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The Nail in a Sure Place

Since there is a need for a *second* fulfillment of the *70 week* prophecy, “To seal up the vision and *the prophet*” – could this be also related to the end time Eliakim described as the “nail in a sure place” as stated in Isaiah 22:23-25 during the *second* fulfillment of the *70 week* prophecy? Let us first consider this:

In the *first* fulfillment of the *70 weeks* prophecy (a day for a year), it started with the physical restoration of God’s physical temple in Jerusalem in preparation for Christ FIRST COMING as GOD IN THE FLESH in His PHYSICAL TEMPLE, and it culminated with God giving His Holy Spirit to those chosen people who were BORN OF WATER (Acts 1 :5, 2:1-4; John 3:5) to become GOD’S SPIRITUAL TEMPLE ON EARTH as GOD’S CHURCH with Christ in their midst. (1 Pet. 2:4-5; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; Rev. 2 and 3)

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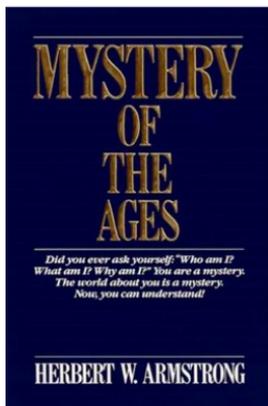
COMPLETION OF JESUS' EARTHLY MINISTRY

By the end of his earthly ministry, **Jesus had completed preparations for founding his Church. He had finished the work he, as a human had come to do.** Then he gave his life on the cross. He took on himself our human guilt for our sins...

The foundation for the Church of God had been laid.

Christ himself is the Head and chief cornerstone—the main foundation. His apostles, with the prophets, formed the remainder of the foundation. The apostles were chafing at the bit to get started—to go forth proclaiming the gospel message. But God has wisely used restraint, with patience, taking a proper step at a time. So Jesus cautioned his apostles to wait! “Tarry ye,” he commanded (Luke 24:49), “in the city of Jerusalem, UNTIL ye be endued with power from on high.”

Ten days later came the annual Day of Pentecost, originally named the Feast of Firstfruits (Numbers 28:26). **On that day the Holy Spirit came! On that day the Church was founded!** That day symbolized the very firstfruits for God’s kingdom. God’s feast days picture God’s spiritual harvest. The very first portion of God’s spiritual harvest of humans finally to be born of God—made God Beings—is the Church! (*Mystery of the Ages*, pp. 180-181)



Mr. Armstrong said that Christ has completed His earthly ministry, but notice that He just laid the foundations – it is not finished yet. There is where the *second* fulfillment of the 70 week prophecy comes in – for God’s Church to become a HOLY TEMPLE. As Mr. Armstrong wrote in his book, *Mystery of the Ages*:

“The Church, then, is to grow into a HOLY TEMPLE – the spiritual temple to which Christ shall come” (pp. 190)

But first, just like the former *70 week* prophecy, God has to “finish the transgression; make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity” AGAIN. Why? Because as prophesied in Ezekiel 4:4-6, the *son of man* (Mr. Flurry) bore the iniquity of the house of Israel (Laodiceans) and the iniquity of Judah (Philadelphians). And how will God intend to fulfill it? – He will have to “to seal up the vision and the prophet” AGAIN.

“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit. 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.” (Heb. 6:1-6)

But do we want to crucify Christ again because of our sins? It will put Him to an open shame! So God has designed this *second 70 week* prophecy to be fulfilled with *Christ coming in the flesh* through *His last end Apostle* to die instead:

“And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father’s house. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father’s house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons. In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be

cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken it.” (Isa. 22:23-25)

Mr. Flurry, just like Mr. Armstrong, shall be “removed and be cut down” by God as indicated in verse 25: “In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be *removed*, and be *cut down*, and *fall*.”

The Hebrew word for “remove” is *muwsh*, which means – cease, depart, remove, *take away*. While the word “cut down” is *gada’*, which according to Strong’s Concordance: a prim. root; TO FELL A TREE; gen. to destroy anything:–cut (asunder, in sunder, down, off), hew down.

