

THE GATES OF ZION (P1 of 5) - INTRODUCTION

It is my great joy to share on the Spirit of JESUS Testimony, bound in the Gates of Zion's Twelve Angels. I speak of Zion above; of New Jerusalem that descends upon a new heaven, and a new earth; described in *Revelation 21*, as the Tabernacle of God and a Bride Adorned. I speak of Christ's Body, His Church.

Each Angel is a portion of JESUS Testimony, bound first in the flesh of Jacobs Twelve Son's and the Tribes that descended from them. But later, heard in the Gospel the Apostles and servants of Jesus preached, in the 'Seven Times' of the nations. And also seen in the Tribes gathered from the Four Winds in the Book of Revelation.

In each Angel, God's ordained purpose creates. It creates a people to glorify JESUS Name and Christ. *Not a people born of the flesh but born of the Spirit.* I pray the LORD opens the Gates of His Testimony in you, and open with a prayer of David; a King, a Prophet, and Priest in Spirit.

Psalm 102: "When the LORD shall build Zion, he shall appear in his glory. He will regard the prayer of the destitute and not despise their prayer. This shall be written for the generation to come and a people which shall be created shall praise the LORD. For he has looked down from the height of his sanctuary. From heaven did the LORD behold the earth; To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death. To declare the Name of the LORD in Zion, and his Praise in Jerusalem;" (Psalm 102: 16-21)

Christians tend to comprehend Israel in the context of those tribes, which descended from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And yet in Scripture we read: *"When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel."* (Deut 32:8) However, I begin this sharing, as the Tribes of Israel journey from Egypt to the land of Canaan in their Tribal Divisions.

In the Seven Trumpets, I spoke of *"Two Silver Trumpets"* that were blown to announce Israel's Sabbath days, months, their Times of Release, and their Feasts. These Silver Trumpets were also sounded to warn them of war, and to command the divisions of Israel to journey, and to make camp.

Israel's 'Army' consisted of Four Divisions; each division consisted of three tribes making Twelve Tribes in total. In their camp formation they faced East, South, West, and North. The beginning of these things is seen in the four mothers who bare Jacob twelve sons. And the end in the Book of Revelations' New Jerusalem where each of the Four Walls also has three tribal gates. Twelve in Total. So, the formation of Israel's divisions in the Old Testament will help us to understand the Gates of Zion above.

In the midst of the tribal camp, dwelt the three families of Levi, the Priesthood, which served the Tabernacle of Witness, and the Congregation of Israel. When the Trumpets commanded Israel to journey, *the Eastern Division led by the Tribe of Judah went first.* Behind them came

the Levite families of Gershon and Merari, who carried the instruments of the Outer Court; the Tabernacle and its coverings upon carts *borne by oxen*.

When the Trumpets sounded a second time, the Southern Division led by Reuben journeyed, followed by the Levite family of Kohath, who carried the inner vessels of the Sanctuary, and the Ark of the Covenant upon their shoulders. After the Ark, came the Western Division led by the tribe of Ephraim, and at the rear came the Northern Division, led by the tribe of Dan.

This is the formation of Israel's Divisions under the Covenant the Apostle Paul called, *the Law of Sin and Death*. I make this point, to show the difference between the purpose of the Spirit of Prophecy, bound in the Sons of Jacob under the Covenant of the Law, and those prophecies, bound in the Tribal Gates of New Jerusalem's Covenant above.

To illustrate this let's look at parts of the prophecies Jacob's wife Leah, and Jacob and Moses made over Judah. When Leah gave birth to her fourth son, she said; *"now shall I praise the LORD."* So Judah's name means 'Praised.'

Just before his death, Jacob blessed Judah saying; *"Judah is a lion's whelp: - who shall make him stand? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh come, and to him shall the people gather."* (Genesis 49: 9-12)

And from Moses; *"Hear LORD the voice of Judah; bring him to his people."* (Deuteronomy 33:7)

Now, the Testimony of JESUS is bound in the Spirit of Prophecy; (Revelation 19:10) Not only in the prophecies made over Judah, but also the Twelve Tribes. Remember too, that in Joseph there are two parts: Ephraim and Manasseh. From these prophecies let's compare JESUS' purpose in both the Old and New Testaments.

In the time of Moses, Israel journeyed in four divisions from Sinai. *Judah, whose tribal banner is that of a Lion, led out the Eastern Division first*. In the Book of Revelation, the Lion is the 1st of Four Beasts, which beasts represent the Four Gospels. And again, Judah is the first of the Twelve Tribes and Gates, named in Revelation.

As Israel journeyed then, so JESUS' Gospel is preached now. As the Levites carried the Tabernacle of Witness and the Ark of the Covenant in two parts, so in Revelation, the Spirit of Prophecy in the Two Witnesses, bound in the *Songs of Moses and the Lamb*, declare their portions in the times of the nations. When we see and believe then JESUS' journey begins in us, as He brings us to Himself; from Sinai to the promised-land; *from the bondage of the Law to JESUS Faith; from the Earthly to the Spiritual*.

Concerning the Sceptre of Judah's rule, we see it passed down to David, anointed king by Samuel the LORD'S Prophet. And from David, came the Christ in the flesh, of whom the people testified; *"Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the name of the LORD."* And so we see the prophecies made over Judah apply in both the 'Old and New Testaments.' One tells of the Earthly, and the other, the Spiritual.

