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INTRODUCTION

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We've Never Gone Thus Way Before seems to be the only way to describe the times and events that have been unfolding in these days. The title is taken from Joshua 3:4 where they were about to cross the Jordan. This was going to be a totally new experience and could not be understood by relating to the past. The only way was to follow the ark and the priests who carried it. So today, we believe we are entering into a new dimension of God's promises that can only be perceived to the extent that we know Christ, hear His voice and follow Him.

It is our prayer that the Gathering in Winnipeg will allow many to enter into a deep awareness of one aspect of God's present move in Canada. To more fully appreciate what the Lord is doing, it will be very helpful to read this booklet (article) before attending the Gathering.

For years Pastor Gideon Chiu of Vancouver, BC has been led to carefully chronicle and record events as they transpired. All who know him have observed that he always carries a tape recorder or is taking notes. He has been encouraged by many to put his notes in a book form, which he has been faithfully doing. This will produce a significant volume and since the story will be added to at the Winnipeg Gathering, it was felt to produce this synopsis especially for Gathering attendants.

In this condensed form it is impossible to present complete details and this may leave the reader with some questions. In cases it may appear that the premises put forward are not very substantial. For these missing details we urge the readers to secure the full manuscript which should be available later. The intent of this synopsis is not to convince, but to present a "bird's eye" view of the journey that has led up to the Winnipeg Gathering.

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We offer the following pages to help the attendants of the Gathering in Winnipeg June 30 – July 2, 1999, to better understand the burden of the Spirit leading up to this event.

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DOING GOD'S WILL

Jesus our Example

Many believers determine to take Jesus as their personal example. The usual approach is to study His teaching and to observe His conduct and try to act as He did. The Holy Spirit had been directing us to see that Jesus' secret was His absolute commitment to do only what His Father was doing. This was prophesied of Him in Psalm 40:6-8, and He declared this many times. cf John 5:30, 7:18.

Obedience the Key

Throughout the Bible those who pleased God simply incorporated two factors: hearing God's voice and full obedience. Noah heard God and obeyed. Abraham heard God's voice and responded with obedience. Moses, David and all those commended in Hebrews 11 applied this key.

This seems simple, but in reality countless works and activities are done for the Lord out of zeal, godly desire or even ambition. None of these fully please God or bring forth His divine plan. Only hearing His voice and doing His will fulfills the commitment of: "Thy will be done on earth as in heaven."

Personal Examples

David Moshen Demian, who the Lord has raised up to carry on Pastor Bob Birch's burden to hear what the Spirit is speaking to the Church, was led to learn this principle. When the Lord asked him to give up a highly successful medical practice, he responded. Having noted that some get into bondage by obeying under obligation, he asked the Lord to change his heart. As the Lord honoured this request he laid down his career in spite of much misunderstanding.

To Rent or to Own

David's testimony is put in a nutshell in the following experience he shares. The Lord asked him how much freedom he would have in changing or remaking a rented house as opposed to a house he owned. Both could be lived in, but one's freedom in a rented house is quite limited. After this the Lord pointed out that most Christians "rent" their hearts and lives to the Lord. He is allowed to live there but He must ask permission to make changes.

In response to this revelation, David determined to offer the Lord full ownership and complete liberty to change and direct him without further permission. This response brought him into intimate relationship, daring obedience and full trust in the Lord's leading. This stance has encouraged many.

David was used by the Lord to raise up a very successful ministry in Egypt. When he came to Canada for the birth of his first child, God asked him to stay in Canada. The Lord said, "Before you can fulfill My call to Egypt you must first go to Canada for a work I have called you to there."

This began a new phase of obedience which led David to Canada where he met and travelled with Pastor Bob Birch, a man whom Cindy Jacobs called Canada's Apostle of Prayer. His faithfulness as a father of the faith in Canada proved to have a profound effect on David.

Gideon Chiu's story is very similar. Raised as a Christian, he yearned for and sensed the Lord's leading, even as a child, to the point where he determined to inquire of the Lord in every decision. In 1971, the Holy Spirit clearly called and confirmed that Gideon was to serve God in China.

