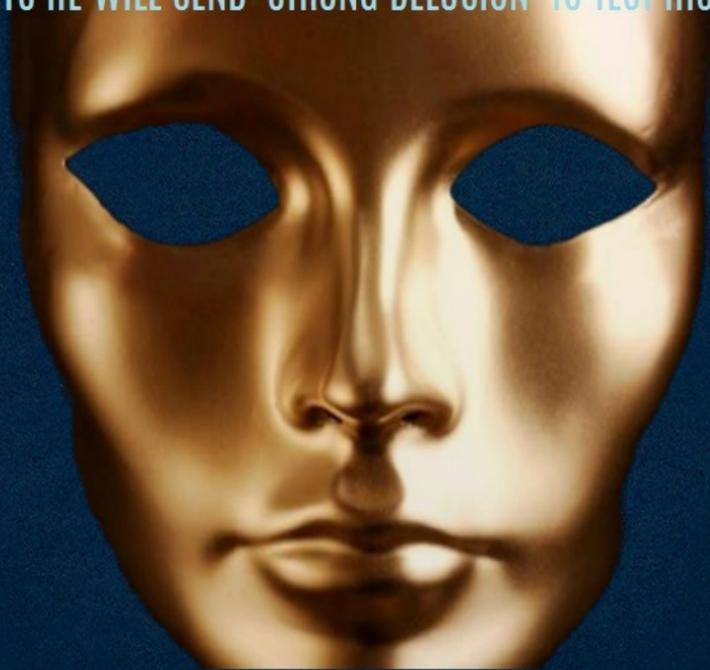


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God says He will send 'strong delusion' to test His people. God wants to know if they love Him and His truth more than a man, a church, or even their own lives (Luke14:26). That is what 2 Thessalonians 2 is all about!

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Chapter 1

A Prepared Deception

During a Bible study, there was *one verse* that was asked by a PCG minister in Jeremiah 4:15 which reads; “For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.” (From Mr. Flurry’s sermon titled “*Revelation 12*”, dated December 08, 2012). *Dan* here according to Mr. Flurry is *Southern Ireland*.

Prior to that sermon, even during the Feast of Tabernacles in 2012, Mr. Flurry already discussed the possibility of having an archeological dig in Ireland and also of finding the Ark of the Covenant there. He also mentioned the “*Annals of the Four Masters*.” But here are some comments regarding Ireland:

“Ireland is a country with countless tales of myth and folklore”... “Ireland’s long history is

riddled with ancient mythology and folklore.

Ireland's ancient societies, the Druids and the Celts, believed in the power of magic and many of these beliefs spread to modern day legends told again and again in the country."

Source: (www.ireland-now/myths.html)
 (www.toptenz.net/top-10-irish-myths-and-legends.php)

But what does the Apostle Paul say regarding myths and folklore? "As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they **teach no other doctrine, neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions**, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do." (1 Tim. 1:3-4)

According to *Clarke's Commentary*:

"Neither give heed to fables – Idle fancies; things of no moment; doctrines and opinions unauthenticated; silly legends, of which no people ever possessed a greater stock than the Jews...

"Endless genealogies – I suppose the apostle to mean those genealogies which were uncertain – that never could be made out, either in the ascending or descending line; and, principally, such as referred to the great promise of the Messiah, and to the priesthood. The Jews had scrupulously preserved their genealogical tables till the advent of Christ and the evangelists had recourse to them, and appealed to them in reference to our Lord's descent from the house of David"

Mr. Wik Heerma, a PCG Headquarters pastor, asked a QUESTION regarding Jeremiah 4:15, which Mr. Flurry said he himself had some questions about it. But during his sermon, he

mentioned that this particular verse gives an indication that a work has to be done in Ireland even emphasizing the possibility of finding the *Ark of the Covenant* in it. He also said that the PCG shall be having a feast site in Ireland by 2013.

The Apostle Paul reminded us through Timothy to “*teach no other doctrine, neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions.*” And while it is a common knowledge that Ireland is a country whose history was built upon myths, legends, folklore and endless genealogies of their ancestors – giving heed to myths and endless genealogies should not have been entertained in the first place, because it is also another doctrine and it promotes controversies and mere speculations rather than God’s work which is by faith.

“As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men **not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work—which is by faith.** (NIV)

Even Mr. Armstrong noted in his book, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, about Ireland’s ancient history being “*colored with some legend*”:

ANCIENT ANNALS OF IRELAND

“Now briefly let us consider what is found in the ancient annals, legends, and history of Ireland, and we shall have the scene of Jeremiah’s ‘planting’ and the present location of “lost” Israel. **The real ancient history of Ireland is very extensive, though colored with some legend.** But with the facts of biblical history and prophecy in mind, one can easily sift out the legend from the true history in studying ancient Irish annals.” (p. 103) *The United States and*

Britain in Prophecy.

Why did the Apostle Paul admonish Timothy not to give heed to fables and endless genealogies? The Apostle Paul said that it will only promote controversies and mere speculations that would eventually pervert the Work of God which is by faith based on the written Word of God.

As Mr. Armstrong wrote, “*The real ancient history of Ireland is very extensive, though colored with some legend. **But with the facts of biblical history and prophecy in mind, one can easily sift out the legend from the true history in studying ancient Irish annals.***” But what if there is someone who has a different biblical perspective and prophetic view in mind, what could possibly happen? Can he easily sift out the legend from the truth in studying ancient Irish annals? Or could that open a window of opportunity for Satan to subtly creep in and introduce his perverse thoughts? Consider what Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Royal Vision Nov-Dec 2012*:

Twenty five or so years later, look what was happening in the Church. Paul wrote in Galatians 1:6; “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you.” Paul was writing to people who had been called into God’s Church and who had the Spirit of God – yet in just a short period of time, they had been turned from “the grace of Christ unto another gospel.” Verse 7 shows that there were people who were working to ‘pervert the gospel of Christ.’ (pp. 1-2, *The True History of God’s Church, Part 2*)

Reading Galatians 1:6-7 from the *Revised Standard Version*, “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another gospel, *but there are some who are confusing you and want to **pervert** the gospel of Christ.*”

What does “pervert” mean? In the dictionary it says: “to divert

to a wrong end or purpose”; “to cause to turn aside or away from what is generally done or accepted”

Again, “to pervert” means “to divert to a wrong end” and “to cause to turn away from what is generally done.” Is the decision to have an archeological dig in Ireland a diversion to a wrong end or gospel? Or is it a cause to turn away from what is generally done in preaching the gospel?

But what again is the gospel of Christ? God’s people know that it is the soon coming Kingdom of God. And what comprises a kingdom? A ruler, a government, set of laws, subject and *territory*. And what territory are we talking about when we say the Kingdom of God, does it not concern Jerusalem only?

“We support an archeological project in Jerusalem today, sending some of our Herbert W. Armstrong College students over there to dig in the dirt. Why? BECAUSE THE ETERNAL HAS CHOSEN JERUSALEM! We are preparing for Christ’s return to Jerusalem, where He will rule with His Bride. Then for 1,000 years, we will prepare for the Father’s coming to Jerusalem to rule His Family from there forever.” (p. 37, Zechariah booklet)

The Eternal has chosen Jerusalem! But who has chosen Ireland for the archeological dig? And why Ireland? Is this not a perversion of Christ’s gospel? The gospel of God involves only Jerusalem—**“BECAUSE THE ETERNAL HAS CHOSEN JERUSALEM!”** Is there any reference in the Bible which says that God has chosen Ireland or any other place? (There has been a plan to put up an archeological dig in Ireland. There is even a planned a feast site in it for the year 2013.)

