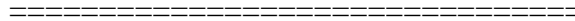


Collateral Damage and the Heart of God

Part Thirteen

(Restoring Growth)

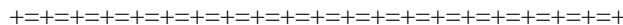


Meditating on the Bible

Revelation 22:10-15

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.



To begin the restoration of the reassignment of the prophetic weight of responsibility (as was in the bud of Israel into the world) would require the apportionment of a measure of collateral damage. There was a cancer in the world, which had to be removed by the LORD. The identification for the cancer is described in the following Scripture, along with the therapy that was prescribed to combat it.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

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(Ephesians 6:11-16 . . .)

The constituent cells of the cancer were--each one--a human being. The more

obviously malignant core cells are of this sort.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

(Romans 1:28-32)

Here, I am reminded of the removal of a similar cancer in a former time. This is the cancer.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.

So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

(Numbers 16:23-27)

In the removal of that cancer; first, this portion of it was excised . . .

And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind. If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me. But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them: And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive

*into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished
from among the congregation.*

(Numbers 16:28-33)

There was also a spiritual medicinal impact against the complicit, and somewhat peripheral, members of the overall group of rebels against the way of the LORD. Associated with the removal of that portion of cancer is another purging affect on collateral of Israel, which was severely damaged, in the leadership of Israel. Thereby, another portion of the cancer that infested the worship practices of Israel received spiritual therapy; such as might be done in a form of destructive irradiation.

*And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them:
for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.*

*And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred
and fifty men that offered incense.*

(Numbers 16:34-35)

There is an additional portion of collateral that needed to be considered. It is collateral that is of a sympathetic sort. The method of treatment for this portion of the cancer is much like the chemotherapy that is applied in modern cancer eradication.

*But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured
against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the
LORD.*

*And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses
and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the
congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the
LORD appeared. And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the
congregation. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in
a moment.*

And they fell upon their faces.

(Numbers 16:41-45)

Fortunately for the congregation of Israel, this was not a radical, all-consuming therapy. It seems that, there was a portion of the congregation which was still valuable for the continuation of the mission of Israel. Wherefore the treatment was terminated by the intervention of the associate physicians of the LORD; Moses and Aaron.

*And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off
the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and
make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD;
the plague is begun.*

And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah. And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

(Numbers 16:46-50)

In all that; there is this lesson about, not joining ones self as a cell of sympathy as for unrighteous behavior . . .

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

(2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

The danger in the joining comes, when we accept the covering of the cancer's principles as being ingestible concepts for ordering the life. This is much like the watering down of Christian principles that is coursing through the cells of many modern churches. The damage that is ordained for the ones that are of this sympathy is this.

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

(Hebrews 6:4-6)

In the Old Testament, the scattered people of Israel experienced several iterations of this type of cancer therapy. As we moved between the Ages, in the introduction of the New Testament, we meet the modern replacement for the scattered people of Israel. In that day, as a result of the rejection of the straight way of the LORD, the people of the world were under dominion by an even more aggressive force than any of the kings of the

time of Daniel's prophecy. Actually, that is an incomplete statement, in that; I must report that, they were under oppression by this spanning force of the end of Daniel's prophecy. It is the prophesied force of transition that spread damage in the span that goes from Israel, to the wider world. This is that end of the span which sits in the Old Testament.

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

(Daniel 7:7-8)

Then, there is the ending portion of the span of destruction of that kingship, the fourth as linked to the third one of Daniel's prophecy. This end is locked in history in the New Testament.

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

(Daniel 7:9-12)

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As your mind situates itself in that time, at the dawn of the New Age in the New Covenant; you feel this thought: in some millennia, the LORD God has scheduled you for relief, but; for the time being, you are beset by the many stripes of guilt. Your mind is perfectly clear, and you can envision all the possibilities that could have enhanced your prosperity on the earth. If you had not done what you did . . .

You now know just how great a price was paid, and what a large audience was affected by your action. So, as you sink into remorse, you are left with the full weight of what you know. No, you are not condemned to separation for your sin, but you are not

released from it yet, either. This is the beginning of your immersion in grace.

In the recognition of the blessed potential that is in grace, collateral damage is something that is anathema. There is a realization that, there are identifiable people in the collateral damage. This is the spark of your growth, in the grace of the LORD. This is one of the points of stress that is in the LORD'S call for renewal of responsible behavior.

*The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD. For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rereward.*

(Isaiah 52:10-12)

This is the principle that seasoned Israel's departure from Egypt, during the time of Moses. As you look at your own Red Sea; you know the full weight that is in this, Israel's time of their Red Sea trauma.

*And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand. But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon. And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.*

*And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.*

(Exodus 14:8-14)

For us, the way we "serve the Egyptians" is by submitting our course in life to the will of the enticing persuasions of this world. These are the things upon which we rest our life--our lifestyle. To deliver you from their power--especially, in their ability to make you think that, you are missing pleasant opportunities--it is my prayer that, you, too, have a voice of intercession, such as Israel had, here.

*And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.*

(Exodus 14:13-14)

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In the time of Moses and the prophets, Israel was responsible for delivering the power of the LORD'S message. By the time of the Latter Day of the LORD; Israel in its representation of the way of the LORD had disavowed its responsibility for holiness. A new beacon was needed--one that would have the attitude of this servant of the LORD--as beginning anew in Israel.

And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.

And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

(Luke 19:1-10)

Jesus, as being the Father God's blessed beacon, re-established the vines in the garden that is Israel. At first, they were independent of the whole; therefore, there was also a need to reconnect the nations to these vines of Israel, as was especially needed for *that which was lost* . . .

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

(Hebrews 10:1-4)