Then the Lord directed him to come to Canada to be prepared for the work He was calling him to in China. He came to Simon Fraser University in Vancouver for studies, assuming that he would soon return to his homeland. In the meantime, as in the case of David Demian, the Lord made it clear that he was called to fulfill a purpose in Canada

before he could return to China. Through numerous divine encounters, Gideon's steps were led to a deeper reality of the Holy Spirit, the establishing of the Church of Zion in Vancouver and into relationship with David Demian.

In both of these men's lives, their hearing of the Lord's voice and their obedience at any cost has led them in awesome ways. They have been learning to walk above the fear or favour of man, set free from fears and bondages that filter God's voice, and both have been allowed to see a deep measure of God's heart for Canada. They have also surrendered their lives to see God's heart satisfied in Canada.

REMOVING THE STONES

Reconciliation

In Isaiah 62:10 it is clear that in order for God to dwell among His people, obstacles or "stones" must be removed. These obstacles include sins and injustices of the past. This basic principle in the Word is the work of Christ, to bring reconciliation, and He has given us this ministry of reconciliation.

Throughout history, many hurts and offences have brought division, animosity and hatred between peoples, races, cultures and even families.

In recent years the Holy Spirit has revealed a key to deal with and remove such offences. This can bring peace and also afford the Lord an opportunity to manifest His presence.

Identificational Repentance

A major revelation necessary to enact reconciliation is to understand identificational repentance. Persons who are part of a corporate entity, such as a nation, race, city, church or even Christianity, can identify themselves as a representative of that entity. Then, even as Daniel did in Daniel 9, we can repent as, and on behalf of that group.

Remitting the Sins of Forefathers

As Daniel and others demonstrate we can even repent on behalf of our ancestors, for sins in which we ourselves were not personally involved. So today, we can repent on behalf of our forefathers and remove the bloodguilt or curses which their sins brought upon us. King David's repentance removed the curse of the famine, even though it was a result of the "bloody" house of Saul. (2 Samuel 21:1-2)

The practice of identificational repentance is bringing major breakthroughs between races, nations and cultures, and is proving to be the Lord's way of restoration in our times.

A FAITHFUL MAN OF GOD

Only the Lord knows how many faithful pilgrims of the past generation gave their whole being to the Lord and sensed His heartache over Canada. Certainly, a nationally esteemed man of God, Robert H. Birch, now over 90, ranks among them.

Pastor Bob's willingness to obey the Lord at any cost and to spend countless nighttime hours on his face before the Lord has laid a foundation onto which we are now being led.

A Pioneer in Renewal

Pastor Bob's heart was touched by the Holy Spirit during a visit to St. Luke's in Seattle, Washington in the '60's where the Lord was pouring out His Spirit. St. Margaret's Anglican in East Vancouver was never the same as Bob embraced what the Holy Spirit wanted to do in Canada. Thousands of seekers, including many hippies, found their way to this haven of love and met the living God.

Pastor Bob was overwhelmed with the burden of this move of God and his only recourse was to spend hours on his face, a practice he has never stopped. In spite of things seeming to be in great disarray, he recognized and trusted the Lord's hand to guide. Today, thousands from all over Canada and abroad, look back on those days and regard Pastor Bob as their spiritual father.

A Heart for the Citywide Church

Pastor Bob led the city of Vancouver in prayer and served as a voice for the churches and senior gatekeepers of the area. For over fifty years he inspired many to pray, resulting in the establishing of Watchmen For The Nations.

Among the bold stands he took was leading a public declaration opposing the celebration of the Gay Games in Vancouver. While these games did take place, the Lord blessed Pastor Bob's obedience, and opened many new doors for intercession. During this time many international speakers such as Rick Joyner, Francis Frangipane, Cindy Jacobs and other prophetic voices, came to British Columbia and we learned much from them.

