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Spiritual Egypt as Ransom

We have just concluded the observance of Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread. God's deliverance of ancient Israelites from Egypt was the paramount theme during this season. God with His strong hand brought His chosen people out of slavery in Egypt.

Egypt is a type of sin. In this present time that we live in, this evil world is what characterized spiritual Egypt. But there is another spiritual picture for Egypt in our time. An Egypt that we are not aware of. It is a nation mentioned in the Scriptures that will play a major role in the last end prophecies.

What is this symbolic Egypt of this day and age? And what is yet to happen to this spiritual Egypt in the near future?

The prophets Ezekiel, Isaiah, and Jeremiah had all mentioned the nation of Egypt quite significantly in their prophecies. Whole chapters were written focusing mainly on prophecies for this nation. A casual look at these prophecies can make a reader deem that what is being discussed about in these verses refer to the physical nation of Egypt. Even Bible commentators and historians regard all these Bible passages as relating to the Egypt of the Middle East.

Chapter 19 of the book of Isaiah is one example. This chapter talks about Egypt and what is yet to befall this nation. Notice the timing of this prophecy in verse 1. This is just *before* the Day of the Lord – the day of His vengeance.

The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a

swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. (Isaiah 19:1)

God is seen coming to Egypt to vanquish its idols and inflict punishment. Though God's wrath shall be upon all His enemies, Egypt shall not escape. Isaiah gives us a picture of what has happened to Egypt that provides us with a clear evidence of the nature of Egypt that he is talking about in this chapter.

The LORD hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit. (Isaiah 19:14)

This verse suggests that an unadulterated spirit once existed within the very heart of Egypt. God's *righteous* spirit was the only spirit extant. If Egypt here applies to the physical nation of the Arab Republic of Egypt, then one might ask, "Why is there a presence of a righteous spirit within it?"

Moreover, verse 22 indicates a cleansing and restoration of Egypt. The Egyptians will be healed by God and they will *return* to Him.

And the LORD shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them. (Isaiah 19:22)

The physical nation of Egypt has no history with God. They have not known the true God as the Israelites have known Him. Even today, God is unknown to them.

So, how can the Egyptians return to the great God when they have never known Him in the first place? As Mr. Gerald Flurry said you cannot return to God if you didn't have any previous relationship with Him. This Egypt is a country or kindred that has known God but allowed a perverted spirit to be mingled with the righteous spirit of God in them. (See

Isaiah 19:14) Hence, this is talking about a spiritual Egypt or figurative in the sense.

Now, if this is referring to a spiritual Egypt, which nation is being alluded to here? Let us look for more cues in other biblical passages about the nature of this Egypt being perceived in this prophecy.

Consider another prophecy that cites Egypt in the 43rd chapter of the same book. This chapter is ascribed to God's witnesses. It talks about their calling and the commission given to them by God. Verse 3 of this chapter mentions three specific nations which were given to them in the course of their ministry. And Egypt is one of them. The other two nations are Ethiopia and Seba. Notice that among the three nations that were given, only Egypt was given to them for the purpose of their *ransom*.

*For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel,
thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia
and Seba for thee. (Isaiah 43:3)*

Why only Egypt? Why do God's witnesses need a ransom? Let's examine the word *ransom* to get an idea of why Egypt was given to them for this purpose. Strong's Concordance defines *ransom* as:

properly a **cover**, that is, (literally) a **village (as covered in)**; (specifically) **bitumen (as used for coating)**, and the **henna plant (as used for dyeing)**; figuratively a **redemption price**: – bribe, camphire, **pitch**, ransom, satisfaction, sum of money, village.

Ransom means a *cover*. A cover is a means to hide from view, to obscure, to keep secret, or to prevent disclosure or recognition. Notice the other meanings of *ransom*: bitumen, henna, and pitch. What attribute do these substances have that is common to all? Here's what www.silkstone.com says about *henna*:

Henna (*Lawsonia inermis*, also known as hina, henna tree, mignonette tree, Egyptian privet) is a flowering plant that grows 12-15 feet high and comes from the sole species of the **Lawsonia** genus. The English name “henna” comes from the Arabic (ḥinnā). **The name henna also refers to the dye prepared from the henna plant and the art of temporary tattooing based on those dyes. Henna has been used for centuries to dye skin, hair, and fingernails, as well as fabrics including silk, wool, and leather.**

(<http://silknstone.com/About-Henna.html>)

www.archaeology.about.com has this to say about *bitumen*.