And the Lion Jacob foresaw in Judah the Elder, proclaims in Revelation; *"behold the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the Book."* And this Book declares; *"I JESUS have sent my angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David. (Revelation 22:16)"*

Jacob's blessing also saw the Lawgiver come out of Judah, and yet, Moses, the Lawgiver in ancient Israel came out of Levi. And so, while we see the Spirit of Prophecy in Gods' Word in motion in the dispensation of Israel's Tribes, they only align perfectly in JESUS. *For Christ who came out of Judah brought an ever-living Law.* Where Moses preached *an eye for an eye*, Jesus taught; *we are to love our enemy*. And here we understand Moses' prophecy; *"Hear LORD the voice of Judah."*

So brethren, as I prepare to share on the Twelve Gates of New Jerusalem above, to avoid confusion I will not share on the Spirit of Prophecy bound in ancient Israel. That said, a discernment gifted to Joshua, the son of Nun, will help. Joshua, when dividing the borders of each tribe's inheritance to them by lot in the promised-land, relied on the prophecies made over them by the four mothers who bare the sons of Jacob, as well as the blessings of Jacob and Moses over the twelve tribes.

Some of them are easily discerned geographically, like Zebulun, who dwelt beside the Mediterranean Sea of whom it is written; *"Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for a haven of ships;" (Genesis 49:13)"*

Whereas others, like the Tribe of Gad, require Scriptural interpretation; of Gad it is written: *"And he provided the first part for himself, because there in a portion of the lawgiver, was he seated;" (Deuteronomy 33:21)"* And so, Gads' inheritance lay on the east of the Jordan River, in an area outside the promised-land where Moses was laid to rest.

Of Simeon and Levi, Jacob said; *"I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel." (Genesis 49:7)"* And so the Tribe of Simeon dwelt within Judah's inheritance where the Patriarch Jacob is buried. The Levites and their families were scattered and lived among all the tribes of Israel.

And some are spiritually discerned, like Benjamin, of whom it is written; *"the beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders." (Deuteronomy 33:12)"*

So, when Joshua cast lots in Shiloh before the LORD, it is written; *"there Joshua divided the land to the children of Israel according to their divisions. And the lot of the tribe of Benjamin came up according to their families, and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph." (Joshua 18:10-11)"*

As Joshua placed each Tribe in their inheritance, where they dwelt according to the prophecies made over them, it was conditional upon them keeping the Commandments of God. In the same way, JESUS places Zion's inheritance in those of us who keep the Faith of Jesus, and the Commandments of God. I pray the Lord JESUS Christ creates in you, and in me, a new heart, and a new mind through His Holy Spirit. LORD JESUS, lay in each of us, the stones of your glory in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GATES OF ZION (P2 of 5) - THE EASTERN GATES:

New Jerusalem above is the Tabernacle of God, cleansed in the Trumpets and Plagues in those who come to rest in *JESUS Faith*. In Israel's time, a single trumpet summoned the Princes of the Tribes to Moses. In the same way, we see the 'royal seed' from the Twelve Tribes in the Book of Revelation gather to the Lamb. These Tribes carry the name of *JESUS, the Everlasting Father*, upon their foreheads.

As Aaron's sons blew both Silver Trumpets, to gather the Congregation of Israel to the door of the Tabernacle; so the songs of Moses and the Lamb have gathered those from all nations to JESUS Testimony. Nations, bound in those prophecies made over Ephraim, are seen in those multitudes of *Revelation Chapter 7*, which have passed through great tribulation. And as Jacob's name Israel was placed upon Ephraim, so those multitudes from all nations, peoples, and tongues, are the Israel of God. (*Genesis 48:19*)

As *Chapters 2 and 10, in the Book of Numbers*, set out the divisions of Israel's Tribes, so *Revelation Chapters 7 and 21*, order the 'Gates of New Jerusalem.' Judah, Reuben, and Gad are the first of the Twelve Tribes named in *Chapter 7*. Their 'Angels' are the three Eastern Gates of *Chapter 21*. In them is found Christ's Testimony of JESUS. And note that Ephraim and Dan are not named in the Twelve Tribes in Revelation.

As shared earlier, Ephraim are those 'multitudes from all nations'. And with Dan's exclusion, we see New Jerusalem in its true light. As Judas was purged from JESUS disciples, so the spirit in those prophecies made over Dan are purged from JESUS Testimony. Of Dan, born of Rachael's bond-maid Bilhah, Rachael said; *"God has judged me."* And so, Dan's name means, 'a judge' as in using the law to condemn. Of Dan, Jacob foresaw; *"Dan shall be a serpent by the way that bites the horses' heels so that his rider falls backward."* (*Genesis 49:17*)

So, the Spirit of Prophecy that dwelt in Jacobs' sons and their Twelve Tribes, and also in the Twelve Apostles, is in the Gates of Zion's Angels. From them, the 'spirit of the accuser,' which seeks to take us back into the bondage of the law has been purged. Just as that same spirit, must be cleansed in us. By Dan's omission from Revelation's Tribes, we see the purpose of JESUS in Zion is not earthly, but Spiritual; *as 'Flesh and blood shall not enter the Kingdom of God.'*