Is this a “gospel OF men” or a “gospel OF Christ?” The “gospel of men” usually comes from *fables, myths and legends*, while the “gospel of Christ” comes from the *Word of God in print—the Bible*.

“NEW JERUSALEM IS THE CRUX OF REVELATION 3:12. God’s Philadelphians are infused with a strong vision of new Jerusalem. Our Father wants His vision of new Jerusalem to consume the minds of His people...The Eternal has chosen Jerusalem: God is showing us that the Laodiceans got into serious trouble because they stopped focusing on new Jerusalem. They quit thinking like God. God’s mind is continually set on new Jerusalem: His entire plan is built around new Jerusalem. But Joshua and his followers allowed their minds to stray from God’s vision of new Jerusalem. That led to what is probably the worst disaster ever in God’s Church.” Zechariah—The Sign of Christ’s Imminent Return (p. 31, 34 *ibid.*)

Chapter 2

God has Greatly Deceived

There seems to be some kind of a strong delusion as we can read in Jeremiah 4:10, “Then said I, **Ah, Lord GOD! surely THOU HAST GREATLY DECEIVED** this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.” *Lange’s Commentary* has this to say about the verse:

“And I said: Ah Lord Jehovah, Surely thou hast **prepared deception** for this people and Jerusalem, Saying : ye shall have peace, And yet the sword reacheth even to the soul...”Lange’s

Commentary

“The prophet here declares what impression was made by the denunciatory prophecy upon himself. This denunciatory prophecy does not at all harmonize with that earlier and exceedingly glorious one in chapter 3:12-25...(V)ery many commentators refer PREPARED DECEPTION to the false prophets...But is it conceivable that a true prophet like Jeremiah would have traced back false prophecy so directly to the Lord Comparison with 1 Peter 1:11 renders it conceivable that Jeremiah may himself have been deceived as to the difference of the times”

The prophet Jeremiah received a “*denunciatory prophecy upon himself*” (*denunciatory means a rebuke, a condemnation*) and he later found out that God has sent a “strong delusion” (just like in 2 Thessalonians 2:11). This is what the *JFB Commentary* wrote regarding the subject:

“thou hast...deceived — God, having even the false prophets in His hands, is here said to do that which for inscrutable purposes He permits them to do (Exo. 9:12; 2 Thes. 2:11; compare Jer. 8:15; which passage shows that the dupes of error were self-prepared for it, and that God’s predestination did not destroy their moral freedom as voluntary agents). The false prophets foretold “peace,” and the Jews believed them; God overruled this to His purposes (Jer. 5:12; Jer. 14:13; Ezek.14:9).”

Even Jeremiah himself at some point in time thought that he has been deceived by God; “O Lord, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived; thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.” (Jer. 20:7)

What could be the reason God uses another strong delusion in

this last end? Let us find the answer in Mr. Flurry's book, *Malachi's Message*:

GOD SENDS "STRONG DELUSION"

"Many of God's people will be captured by Satan's deceit, if they don't wake up! God is allowing and sending 'the full force of evil's delusion' (2 Thessalonians 2:11, Phillips) and "powerful heresies among them" (Norlie)...God is sending "strong delusion" to people who have the truth! His very own people! And most of them are perishing spiritually. Why? Because they don't love God's truth! It's God's way of testing how much we love His truth. Soon, many will understand that the Laodicean leaders are going in the wrong direction...God says He will send 'strong delusion' to test His people. God wants to know if they love Him and His truth more than a man, a church, or even their own lives (Luke14:26). That is what 2 Thessalonians 2 is all about! (pp. 88-90)

At the conclusion of the last end, this "*strong delusion*" could most likely involve the search for the *Ark of the Covenant* (in chapter 3:16) in Ireland (Dan, chapter 4:15). God has allowed this *strong delusion* which is probably brought about by an end-time type of Amaziah, a chief priest in God's house –through his paying attention to *fables and endless genealogies* (1 Timothy 1:3-4) – in which Ireland itself is so full of. One example is a reference to the "*Annals of the Four Masters*" even during the 2012 Feast of Tabernacles. Is this not the same as preaching another Jesus?

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should

be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (2 Cor. 11:2-4)

Let’s see **HOW** the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety: “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, *Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?* (Genesis 3:1). Notice carefully that Satan beguiled Eve through a seemingly minor **QUESTION**: “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” Is this the very same strategy that Satan is doing or has already done to beguile spiritual Eve (God’s Church)? (This was the *same strategy* that was used in introducing the Jeremiah 4:15 thought to Mr. Flurry regarding Ireland – through a seemingly minor **QUESTION**)

Could it also be that the *serpent (Satan)* again beguiled *Eve (God’s Church)* through his subtlety by substituting *God’s word (Jesus Christ in print)* with *fables and endless genealogies (Annals of the Four Masters)*? Is it just a coincidence that even the place where the next planned archaeological dig would be in Ireland, which is actually the tribe of Dan and is symbolized as a **SERPENT**?

It is also interesting to note that the tribe of Dan is not even mentioned among the 144,000 in Revelation 7:4-8. The big question is, **WHY**?

Let’s have a little background on the tribe of Dan: (From the PCG’s *Personal Correspondence Department*)

“Thank you for your recent inquiry. You asked why the tribe of Dan is not mentioned in the 144,000 described in Revelation 7.

It is interesting to note that Dan is also left out of the genealogies of I Chronicles 1-9. This historical point of interest helps explain why Dan was not mentioned in Revelation 7:5-8.

The tribe of Dan as a whole was guilty of IDOLATRY — even to the point of stealing the idols they used to practice their religion (Judges 18:14-31). Theirs was the first organized idolatry in ancient Israel, and the longest in duration. It continued “until the day of the captivity of the land,” nearly 500 years later (Judges 18:30). Jewish tradition says that Dan was the first tribe to follow Jeroboam into his sin of idolatry. **In their literature, the term ‘Dan’ is often used to represent idolatry.**

From this summarized history of the tribe of Dan, it becomes obvious why Dan would not be among the 144,000 ‘servants of God’ described in Revelation 7:1-4. **Dan thoroughly rejected God’s true religion for thousands of years, substituting a continuous tradition of idolatry.** The descendants of Dan say, “I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord” (Gen. 49:1, 18). The vast majority of Danites must wait for salvation until AFTER the sealing of the 144,000.

It is reassuring to know that Dan and all the other tribes of ancient Israel WILL be saved. In fact, Dan is mentioned FIRST in the apportionments of land in the soon-coming Millennium (Ezek. 48:1). The Bible records, “ALL Israel shall be saved” (Rom. 11:26). The 144,000 are only a very small portion of the people of all nations who will eventually be saved.”

