Preamble to the Plagues

The 'seven plagues' fall upon those who have taken the 'mark of the beast;' upon those who have bowed to another gospel or received another salvation. As the Book of Revelation leads into the plagues, we hear the songs of Moses and the Lamb sung to those who have not taken the 'mark of the beast,' or bowed in worship to it.

To therefore understand the mark of the beast, and the seven plagues which follow, we must understand the 'lawgiver' songs.

When the LORD first called Israel out of Egypt, He gave Moses two signs, and with each sign a voice. Thereafter, these signs and their testimonies, would mark those who kept, or rejected them. The *'mark of the beast'* is bound in the sign of the later voice given to Moses; a leprous hand held over the heart.

Voice of the 1st Sign

And Moses answered and said, but, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken to my voice: for they will say, The LORD has not appeared to thee. And the LORD said to him, What is that in your hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the LORD said to Moses, Put forth your hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. (Exodus 4:1-5)

The 1st Sign: given to Moses was a rod that was a staff when held aloft, and a serpent when cast to the ground. *Held aloft Israel was blessed. Cast down Israel was cursed.*

The 1st Voice: the Covenant of the Law. A testimony Moses set before Israel for *'life and good,'* and *'death and evil.'* Bound in this Covenant, the rule of law: To the obedient the power of life and good; the power to bless, too heal, and to establish Sabbaths of rest. To the rebellious: the power of death and evil; the power to curse, too destroy and sevenfold vengeance in place of rest.

Moses Song: Moses wrote these things in a book and having sung its testimony to Israel, placed this *'book of the law,'* in the side of the Ark of the Covenant, which also held the attributes of Christ's dispensations. Thereafter, every seven years, in the seventh month, the sons of the High Priest blew trumpets to gather the tribes to hear Moses song, written in the *'book of the law.'* A song that witnessed against Israel.

The sign of the *'rod and the serpent'* was first shown to Pharaoh, and the people heard its voice when Moses declared its Law from Sinai. Israel in their generations tried in vain

to keep its statutes, but in time her tribes bowed to evil, and were cast out of the promised-land. Condemned to wander in the nations without rest; God's testimony in them now as salt and brimstone. *(Deuteronomy 29)*

In Revelation chapter 12, we see two signs...

And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman arrayed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars;

And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven crowns.... And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

The Signs in Revelation: In these two signs, the woman personifies the *'rod of the law held aloft,'* just as the dragon; the serpent, is *'the law cast down.'* The woman and the dragon both represent Sinai's Covenant; one is obedient, one is not. The dragon's seven heads its Sabbaths, and its ten horns; Ten Commandments. Bound in their statutes the power and authority to rule the kingdoms of this world. Power ordained in two archangels; Michael and Satan. This Law is the seat of Satan's power.

Generations of theologians and Christians have considered these signs in Revelation, and yet, have not recognised them for what they are; the 'rod and the serpent' first shown to Moses. Truly, only the LORD can order His Word.

Its signs in the Book of Revelation, are a prelude to the singing of the Song of Moses.

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Voice of the Latter Sign

Now, the LORD gave Moses a latter sign...

And the LORD said furthermore to him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. (Exodus 4:6-8)

And the LORD gave Moses one final sign...

And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe even these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that you shall take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which you take out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land. (Exodus 4:9)

Theologians say Deuteronomy pertains to Moses second reading of the Law before the tribes of Israel entered the promised-land. However, Moses declared two laws. In Deuteronomy 5, Moses first declared, Ten Commandments written in stone. This Covenant is the first voice we see in the Book of Revelation, both as a virtuous bride, and the serpent cast down from heaven. Then, in Deuteronomy chapter 6, the Great Commandment:

A law Moses foresaw would be in our hearts, on our hands, and upon our foreheads; a law of faith. This is the 'Mark of the LORD'...

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be <u>in thine heart</u>... And thou shalt bind them for <u>a sign</u> <u>upon thine hand</u>, and they shall be <u>as frontlets between thine eyes</u>. (Deut 6:4-8)

The Latter Sign: Moses spoke of the LORD'S Testimony in our heart and mind, as being a sign; a mark upon our hand and forehead. The latter sign reveals if the LORD'S Testimony in us is clean, or unclean. The sign of the leprous hand, marks the beast.

The Latter Voice: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bound in this Covenant is the kingdom of God: To the believer, the power of an endless life; the power to love our enemies, and the faith to rest in Jesus Christ; the true Sabbath. To the unbelieving: the power of death and hell, its plagues, and religious works offered continually day and night.