JUDAH

So now to the Eastern Gates: When Jacob's wife Leah gave birth to her 4th son, she said; *"Now shall I praise the LORD."* (*Genesis 29:35*) So, Judah's name means 'Praised.' Before his death, Jacob prophesied saying; *"Judah is a lion's whelp: - who shall make him stand? The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come, and to him shall the gathering of the people be."* (*Gen 49:9-12*) And from Moses; *"Hear LORD the voice of Judah; bring him to his people."* (*Deut 33:7*)

JESUS' Testimony in the 'Angel of Judah's Gate' goes beyond the Sceptre of David's rule; and brings a greater Law than that of the Lawgiver Moses, for where Moses taught, *an eye for an*

eye, JESUS commands that, *we love our enemies*. As JESUS came preaching, *the Kingdom of Heaven and a royal law*, so, Judah's dominion is *eclipsed and departs* when Shiloh comes.

Shiloh is a title of the Messiah, which means '*peace*.' In Hebrew, Messiah means the 'Anointed King of Israel' - the 'Anointed Messianic Prince' - and the 'Anointed High Priest.' Not just the Father, but the Son. Not just the Son, but the Holy Spirit. And so, it is written: *"I JESUS, have sent My Angel to testify of these things in the Churches; I AM the Root and the Offspring of David."* (Revelation 22:16)

For in Psalm 110, David said, *"The 'Existing One' said to my Lord (that is to Christ) sit at my right hand, until I make thy enemies thy footstool."* Enemies, made subject at Pentecost, when JESUS' Angel in Peter said; *"JESUS is both the 'Existing One' and Christ."* (Acts 2:36) This brethren, is the Faith of JESUS, and the Lion of the Tribe of Judah that prevails in us; *the Lion in the Book of Revelation who stands as a 'slain lamb'*

This is the '*voice*' Moses blessed, and the '*praise*' Leah rejoiced in.

REUBEN

Now to JESUS Testimony in the Angel of Reuben's Gate: When Leah bare Reuben, she said; *"The LORD has looked upon my affliction."* (Genesis 29:32) Reuben's name means; '*Behold a Son*.' Jacob blessed Reuben, his firstborn, saying: *"You are the beginning of my strength, and the excellency of my dignity and power. Unstable as water, you shall not excel because you went up to your fathers' bed."* (Gen 49:3-4) Of the Tribe of Reuben, Moses said; *"Let Reuben live, and not die."* (Deut 33:6)

In Reuben, we hear of the affliction foretold in the LORD'S Covenant with Abraham's seed. Adversity, bound in the Covenant of the Law; Commandments that are the '*excellency of Israel's strength, dignity and power*.' The Covenant Moses placed before Israel, saying; *"I set before you today; life and good, and death and evil."* Moses' blessing; *"Let Reuben live and not die,"* sits perfectly in this context.

Through Reuben's Gate come those in whom JESUS Faith does not excel, but even so, they abide in the Law. Just as Reuben chose to dwell in the land where Moses was buried in Joshua's time. Reuben's Gate stands beside the Gate of Judah's Faith. In each of the wall's three gates abides Christ's threefold purpose, and in each wall a common purpose. Gods' purpose in Zion's Eastern Wall, *is to establish JESUS Name of Salvation in us*.

Israel's Tribal Banners reveal the Spirit of those prophecies made over them. Reuben's Tribal banner is of *a man, and water*. Just as Judah's Tribal Banner is of *a Lion, and a Lamb; the lamb of God slain for our sins*. So, from Reuben and Judah come the testimony of *the water and the blood; the tenants of baptism, and the remission of sin*.

GAD

To JESUS' Testimony in the Angel of Gad's Gate, the 3rd Gate in the Eastern Wall. Zilpah, Leah's bondmaid, bare a son of whom Leah said; *'Behold a troop comes, and she called his name Gad.'* (Gen 30:10-11) Gads' name means 'a troop,' in the context of an invading force.

Of Gad, Jacob prophesied; *"a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at the last."* (Genesis 49:19) And Moses blessed Gad, saying: *"He dwells as a lion, and tears the arm and the crown of the head. He provided the first part for himself because there in a portion of the lawgiver, was he seated; he came with the heads of the people, he executed the justice of the LORD, and his judgments with Israel."* (Deut 33:20-21)

It is not the Lion of Judah, but in Gad we see the Spirit of Christ as a Lion, *'tear the arm and the crown; and execute the righteous justice of the LORD.* Gad's portion abides in the Law of Moses for a season, until such time as JESUS Faith ascends in us. The prophecies over Gad, speak of our journey from *'a Law in our flesh'* to the coming of JESUS *'Law of Faith in our heart and mind.'* And why Gads' Angel, stands beside Judah's Gate.

In Gad we hear of JESUS Gospel and Commandments overcome. *Of a 'little horn' that wars, blasphemes, and overcomes the Saints in the times of the nations.* For as the Jews crucified Christ, so Christians have trampled JESUS Word of Salvation. But in the Lion of Gad, we see JESUS' Angel *'lead the heads of the people'* in the times of Luther, Wesley, Branham, and others. To deliver the multitudes of Ephraim out of religious theologies, and to restore Zion, the WORD of JESUS Salvation is us. In Gad, JESUS overcomes at the last.