Now let’s consider for a moment Jacob’s prophecy for his son

Dan (which is Denmark and Ireland) in Genesis 49:17 -“Dan shall be *a snake* by the roadside, *a viper* along the path, that bites the horse’s heels so that its rider falls backward.” (RSV) From *Clarke’s Commentary* we read concerning Genesis 49:17: **Dan shall be a serpent**—The original word is *nachash*, and we have seen on Genesis 3 that this has a great variety of significations. It is probable that a serpent is here intended, but of what kind we know not; **yet as the principal reference in the text is to guile, cunning, etc., the same creature may be intended as in Genesis 3.**

Indeed it is intended as in Genesis 3:1-7 and the one being discussed by the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:2-4! And when we speak of serpents, in the Bible they are connected to *Satan, sin, and judgment*. Here is what the *JFB Commentary* further wrote regarding the subject:

a serpent...an adder – A serpent, an adder, implies **subtlety and strategem**

Below are the meanings of those words according to the dictionary:

subtlety – *the quality or state of being subtle*
stratagem – *an artifice or trick in war for deceiving and outwitting the enemy.*

To further define the word *subtlety*, we go to its root word word *subtle*: **subtle** – *operating in a hidden, usually injurious way; insidious (awaiting a chance to entrap)*

And from the *Strong’s Concordance* we find the word “adder” in the original Hebrew word:

shephiyphon, shef-ee-fone’; from an unused root mean. the same as H7779; a kind of serpent (as snapping), prob. the cerastes or horned adder:—adder.

Looking at the words that were defined, we can see that it

describes *a snare or a trap* that was set-up by the *great serpent Satan the devil* which would snap out of our faces! The serpent is once again beguiling Eve! And God is allowing it to happen!

The end-time type of Amaziah most likely gave a *friendly counsel* or advise to *That Prophet*: “O thou seer, go, flee thee away into *the land of Judah*, and there eat bread, and prophesy there.” And it could be to this effect: “O *That Prophet*, go back to where the prophet Jeremiah has transplanted a descendant of Judah there in Ireland and do a work there say, an archeological dig perhaps to get the ark of the covenant, but before that, establish first an office in Bricket Wood, England where a nearby Jew is sitting on King David’s throne; have a feast site there in Ireland, and might as well prophesy of that. You don’t have to worry a bit; anyway, it’s all about the LAND of Judah, right?”

Look at the great deception there, this end-time type of Amaziah pretends to give a FRIENDLY COUNSEL concerning the land of Judah which he may have included Ireland and England referring to Jeremiah 4:15, when in real fact, it was only done to mislead *That Prophet* from his original commission. We must always REMEMBER what Mr. Armstrong wrote:

Do you think that same wily Satan could not deceive people in God’s Church today? Of all the people on earth, WE are the very ones he wants most to deceive. He has the rest of the world deceived already. And remember a deceived person does not know he is deceived – else he would not *BE* deceived! (*The Worldwide News*, Nov. 16, 1981)

Could God allow the whole Church be deceived again, even the Philadelphia Church of God, as what the end-time Elijah has also gone through in the 1970’s?

Chapter 3

A Voice and Keepers of the Field

In Jeremiah 4:15 we read: “For *a voice* declareth from Dan, and publisheth *affliction* from mount Ephraim.”

The word “affliction” in *Strong’s Concordance* is from the original Hebrew word ‘*aven*:

From an unused root perhaps meaning properly *to pant* (hence to **exert oneself, usually in vain**; to come to nought); *strictly nothingness*; also trouble, *vanity*, wickedness; specifically an idol: affliction, evil, false, idol, mischief, mourners (-ing), naught, sorrow, unjust, unrighteous, vain, vanity, wicked (-ness)

The word “*pant*” from the dictionary means – *to long eagerly, yearn*. While as for “*mount Ephraim*”, it was the historical name for the central mountainous district of Israel once occupied by the *tribe of Ephraim* (Josh. 17:15; 19:50; 20:7) – *Wikipedia*.

Could it be that someone from the tribe of Ephraim or a British descent man will lead a work in Ireland (Dan), and while *he yearns and eagerly long to proclaim his vanity there*, he will exert himself as someone he is not, for he is an *impostor*. Thus, could it also be the voice of this Ephraimite leader which shall be heard in Dan and who will also publish nothingness? (This same Hebrew word, ‘*aven* is used in Zechariah 10:2; “For the idols have spoken *vanity*.”)

We must remember that even King Jeroboam who led the house of Israel to idolatry was himself an Ephraimite. Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote regarding Ephraim:

Did you notice that it is now the 10-tribed kingdom (headed by the Ephraim-Manasseh tribes with an Ephraimite as their king)... Most people seem to think of the 10 tribes as merely certain tribes driven out from the nation Israel. But it is Israel which now sets up its kingdom under the Ephraimite Jeroboam, in the land of Samaria, north of Jerusalem... (T)he 10-tribed people called Israel, often prophetically spoken of as Ephraim, are not Jews and never were Jews! (United States and Britain in Prophecy)

Now, if we will examine carefully; there is also an obvious difference here of *whose voice it is coming from* if we compare it with Isaiah 40:3, “**THE VOICE** of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” “*A voice*” in Jeremiah 4:15 could be a **voice of Satan coming in the flesh through his man**, while “**the voice**” in Isaiah 40:3 is **the voice of Christ coming in the flesh through His prophet**.

How is it so? We can understand their difference when we look in the next verse: “Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.” (v. 16) Looking at the original Hebrew word for “Make ye mention” in Strong’s:

“2142. *zakar*; a prim. root; prop. to mark (so as to be recognized), i.e. to remember; by impl. to mention; ...*(make) mention (of)*, be mindful, recount, record (-er), remember, make to be remembered, call to remembrance”

Upon consideration, it could be more appropriate to substitute these words: **to mark so as to be recognized to remember, be mindful, call to remembrance**. Even *Lange’s Commentary* noted:

Vers. 16 and 17. ...verbally: cause to the nations, that is, cause that these reflecting upon it are deeply impressed by the significance of the fact. From the meaning, to penetrate, to bore in ...is developed the meaning of **to remember**, which is the common one, **to consider, to reflect** (Lam. 1:9; Ps. 103:14; Job 7:7).

But why remember? Is it because that “a voice from Dan” has been followed instead of “the voice from Jerusalem”? Is another Jesus being preached? Is another spirit being received? Is another gospel being accepted? (2 Cor. 11:2-4) – That there would be a dire **NEED** for a **call to remembrance**?

“GOD WILL PERSONALLY SEND STRONG DELUSION! But WHY? Why would God send strong delusion to His own people? Does He want us to fail? Of course not. This is God’s way of testing who “received not the love of the truth” (2 Thessalonians2:10). God wants to know how much you love Him and His Word.