Bitumen is a **black**, oily, viscous material that is a naturally-occurring organic byproduct of decomposed organic materials. Also known as **asphalt or tar**, bitumen was mixed with other materials throughout prehistory and throughout the world for use as a sealant, adhesive, building mortar, incense, and **decorative application on pots, buildings, or human skin**. The material was also useful in waterproofing canoes and other water transport, and in the **mummification process** toward the end of the New Kingdom of ancient Egypt.

The use of **bitumen in Egyptian mummies** was important beginning at the end of the New Kingdom (after 1100 BC)—in fact the word from which mummy is derived ‘mūmiyyah’ means bitumen in Arabic. Recent studies in Mesoamerica (**pre-Classic and post-classic** periods were included) have found **bitumen was used to stain human**

remains, perhaps as a ritual pigment as red ochre is. But more likely, say researchers Argáez and associates, **the staining may have resulted from using heated bitumen** applied to stone tools which were used to dismember those bodies.

(<http://archaeology.about.com/od/bctthroughbl/qt/bitumen.htm>)

And the word *pitch* is defined in Merriam-Webster Dictionary as:

- a **black or dark** viscous substance **obtained as a residue in the distillation of organic materials and especially tars**
- any of the various **bituminous** substances

Observe that a common quality that these substances (henna, bitumen, and pitch) possess is that of being dark or black. When these by-products are used, they can conceal the natural color or look of the surface on which they were applied like when dyeing hair or tattooing skin.

This *black* or *dark* attribute of these staining agents has everything to do with the *meaning* of the word Egypt.

The origin of the name *Egypt* is unknown. Egyptus is said by some to have been an ancient king of this country. (See *Barnes Commentary*).

In the Scriptures, the land of Egypt is given the name Mizraim or Misrim, who is the second son of Ham and the grandson of Noah. (Gen. 10:6) *Lange's Commentary* provides more insights.

Mizraim, is not the native name for the land of Egypt. The ancient Egyptians never used it. It is neither to be found in the hieroglyphic inscriptions, nor can it be explained from the Koptic language. The Egyptians called their

land (the Nile valley) Cham; Koptic, Keme, Kemi, Chemi (i. e. “**black**“). Mizraim is the name given to the land by its eastern, Semitic neighbors.

Did you notice that? The ancient Egyptians called their land *black*! Egypt’s name in Koptic is an attribute of henna, bitumen, and pitch. Indeed, Egypt, in the figurative sense, has everything to do as the nation chosen by God as a ransom or a cover for His servants.

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Watchers From A Far Country

God intended to conceal His witnesses in this concluding days of His work just before He unleash His fury in the day of His judgment. Their true identity has to remain hidden in order to fulfill His divine purpose of witnessing for Him. And He uses Egypt for this very purpose – as a cover for them.

Now stop and think. If this nation is what provides cover to God's witnesses, which country is being alluded to as Egypt in Isaiah 43:3? Without a doubt, this nation can only refer to their own country – *the Philippines!*

Indeed the Philippines, specifically *God's church in this part of the world*, has been the bitumen and henna of God's witnesses. These two individuals, arrayed in sackcloth, have been witnessing for God for the past couple of years. These are the men who **watchers for God from a far country**.

*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. As keepers of a field, are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD. (Jer. 4:16-17)*

They give out their voice from a far distance to Jerusalem (PCG HQ in Edmond) and to the cities of Judah (PCG). God commands them to declare His prophecies against His own people because they have become rebellious against Him. These men are the keepers of His field. And God has determined to keep them incognito during the period of their

commission. One reason why God has shrouded their identity is because of man's proclivity of looking to man rather than to Him. God is very jealous when His people look to the ministers instead of him. Mr. Gerald Flurry saw this problem happening in the PCG and warned against it. The members have been looking to the ministers like gods. They have become their *idols*. Hence, God is so angry of the despicable idolatry in His own church. The same is true for God's church in the Philippines. (See the article **Philadelphia Church of God – A HOUSE FULL OF LEAVEN, IDOLATRY – Worship of Ministers** section) Evidently, a wicked spirit has been mixed with God's righteous spirit in these people.