Through the Angels in the Gates of Zion's Eastern Wall, come those from Reuben who have dwelt in the *blessings and curses of the Law.* And those from the Lion of Gad, who have ascended to JESUS Faith, bound in Judah. Israel means *'God Prevails;'* therefore, the Spirit of Prophecy, bound in the Angels of Zion's Gates, that JESUS creates in us, overcome great affliction.

In them, Israel's Law of Faith ascends to proclaim: *Hear O Israel; "The LORD thy God, is One LORD."* That is: *The Existing One thy God, is one LORD* (*YHWH=LORD – The Existing One)*

And so, we read in Revelation 21:7: *"He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."*

I end this sharing on the Eastern Gate with a portion of JESUS Song; the audio of which is on this site. Judah gives birth. Reuben shall live. Gad overcomes.

LORD, Lay in us the foundation stones of your Apostles, and build the walls of your Name and Praise. Open the Gates of your Salvation in us all. In JESUS Christ's Holy name, I pray, Amen.

THE GATES OF ZION (P3 of 5) - THE NORTHERN GATES

In the 7th Trumpet of Revelation, *the kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom's of our LORD and His Christ. And as the Temple of God opens, the Ark of His Testament in Heaven is revealed. (Rev 11: 15-19)* It is here, the 'sceptre of rule' bound in Judah's Prophecies, pass to Shiloh; those 'redeemed first-fruits' who believe '*JESUS is both LORD and Christ.*' For as the Ark of the Covenant dwelt in the midst of Israel's Tribes in Moses time, so the Temple of God in New Jerusalem dwells in the midst of the Twelve Angels of JESUS Israel.

While in his day, Joshua *sang the blessings and curses of Moses to Israel* on the mountains of Gerizim and Ebal, in the border of Ephraim's inheritance. In the Plagues of Revelation, we hear *the Songs of Moses and the Lamb*, as the 'Ark of JESUS Testament' is cleansed in the multitudes of Ephraim gathered from all nations. And as the 7th Plague declares "*It is done,*" we then hear JESUS in Mount Zion testify; "*It is done, I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.*" (Rev 21: 5-6)

Of these things the Apostle Paul said; "*We shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruption must put on incorruption.* (1Corinthians 15:51-53)

Through the Gates of the East, come those cleansed in the Lamb's Blood and Testimony. In the Angels of the Gates of Judah, Reuben, and Gad, dwell the tenants of JESUS Salvation in the '*Water, the Blood, and the Spirit.*' Therefore, if we have not already, let us "*Repent and be baptised in the Name of JESUS Christ for the remission of sin, that we might receive the 'seal' of JESUS Spirit.*" (Acts 2:36-38)

And so, the Israel of God, having passed through the Trumpets and Plagues, come to Mount Zion, the Ark of JESUS Salvation; His Christ. *To the 8th day and 'Seal of Christ's circumcision in us;* the passing away of an earthly dominion, and the coming of the Sceptre of JESUS Heavenly rule.

We come now to the Angels of the three Northern Gates. (Revelation 7 & 21)

ASHER

JESUS Testimony in the Angel of Asher's Gate. When Zilpah, Leah's maid bare a second son, Leah said; "*Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed:*" (Genesis 30:12-13) Asher's name means, '*happy and blessed.*' Jacob said of him: "*Out of Asher, his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal delicacies* (Genesis 49:20) Moses said: "*Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren and let him dip his foot in oil. His shoes shall be iron and brass...*" (Deut 33:24-25)

Asher's tribal banner is that of a '*Golden Cup*' and an '*Olive Tree.*' And as Judah is the main Gate of the East, so Asher is the central Gate of the North. As such, the Spirit of Prophecy bound in Asher holds the pure purpose of Christ in the three Northern Gates. In the '*fat of Asher's bread*' and '*royal fruits*' we find JESUS Heavenly Gospel, and the fruits thereof.

In Asher we find the fruits of love, joy, and peace born of Christ's Spirit. And as Leah saw *Israel's daughters call her blessed*, so in Asher, we find JESUS blessings. Not the blessings of earthly gain that sit in *Moses' Law*; but the blessings that come from Christ in Heaven, *where there is nothing to gain in this world*; to turn the other cheek and to pray for those who spitefully use us. Let this be the Sceptre of Shiloh's rule in us.

In Asher's shoes of *'iron and brass,' and 'his feet dipped in oil,'* we find judgement, mercy, and faith in equal measure. In Moses' time, the Northern Brigade led by Dan came last. However, in the order of Zion's Gates, Christ's Royal Law follows JESUS Witness bound in Judah. And, whereas the Angel in Dan sought to place *Mount Sinai's yoke upon us*, from Asher come children *born free of Mount Zion above*.