It's not possible to deceive God's very elect (Matthew 24:24). Paul is not talking about normal delusion being sent to God's people—it is "strong delusion." (Matthew 24:24). ... We all think we love God. God requires that we have the depth of love necessary to withstand strong delusion. God sends "strong delusion" to His Church to determine who will be His very elect. God wants to know who loves the truth—and who just has it. With a wrong attitude, some are going to die for all eternity! (2 Thessalonians 2:10). God is deadly serious about our calling... **God sends strong delusion to see if His people are Philadelphian or Laodicean.**"

(p. 10-11, A Call to Remembrance, *ibid.*)

Furthermore, Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Haggai* booklet:

"The book of Haggai is also about the Laodicean era and **Zerubbabel as a signet**. That means Mr. Armstrong is dead when Zechariah and Haggai are fulfilled, but the God who restored all things through him is very much alive. **And He expects us to build on what Mr. Armstrong taught.**" (p. 4, *Haggai: God Has Begun to Shake the Nations*)

Mr. Armstrong being God's signet has restored all things, yet, if he would be resurrected today, would he be able to *recognize* a work in Ireland? Do we have any prior instance of such where we can go back and look into the Work of God through the end-time Elijah being involved in an archeological dig in Ireland? Or will he see another Jesus being preached, another spirit being received, and another gospel being accepted? **God expects us to build on what Mr. Armstrong taught.** Let's consider the original Hebrew word for "*against*" in Jeremiah 4:16, in *Strong's*:

“5921. ‘al, al; the same as H5920 used as a prep.-above, according to, (as) against, among, because of, beside (the rest of), by reason of, concerning for, throughout, touching.”

“H5920. ‘al, al; the top; specifically the Highest (i.e. God); also to Jehovah:–above, high, most High.

Also take note of the word “nations” which could also mean “Gentiles.” Considering the meanings from the words above, we can clearly understand that there is a dire need to choose which work is to be done: a work in Dan (Ireland) and in Ephraim (Britain) or a work in Jerusalem and in Judah? It’s like Eve choosing which tree to eat from – the Tree of Life or the Tree of Death?

The Most High God through the prophet Jeremiah gives us His answer and He is saying something like this to the PCG HQ ministry (spiritual Jerusalem): “**REMEMBER THE GENTILES in God’s Church all over the world** because they also regard Jerusalem as their own heritage like Ruth (Ruth 1:16-17). **BEHOLD**, even though they are Gentiles, they **SEE** that that kingdom has to be in Jerusalem of all places in the world, and not in Ireland nor in Britain! Remember that these Gentiles are also spiritual Jews who **REMEMBER** to preach the true gospel **OF** Christ, and has not forgotten to proclaim the gospel ‘by reason of’ Jerusalem because ‘**the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem.**’ You really have to deeply **CONSIDER** these Gentiles from a *far country* for they are also **WATCHERS** who give out **THEIR VOICE** ‘concerning for’ what is happening in the cities of spiritual Judah regarding the Ezekiel 4 siege, and they are very much a **PART OF THE SPIRITUAL JEWS** who are also accountable **as keepers of God’s field.**”

The business of watchmen, keepers of a field, is usually to protect from robbery and violence (Lange’s Commentary)

Notice these *keepers of a field* are not there to destroy the field but **to protect from robbery and violence**. But *why* is God using these Gentile converts as His watchers? – ***To provoke Israel to jealousy.***

“Again I ask, Did Israel not understand? [**Did the Jews have no warning that the Gospel was to go forth to the Gentiles, to all the earth?**] First, there is Moses who says, **I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry.** Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, **I have been found by those who did not seek Me; I have shown (revealed) Myself to those who did not [consciously] ask for Me.**” (Rom. 10:19-20, Amplified Bible)

It was actually quoted from Deuteronomy 32:21 and in Psalms chapter 98: “The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he **openly (revealed) in the sight of the (Gentiles).**” (v. 2)

And this is the very mystery that the apostle Paul wrote: “For I would not, brethren, **that ye should be ignorant of this mystery**, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, **until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.**” (Rom. 11:25)

These *Gentile keepers of the field* are WATCHERS from a far country and they are giving out their voice *concerning for* the cities of spiritual Judah – the PCG congregations around the world.

As *Lange’s Commentary* wrote, the *keepers of a field* are usually to protect from *robbery and violence*. Does it mean that we are once again seeing yet another rebellion even inside God’s own Church? In God’s eyes this is equivalent to treachery. It seems that there are people in God’s Church who has now become guilty themselves of the very prophecies they proclaim against

their Laodicean brethren (Mal. 3:8-9). Just like what the prophet Malachi wrote: “**Judah hath dealt treacherously**, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; **for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.**” (Mal. 2:11)

Dan is known for having strange gods, and now as God views it, we in the PCG are already *married to the daughter of a strange god*. Even in recent sermons, the Garden of Eden is already being given as a description to Bricket Wood, more so, being a type of the Millennium, instead of Jerusalem as such. How foolish have we become?

God’s own Church is already listening to A VOICE that declares from Dan (Ireland) and letting an Ephraimite leader to proclaim vanity and wickedness from mount Ephraim (Britain). The ministers are supposedly **not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, for these things only promote controversies and mere speculations rather than God’s work which is by faith** (1 Tim. 1:3-4, *NIV*). *This is indeed a very strong delusion!* From the *Ezekiel The End-Time Prophet*, Mr. Flurry wrote:

“The Laodiceans have frequently explained how they are building on the foundation laid by Mr. Armstrong. That is false, and God is going to expose them to the whole world! This principle applies to almost any time God’s Church turns away from God. The deceivers routinely say they are building on the foundation laid in the past, when they are actually DESTROYING THE FOUNDATION by building a new, but false, work. This is how they deceive God’s people. Throughout the Bible, GOD WARNS US OF THIS DANGER.”(pp. 70-71)

“Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD, how utterly you have deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, ‘It shall be well with you,’ even while the sword is at the throat!’” (Jer. 4:10, *RSV*) – Notice

that God has sent strong delusion to “this people” and He longer calls them “His people.” This could be referring to the false prophets inside His very own Church – the 25 men of Ezekiel 8. Remember also, that Jerusalem here refers to the PCG Headquarters – the capital of spiritual Judah. “This people” followed another Jesus by giving heed to “fables and endless genealogies” – they have now turned to the messenger – even the life of the prophet Jeremiah – rather than the message. It looks like the decision to go and search for the *Ark of the Covenant* in Ireland is a trap that would cause the death of *That Prophet*.

“*And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder*”(Jer. 4:9). The leadership in PCG will be utterly shocked of the outcome of their decision to convince *That Prophet* of the archeological dig in Ireland. And as the *JFB Commentary* puts it: “The wisdom of the most leading men will be utterly at a loss to devise means of relief”

“And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel” (Ezek. 14:9). God shall expose the treacherous act of these leading men through the strong delusion He has sent.

As a result God’s wrath is upon those Laodicean antichrists inside the PCG: “For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for **the fierce anger of the LORD** is not turned back from us” (v. 8). This could very well still be connected to God’s last end of indignation which is very much related to the greatest betrayal of the son of perdition! Reading from *Clarke’s Commentary* regarding Jeremiah 4:8

Lament and howl – heililu. The aboriginal **Irish** had a **funeral song** called the Caoinian, still continued among their descendants, one part of

which is termed the ulaloo: this is sung responsively or alternately, and is accompanied with a full chorus of sighs and groans. It has been thought that **Ireland** was originally peopled by the Phoenicians: if so, this will account for the similarity of many words and customs among both these people.

“For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, **Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers**” (v. 31). God’s Church (daughter of Zion) shall be in a terrible agony when God exposes and reveals those leading men as murderers – the son of perdition and the many antichrists in the midst of them!

“Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, **and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core**” (verse 11). Jude compares the Laodiceans to Cain, the first murderer. They are guilty of murder!...Only God’s own saints could be guilty of such massive physical murder. **Jude wrote specifically to those in the first century and the last century, the only two centuries in which God’s gospel was preached around the world. Satan was able, in time, to destroy both of those works. ...** When God’s people became lukewarm, they became guilty of murder on an enormous scale. But those murderers are worse than Cain in another way. They are also guilty of aiding in the eternal destruction of 50 percent of their Laodicean brethren (Matthew 25:1-10). Also, they help to cause the other 50 percent to be plunged into the Great Tribulation. Cain’s murderous sin was trivial compared to the guilt

of these murderers! These are weighty and dangerous words for the Philadelphia Church of God today!” (p. 25-26, Jude booklet)

“Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?” (Jer. 8:19)

When the *nail in the sure place* is forcibly removed, that antichrist son of perdition and his cohorts antichrists shall surface: “For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.” (Matt. 24:28)

Chapter 4

The 25 Men

There is a prophecy in Ezekiel wherein God showed him groups of top leading men in His Church who betrayed Him.

“And there stood before them *seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel*, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up” (Ezek. 8:11). In the *Ezekiel* booklet, Mr. Flurry explained these 70 men:

“Anciently, 70 elders had meetings with God! The number 70 is God’s way of revealing that these end-time elders also had meetings with the true God! But then they betrayed Him and turned their backs on Him. God used this number 70 for a very special reason. **HE IS TELLING US THESE ARE HIS OWN MINISTERS GOING**

ASTRAY! It is a revealing SIGN!...The greater abomination mentioned in Ezekiel 8:6 is referring to the MAJORITY of God’s own ministers in the end time leading God’s people astray. This is a very ugly abomination! Few horrors could surpass this one! Most of the top leaders in God’s own lukewarm Church are committing abominations in God’s Church—*the very highest leadership council!*” (p. 51)

Take a careful notice that these 70 men are “of the house of Israel” while there is another group of 25 men, which is of the “house of Judah”:

“Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into **the inner court of the LORD’S house**, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about **five and twenty men**, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the **house of Judah** that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.” (vv. 15-17)

Those 70 men are the top WCG ministers that led the rebellion against God. But, what of the 25 men? These could be a different group apart from the 70 men mentioned earlier since **the 70 men refers to the house of Israel**, while **the 25 men refers to the house of Judah**. **Could the house of Israel be referring to the WCG while the house of Judah to the PCG?** Considering that there was no inner and outer court during the Philadelphia era, and it was only during a Church split was there

a distinction between the two – the Philadelphians in the inner court, the Laodiceans in the outer court (Rev. 11: 1-2).

In verse 16, notice that Ezekiel was brought “into the **INNER COURT** of the LORD’S house” and in verse 17, God specifically pointed him to the *house of Judah*. Do these 25 men refer to a group of ministers in the PCG? If so, then they *have returned to provoke God to anger, and in so doing, it’s like they are cutting off their very breath of life*. One cannot return to something if it has not been done so the first time (by the 70 men in the WCG). The 70 men surfaced when Mr. Armstrong was “*taken out of the way*” (2 Thes. 2:7). Will the 25 men gather together when “the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall”? (Isa. 22:25). Again as written in Matthew 24: “Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather”. (v. 28, *RSV*)

“And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD’S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about *five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east*; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.” (v. 16) According to *Lange’s Commentary*:

“It takes place in the inner part of (God’s) house, - thereby placed in contrast with the publicity going before ...with the actings of the elders in verse 7....Accordingly there can be no doubt that the persons, the 25 men, – as most expositors... believe, the presidents of the 24 orders of the priests (1 Chronicles 24) with the high priest at their head, – represent the priesthood....In this way the abomination to be described is greater than what has hitherto been related of the kind. But then, farther, the description of the posture assumed (compare 1 Kings 14:9; 2 Chr.29:6; the antithesis of their backs and their faces, the contrast of ...‘toward sunrise’) sets forth what is abominable in the highest degree. The sanctuary

of the Eternal is a thing going down behind them; they turn to the new light.”

First, let us enumerate the details that were given above:

It takes place in the *inner part of (God's) house*, – thereby placed in contrast with the publicity going before...with the actings of the elders in verse 7

Ezekiel was brought to the inner court of God's house and this was a different place and a different group of people is being mentioned here apart from the 70 elders in verse 7. And notice that the activities of those 70 elders were made public and there was even publicity involved. Apparently, verse 7 did refer to the court case battle between the WCG and PCG which was even publicized and advertized on newspapers and it was also documented through the *Raising the Ruins* book, while these 25 men in verse 16 were found inside God's house and their activities are not made public – no publicity.

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Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Ezekiel* booklet, “Verse 16 shows those 25 top ministers in the inner court...God is not addressing the false ministers of this world in these verses – He is discussing ministers who knew God ...The expression ‘between the porch and the altar’ refers to where the ministers prayed to God in the temple (Joel 2:17)” (p. 57).

As *Lange's* commented, these 25 men are high ranking ministers! Could these 25 men also refer to *Joshua and his fellows* in Zechariah 3:8? Notice that Joshua and his fellows' folly seem to revolve around choosing another land more than Jerusalem in verse 3 (*the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem*).

“...with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.”

Here again is what *Lange's* says regarding this:

In this way the abomination to be described is greater than what has hitherto been related of the kind. But then, farther, the description of the *posture assumed* (compare 1 Kings 14:9; 2 Chr.29:6; the antithesis of their backs and their faces, the contrast of ...‘toward sunrise’) **sets forth what is abominable in the highest degree.**

Notice that the abominable thing that has been committed by those 25 men revolve around the posture that they assumed – they have turned their backs on God! Mr. Flurry elaborates further,

The entrance to the temple was on the east side. The HOLY OF HOLIES—where God was located—WAS ON THE WEST SIDE! These ministers commit a wanton affront by turning their backs to God! This is the worst abomination of all! These have to be God’s own ministers who knew God intimately and then turned their backs to Him! They knew the great God ‘face to face’—and then turned away! This is the most abominable crime in the whole book of Ezekiel! (p. 57, *ibid.*)

Let us then consider and compare what *Lange's* mentioned above like the one in 1 Kings 14:9: “But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, **and hast cast me behind thy back.**”

While in 2 Chronicles 29:6 we can read, “For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the

LORD our God, and have forsaken him, **and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs**”

Now notice again very carefully-the posture that has been assumed which is the turning of their faces from God’s temple and casting God behind their back is what makes it the worst abomination of all!

Since the PCG did have an archeological dig in Jerusalem where God’s house was built in the past and will be built in the immediate future, “because the Eternal has chosen Jerusalem”, then this could be the representation of God’s temple being discussed in Ezekiel 8:16.

What then could make the 25 men to “**turn away their faces from the Eternal God’s future habitation which is Jerusalem, and to cast Him behind their backs**”?