Another fruit of Pastor Bob's labours is the Vancouver Pastor's Fellowship which has inspired similar fellowships in other cities.

What is the Spirit Saying to the Church

Anyone who has met Pastor Bob personally has been confronted with his tireless question, "What is the Spirit saying to the Church?" The travels of David Demian and Gideon Chiu, and the upcoming Gathering, are wholly dedicated to a further hearing of the answer to that question.

It has become clear that what the Lord wants to do now rests on the foundation of such godly pioneers. As a protection, David and Gideon have asked a group of such, referred to as "Fathers" for continuous fellowship and covering.

This has helped them to maintain a balance and avoid many of the pitfalls which are so common when the younger generation moves aggressively. This concept of the "Fathers" is recommended as a protection for all God's servants.

HISTORY OF THE GATHERINGS

In 1995, the first of a series of Gatherings gave birth to events which are having an effect in Canada and abroad. The first Gathering, with the theme "In His Presence" was held in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada over the Canada Day weekend.

Gathering in His Presence

The Gatherings are different from most conferences in that there is no published schedule or designated speakers and no human agenda. Worshipping and waiting upon God for His response, session by session, is the agenda of each day. The focus is on God and the whole purpose of the Gatherings is to minister unto the Lord. The servant team made a covenant together that they would not initiate anything but would respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit to do whatever is on His heart. They believe the Church should be in a posture to receive the exhortation of the Lord to the seven churches, to hear what the Holy Spirit is speaking to the Church, and then to respond.

Servant Leadership

To avoid centering on people, different gifted leaders from around the world are invited to come and wait upon the Lord together. They join with the local servant team composed of respected leaders whose mandate is to guard God's interests. None of these invited leaders is scheduled to speak, yet all are encouraged to participate in seeking the Lord's mind before every session, and if led, they are free to share what the Lord puts on their heart.

Confirmation and Preparation

Each Gathering is an amazing story of how the Lord indicated the place and the theme. For the Whistler Gathering, it involved prophecies about the gathering of the eagles. Numerous indigenous peoples from New Zealand attended and the Lord directed the agenda toward reconciliation with our native peoples.

This event has had a dramatic effect on Aboriginal peoples, from Elijah Harper, a Canadian MP, to many individuals in all parts of Canada.

Harrison, January '96 and Victoria, June-July '96

A small Gathering at Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia, prepared the ground for the next major Gathering in Victoria. Here the Lord released very anointed worship. Pastors reported that their churches were blessed with new levels of worship.

At one meeting in Victoria, everyone sat in total silence in the Lord's presence for hours. After this, the Lord brought about an awesome time of reconciliation between parents and children, averting the curse of Malachi 4.

God-centered vs. Man-centered Meetings

The whole focus of the Gatherings is on God and not man. If He does not move, we do not move. At the final meeting of the Gathering held at Whistler, British Columbia it was clearly sensed by the leadership that the Lord was indicating that He would be pleased if the meeting ended, even though it had just begun. The meeting was dismissed at the risk of misunderstanding, but the goal was to please God rather than man.

Even the decision as to whether there should be another Gathering was left to the Lord, and if there is one, it is not expected to be like any other. The Gathering is not a movement, it is a posture of letting God take full charge. At a Gathering we can expect the unexpected.

REALIZING CANADA'S HOUR OF DESTINY

Where Does Canada Fit?

(In the full manuscript of the book, the report called Realizing Canada's Hour of Destiny will appear here. This has been widely circulated. Please secure a copy at www.watchmen.org as only a very brief summary can be presented here. (editor)

Through a series of major revelations and events it has become clear that God has a crucial role for Canada to play in His end time purposes. In order to do this, Canada must begin to walk in the promises and reality of the prophecies by various prophetic words. All this requires a great outpouring of His Spirit and a glorious flood of His Presence.

We are asking the Lord to reveal what is hindering such a visitation, in spite of much prayer and crying out to God. There are many hindrances which must eventually be dealt with. But, God has clearly revealed and confirmed through many spiritual leaders that a key issue which must be addressed is the deep root of anti-Semitism, and the many injustices toward the Jews. Dealing with this matter will open the door to deal with other important issues.