NAPHTALI

JESUS Testimony in the Angel of Naphtali's Gate. When Bilhah, Rachel's maid, bare her second son, Rachel said *"I have wrestled my sister and have prevailed; and she called his name Naphtali." (Gen 30:7-8)* So Naphtali's name means *'to wrestle.'* From Jacob we hear; *"Naphtali is a hind set loose: he gives good words." (Gen 49:21)* And Moses said, *"Naphtali filled with favour and full of the blessings of the LORD: possess the west and the south." (Deut 33:23)*

Naphtali's banner is 'a hind set free.' Now, Jacob and Esau *'wrestled'* in Rebekah's womb. And Jacob, having wrestled with the LORD'S Angel and prevailed was named Israel; so also, Rachael prevailed in her *'wrestling'* with Leah. For in the children born of these women lived two Covenants that battle each other; *just as the LORD placed enmity between the Serpent and Eve's seed.*

Of this Paul says: *"I see a law in my flesh warring against the law of my mind and bringing me in captivity to the law of sin. I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I serve the law of God but with the flesh, the law of sin. (Romans 7:21-23)*

From this separation, comes the Circumcision of the Spirit. Not that we should sin, but that our conscience should not condemn our Faith; for when Jesus' Faith prevails, we are set free to live in Spirit and in Truth. And here Jacob's blessing manifests: *"Naphtali is a hind set free."* Which blessing in the of tenants of Moses Law, released those fallen into slavery every seven years, *just as JESUS forgives our sin and sets us free when we believe.*

In Naphtali's Angel, is found the *'Spirit of Forgiveness'* that we forgive one another's trespass, and to indeed forgive ourselves. And this, as Moses said of Naphtali, *is the full favour and blessing of the LORD.* And this Spirit of Release, as seen by Moses, goes beyond the borders of Naphtali's inheritance to possess the west and south. Just as the *'Fruit of Forgiveness'* in New Jerusalem, abounds in the Angels of the Western and Southern Gates.

MANASSEH

JESUS Testimony in the Angel of Manasseh's Gate. Manasseh and Ephraim are Joseph's sons, and their blessings are bound in his. Born of Rachael, Joseph's name means *'The LORDS' Increase.'* Manasseh's name means to *'Forget, or to Remit.'* We see from Jacob's blessing;

"Manasseh shall be a great people, but his younger brother shall be greater and become a multitude of nations." (Gen 48:19) And Moses said of Joseph; "His glory is the first-born of his ox and his horns the horns of a wild ox: with them he shall push the people to the ends of the earth: they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and the thousands of Manasseh." (Deut 33:17)

In Joseph dwell two portions; Manasseh the first-born, and Ephraim. Manasseh is named in the Tribes of *JESUS first fruits in Heaven*. And his tribal banner is that of an *'olive branch, and an Ox.'* JESUS Angel in Manasseh rests in the promise that *our sins are blotted out and remembered no more*. In Manasseh, is the *'Feast of the First-fruits'* of grace. And in Ephraim, the *'Feast of Ingathering'* of those Multitudes in who grace is perfected.

In Joshua's time, Manasseh's inheritance lay on both sides of the Jordan River. Their inheritance in the Lawgivers' portion east of the Jordan, lay in the north. In the promised-land they surrounded Ephraim's inheritance in the south and west. And as Joseph's sons embraced in brotherly love then, so the Spirit of Grace binds them now.

In the *'two horns'* of Ephraim and Manasseh, are the *two witnesses of Revelation 11*; JESUS Gospel and Moses Law, put to death by the religious in every generation. And like Joseph's times of *'plenty and famine'* they have gathered the Israel of God to Jesus. In the *'thousands of Manasseh,'* the 'Tribes' of the Lambs redeemed first-fruits. And, in the *'ten thousands of Ephraim'* the 'Multitudes' washed in the blood of the Lamb. *For by Grace, we are saved.*

So, through the Northern Gates of Zion are those drawn by Jesus *'Heavenly Gospel'* made new. Out of Asher comes the *'Fruits of the Spirit,'* born of *JESUS Royal Law*. In Naphtali a *'Law of Faith'* that prevails over the sin in our flesh. And from this is the *'Fruits of Forgiveness'* that go beyond us and set our neighbours free. And in Manasseh, the *'First-fruits of Grace'* purchased by the blood of the Lamb in its generations, (*lest any man boast*) that has brought forth a multitude of nations.

I end this sharing on the Northern Gate with a portion of JESUS Song. Asher's royal fruit - Naphtali set loose - Manasseh forgive.

LORD, lay upon the Foundation Stones of the Apostles Faith your Walls of Salvation. And open in us the Angels of Gods Israel, who have borne your Everlasting Testimony. In JESUS Christ's Name I pray. Amen.

THE GATES OF ZION (P4 of 5) - THE SOUTHERN GATES

Jeremiah likened God's ordinances with Israel to the 'lights' of the moon, the sun, and the stars. In Revelation *a woman stands upon the Moon, is clothed with the Sun, and is crowned with Twelve Stars*. She is Christ's Body; His Church. JESUS Covenants of the Law, His Gospel and Testimony, bound in Twelve Angels.

As Ezekiel saw Satan in Eden clothed with *'ten stones'*, so the *'ten horns'* of the Dragon cast to earth, and the 'ten horns' of the Beast crowned in Revelation are *'ten kings;'* the Ten

Commandments. They are the '*kings of the earth.*' And the Dragon, the Beast of the Sea, and the Beast of the Earth, are *JESUS Covenants corrupted.*

In the wilderness, the Woman's Seed keeps the Commandments of God, and Testimony of JESUS. But, in the 'times of Christ's Covenants' in the nations, *the moon has become blood, and the sun darkness, and the stars cast down.* JESUS Testimony has fallen.

