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The Africa Fire Prophecies and the Logos of God

For those of you who are praying and believing for the fulfillment of the fire prophecies from Cape to Cairo. There is something critical about the "Logos" of God you must understand to see a continental revival.

In my book "Southern Africa's Prophetic Destiny" I encouraged you to go to the web site www.stafp.com and download the book "The Southern Tip of Africa Fire Prophecies" to be encouraged by the great prophetic destiny of our nation and continent.

In my follow-up book I am now working on "The City Church and the Healing of the Nations" I am writing on what I believe we must do to realize those "fire of God" prophecies. I am going to give you in this blog just a quick overview of a critical piece of understanding of what the "fire" vision means, how it manifests and what we must do. It is going to actually take several blogs but I believe this is critical for us to understand this vision within the context of scripture and therefore what we can do to get the fire going.

The great Biblical scholar Dr. Michael Heiser made this controversial statement about interpreting scripture which I am going to quote because of what I am going to share with you about my researches. He said when you study scripture remember that the scriptures were not written to you, they were written for you. Always keep in mind to whom were they written so you can understand their message better.

With this in mind I draw your attention to words and ideas presented by Jesus, Paul, John, John the Baptist as in: "I will build my ekklesia", "In the beginning was the Logos", "I baptize you with water but there comes a one greater than I who will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire". "Paul an apostle to the ekklesia....", "we shall meet him in the air", "the prince of the power of the air".

All of these phrases and ideas had a Greek background to them. And they were written and spoken to an audience that lived in a Greek cultural environment. I believe we have lost the original intent of these scriptures and we have a lot of preaching that just is not correct. As in what Jesus and Paul meant by "ekkleisia" and what we interpret as "church".

With that in mind I want to give you a different interpretation of the vision of "fire prophecies" than what many may think but to do that I need to take you on a quick background explanation of Greek philosophy that Jesus, Paul and John's audience understood and will help you to better interpret both scripture and prophecy.

When we read scripture we read Old Testament history and we see the long history of God's prophetic interaction with Israel through His prophets. But if you look at secular history specifically of the Greeks there is an interesting parallel of what I believe is also an interaction with God's revelation but from a different source.

Paul explained this in the first chapter of Romans starting his argument that all men are guilty before God because all men can see the revelation of God in His creation and if men will seek God then God will speak to them through their conscience. He of course then goes on to show how most of mankind ignore their conscience and will not repent but carry on in vile sin.

However there were a small group of men located in what was called "Ionia" which was in western Turkey (the region of the 7 churches of Asia in Revelation) who made it their task to find God through observing creation. The Greeks called them Philosophers meaning "philo" = love and "sophia" = wisdom. They were only actually a handful and mostly ignored during their time. they stretch from Thales of Miletus to Plato and Aristotle of Athens over a period of about 300 years.

Here is the problem they faced and what they did to try and solve the problem. The inhabitants of Ionia were descendents of refugees from a fallen civilization called the Mycenaean civilization. Historians don't know what the tragedy was that destroyed most of the Mediterranean world at that time in history (about 1100 BC) but it was a major dark age after that and included the fall of Troy.

Out of this darkness a man called Hesiod stood up and said I have had a visitation from heaven by three "muses" (fallen angels) who explained to me how things work in the unseen realm and which causes things to happen on earth. And he wrote the vision down in a book called "Theogony" which is where the Greeks got all their gods and goddesses and Olympus and all we know of mythology. That resulted in a rush to build temples to these gods to appease them to gain favour. Soon temple worship turned to temple industry of big money from temple offerings, temple divination for prophecy, temple prostitution, drugs, holidays, etc.

And in prophetic parallel about the time Hesiod had his heavenly vision and wrote his book, Isaiah in Israel had his heavenly vision and wrote his book. This put Greece and Israel on different paths to God. Which I will explain.

After a while a group of seekers emerged that started to rebel against all this nonsense. The issue was ok we understand gods can cause war or chaos or fertility or drought or abundance etc but here was their two major problems:

- So who made the gods of Olympus?
- How can you build a civilization on the basis of obedience to gods who love to fight, jealous, whore around, kill, preen themselves in pride and looks etc

So they looked at creation and decided on two fundamentals.

There is a God who created all and from everything that we observe there is order in creation regardless of all the disorder we see.

They did not know who this "unknown God" was (but Paul introduced Athens to their "unknown God", Jesus Christ) but the best they could do was what Aristotle called Him "the unmoved mover". You see philosophy among the Greeks started from trying to explain movement! Why do some lights in the sky move (7 of them, 5 planets and the sun and moon) and why do plants grow and animals walk....what causes all this motion, who started the first motion of anything?

So their conclusion was that there is a being who has always been otherwise he would also have to be born from something else; the unmoved mover who started moving everything. Then they turned their attention to what is the substance of reality that the unknown god made the seen creation from. Please keep in mind as I recount this for you, these people knew nothing of our modern chemistry or physics. But they had to try at least.

After concluding from logical deduction of observing creation that there is a God they tried to find the universal substance of creation which in Greek they called "arche".

Thales of Miletus came up with the first idea: Water. I know this sounds a bit strange but look at from their logic. Pour water over a plant and it grows. Take water away from man or animal or plants and they die. And as well, the earth seems to come out of water So water must be the substance of creation.