The “nail that is fastened in the sure place” refers to the *last end* Eliakim. And as the Hebrew words suggest that that “nail in a sure place” shall be REMOVED – TAKEN AWAY, and CUT DOWN as TO FELL A TREE. So the *last end Eliakim* SHALL BE REMOVED *just like Mr. Armstrong!*

And just like what God has done to Mr. Armstrong, so will He do to Mr. Flurry – take him out of the way! (2 Thes. 2:7; Ezek. 24:24) And notice that the context of the removal of the NAIL is all about an archeological dig! (Isa. 22:24)

Do you now see why God called Mr. Flurry as THE NAIL THAT IS FASTENED IN THE SURE PLACE? Because *Christ is coming in his flesh*. And just as Christ bore the sins of the world, Mr. Flurry has to bear the iniquities of both the house of Israel (Laodiceans) and the house of Judah (Philadelphians). (Ezek. 4:5-6) – the reason there is a need for the *second* fulfillment of the *70 week* prophecy. God has yet to “finish the transgression, make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity” in order to bring in everlasting righteousness through the spiritual birth of God’s Church to God’s Family. Again, let us KNOW and UNDERSTAND:

“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make

reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.” (Dan. 9:24)

Take note that an appointed time is DETERMINED – i.e., *70 weeks*. We ought to KNOW and UNDERSTAND! We must know and understand what would be the end result of this *70 weeks* prophecy – “to anoint the most Holy.” *God’s Church* is the *most Holy*, so we ought to really become HOLY – without spot or any spiritual blemish. But before God can do that, first, He has to fulfill what is DETERMINED for His people: “to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to seal up the vision and prophet” for the *second time*, so He can “anoint the most Holy” to be able “to bring in everlasting righteousness.” Again consider this for emphasis:

In the first fulfillment 70 weeks prophecy of Daniel 9 (a day for a year), it started with the physical restoration of God’s physical temple in Jerusalem in preparation for Christ FIRST COMING as GOD IN THE FLESH in His PHYSICAL TEMPLE, and it culminated with God giving His Holy Spirit to those chosen people who were BORN OF WATER (Acts 1:5; 2:1-4; John 3:5) to become GOD’S SPIRITUAL TEMPLE ON EARTH as GOD’S CHURCH with Christ in their midst. (1 Pet. 2:4-5; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; Rev. 2 and 3)

In the second fulfillment of the *70 weeks prophecy* (literal days) in this *last end*, it started with the spiritual restoration of God’s spiritual temple in spiritual Jerusalem through the *Book of Remembrance* to prepare for Christ SECOND COMING as the GLORIFIED CHRIST to His SPIRITUAL TEMPLE, and it will culminate with God’s Church to be BORN OF THE SPIRIT (John 3:6; Isa. 66:8) to become GOD’S SPIRITUAL TEMPLE IN HEAVEN as CHRIST’S WIFE to come down to this earth with Him. (Rev. 11:19; 12:1; 19:7-16).

Now if this vision has not stirred you well enough, I don’t know what else can. This vision of the *70 weeks prophecy* of

Daniel 9 has even made Christ stood up from His throne when it was first consummated. Now, what do you think will He do next when He sees the duality of that *the 70 weeks prophecy* being finally consummated?

Well, this prophecy definitely is quite a dumbfounding, mind-numbing and thought provoking vision that came straight from our loving and ever merciful Heavenly Father through His Son Jesus Christ who eagerly awaits the birth of their *most Holy* nation! (Isa. 66:1-24)

2

The Heart of the King Shall Perish

The Pastor General of the Philadelphia Church of God, Mr. Gerald Flurry fainted during a Sabbath service while he was giving a sermon about a prophecy in Ezekiel last January 4, 2014:



Pastor General Recovers From Brief Fainting

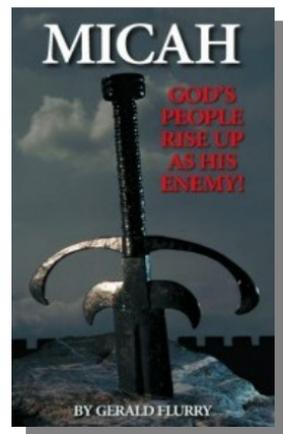
EDMOND, Okla. (Jan. 4, 2014) — At approximately 2:35 p.m. CST, Philadelphia Church of God Pastor General Gerald Flurry fainted briefly while giving a

sermon to the headquarters congregation at Armstrong Auditorium. After awakening from the short fainting spell and being helped from the stage, the pastor general was anointed by his son, Evangelist Stephen Flurry. As he relaxed backstage, his color returned and he was able to catch his breath more easily. Approximately five minutes later, services were concluded with a hymn and closing prayer by Stephen Flurry. The 78-year old pastor general said he had felt tired and run down earlier in the week, but felt he needed to push through to deliver the sermon, which focused on new revelation from Ezekiel. Pastor Andrew Locher had noticed Mr. Flurry struggled with a weakened voice when taping an episode of the Key of David television program on Wednesday. The pastor general said he will continue to rest through the coming week and is looking forward to returning to full broadcasting and writing duties as soon as possible.

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What could be the reason behind his fainting? What do you think could be the spiritual implication of that? And what is that new revelation from Ezekiel that he is going to deliver all about?

*“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.”*
(Jeremiah 4:9)



Who could this KING be being referred to here? (For a thorough explanation on this subject, you can read the Micah booklet written by Mr. Gerald Flurry)

Now then, to whom could this prophecy be addressed primarily?

“For thus saith the Lord **to the men of Judah and Jerusalem**, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.” (verses 3-4)

Well, how is it connected to the Philadelphia Church of God?

THE KEY OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID

Isaiah 22:20-25 contain an end-time prophecy that God has revealed a great deal about to us – about Eliakim. Verse 21 says the man who fulfills this role “shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.” There is a spiritual and physical application to these scriptures, but we look mainly at the spiritual today. The “house of Judah” here is the faithful Church of God. You could say it is “the house of the Jews.” **WE ARE JEWS – SPIRITUAL JEWS!** And this man is a father to Judah.” (July-August 2012 issue, p.6)

Actually, what has just happened is a precursor of a specific fulfillment of a prophecy given by the prophet Isaiah about an end-time Eliakim who is a father to the *inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah*, i.e., spiritually speaking:

“And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will

commit thy government into his hand: and **he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.** And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. **And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place;** and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons. In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall **the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall;** and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the Lord hath spoken it." (Isaiah 22:21-25)

And just like when Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was *taken out of the way*, the same shall be true with Mr. Gerald R. Flurry.

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:

CYRUS AND THE TWO WITNESSES

Splinter groups of the Worldwide Church of God contemplated about a Cyrus who is to come in the latter end. A shepherd who is to perform all God's doing and pleasure, to rebuild Jerusalem and to lay the foundation thereof (Isaiah 44:28; 45:1, 46:8-13). Scriptures reveal the identity of this shepherd as a Gentile and to come from a far country. God's purpose shall stand what He says He will bring about, what He plans He will do. The purpose of this shepherd and the two prophets in Revelations 11, a short work, right before the second coming of Jesus Christ.

A PREPARED DECEPTION

THE HIGHEST LEADERSHIP WILL BE DECEIVED, USED BY SATAN. Herbert W. Armstrong warned the Church of Satan's master schemes, of his vast power and of his top priority - deceiving the Church of God. Today, the same Church has let down her guard, and allowed this master deceiver to introduce the most cunning deceptions of Idolatry, Paganism and many other abominations. Only a remnant have considered, a little remnant remembered that Herbert W. Armstrong and "That Prophet" Gerald Flurry warned that Satan's deceptions starts with the brightest and THE VERY HIGHEST LEADERSHIP COUNCIL. God's own ministers will lead the rebellion as prophesied in Ezekiel 8.

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