In their season, Christ's Covenants this woman represents are restored as a '*bride adorned.*' In Zion, through the Angels of the Eastern Gates, come the '*Kings of the East*' bearing the banners of 'JESUS Faith.' From the Angels of the Northern Gates, come *the first-fruits of forgiveness and grace*, who possess the Gates of the South. In them is the testimony of the '*Kings of the Earth.*' We come now to the Angels of the three Southern Gates. (Rev 7 & 21)

SIMEON

To JESUS Testimony in the Angel of Simeon's Gate.

When Leah delivered her second son, she said, "*The LORD has heard that I was hated and so has given me this son also.*" Simeon's name means '*to hear, to understand.*' From Jacob's blessing; *Simeon and Levi are brothers; their weapons are instruments of cruelty. Let not my soul come into their counsel; let not my soul be joined to their company. For in their anger, they killed a man. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, it was cruel. I will divide them in Jacob, and I will scatter them in Israel.* (Genesis 49:5-7) But Moses did not bless Simeon.

Simeon is the Central Gate of the South, and his Tribal banner that of a '*two-edged sword.*' Through the Northern Gates we enter into the blessings of a royal law, born of Mount Zion above. But from the South, come the afflicted from '*Mount Sinai*' to an inheritance in JESUS Christ. Now in Jacob's day, he dwelt for a time in Shechem, between the mountains of Gerizim and Ebal, the mountains of blessing and cursing.

It was here a prince lay with his daughter Dinah, but later sought to honour her. Simeon and Levi consented to their marriage on the condition the males of his household were circumcised. This they did, but while they healed the brothers slew them. Yet, Jacob did not curse his sons, but cursed their vengeance and use of God's Covenant of Circumcision to judge and condemn. *In Jacob's blessing, Simeon, and Levi, are set apart.*

When Moses blessed the tribes, he was not shown Simeon, *as the circumcision is not of the Law*, but in God's Covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So, Joshua placed Simeon's portion within the border of Judah's inheritance where the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are buried. In Zion, the '*Sword*' of Simeon's judgement abides in Judah's Faith, for JESUS said, "*If you believe not that I AM you shall die in your sins.*" (John 8:24) So Sinai's judgement and wrath is circumcised by faith. *In Simeon we hear and understand JESUS righteous judgment.*

LEVI

To JESUS Testimony in the Angel of Levi's Gate.

When Leah delivered a third son she said; *"Now will my husband be joined to me, and she called him Levi." (Genesis 29:34)* Levi's name means 'to be joined.' When Jacob cursed Simeon and Levi's wrath, *he prayed they not unite, and so divided Simeon in Jacob and scattered Levi in Israel.* And while Moses did not bless Simeon, he blessed Levi saying; *"Let your Urim and Thummim be with your 'Holy One' who you proved at Massah and strove at the waters of Meribah. They shall teach Jacob judgment and Israel your law. They shall put incense before you and whole burnt sacrifice upon your altar. Bless LORD, his substance and accept the work of his hands." (Duet 33:8-11)*

In Moses time, *Levi was the price Israel paid to redeem its firstborn males.* Therefore, Levi became the LORDS and *the LORD became Levi's inheritance.* So, Levi had no inheritance in the promised-land, but was scattered in cities among the tribes, to teach Gods' Law and to judge Israel. And though the LORD said: *"If Israel keep my Covenant, I will make them a Kingdom of priests and a Holy nation,"* it is in New Jerusalem, the 'City of Truth,' we find the redeemed first-fruits of a 'royal priesthood,' and out of them, come the Israel of God.

Now, Moses divided the Ten Commandments, from Israel's Great Commandment. And though Levi taught Israel God's Commandments and sang Moses' Song; JESUS placed them in their order by saying: *"The first commandment of all is: "Hear O Israel; the LORD our God is one LORD: And you shall love the LORD with all your heart, soul, mind and strength." And the second is like this; "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." (Mark 12:29)*

So, Levi's '*Breastplate of Urim and Thummim,*' worn by the High Priest, was inlaid with *twelve stones, not ten.* In it, the Ten Commandments rest in 'JESUS Law of Faith and Love.' Levi's banner of Urim and Thummim means '*the lights of perfect truth,*' and witnesses to *the Covenant of an 'endless life.'* And as the breastplate's '*Judgment Stones*' were engraved with the names of the Twelve Tribes, so the Twelve Angels of Zion's Gates, *are as a single pearl,* and the Angel of the Covenant in them all, is '*JESUS Spirit of Truth.*'

In Levi, *the Ten Commandments, and JESUS' Law of 'Faith and Love' are joined.* And rest in those Saints, who keep the Commandments of God, and the Faith of JESUS. As Leah was joined to Jacob, so those saints who live in Christ's Covenants, are joined to Him. And as '*JESUS is both LORD and Christ,*' we become one in Him.

ISSACHAR

To JESUS Testimony in the Angel of Issachar's Gate.

