GARY REPORT

Walking The Plank!

In the 18th and 19th centuries, there was the fearful execution of sailors by blindfolding their victim with their hands tied and walk off a plank of wood into the sea. The mere thought of that is greatly frightening! But this was something I was pondering per death, for in the Scriptures the sea is death itself, the place where Leviathan sports.

Let us examine this matter of death. But in so doing, we need to first address the passage in 1 Corinthians 15:55 which someone might bring up here, and that is, "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" But in an examination of that passage, one finds that it relates to the time after death is put away. And the great reality is that death is in fact the ultimate defeat for Christians, as well as for the first Remnant. Our great weakness is that we still live in bodies that are created from this cursed earth, and Satan has every right to take us to death and return these bodies to the earth—"By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). And this is exactly what we find in the following verses regarding this body:

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death (Romans 7:24)?

The last enemy that will be abolished is death (1 Corinthians 15:26).

But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting" (1 Corinthians 15:54-55)?

And, who indeed possess this power of death, to which up to now all men have eventually yielded? Satan himself.

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who <u>has</u> the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives (Hebrews 2:14-15).

Recently I was pondering this matter of death. My thoughts were: Life always ends on a bad note! For example, take age. When you are strong and youthful, your body serves you well; but in the end it can torture you and no longer serve you but you serve it. And even if you have good health to the end, one day it will suddenly fail you. Or if you are in a car wreck and are killed, your body did not see you through that tragedy. And let us not even think about its lusts, setting our desires on its lusts. Regarding this woeful reality concerning these bodies, I wrote a poem several years ago titled "The <u>Birthday Party</u>," and I urge you to read it. I believe you will find it most revealing and "painfully" accurate.

In addition to this subject cold reality concerning our bodies—especially regarding our ultimate death—and since the Scriptures equate death with the sea where Leviathan sports, we question who Leviathan is. And Isaiah 27:1 tells us:

In that day Yahweh will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, with His fierce and great and mighty sword, even Leviathan the twisted serpent; and He will kill the dragon who *lives* in the sea.

Quite obviously, up to now all lives in this flesh have ended via the twisted serpent, Satan. And we see that he takes us to the sea of death, clearly evidenced in the account where Satan/Legion negotiates the rights to take the next 2,000 years of man and the church (2,000 swine) to the sea of death (Mark 5:11-13)! There is no question about this ill fate. <u>Click here</u> for more concerning this amazing testimony. And in like testimony, the reality is that at some point in our lives, each and every man does indeed walk the plank! And when they literally did that, can you imagine what it would have been like? Imagine yourself in that position and how you would have felt. And even so, man has "walked the plank" for six thousand years and entered into the sea of death!

So what is our hope? And when will Satan's right to these bodies cease? That question actually has a two-part answer, and the first part of it is seen in Moses. Here we ask a most important question: Why did Yahweh keep Moses's body, while the devil argued over it (Jude 1:9)?

But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

And Deuteronomy 34:4-7 tells us:

Then Yahweh said to him [Moses], "This is the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." So Moses the servant of Yahweh died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of Yahweh. And He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day. Although Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.

Yahweh is government, and the first purpose of the Scriptures is to prophesy. And I assure you, no man has known what this prophesies until today, as it is written: "Knowledge is easy to him who has understanding" (Proverbs 14:6). And not until today, when Immanuel's bride is being formed, can Yahweh give us His mind, His understanding regarding this. And to understand the meaning of this prophecy, this riddle, you have to plow with the heifer, the Bride (Judges 14:18, but in a good way).

The answer to this matter concerning Moses's body is simple. Over and over we see Moses and Elijah tied together, including on the mount of transfiguration (<u>click here</u>).

And there is no question that Moses was a type of the first Remnant, and of course Elijah is the second Remnant. And furthermore, of course three-part Peter-James-and-John Christianity was sleeping. So, it is clear that the reason Yahweh kept Moses's body was because it was a type of keeping the bodies of the first Remnant for the first resurrection of the dead as recorded in Revelation 20:4-6 and 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17.

Additionally, this is the first-bird work of Leviticus 14 that had to be slain "in an earthenware vessel over running water" (vs. 5). Why these two requirements? First, we are indeed earthenware vessels, in bodies from the earth, and the first Remnant was the first-bird offering that had to die. And why over running water? Baptism! They were the first part of the complete three-part baptism: death, the first Remnant—burial, the Body of Christ—and resurrection, the second Remnant that does not die. We today are the first to escape death and ascend alive into heaven. Thereby, our ascension is clearly seen in the second bird that is dipped into the blood of the first bird and released to ascend alive. Amen!

And this first Remnant testimony is seen with Peter as well. He too "walked the plank." How so? In Matthew 14:22-33, he literally stepped out of the boat towards Yahshua who was walking on the troubled water. In other words, Peter was testing death, a death that has been taking place for six thousand years without failure! And for the Matthew first Remnant, they were not pulled out alive but sank all the way into death. Even so, as testified in this account, they will be delivered out of death in the first resurrection. Immanuel will indeed reach down and pull them out of that death. And we, the second Remnant, do not die!

In fact, this account in first Remnant Matthew is the only account where Peter tried to walk on the water. On the other hand, in the Luke second Remnant account, fittingly they do not even go out on the sea of death; in other words, they do not taste death, so there is no mention of this sea experience at all. Instead, we find the promise: "But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:27). Oh the wonder of Yahweh's word, consistently confirming and prophesying through these Gospel textual differences! You can read more about these subject varying accounts in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John by reading *Immanuel Walking On The Water*.

So today we longingly wait for the revelation of the sons of God, the fulfilling Bride work. There has to be a work today that does not die, that does not walk the plank and sink into the sea where Leviathan sports. His work has come to an end, his allotted time completed, and the Bride is now to be formed and death may now be conquered! Blessed be Yahweh! Now is the time for all these things to be fulfilled and we see the fullness of the salvation of God, even a new beginning! Blessed be His name forever!

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