Anaximenes (585-528 BC) said no I have a better idea than water. He claimed the "arche" was air. You see air was everywhere and water was not and besides try not breathing air and you die and when people die did you notice that they stopped breathing? So air must be the power of life and the substance of creation that in fact is everywhere.

Then came Heraclitus (500 BC) who lived in Ephesus. He said no "arche" was made of fire. Because arche had power and movement and fire is in the sun and comes forth from plants and animals and is the power and force of creation. But then he added another key concept. This arche of fire is not only power but it is governed by law. It contains and is the carrier of the lawful construction of reality. So he invented a new word to give concept to the idea of "fire-law". He called it Logos.

This idea of Logos then really took off in Greek philosophical circles. But what intrigued them most about the Logos concept was that in the very substance of the "fire-arche" there was a lawfulness to creation. The Pythagorean philosophers piped in and said yes and mathematics was the key that unlocks that lawfulness (until Zeno the disciple of Parmenides demonstrated some of the paradoxes of maths with his tortoise and hare analogy).

From there a whole movement of civic and governmental reform started taking shape around the idea of "the Logos of reality". Solon and after him Pericles of Athens led this revolution which basically said, we need to create a civilization not based on the chaos of the gods thinking that we can create civic order from such a foundation. We need to re-imagine how can we reflect the order of Logos in civic society. They came up with the vision of the "polis", the city state, run by an "ekklesia" of citizens all who participate in the government of the city (actually just the property owning men) all run on the basis of the rule of law. The famous Greek democracy. Plato said no in his

book The Republic, we need to have only "philosopher-kings" be the "ekklesia" that manage the polis. We need to have a republic form of government.

And here is the prophetic parallel. While Solon and Pericles established the polis of Athens and the ruling ekklesia of citizens, Zerubbabel was settling Jerusalem and building the temple, with Israelites from Babylon and when Pericles was creating the Greek democracy Ezra and Nehemiah were building Jerusalem and teaching the people the laws of God.

Neither the democracy of Athens or the Jerusalem of Ezra and Nehemiah lasted very long. Now let's forward to New Testament times about 450 years later.

John the Baptist comes on the scene and preaches repent and immerse yourself in water. But he says the Messiah is coming and He is going to also baptize you but with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Jesus carries this message forward. He says basically forget about the ekklesia of Athens it did not work. But I will build my ekklesia and I will baptize you in fire and the Holy Spirit. And that is what happened on the day of Pentecost.

Can you see from Greek culture what fire and water meant to their hearers? When Paul wrote and said we will meet Christ in the air or when he said Satan is the prince of the power of the air? Can you see to Greek culture these statements meant something very important! (sorry I cannot elaborate more here)

Now let me take you to John and the Logos. The church fathers writing about John tell us that when John was captured by the Romans in the Jewish insurrection of 66-70 AD they wanted to execute him as they did with Peter and Paul. They tried to boil him in hot oil. He didn't burn. So they let him go. John went back to Ephesus where he was living and where he died of old age. But before he died he wrote his wonderful gospel. He wrote it after his incredible experience of seeing Jesus Christ "as He is". not as when John knew Him back in Galilee days. This is the Jesus that John saw while on Patmos detention:

Rev 1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

Rev 1:14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

Rev 1:15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

Rev 1:16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

Rev 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead.

What John saw was the Logos of God. The fire streaming from His eyes, feet and countenance. The law, the two-edged sword from out of His mouth. John went back to Ephesus where 500 years before Heraclitus first created the concept of the Logos, the fire-law of reality and He could say, the Logos is not just a principle or an idea, this is how he described the Logos to his Greek believers.....

Joh 1:4 In the beginning was the Logos, and the Logos was with God, and the Logos was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

But the incredible story of Israel is that they already had the vision of the Logos of God the "fiery-law" from Moses....

Deu 33:1 And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.
Deu 33:2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

Did you read that. There "went a fiery-law for them". The Logos of God. This Logos of God was a two edged sword. God said my law is either a blessing or a judgment upon you. If you keep my law this is what happens if you don't this is what happens.

The good is the Logos of God. The bad is the Logos of God. That is how creation of God operates.

This is my interpretation of the fire prophecies over Southern Africa and Africa from Cape to Cairo.

From Cape to Cairo across Africa there is a fire of chaos. We know the evidence. We hear it for months at the Zondo Commission and we saw it recently in KZN, Durban, Johannesburg. Tens of thousands of people most of whom I am assured were church going people, looting, stealing, burning.

Across Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Zimbabwe, these nations are by far majority Charismatic evangelical nations. Failed nations. But across Africa we have not built the communities that reflect the Logos of God. And the fire I am looking for is the "fiery-law" of the Logos where God wants what the Greeks tried to do with philosophy and could not....which is build a "polis" a city, a community of people who are the "ekklesia of God" and who create communities and nations operated on the Logos of God. A city that John saw as the New Jerusalem

That is when and how the "fiery prophecies over Africa" are going to be fulfilled.

And that means we don't have to wait for stadiums to be filled with prayer meetings, that is not the fulfillment of the Logos fire law. That is only part of what is coming. What God is looking for is what Israel never wanted to do and what Greece could not do.....be a witness to the world of a people, a community and a nation that is ruled by the Logos of God.

And when that Logos fire is lit in the Western Cape it will spread to all of Africa.