And Leah bear Jacob a fifth son and said of him; *"God has given me my hire, because I have given my maid to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. (Gen 30:17-18)* Issachar's name means '*there is recompense.*' From Jacob we hear; *"Issachar is a strong ass crouched down between two burdens: And saw that rest was good, and the land was pleasant; and bowed his shoulder to bear and became a servant to tribute." (Genesis 49:14-15)*

And Moses who said, *"rejoice, Zebulon in thy going out; and Issachar in thy tents. They shall call the people to the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand."* (Duet 33:18-19)

Issachar's banner is that of an *'ass laden under two burdens.'* In Issachar, our salvation hangs in the balance between the works of the Law and JESUS grace, but then bows down to works. And yet by grace, Moses saw Issachar ascend from within the Law to offer righteous sacrifice. Not the works of our flesh, lest we boast, but as the Apostle James said; *"of pure religion undefiled; to visit the widows, and the fatherless in their affliction, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world."* (James 1:27)

JESUS Angel in Issachar brings those in bondage to works to Mount Zion. From, the works of the Law, to the pure works of love refined in those whose lives become a living sacrifice. Of this JESUS said; *"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of God."* (Matthew 5)

As Leah gave her bond-maid to Jacob to bear a child, in Issachar she obtained her own son. In Issachar there is recompense for selfless sacrifice. Not of carnal gain, but of incorruptible inheritance. In Issachar, selfless love bears the first-fruits of charity, Paul shared: *"does not vaunt itself, is not puffed up and does not seek its own."* Of this the Apostle James concluded; *"by works is faith made perfect."*

SUMMARY

In the Northern Gates above, dwell the blessings in Heaven. From the Angels of the Southern Gates below, comes the substance of Gods Commandments on earth. In Simeon, we come to rest in *JESUS righteous judgement that separates us from Sinai's condemnation.* In Levi, the *'breastplate of JESUS judgement' is a Law of Spirit and Truth.* And in this Covenant of an Endless Life, we join with JESUS. And in Issachar, from the meek and the poor, *come the first-fruits of charity that pray we do unto others, as we would have them do unto us.*

The heavenly gospel of faith, grace, and love in the Northern Gates, *sets the 'Kings of the Earth,' in the South, free to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.*

I end this sharing on the Southern Gates with a portion of JESUS Song. Simeon hear, Levi be joined, Issachar bow.

LORD, open the Gates of your Testimony in us all. Let your Everlasting Covenant abide within our hearts to your glory. In JESUS Christs' Holy name I pray. Amen.

THE GATES OF ZION (P5 of 5) - THE WESTERN GATES

When Elijah repaired the altar Jezebel's prophets had broken down on Mount Carmel, he took twelve stones according to the number of Jacob's sons *and built an altar in the LORDS' name.* And calling on *the Existing One*, his sacrifice was accepted. (Kings 18:30) In New Jerusalem, JESUS Name lives within an altar of Twelve Angels, and upon them, His sacrifice and Salvation.

The order of the Gates of New Jerusalem is the order of JESUS Salvation. Through the Eastern Gates we enter into Faith. To believe, *'JESUS is both LORD and Christ, and To repent, and be baptised in JESUS Christ name,'* and so fulfil the tenants of *'the water, the blood, and the Spirit.'* Just as the High Priest and his sons were also consecrated by water, the blood and oil.

And, as Aaron and his sons were sprinkled with oil and blood before they entered the Tabernacle; from the Northern Gates we learn that *we must first put on the garments of forgiveness and grace to cover our flesh.* In the Southern Gates, the Breastplate of JESUS righteous judgement is placed in our heart and mind. And in His Covenant of *'Spirit and Truth'* we are joined to Him. (*Leviticus 8*)

In the order of these things, JESUS Name and Testimony are a Royal Priesthood consecrated, to serve the Israel of God. Now, JESUS Gospel is sown in the East, and reaped in the West. So, we now come to the Angels of the Western Gates. (*Revelation 7 & 21*)

ZEBULON

To JESUS Testimony in the Angel of Zebulon's Gate.

Leah said *"God has endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me."* (*Gen 30:20*) Zebulon's name means; *'exalted habitation.'* From Jacob we hear; *"Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea, and he will be a haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon."* (*Gen 49:13*)

And Moses said; *"Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out and Issachar, in thy tents. They shall call the people to the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand."* (*Deut 33: 18-19*)

Zebulon dwells by the sea and is a haven for ships. *Its banner is that of a 'ship in sail.'* In Scripture the 'sea' speaks of *'peoples, nations, and tongues.'* That Zebulon's border is 'to Zidon' reveals its purpose, as *Zidon means to 'catch fish.'* In Zebulon's Angel, JESUS Heavenly Gospel draws by His Spirit.

This is seen in the prophecies of Moses; and while I did not touch on it in the Southern Gates, the *prophecies over Zebulun and Issachar are bound together.* In ancient Israel, both Zebulun and Issachar stood either side of Judah in the Eastern Brigade. JESUS Angel in their Tribes in that dispensation took Christ's Testimony, bound in the Law, out into the nations.

However, in Zion, Zebulon's *'going out'* refers to JESUS Jubilee Gospel. And Issachar's *'tents'* speaks of those who have believed and *'come to rest in Christ's Tabernacle.'* Their witness draws Ephraim's multitudes as *'the sand of the sea'* to JESUS Salvation offered upon the altar of Israel's Tribal Angels in Mount Zion. *In Zebulon, Christ's Tabernacle is exalted.*

JOSEPH

To JESUS Testimony in the Angel of Joseph's Gate.

When Rachel bear Joseph her first son, she said *"God has removed my reproach and shall add to me another son." (Genesis 30:23)* Joseph's name means, *the LORD'S increase*.