The LORD hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof; and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit. (Isaiah 19:14)

As a result, the entire country wobbles like a drunken man. The perverted counsels of their leaders are causing them to commit blunder in every work that they do. They have become like **the drunkards of Ephraim**.

These drunkards of Ephraim have no idea about God's strange work in this last end. They are blind to what God is doing inside His own church. God Himself has removed wisdom and understanding from them.

Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. (Isaiah 29:14)

In his sermon, Mr. Brian Davis lambasted God's witnesses for not revealing their true identity to readers of their website. This minister has no knowledge, not even a slightest idea of why their identity has to remain undisclosed. He has no understanding of how God is doing His work

through His witnesses. He is not aware that God has set things up this way in order for them to see first-hand the injustice, oppression, wickedness and abominations being committed by the **25 ministers of Ezekiel 8** and their supporters in God's church today.

As we observe all these evil being perpetrated by these ministers inside God's church in this last end, still God's perfect love for His begotten children is present. He has sent forth His watchers to warn His people by embedding them into His church, concealing their identity, so they can witness and warn for Him.

As God's servants inside His church perform their job of removing blindness in the eyes of the people, they see this work as a deception and an attack against them. As a consequence, we see a discord happening right within God's own church. There is a contention taking place amongst spiritual Egyptians. Two factions of the same kindred are warring against each other – the Egyptians against the Egyptians or Filipinos against Filipinos.

And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. (Isaiah 19:2)

Notice the meaning of the Hebrew word for *set*. Barnes Commentary has this to say about this word:

This word *sakak* means properly “**to cover,**” to spread over, **to hide, conceal, to protect**. Another signification of the verb is, **to weave, to intermingle**.

There is one group that God hides and protects as they fight against the other faction. Although this group has been intermingled with the other group, the other faction has no idea who they are fighting against. God has been concealing and protecting them.

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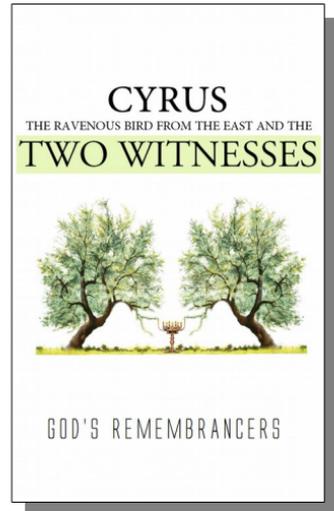
Strange Work

Now, let's take a look at another prophecy in the book of Isaiah that indicates this modern-day spiritual Egypt is indeed the country of the Philippines.

Chapter 45 of Isaiah is a prophecy devoted to Cyrus, the shepherd of God. Study our booklet "**Cyrus, the Ravenous Bird from the East and the Two Witnesses.**" Let's consider what God has purposed for him. Notice the resemblance of the names of nations that have been given to him and God's witnesses with emphasis on Egypt.

*Thus saith the LORD, The labour of **Egypt**, and merchandise of **Ethiopia** and of the **Sabeans**, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God. (Isaiah 45:14)*

God said that the labor of Egypt shall be given to Cyrus. The word *labor* in Strong's Concordance means toil, hence a *work, produce, property* (as the result of labor). This means that the harvest or the fruits



of labor of God's witnesses in Egypt shall be given into the hands of Cyrus being a shepherd of God (Isaiah 44:28).

As peoples' eyes are opened and see the light of the Gentiles, they begin to leave God's church and come over to Cyrus and become part of the flock that he shepherds. This also explains why the majority of God's flock in the wilderness are Filipinos.