To clearly see the big picture here, let’s define some words in the latter part of verse 16: “...*with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.*”

“*Backs*” in *Strong’s Concordance* refers to the hinder part; hence behind, backward; also (*as facing north*) *the West*: back part, without. Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote about this *WEST* of Jerusalem:

“After saying, “How shall I give thee up, Ephraim?” the Eternal, speaking through Hosea, says: “[T]hen the children shall tremble from **the west**” (Hosea 11:8, 10)... Referring to the house of Israel, not Judah (Isaiah 49:3, 6), God says: “Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from **the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim**” (Isaiah 49:12). In the Hebrew, the language in which this was originally inspired, there is no word for “**northwest**,” but this term is designated by the

phrase, “**the north and the west.**” It means, **literally, the northwest!** The Vulgate renders “Sinim” as “Australi,” or “Australia.” So we now have the location **northwest of Jerusalem** and even spreading around the world...

So, finally, today, as in Jeremiah’s day, the house of Israel is in the isles, which are “in the sea,” the chief of the nations, **northwest of Jerusalem...**

Take a map of Europe. **Lay a line due northwest of Jerusalem** across the continent of Europe, until you come to the sea, and then to the islands in the sea! **This line takes you directly to the British Isles!**” (The United States and Britain in Prophecy, p. 98 – 99)

If you try to look on a map of Europe which is *northwest of Jerusalem* you can indeed find the British Isles in which *Ireland* is also located! Let us continue: In Ezekiel 8:16, the word “*faces*” in *Strong’s* could also mean “*prospect.*”

And “*prospect*” in the dictionary means,

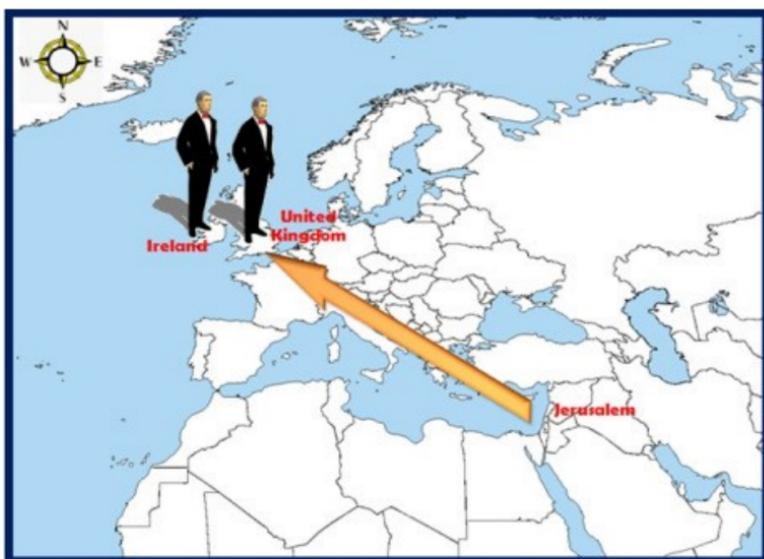
- *A place that commands an extensive view: **look out***
- *The act of looking forward: **anticipation***
- *A mental picture of something to come: **vision***
- **Something that is awaited or expected**

According to *Strong’s* and *Brown-Driver-Briggs’ Hebrew definition*, the word “**sun**” could BOTH pertain to sun-rising which is **east of direction**, or sun-setting which is **west of direction**.

“**Depress**” in the dictionary means, “to press down, to cause to sink to a lower position, **to lessen the activity or strength of**”

And the word “**reflexive**” means, “**characterized by, or being a relation that exists between an entity and itself.**”

The word “*worship*” according to *Strong’s* means “*to depress, i.e. to prostrate especially reflexive in homage to royalty or God.*” While the decision to go to Ireland (northwest of direction), from the point of origin which is Jerusalem (on the east) would be considered a major step in God’s work, even considering it the 3rd phase (as announced in the 2012 Feast of Tabernacles).



A simple illustration showing the principle by which the 25 men from the house of spiritual Judah (PCG) have employed: They go to the WEST then turned their backs on God by looking to the EAST where Jerusalem is located. And while they are in Ireland they still anticipate the return of Jesus Christ as if waiting for the rising of the sun in the EAST. According to Mr. Flurry, “This is the worst abomination of all!”

And in the process, they **JUSTIFY** their decision to go to Ireland by telling everybody inside the PCG to still look out for Jerusalem and anticipate the return of Jesus Christ, with the vision of “new Jerusalem” in their mind, when on the other hand, having to find a relation that exist between themselves and the royal lineage of King David from Ireland. But what is God’s view about such a decision? *Could it be considered then*

that these 25 men of Ezekiel 8 would rather want to reflect on the relation that exist between themselves and their royal lineage to that of King David in Ireland to the west, and choosing to lessen the strength of the relation that exist between themselves and their royal lineage to that of the Eternal God who has chosen Jerusalem to the east?

Chapter 5

The New Light

As *Lange's Commentary* put it, speaking of those 25 men – “The sanctuary of the Eternal is a thing going down behind them; **they turn to the new light.**”

THEY TURN TO THE NEW LIGHT – It seems that these 25 men HAS TURNED to a supposedly “*new light*” (in Jeremiah 4:15) in the west where the sun sets, and in so doing, God’s work on the Ophel has gone down behind them. It is as if they saw a “*new vision*” (Zech. 10:2). But, is it God’s vision? Is it God’s light?

“Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will

give you assured peace in this place. Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.” (Jer. 14:13-14) Where did that “false vision” come from? It’s from “**the deceit of their HEART**”! In the Royal Vision November-December 2012, Mr. Flurry wrote:

TRANSFORMED AS ANGELS OF LIGHT

Paul continued by warning about “false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness” (2Cor.11:13-15). Paul was dealing with this in about A.D. 58 with the Corinthians, who sadly turned away so quickly. Should we marvel that people transformed themselves into the apostles of Christ? It is the same old story that God’s people have had to battle all along. You see it all the time...They come as angels of light. They can act like they really believe what we are saying, but maybe they don’t. Maybe they are just lying. Satan comes as an angel of light – but he lies. If we use God’s Holy Spirit, we will discern who these liars are! ...We have to hear and understand the Spirit or we will make many mistakes we shouldn’t be making.” (p. 2)

It is most likely *Satan’s light* in the WEST that these 25 men had seen – and they have turned unto it and followed it! Thus in so doing, they have turned their backs on God!

Now, if we shall further expound Ezekiel 8:16, it could be the same as saying something like this – “Since we haven’t found any significant royal archeological artifacts in Jerusalem, even on the Ophel where God’s original temple was located, why don’t we put it aside for awhile and put it behind for some time, and rather go to Ireland in the west and do some work there, because there are some new revelations in the book of Jeremiah regarding Ireland, so why not establish a work there and have a feast site as well. Anyway, we must still have an extensive view of Jerusalem as the focal point and while being there in Ireland, we shall anticipate toward the east, the coming of the *Sun of Righteousness, Jesus Christ* in Jerusalem.” Is this not an abomination to God?