The Clean Hand: The sign of the clean hand reveals the purity of Jesus testimony in our heart. In the Book of Revelation, the virgin born tribes have their Father's Name written on their foreheads. The Promised Son that Isaiah declared would be named the Everlasting Father; the LORD Jesus Christ. *(Isaiah 9:6)*

The Unclean Hand: As the sign of a clean hand reveals a virgin born gospel in our heart, so the unclean hand reveals Jesus gospel defiled. The leprous hand reveals *'another gospel;'* the creeds, traditions and laws of men, in our heart.

The Mark of the Beast: The leprous hand is the sign of the mark of the beast. *'Idols'* forged by men in the image of God's Word that sit in our heart and mind. Instead of Christ's salvation, a gospel touched by men, that in time will make us desolate. This rebellion marks us, just as its sevenfold vengeance marked Cain.

The 'mark of the beast,' is the sign of the leprous hand, upon those who teach, preach, or worship another gospel.

The Mark of the Beast

In Revelation 14, the root cause of the *'mark of the beast,'* is revealed as it unfolds in the messages of three angels. Please heed the simplicity of its revelation.

- 1. The first Angel declares the everlasting gospel and the hour of God's judgment;
- 2. The second Angel declares Babylon has fallen; *men's creeds mixed with God's Word (see 'The Man of Sin')*
- 3. The third Angel reveals those who have taken the mark of the beast, and those who have not.

These angels do not only sound once. God's Word is a living creature, and these messages have repeated in every generation, to every religious assembly. *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Matthew 18:20)* Observe also, the saints who keep the Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus.

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice; if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand. The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascends up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives the mark of his name.

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. (Revelation 14:9-13)

The Lawgiver Songs

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having seven plagues, which are the last, for in them is finished the wrath of God. (Revelation 15:1)

In Revelation 15, we see the sign of seven final plagues in heaven. Before they are released, we first hear the songs of those who keep the Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus; the songs of Moses and the Lamb.

These have not bowed to the image of the beast. They have not bowed to his mark or his name. They have found rest.

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. (Revelation 15:2-3)

Moses' song, in the 'book of the law,'was first put into the Ark of the Testimony beside the tables of the law, the pot of manna, and the rod that budded. Symbols of Christ's seasons as the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. In Revelation chapter 11, the testimonies of the 'law and gospel,' have sounded in the outer court of God's temple in every generation and in every religious assembly. In the outer court: because we have not entered into Jesus Christ, the true tabernacle. Witnesses put to death in our congregations, just as pious pretenders murdered the Christ. Put to death: because we cannot accept their testimony without adding a bit here, or removing a bit there. *From this the mark, from this error, come seven plagues.*

Now, these two witnesses stand in the Book, and their songs tell us of the wrath and plagues to follow. As the tabernacle of witness is opened in heaven, we are told how their plagues must be fulfilled before anyone can enter into the tabernacle of God, in heaven.

The opening of this tabernacle is the LORD Jesus Christ revealing to you, He is the first and the last. That He is the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the LORD God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come. The Commandment Moses said would be in our heart and mind:

'the LORD God is One LORD.'

And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: ... And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled. (Revelation 15:5-8)

The plagues cleanse the tabernacle of God's testimony in heaven.

The plagues cleanse the 'Tabernacle of God' in heaven. In Moses time this was a 'tabernacle of witness' on the earth. *This 'Tabernacle of God,' is the 'Testimony of Jesus Christ,' in us.* The plagues sever the just from the unjust, and the love of Jesus truth, from the traditions, creeds and gospels of men. They cleanse the Gospel of Jesus Christ in us.

The plagues, are the sign of the leprous hand, first shown to Moses. The plagues are the sign, the mark, upon the hands and foreheads of those who have added to, or taken away, from the Testimony of Jesus Christ. The seven plagues include the sevenfold vengeance of God bound in the law, and the plagues and curses bound in the Gospel. (*Leviticus 26 – Revelation 22:18-19*)

As the plagues called Israel out of Egypt, so these plagues, call us out of Babylon...

The 1st Plague

The first plague falls upon those who have taken the mark of the beast, and who worship his image. The *'image of the beast,'* is one of the many perverted versions of Jesus true gospel. And the *'mark of the beast,'* sits upon those who believe, and worship God, according to that error.