When this matter is appropriately repented of, first by the church and then by government, God's blessing will be granted to our land to fulfill its end time destiny.

THE FIRST CONFIRMATION

After the four Gatherings, there was still a sense that the Lord had something further on His heart. By September '97, the Lord impressed on David Demian's heart that the sin of anti-Semitism in Canada required specific repentance.

A Year Old Letter

Pastor Gideon Chiu writes: After I heard this and asked the Lord for confirmation, I found a letter written to Pastor Bob, David Demian and myself, which was written one year earlier but had been overlooked. In this letter, an intercessor, Lauren Moe, said she sensed the country needed to repent of blatant anti-Semitism and our refusal to accept Jewish refugees during WW2.

She documented the case of the St. Louis, a ship carrying over 900 Jews, being denied entry to Canada in 1939 and the authorities refusal to accept a thousand Jewish children who consequently died in the gas chambers.

The Spiritist Prime Minister

We also learned that Prime Minister Mackenzie King, who was in power at that time, was a Spiritist who consulted the dead. While ruling the nation by divination, he refused the Jews entry, an act motivated by his desire to keep peace between French and English Cabinet members. Here we see the "unity" of Canada based on injustice. The above are well documented historical facts that have been overlooked. For references, see the book, NONE IS TOO MANY, and the National Film Board documentary, The Voyage of the St. Louis.

The Key Log in the Log Jam

After sharing and praying over these matters with the Fathers, there was a strong confirmation that anti-Semitism was a key frustration to God toward Canada. The conclusion was that while there are numerous problems in Canada

which must eventually be addressed, this was the “key log” in the log jam. If this was dealt with other issues would find resolution in due time.

It was also seen that for reconciliation to take place between two groups, there must first be an acknowledgement to God and a humbling on the part of the offending party.

There was a consensus by these godly leaders that God had revealed to us that God is calling Canada religiously and politically to national confession and repentance concerning the root sin of anti-Semitism and the sins against the Jews during WW2. When the key log is removed, other issues will soon be resolved and national revival prophesied for Canada, will come.

“I’M TAKING BACK MY GOVERNMENT”

In August 1998 David and Gideon stopped in Winnipeg on their way to Auschwitz, Poland to visit the concentration camps. When sharing at a meeting of pastors and intercessory leaders, the Lord’s presence was evident. One leader declared, “God has spoken and we don’t have a choice.” Another said, “This is rhema truth.”

At the same time, reports began to come in that a number of key intercessors were being stirred to pray for government. This encouraged prayer to see the fulfillment of the declaration of the founding fathers of our nation who proclaimed that, “He shall have dominion from sea to sea.” Psalm 72:8

New Access to Government

Within a short time, remarkable access to government was opened to Gideon. He was asked to serve on an advisory group to the leader of the opposition party in British Columbia. He was also invited to meet with a Chinese member of parliament who shared his story of faith with him. It was becoming evident that the Lord was placing persons in strategic places in preparation for His further move.

“IT SHALL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN”

In September 1998, in spite of many frustrations, but covered by the prayers of intercessors, David and Gideon proceeded to Auschwitz. They sensed that God led them to take this trip as a step of identification.

During this time, various leaders began to feel that as a further step of identification some should travel on train cars and fill our country with tears. The Jews went to their death by train; this would be a train of life.

Sackcloth and Tears

On November 11-13, 1998, about 600 representatives from across Canada to a Gathering in Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia. On Friday the 13th, at the conclusion of the worship and before David could deliver a message, the Spirit moved in a powerful way. David invited everyone to identify with and gather around the flags of the provinces of Canada.

As this was taking place, an intense spirit of weeping and travail came upon everyone. The night before an intercessor had seen a great sackcloth coming upon the meeting. One of the intercessors had actually brought a sackcloth and as the Lord directed, several took this cloth, laid it over different flags or persons and great and deep travail came upon them. It was clear that travail for our nation was being birthed.