Indeed it is! Again, as Mr. Flurry wrote – “This is the most abominable crime in the whole book of Ezekiel!” (*op. cit*)

“Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and *have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.*” (v. 17) Here is what Mr. Flurry wrote in his *Ezekiel* booklet about this verse:

THEY HAVE RETURNED

“Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? For they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose” (Ezekiel 8:17). “Provoke me to anger” really should read “provoked to be *bitter or rebel against.*” And the older texts correct that last phrase to read “God’s nose.” That’s how it should read. These Laodiceans are taking a branch and sticking it up into God’s nostrils—the area that gives the Church its breath of

life. They are trying to cut off the life of God's Church! ...But notice, they have returned to do this. People rebelled and turned away, and have now returned to try to cut off the very breath of life in God's Church! Where is that happening? (p. 57)

Mr. Flurry asked, "Where is that happening?" Take note that it is the *house of Judah* that committed this abomination before God. Could this prophecy be referring to spiritual Judah (PCG)? And is this spiritual Judah really does refer, without a single doubt, to the *Philadelphia Church of God*? Again here is what Mr. Flurry wrote:

"The (house of Judah)...is the faithful Church of God. You could say it is "the house of the Jews" WE ARE JEWS – SPIRITUAL JEWS!"
(Royal Vision, July-August 2012, p.6)

MR. FLURRY EMPHASIZED THAT THE PCG IN SPIRITUAL APPLICATION IS INDEED THE "HOUSE OF JUDAH"!

So in principle, when we read of the spiritual house of Judah in scriptures concerning prophecy in this end time, we can apply it directly to the PCG who resides in the INNER COURT. While spiritual Israel will have to be the Laodicean groups in the OUTER COURT. But keep in mind also that there are two women inside the PCG (Zech. 5:9-11), so there are also *Laodiceans* among them.

Now notice very carefully in verse 17, that *the house of Judah has returned to provoke God to anger*. Does this mean that there was a prior instance wherein God has been provoked the first time and yet another provocation is happening again during the last end? Well, one can only utter this word "*return*" if there was a former occurrence that has served as a reference point. You can only *return* to a place or condition if you had been there before. For emphasis, let us consider again what Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Ezekiel* booklet about a group of people who

is sticking up a branch into God's nostrils:

These Laodiceans are taking a branch and sticking it up into God's nostrils—the area that gives the Church its breath of life. **They are trying to cut off the life of God's Church!** ... But notice, *they have returned to do this.* **People rebelled and turned away, and have now returned to try to cut off the very breath of life in God's Church!** Where is that happening? (op. cit.)

Again, remember that this is in the context of a prophecy for the *house of Judah* which in spiritual application refers to the *Philadelphia Church of God*. As being mentioned here that “*these Laodiceans are taking a branch and sticking it up into God's nostrils*” – so it must only refer to the Laodiceans INSIDE the PCG who is in the INNER COURT where the prophet Ezekiel saw in his vision (Ezek. 8:16). It could not refer to the Laodiceans outside the PCG, because they are not of the house of Judah, spiritually speaking. Mr. Flurry then asked, “*Where is that happening?*”

Now consider this: The **PCG HAS NOW RETURNED** to *Bricket Wood* in Hertfordshire, England where the Ambassador College campus was once situated for 14 years (1960-1974). They wanted to establish a college there and have an office which could also be used for the planned archeological dig in Ireland. Mr. Flurry has already announced that they shall buy (or has already bought) some parts of that real estate for \$6.8 million. The final deal for additional acquisition could probably be sealed around September to October 2013 according to their estimates.

Some thoughts to consider though about the name *Bricket Wood* which is very, very interesting:

Derivation of: **Bricket Wood** – this area was once heavily wooded, indeed vestiges of this

ancient wood remain today. Apparently the name is a compound of OE ‘beorht’ (briht), ‘**bright, light**’ and ‘iggoð’, ‘islet’. As the Rivers Ver and Colne lay some distance away, this may refer to the original tiny settlement of ‘Smug Oak’ which in turn may refer to a ‘small, hollowed-out place’, **secret place**, i.e. an ‘island’ homestead carved from the surrounding woodland.

From ‘Park Street’s Past’ by Cyril Martin (1995).
Source: www.riverver.co.uk/memories-pdfs/BricketWood.pdf

Considering the name *Bricket Wood* from its original derivation, it could also mean: “A BRIGHT LIGHT IN A SECRET PLACE” which connotes a secret plan is being laid in the dark. (See Isa. 29:15; more on this subject later.)

Is the work in Ireland a plan that is being laid in the dark? Has the PCG really turned to the NEW LIGHT? Have they really returned to provoke God to anger? It looks like God’s prophecies are indeed being fulfilled to the letter.

“Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? *Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?*” (v. 17)

One might ask, what’s wrong if the PCG wants to return to Bricket Wood? Would there be any issues? Some might say, “This is a new revelation,” while others may say, “This is the third and final phase of God’s Work” and besides that, it was Mr. Flurry, the last end Apostle of God who has approved of such, so what’s wrong with that? Surely God will back him up since he has the key of David and God’s government.

But, do we remember the reason why Mr. Armstrong closed the Ambassador College campus in Bricket Wood in 1974 in the first place?

The answer is, because of REBELLION against God's government through the end-time Elijah. The liberal ministers did an "about face." Here is what Mr. Armstrong wrote about that incidence:

Sin entered Pasadena leadership. The Church stopped its phenomenal growth. I had to deal with sins near the top in 1971 and 1972. In the spring of 1974 a ministerial rebellion, led to a considerable extent by two top-ranking ministers at Pasadena, resulted in some 30 or more ministers leaving the Church...

Even now at this late date. I learn that this "about-face"...caused great consternation among loyal ministers and members in Britain...And the whole Church was deceived! (The Worldwide News, Vol. 9, No. 19; November 16, 1981: How Subtly Satan Used MAKEUP to Start the Church Off the Track)

From that time on, the Bricket Wood campus has never been opened again by Mr. Armstrong until his death on January 16, 1986. Could it be that God has purposed to reserve this very place for the specific fulfillment of the *prepared deception* for the whole Church during this *last end*? Now let us consider what kind of activities the village of Bricket Wood has:

1. ***Morris Dancing***

2. ***Naturism (Nudism)***

The village of Bricket Wood has been host to at least **six naturist clubs**: Five acres Country Club, Spielplatz, The Sun-Folk Society, Gardenia (originally named Silverbirch), Diogenes Sunlight Society (also known as The Phoenix Recreational Society), and The Suncampers.

3. ***Wicca (Neopagan religion of Witchcraft)***

In 1954 Gerald Gardner published his book “**Witchcraft Today**” to advance his own practice of Wicca as a modern religion. **He established his first coven at Bricket Wood.** Gerald Gardner operated his coven from Fiveacres Country Club in Bricket Wood.

Source: http://www.princeton.edu/~achaney/tmve/wiki100k/docs/Bricket_Wood.html

Well how about that for a place to establish an office in a village wherein nakedness and witchcraft are prevalent.

Could it also be one of the main reasons that God saw plus the 1974 *rebellion* which made Him to decide through Mr. Armstrong to close the Bricket Wood campus and never to be re-opened again? God made it so, unlike the Big Sandy campus that was re-opened and closed for quite a number of times during Mr. Armstrong’s tenure, but NOT Bricket Wood.

We have one thing to consider though: “*For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft*, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry...” (1 Sam. 15:23)

And that is God’s view of Bricket Wood. It is so abominable! But why is the PCG trying to open what God has already closed? Isn’t it that God has also given Mr. Flurry the key to open and close a door? This subject will be further discussed in chapter 10. Why does the PCG wanted to return there? What really is God’s view about it?

