his descendants. At the same time, the letter "hei" is the root letter of the unpronounceable God's name (Tetragrammaton), and its introduction into the name of Abraham indicates a special connection established from now on between God and the patriarch.

Verses 7,8. *And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.* (Gen.17:7,8).

From this verse it is clear that God is telling Abraham about the next covenant that He will put between Abraham and his descendants that God will be the God of Abraham and the God of his descendants: "...an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you..." and as a consequence of this, they will receive the land of Canaan. But the main covenant is that God will be the God of Abraham and their God.

Verses 9-11. *And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.* (Gen.17:9-11).

And so God declares the indispensable condition of the covenant - the circumcision of the foreskin of every male person. Keeping this rule will be keeping the covenant between God and the descendants of Abraham. This will be a sign of the covenant made with God that He is God for this people. Moses, in the future, will reveal the meaning of this covenant, explaining that God expects the circumcision of the hearts of His people, and this will be a sign of the covenant: *And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the*

Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. (Deut.30:6). Through circumcision, Abraham received the sign of the covenant as a seal of righteousness, as Paul explains: *And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also... (Rom.4:11), For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God. (Rom.2:25-29).*

So, outwardly, the covenant was concluded through the shedding of blood, which was the strength of such a union, but internally, this sign symbolized the cutting off of carnal lusts, sinful desires, that is, circumcision of the heart.

Verses 12-14. *He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.* (Gen.17:12-14).

A week after birth, on the eighth day, every male child was to be circumcised in Abraham's house. First, it was necessary to live a week, as it were, to be complete, after which circumcision was done. This also indicates that the ceremony has a spiritual meaning, which must be completed before the conclusion of such a covenant. And regardless of whether the baby was a descendant of Abraham or was bought for silver, being a foreigner, he could and even had to fulfill this covenant. This is an image of the fact that the children of Abraham will not only be those who will come from his loins, but also those who, by faith, will be partakers of his promise. Those bought for money are us, who were redeemed by the Lord, bought by His precious Blood: ...*knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver*



or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you... (1Pet.1:18-20). Those who do not fulfill the covenant will be cut off from the company of the people of God, since the uncircumcised in heart cannot enter the Kingdom of God, they are not in a covenant with Him and will not inherit the promised land.

Verses 15,16. Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her." (Gen.17:15,16).

We see that God also changes the form of Sarah's name, making the final covenant with Abraham. Before her name was "Sarai", that is, "struggling", but now "Sarah" - "mistress, princess", that is, the struggling became a mistress. In general, the change of the name in the Bible is very important: with the change of the name, the Lord introduces something new into the inner essence of a person, something very important for his salvation and for the fulfillment of the promise. And having not yet become the father and mother of multitudes, they began to proclaim their promise as fulfilled, using such names.

Verses 17,18. Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!" (Gen.17:17,18).

However, Abraham laughed when he heard that he would have a promised son through Sarah, since she was already eighty-nine years old and he was ninety-nine years old. This suggests that Abraham has already come to terms with the idea that it is Ishmael who will be his heir and will delight the promise, so he says to God: "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!".

Verse 19. Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him. (Gen.17:19).

God confirms his word about the birth of the promise through his wife Sarah. And here we see for the first time that God is giving a name to the son of promise. "Isaac" is translated as "laughter, joy", this is the feeling that the elderly parents should have experienced when he appeared. I think that this is God's promise, laid down in Isaac, and for all of us it means

laughter and joy: "...I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him." God says that he will establish a covenant with Isaac as an eternal covenant, as if revealing the mystery of the birth of His Son through him.

Verses 20,21. And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year." (Gen.17:20,21).

God does not remain indifferent to Abraham's request for his son Ishmael. He says: "And as for Ishmael, I have heard you.". Through the prayer of Abraham, He will bless Ishmael, because he came from his loins. However, he will not delight in the promise, and God does not intend to make a covenant with him. A year later, at this very time, Sarah will give birth to a son of promise, and God will make an everlasting covenant with him. And He will bless Ishmael and also multiply, in accordance with the twelve tribes of Israel: twelve princes, twelve chiefs of the tribes. However, the blessings of both sons differ in glory: Ishmael receives an earthly blessing, and Isaac receives a spiritual and an earthly one.

Verse 22. Then He finished talking with him, and God went up from Abraham. (Gen.17:22). This was the end of God's appearance to Abraham.

Verse 23. So Abraham took Ishmael his son, all who were born in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their fore-skins that very same day, as God had said to him. (Gen.17:23).

Ishmael was already thirteen years old when Abraham circumcised him. And he also circumcised everyone, as it says, on the same day. This shows us how much Abraham was obedient to God and unquestioningly obeyed His commands. Abraham did not hesitate, thus preventing doubts from approaching him.

Verses 24-27. Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. That very same day Abraham was circumcised, and his son Ishmael; and all the men of his house, born in the house or bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him. (Gen.17:24-27).

Abraham performed this rite on himself before the conception of Isaac, so that Isaac was born already

The Bible study session is led by Pastor Taysa Kotov
(translated from Russian)

About our Church



Philadelphia Church International was established in London in 1995 by the wonderful and powerful prophetic word of God which spoke about its beginning. Members of the church are from different countries all around the world, but mainly from the former republics of the Soviet Union.

Philadelphia Church follows a charismatic path, or the path of the first apostles. The type of our ministry and its characteristics are described in the Revelation of Apostle John: *And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie – indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. He who has an ear, let*

him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (Revelation 3:7-13)

Each of the churches described in the Revelation of John has an Angel of God at its head who defines the anointing - the type of ministry. The ministry of the church depends on its development in the Spirit of God. Our church is called "Philadelphia" upon the revelation of God, because in the basis (foundation) of our church lies the Love of our Father God, which fulfils the new commandment of Jesus Christ: *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.* (John 13:34,35)

The word 'philadelphia' is translated from the Greek language and means 'brotherly love', so the name 'philadelphia' itself speaks of our ministry. Just as the disciples of Jesus Christ, we try to fulfil His commandments of love for others with our lives and deeds. Brotherly love is shown through the support, help and sincere understanding of the needs and sorrows that close ones are going through. Everyone who comes into our church soon begins to feel that they have found a Christian family.

The church began with just nine people who became the living stones of its foundation. During the time of its existence the church has grown and widened. Today the church continues to be filled with new believers who are dedicating their lives to our Lord Jesus Christ. And God testifies by His Spirit that it is only the beginning of His plan about us.



***He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward...
(Matt.10:41)***

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ!

By the great mercy of our Lord God we have all been given the opportunity to be a part of the missionary ministry in Israel, Belgium and Ukraine where by the will of God our brothers and sisters are working for Him.

A missionary fund to support this ministry has been opened and is successfully working in our church. If the Holy Spirit places on your heart to be part of this mission then you can send your donations to the church address.

Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28)

Today God is calling you to become part of His family. This is a call to salvation which is also for you, our dear reader. We will be glad to see you.



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