Study very carefully our article about Cyrus (link to the article) and understand why the work of God is also called "**Cyrus Work.**" Believe it or not, God's strange work in this present time is now centered in the land of spiritual Egypt, the Philippines. God said to the Gentiles that He will work a work in our time and people will not believe it even though they heard about it.

Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you. (Hab. 1:5)

Let us consider some original Hebrew words from *Strong's Concordance* to better understand verse 5:

Behold

H7200: Consider

Heathen

H1471: Gentile, a foreign nation

Regard

H5027: have respect

Work

H6466: ordain

Putting all the other meanings together, verse 5 can now be read like this:

“Consider you among the Gentiles, and have respect, and wonder marvelously: for I will ordain a work in your days, which you will not believe, though it be told you”

What?! God shall ordain a work among the Gentiles? Do you think anyone will believe it? No way! In actual fact, whether we believe it or not, it is a very, very **strange act** done by God Himself. Imagine, **ordaining a strange but a marvelous work and a wonder, among the Gentiles?** These Gentile spiritual Jews are the same **watchers from a far country who give out their voice by reason of Jerusalem** because the *Eternal has chosen Jerusalem* and not any other estate (Isaiah 28:21; Isaiah 29:14; Jeremiah 4:16-17; Zechariah 3:2).

He has chosen an insignificant Gentile nation to do His last end work just before He sends Jesus Christ back to this earth. To most people, this would seem implausible, perhaps even a demented assertion. But consider these words from the Almighty God.

In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD. (Isaiah 19:19)

Mr. Gerald Flurry says that the expression “in that day” always refers to this end time. God said that an *altar* and a *pillar* for Him shall exist in the midst of the Philippines *today*. Do we see it? Have we heard about it?

Barnes Commentary has this to say about the word *altar*:

An “altar” is properly a **place on which sacrifices are offered**. According to the Mosaic law, but one great altar was to be erected for sacrifices. But the word ‘altar’ is often used in another sense to denote a **place of “memorial;” or a place of worship in general** (Jos_22:22-26....his (Isaiah’s) description is evidently taken in part from the account of the

religion of the patriarchs who erected altars and pillars and monuments **to mark the places of the worship of the true God.** The parallelism here, where ‘pillars’ are mentioned, shows in what sense the word ‘altar’ is used. **It means that the worship of the true God would be established in Egypt, and that certain “places” should be set apart to his service.** “altars” were among the first places reared as connected with the worship of God (see Gen_8:20; Gen_12:7; Gen_35:1; Exo_17:15).

Do we see or heard about God’s altar in the midst of the Philippines? Did God chose this far-eastern country, mark the place, and set it apart to His own service? Spiritually, an altar represents the ministry. Is God’s ministry in the midst of this Gentile land?

Consider these verses in chapter 12 of Hosea:

*And I that am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast. I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used **similitudes**, by the **ministry of the prophets.** (Hosea 12:9-10)*

God is now declaring His voice from this remote country in the East. He is now working through His servants from this part of the world. He does speaks to His prophets continually even increasing revelations using **similitudes** or **duality** in prophecy.

There now exist an altar for God in the Philippines. Spiritual sacrifices are being offered for God that are *acceptable* to Him. This is a total opposite of what God is saying to the PCG today.

Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths,

the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. (Isaiah 1:13-15)

God hates the spiritual sacrifices being offered by PCG today. Abominations and killings are rampant in PCG congregations around the world. This is the reason why an altar for the true God has to be erected in midst of the land of the Philippines.

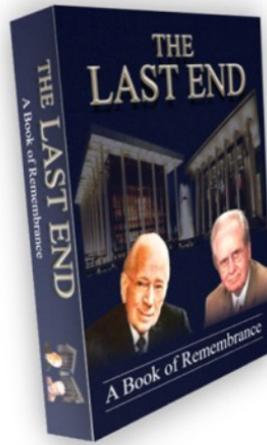
Now, what does the pillar stands for in Isaiah 19:19? A pillar is defined in Strong's Concordance as "something *stationed*, that is, a *column* or (**memorial stone**)"

Here's what Barnes Commentary says about a pillar.