The Most Moving Pilgrimage

After this Gathering, the Father’s met and sensed that another Gathering should take place, this time in Winnipeg. So David and Gideon travelled to Winnipeg to consult with the local spiritual leaders. While there, the TV news flashed a picture of Prime Minister Jean Chretien visibly moved as he stood in Auschwitz along with the president of the Canadian Jewish council and his father named Mordecai.

The National Post headlines declared, “Never Again” as a quote taken from a statement made by Mr. Chretien. It showed a front page picture of the Prime Minister weeping and saying “This is the most moving pilgrimage I have ever taken.”

Realizing that this event was related to what the Lord is going to do in our land, an Ottawa pastor wrote a letter to the Prime Minister calling for a national repentance to remove this shame from our land.

The Badge of Shame

In order to identify the Jews in Poland during the Holocaust they were forced to wear a yellow Star of David. A pastor saw each person coming to Winnipeg wearing a replica of the yellow badge of shame with a red maple leaf on it.

The words “never again” would be written on it. This vision of hundreds of people wearing this badge, as they travel by air, rail and highways, would make a strong statement to touch and awaken the conscience of our nation.

IS SOMEONE FOLLOWING US?

In Exodus 33, the Lord was so grieved by His stiff-necked people, that He said He would not lead them Himself but send an angel. They might get there but they would have to be satisfied with angelic visitations rather than the Lord Himself. Moses however, was not willing to settle for a blessing. He longed for the Presence of God Himself. This would distinguish God’s people from all others on the face of the earth. Exodus 33:16

Someone Following?

In response to this determination, God has graciously afforded us a deep sense of His presence as we travel together. On April 14, 1998, David shared this vision in Ottawa. A pastor from BC phoned to tell us that on that day General Mackenzie told students in Prince George, BC, about the St. Louis ship, and that Canada must repent.

The next night, while David shared this vision in Toronto, for the first time, a pastor announced that that very night, the Voyage of the St. Louis ship was being aired on TV. In September, while we shared in Montreal, the French version of this documentary was being aired.

We had earlier asked Pastor John Arnott to discern if he sensed this vision was on God’s heart. John responded by letter telling us, “I believe you have heard from God on a very important issue concerning Canada, Israel, and the world.”

The Appointed Days

Time after time we have found ourselves at a place on a day which had special significance. The day we shared this message in Quebec with the French speaking people turned out to be the anniversary day of the battle of the Plains of Abraham. What an historic day to share a message of reconciliation!

In January, the day of sharing in Edmonton landed on the final day of a forty day fast. This church had fasted forty days, seeking the Lord for reasons hindering national revival. The very same situation took place in Saskatoon in March.

When we shared in Saint John’s, Newfoundland, they were in the middle of a forty day fast. The meeting lasted four hours, taking place at the same time our church in Vancouver was meeting. We joined hands, holding the Canadian flag, declaring that “He shall dominion from sea to sea.”

The T.V. Speaks

When we walk in God’s presence He gives constant assurance that He is watching over our steps. One night Gideon came to the room and saw David watching T.V. with a very serious look. It was a documentary on Dietrich Bonhoeffer who gave his life for the Jewish cause.

When David came to meet his Egyptian relatives in Toronto he was concerned that they might not understand. The night before, they “happened” to see David interviewed on “It’s a New Day” and were prepared for his sharing. Is our God alive?

A GLIMPSE OF A JEWISH HEART

The question in people’s minds is: Why so much concern over a Jewish issue? Are there not many other injustices? David’s answer is, “I am simply responding to God in obedience. As an Egyptian, I would certainly be the last to select a Jewish cause.”

Both David and I feel called to our home countries, but cannot avoid the overwhelming sense that we are placed here for such a time as this. When we are willing to lay down our lives, our calling and our future, the Lord is able to do far beyond what we could imagine. Only after we obeyed could we see why God would choose an Egyptian for this purpose.