Jacob said *"Joseph is a fruitful bough by a well whose branches run over the wall: The archers hated him but his hands were made strong by the Mighty God of Jacob; from him the 'Shepherd, and Stone of Israel.' The Almighty bless you with the blessings of heaven above and the deep below. The blessings of your father have prevailed above those of my offspring to the bounds of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separated from his brethren." (Genesis 49:22-26)*

Of Joseph, Moses *'blessed the precious things of heaven above, and the deep below - the precious fruits of the sun and of the moon - the chief things of the ancient mountains and the everlasting hills.'* And said further, *"let the blessing come on the 'head of Joseph' and the 'top of the head' of him separated from his brethren. His glory is like the firstling of his ox, and his horns like the horns of a wild ox: with them, he shall push the nations to the ends of the earth: they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and the thousands of Manasseh." (Deut 33:13-17)*

Joseph's banner is *'a fruitful branch by a well,'* and in him there are two parts. From the first-fruits of Manasseh's grace come Ephraim's multitudes out of great tribulation; whose robes in Revelation are washed white in the Blood of the Lamb. In them is *the increase of Joseph's offspring*. And though we are saved by grace, it is here, the blasphemies in our church beliefs are corrected.

As the mountains of blessing and cursing dwelt in Ephraim's border, *'so the seven times of plenty and famine'* dwell in Joseph's Angel. Famines, we see consume JESUS Salvation in the Church Angels and Seals of Revelation. As Joseph's brothers hated him and sold him into Egypt, so *JESUS Church in the nations has also hated His Testimony*. And as Joseph was separated from his brethren, *our churches have separated the Testimony of the Existing One, from His Christ*.

Yet, *JESUS Christ is both Existing One and Messiah; the Shepherd and Stone of Israel*. In this, *the "rods of Judah and Joseph become one."* And from the Altar of His Name restored comes Zion's Salvation. *JESUS name marks the crown of Joseph's head* and is the *'root'* of Joseph's increase. And as Joseph saw *the sun, the moon and eleven stars bow to him*, so *JESUS Gospel, Commandments, and the Spirit of Prophecy*, all bow as one in JESUS Christ name.

BENJAMIN

To JESUS Testimony in the Angel of Benjamin's Gate.

Now, Rachel died giving birth to her second son. *"And as her soul departed, she called his name Benoni,"* which means *'son of my sorrow.'* But Jacob named him Benjamin; *'son of the right hand.'* (Gen 35:18) From Jacob; *"Benjamin shall raven as a wolf. In the morning he shall*

devour the prey and at night he shall divide the spoil." (Gen 49:27) And Moses said; "The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders. (Deut 33:12)

In Israel's time, the tribe of Benjamin refused to correct an abomination in their midst. So, all of the Tribes gathered at Gibeah to judge and cleanse their brother's sin from Israel. In the battles that ensued, all the woman, children and men of Benjamin were put to death. But a few hundred men escaped the sword. Afterwards, Israel mourned bitterly for the loss of their brother, *'and took from the daughters of Shiloh,'* wives for the men to restore Benjamin's tribe.

Benjamin's banner is a *'ravening wolf.'* In Benjamin, the LORD'S *'Destroying Angel'* judges and devours those who have touched the Word of His Salvation. In the morning, in the Church Angels and Seals, *He has devoured.* And in the darkness of the Trumpets and Plagues, the LORD God Almighty divides the harvests. In the Seven Plagues of Revelation, *'from within those who repent of their blasphemy,'* comes Shiloh to *'restore the beloved.'* Mercy be praised!

The 'Beloved,' is the Angel of JESUS Testimony that rests between 'His Shoulders.' For, as Benjamin in Joshua's day dwelt between the borders of Judah and Ephraim, so *JESUS Salvation rests between Judah's' Faith and Joseph's Promise.* And as Rachel's soul departed in bitterness and sorrow, in the twinkling of an eye *'the right hand' of JESUS Salvation is restored* in those who repent and turn to the LORD.

SUMMARY

From the Western Gates of Harvest, comes the Jubilee Gospel of JESUS Salvation exalted in Zebulon. In Joseph, *every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that JESUS Christ is LORD.* And this name marks the Israel of God. And from Benjamin comes the *'Bond of Perfection'* restored in the poor, the blind, and the naked. For as Judah and Joseph become one in the LORD'S hand, *so JESUS is the root and the offspring; the SPIRIT and the Bride.*

When Jacob finished blessing his sons, he put his feet up into his bed and gave up his soul. Moses too, having blessed Israel's Tribes, was taken, and buried by the LORD. And New Jerusalem was the last of those things breathed by the prophets. *But in this last generation, JESUS has remembered His Testimony in Zion's Angels. LORD, as you have shown, draw the Israel of God to yourself. Amen.*

We started this journey through the Gates of New Jerusalem with David's Prayer. And I finish with this same prayer but ask we all consider its depth once more.

When the LORD shall build Zion, he shall appear in his glory. He will regard the prayer of the destitute and not despise their prayer. This shall be written for the generation to come and a people which shall be created shall praise the LORD. For he has looked down from the height of his sanctuary. From heaven did the LORD behold the earth; To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death. To declare the Name of the LORD in Zion, and his Praise in Jerusalem; (Psalm 102: 16-21)