It is part of the **prepared deception** during the *last end* which is prophesied in Jeremiah 4:10 – “Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! **surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem...**”

Remember that during the 1974 rebellion and the great consternation of the ministry and members in Britain, it was in the context of the whole Church being deceived. And Bricket Wood is very much a part of that history that we should not take lightly.

“Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here?” (Ezek. 8:17)

It seems that Laodiceanism inside the Philadelphia Church of God has now taken its toll on the whole Church, thus the prophecy in Revelations chapter 3 clearly applies to us at this very moment. Anyway, it is the prevailing spirit in this last era of God’s Church.

“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;” (Rev. 3:14)

Notice that in this verse that Christ is the one talking here. He is the “faithful and true witness and the beginning of the creation of God.” Now look at what He has to say to us in the PCG:

“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; **and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:** I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” (vv. 15-18)

Do we in the Philadelphia Church of God know that we have already become a Laodicean at best? We became rich and increased with goods and “**knowest not that (we are) wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked**” Can we individually and collectively admit to ourselves that we have indeed become Laodiceans in God’s eyes? The abundance

of proof has been laid by God for all to see! So we ought to repent towards God (v. 19).

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” (v. 22)

Chapter 6

Idol in the Wall

Now, let's consider this article found in *The Key to David's City* website of the PCG regarding the archeological work and some finds on the Ophel mount in Jerusalem:

The First Bes Discovered in Jerusalem

On October 9, the day after Sukkot, a mysterious, tiny, chalky item fell out of a wall that was carefully being dismantled. The artifact, only about an inch tall, is a necklace pendant depicting **the ancient Egyptian idol named Bes**.

According to Dr. Eilat Mazar, the white pendant

is made out of faience, and was originally green. She said that it was a miracle that the artifact survived after being buried in between dirt and stone. **It is also the first Bes idol ever to be found in Jerusalem.**

Bes was believed to be ancient Egypt's god of fertility who helped with childbirth and was a protector and entertainer of children. He was often portrayed with a large head, feathered crown, protruding tongue and bowlegs...

Whether or not the ancient pagan god Bes is proven to be exclusively male or that he is sometimes depicted as a male and female couple, it is interesting that this latest revelation and subsequent debate coincides with our discovery of the first Bes idol in Jerusalem.

<http://www.keytodavidscity.com/the-first-bes-discovered-in-jerusalem/>)

According to the article above, *the ancient Egyptian idol named Bes fell out of a wall* that was carefully being dismantled. Read that again.

That Egyptian idol was found in a wall! And we must remember that that wall is located in the perimeter of King Solomon's First Temple period complex. The Bible pictures a wall, as a symbol for the ministry. Spiritually speaking, does that mean that the ministry has gone back to spiritual Egypt and into idolatry?

While on November 2012, the Ophel Excavation team has also found *several mikvahs* which are actually *purification baths*. But what is a mikvah for? What does it actually represent?

What is a Mikvah? by Rabbi Mendy Hecht

1. The word “Mikvah” means “pool,” as in a collection or gathering together of something to one place. In Judaism, Mikvah refers to a small pool of water, a ritual bath – usually found on the premises of synagogues or in separate facilities nearby – and the spiritual rituals associated with it.

2. Water: can’t live without it... can’t live within it. When you’re underwater, you’re in a state of limbo, a realm of non-reality. Whomever and whatever you are—your importance, your achievements—won’t help you: you can’t breathe down there. You’re gonna drown. You lose your ego. You’re reduced to a puny, helpless human. But come up for air, and you’ve left that realm of non-reality. You’re something again. You’re alive. You’re a new person. **Immersion in a Mikvah is all that. Renewal. Rebirth. A return to your inner, pure, innocent self, and a refreshing restoration of your pristine spirituality. That’s the purpose of the Mikvah: restoration of spiritual status.**

The Mikvah is used by a bride on the eve of her wedding day ...

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God seems to have a coded message in here– it is as if the ministry and the people need to be cleansed, purified and renewed spiritually because they have gone back into spiritual Egypt through idolatry. There has to be “**a return to your**

inner, pure, innocent self, and a refreshing restoration of your pristine spirituality...—(a) restoration of spiritual status.”- AS A BRIDE NEEDS ON THE EVE OF HER WEDDING DAY.

“O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, **revive thy work** in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.” (Hab.3:2)

God has specially designed the STRONG DELUSION in Jeremiah 4:10 to reveal and expose the antichrists within His own Church. That’s what He did the first time when He cleansed the sanctuary, extract His Philadelphian remnant and revealed the synagogue of Satan which later became the Laodicean era. He will also do the same thing at the conclusion of the *last end* but this time God will again extract His true Philadelphians and will start to separate the Edomite Laodiceans from the Jacobite Laodiceans but He still needs to plunge both of them into the physical abomination of desolation.

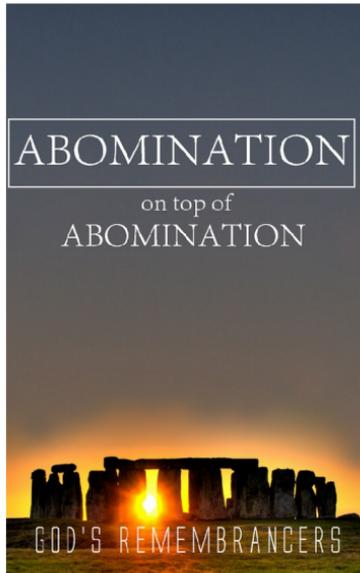
ADDITIONAL READING

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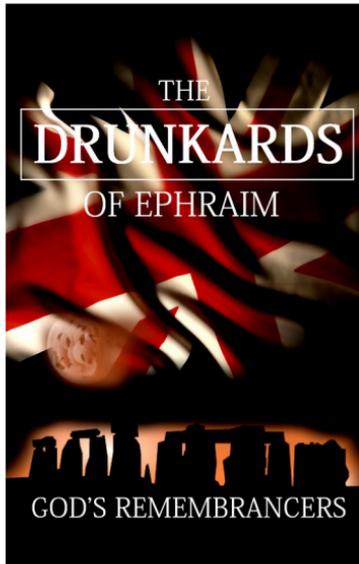
Abomination on top of Abomination

Herbert W. Armstrong closed Bricket Wood after he found out an inclination of rebellion among UK's ministers. Once more, this rebellion happened in the Laodicean Era of God's Church. The Philadelphia Church of God with the efforts of the 25 men of Ezekiel 8 have forced their will to open the door which God's signet have closed. As a signet, Edstone Hall does not have a blessing of the End Time Elijah - Herbert W. Armstrong. This is the story of how this door have become a Pandora's box, opening a gateway for the traditions of Balaam and Nicolaitans to mingle in the Church of God.



The Drunkards of Ephraim

A king in ancient Hebrew have become intoxicated with his lust for power. To take full control of the people, the king concocted his own system of worship contrary to the laws of God! This booklet reveals of how King Jeroboam of Samaria have brought his system of worship to the British Isles and astoundingly to the last Era of God's Church! For more information about the significance of this Babylonian system of worship to YOUR success in the Kingdom of God, download or order a copy of this booklet and find out if you as 'called out' Priest of the True God should also assimilate to these practices of evil.



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