A Kosher Lunch

When we first travelled across Canada to seek out the discernment of different leaders David Mainse was one of the first to hear us. He wept on hearing our burden and said that the Jewish leaders need to hear it. On May 28, 1998, he arranged for a lunch with some Jewish leaders in Toronto.

After the lunch, others shared and eventually David was given 15 minutes to share his message. About seven minutes into his testimony, one by one the Jewish leaders began to wipe away tears. All of them, some very sceptical at the beginning, were deeply touched. Several expressed deep personal appreciation.

A Noble Cause

On July 23, 1998, we found ourselves in the Vancouver Holocaust Education Center. It had taken three months for the Holocaust Committee to agree to meet with us. The atmosphere was quite tense. They asked David, "What do you want from us?" David replied that we simply wanted them to hear first hand from us what was on our heart. By the end of the meeting there was an amazing warmth among them. They offered to connect us with others and said they were awed by our sincerity and boldness to embrace such a noble cause.

The World is in Bondage

When David visited the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC, he was deeply moved. At the end of the visit he watched a video interview of some survivors. One after another they concluded, "I cannot forget and I cannot forgive."

When David heard these words the third time, he fainted. He asked the Lord why he fainted. The word that came to him was, "The Jews have not forgiven the world, so the world is in bondage, and so are the Jews. Only through forgiveness can persons or nations be set free. To be free, the Jews must release forgiveness, but only repentance can trigger such forgiveness. This is why this is the key log."

THE DESTINY OF THE JEWS

On March 5, 1999, David was being interviewed by Willard Thiessen on It's a New Day. We sensed the Lord's Presence and anointing in a very exceptional dimension. The following is the essence of part of that message.

God's Desire for the Jews

Since I began with a hatred for the Jews, God had to do a major work on my heart concerning this matter. He began by showing me a principle in the transition from Elijah to Elisha. This principle is hidden in Romans 11:2 where it reports that Elijah pleaded before God against Israel. In 1 Kings 19 we see that almost immediately after this God told Elijah to anoint Elisha to take his place. If we consider this carefully, we must conclude that it is not a light thing to speak against God's people even if they are in a poor condition. Many leaders have lost their anointing because they spoke before God against others in His body.

Moses and Abraham never replaced because they stood in the gap and pled for their people before God. Even if our criticism might be true, it might provoke God to anger as Elijah did. Today He is looking for those who will evoke His mercy.

We must see that God has declared, "Israel is my first-born" and in Romans 11 we are told that though we were blessed by their rejection of Christ, they did not stumble beyond recovery. We Gentiles should not boast over those natural branches.

So God has granted us a portion of what was intended for them; but, their acceptance will be as life from the dead. In other words, when they truly recognize their Messiah, the Father's heart will be ecstatic to see the Jews and Gentiles together as ONE NEW MAN.

According to Romans 11:25-26, the hardness of their hearts will be until the full number of Gentiles is brought in. So a key to hasten this day is to bring in the Gentiles, including the Muslims! For this, our attitude toward the Muslims must also change.

GOLD TEETH – A SIGN?

“And the Lord worked with them and confirmed His word by the signs that accompanied it” Mark 16:20.

Delayed in the Airport

In March 1999 we were invited to share briefly before 3000 intercessors at the Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship. We were en route from Winnipeg to Montreal with a short lay-over in Toronto which would allow time for this engagement. When we got to the airport in Winnipeg, the plane was delayed and it seemed we would miss this important appointment. But somehow we arrived at the church, although very late. Upon arriving, we found the place in great celebration because the Lord was filling peoples' teeth with gold. What was happening did not seem to match our message of repentance.

Unexpected Confirmation

While David shared the main points of vision, many were being touched. After this John Arnott asked Gideon to pray forth. The Spirit came upon him with such force that he doubled over and fell to the floor and began to travail. Sometime later, a number of prophecies indicated that the fillings represent the gold fillings that were stolen from the mouths of the Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Many more gold fillings were reported and further prophecies linked this to Lord's honouring our repentance concerning the Jews.