The Mark of the Beast emerges from within our churches,... not without.

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The 2nd Plague

The Beast rising from the sea in Revelation is the corrupted gospel of Jesus Christ in the nations. The second plague falls upon the sea, and these waters become as the blood of a dead man, and every living soul dies in the sea. *Why? Because Jesus testimony altered, renders his salvation void.* And the gospels touched by men... *have no life in them and cannot save our souls.*

The sea turning to blood is a sign our corrupted gospels cannot save our souls...

The 3rd Plague

As the 'sea' speaks of Jesus Testimony perverted in the nations, so the 'rivers and fountains,' speak of Jesus witness in his prophets and saints. **These waters turning to blood is a sign their witness has been put to death** in our many congregations. That we drink the blood of their testaments, judges and testifies against us.

These waters turning to blood is a sign Jesus testimony has been put to death...

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The 4th Plague

Moses said, God's wrath would smoke against those who blessed themselves in the imaginations of their hearts, and in this plague we see men scorched with the plagues of God's wrath against those who have changed Jesus tenants of salvation and blasphemed Jesus name.

The curses bound in the Gospel and the Law are poured upon those who render the power and authority of Jesus name... void.

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The 5th Plague

The 'seat of the beast,' is the 'judgement seat of men,' ordained in the Law. **This plague declares the condition of God's Law in men's hearts and minds.** Good statutes that once underpinned good lives and communities, have bred worms and from their tenants cast to the ground have come the cursing, violence, and lewdness, that now overflow our nations.

Darkness and blasphemy fill the hearts and minds of those who reject God's Law...

The 6th Plague

[Part-1] The drying up of the Euphrates is the testimony of Jesus Christ drying up in our religious assemblies. The mention of the 'Kings of the East,' is a reference to the coming restoration of JESUS testimony in those who repent in these plagues of their error.

In the 'Kings of the East,' we hear of Jesus Testimony bound in the Israel of God...

[Part-2] In Revelation; the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet, are Jesus faith and law, corrupted by men. The spirits of devils working miracles we see come out of the mouths of these beasts, *are the purging of those lying spirits from Jesus Testimony*... in those who repent of their blasphemy and sin.

The purging of idolatry and unbelief from Jesus testimony

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[Part-3] Jesus, unobserved, has come like a thief. Even when we added to, and stole from his Word, the spirits of devils bound in His Word, deceived us. *And their strong delusion took from us Jesus grace and truth...*

For our deceit, Jesus fed us strong delusion, and took back his grace and truth from us...

[Part-4] For those of us who have not repented, of the blasphemy of Jesus name, or the rejection of Jesus Testimony, a final reckoning. Megiddo is where Josiah fell, and 'Armageddon' is where the last remnant of the hope spoken of in Jesus Gospel to mankind, shall cease to exist.

If you have not yet repented, then repent...

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The 7th Plague

If the LORD JESUS has brought you to this place, then He has cleansed His Faith and Commandments, in you. *Jesus promised to comfort us, and to dwell in us.* The 'feast of tabernacles,' remembers an Israel who not only fell in Moses time through unbelief; but of an Israel born into the bondage of men's gospels in the nations.

In the seven plagues, the Spirit of Jesus Christ seeks to dwell in you, and you in him. *Do not be afraid.*

It is done! ...the seven plagues; Jesus feast of tabernacles

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The Harvest of Ingathering

Seen in the Book of Revelation as the multitudes out of all nations – with *'palms'* in their hands and washed by the blood of the Lamb. In line with God's Ordinances, this feast unfolds in three parts.

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- (1) On the first day of the seventh month, the Blowing of Trumpets. (In the Book of Revelation: The Seven Trumpets)
- (2) On the tenth day: the Sabbath Feast of Affliction and Atonement. A time of repentance and believing Jesus Christ, is both LORD and Christ. (In the Book of Revelation, the Song of Moses -Affliction: The Song of the Lamb Salvation)
- (3) On the fifteenth day: the 'Feast of Tabernacles' over a period of seven days. A feast that remembers Israel's wandering in the wilderness caused by their idolatry and unbelief. A feast, in which they pull down the branches of palm trees and make 'booths' to dwell in. (In the Book of Revelation as the cleansing of the Tabernacle in Heaven, in the season of God's seven plagues in us, when God's Word in us, is purged and purified.)

It is done. Released from bondage, please return to the truth and worship the Almighty in Spirit and in Truth.

All Glory to the LORD JESUS Christ...