And a pillar—That is, a **memorial to God**. Thus Jacob set up the **stone** on which he had lain 'for a pillar,' and poured oil on it Gen_28:18. Again Gen_35:14, he set up a pillar **to mark the place where God met him and talked with him** (compare Gen_31:13; Lev_26:1; Deu_16:22). The word 'pillar,' when thus used, denotes a stone, or column of wood, erected as a monument or memorial; and **especially a memorial of some manifestation of God or of his favor**. Before temples were known, such pillars would naturally be erected

In our day, what comes to mind when we think of an object that serves as a *pillar* in the midst of the Philippines? What is it that we can corroborate that God has given the Philippines a great favor? What item serves as a memorial of His manifestation in this place? Without a doubt, the answer to

these questions is *The Last End* book – The Book of Remembrance!



Even the title of this book bears the meaning of *pillar*. Look closely at the cover page of the book and you will see the two *pillars* of the last two eras –Mr. *Herbert W. Armstrong* and Mr. *Gerald R. Flurry*. Consider also the two houses (*Ambassador* and *Armstrong Auditoriums*) in the background that they built during this end time – they were “erected as a monument or memorial.” Indeed, God has spoken to his Two Witnesses in the land of the Philippines that made it possible for this book to be written. This book represents and serves as a *memorial stone to God* in the Philippines. Observe also the phrase *at the border thereof* in Isaiah 19:19.

At the border thereof–Not in one place merely, but in all parts of Egypt. It is not improbable that the “name” of Yahweh, or some rude designation of the nature of his worship, would be inscribed on such pillars. It is known that the Egyptians were accustomed to rear pillars, monuments, obelisks, etc., to commemorate great events, and that the names

and deeds of illustrious persons were engraven on them; and the prophet here says, that such monuments should be reared to Yahweh. (Barnes Commentary)

Have you got hold of a copy of this book? Has it reached your area in the Philippines? Have you read it? Of all the countries in the world where there are members of the PCG, only in the Philippines has this book sent in all areas. This prophecy has already been fulfilled. Everyone in God's Church will eventually be able to see that the Lord God will be magnified even in the Philippines!

You will see it with your own eyes and say, 'Great is the Lord—even BEYOND THE BORDERS of Israel!' (Malachi 1:5, NIV)

Now going back and let's notice what the *altar* and *pillar* are for in verse 19.

And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them. (Isaiah 19:20)

These *altar* and *pillar* shall serve as a “sign” and “witness for God” in this land. These shall be on the scene when people are crying out to God because of oppression being committed by those **25 ministers of Ezekiel 8** and their supporters. Have you witness this scenario in our time? Have you seen or heard about a “savior” that God has sent to His people to deliver them from affliction and injustice? All of these developments have come to pass in the land called the Philippines. God's work in this Gentile land and His *memorial* book, the Book of Remembrance, should serve as a grave *warning* to all members of the PCG. Only the Island of the Philippines for now has seen what God is doing during this LAST END while some scattered brethren around the world are

beginning to draw near and come to take notice as well.

Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment. Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow. He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that he had not gone with his feet. Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he. The isles saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came. They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage. (Isaiah 41:1-6)

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ADDITIONAL READING

The A.R.K. of God Foundation produces many informative and interesting publications that you may want to request.

Here are a few you might consider:

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God commanded shepherds to feed the flock, bind the wounded and to seek that was lost. In the Philadelphia Church of God, it is a different story. The Ministry has become corrupt and turned out to be the member's own executioner. The Ministry became the great whore who slaughtered God's own people. The issue of having a "Government Problem" have become a weapon of abuse and a weapon to kill. Revelations 6:9 reveal the souls who were slain under the ALTAR for the word of God.

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Satan is very powerful arch-nemesis of the Church of God. It is a constant battle to hang on to the truth and protect the sanctuary of God from this powerful evil being. Herbert W Armstrong, God's signet, warned of Satan's vast power and wiles. He discussed a pattern of how a Simon Magus Group always inject lawlessness unsuspectingly with DARK VEILS throughout the Church's history. God's Church in this end time is in a siege and is almost impossible to find a way out because of this deceptive veil. But there is a way out! God has always provided help for His people to come out of Babylon's Confusion.

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