An Extended Surprise

Sunday, March 14, 1999, after returning to Vancouver, Gideon shared these experiences with the congregation at Zion. He invited any who wanted to be touched in a similar way to stand. We prayed a simple prayer for the Lord to confirm the message of repentance. Several hours later it was reported that a sister, the wife of one of Zion's pastors, had two bright yellow gold crowns and one filling. Ironically, she was sitting next to a visiting dentist when it occurred. The Lord has been faithful to His Word. We have never seen God leading us in such a definite way. Reports of gold fillings, gold dust, and other signs are being reported regularly.

THE TRAIN OF TEARS

Fill the Land with Tears

As a call for repentance became clearer the Lord revealed to us that He wanted Canada to be filled with tears. Then someone had a vision of trains carrying weeping people across the country. As David shared this many indicated that the Lord had revealed this matter of trains and tears to them. A pastor from Ottawa said that this would be in memory of the trains that carried the Jews to their death, but this time it would be trains of life instead. Also, the trains was the early unifying link in this country. Some saints in Vancouver were led to coordinate the train event. After much prayer it became clear that the train was to leave Vancouver on April 13, 1999. It was to carry mature prophetic intercessors from Vancouver to Winnipeg, forming a moving altar of prayer and worship, while sounding the trumpet of the Lord throughout the nation. It was to remove the stones of hindrances.

The Mission

The mission was stated: As we waited on the Lord for His vision, it became evident that this train of intercession is a prophetic journey, joining the hearts of believers from each province and territory in one accord for God's kingdom to come to Canada. The entire 42-hour journey would be a prophetic restoration of the Watch of the Lord, with prayer being made continually, day and night. As we pass through the country, we will awaken Canadians in the spirit by calling them to arise.

The Lord impressed 88 intercessors, representing every part of Canada, to be on the train. Perhaps it was because many Jews were taken to their death on trains, or because the train represented the historic linking of all of Canada.

The Lord also reminded us of the abuse Chinese immigrants suffered while building the railroads, and the injustices suffered by black porters for decades.

Touching Responses

Many who heard from the Lord made great sacrifices to be on the train. A university student forfeited a final examination to be on the train. A number who did not have the financial resources responded in faith and the Lord provided. Some indicated that prior to this, from time to time, they would find themselves weeping uncontrollably. Others had dreams and visions of children screaming, trains whistling, and rails screeching.

As the train passed through some towns, local intercessors stood by and waved flags. In one instance blazed on an almost a horse and rider ran along beside the train. Near the end of the journey a bright meteor blazed on an almost horizontal course parallel to the train.

SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS

On March 10, 1997 Gideon felt led to pick up a Chinese newspaper which reported the last solar eclipse of the century. It also happened that the comet Hale-Bopp which returns once in every 3,000 years, was converging with the last solar eclipse of the century. It became apparent that the Lord was beginning to show us about the signs in the sun, moon, and the stars.

Signs of the Sun

In this case we believe the Lord was alerting us about the significance of the “eclipse comets”, comets which occur at the same time as a solar eclipse. This is a rarity in history. Author Gary Steerman, notes that the past three eclipse comets all occurred on important Jewish dates: March 17, 1882, the first recorded return of the Jews to Israel; May 20, 1947, which marks the year of self-determination for Israel; and November 1, 1948 when Israel became a nation. We then realized that the present comet was connected with Israel entering into her first jubilee as a nation.

Signs of the Stars

A significant sign in the heavens occurred in 1994. This “cosmic crash” took place when a shattered comet hit the planet Jupiter creating the biggest explosion ever witnessed in the solar system. On July 16, 1994 the last of 21 fragments in the Shoemaker-Levy comet began slamming into Jupiter, leaving a hole half the size of the earth.

The Significance of the 9th of Av

July 16, 1994, according to the Jewish calendar was also the 9th of Av. This date is one of the darkest days in Jewish history. On this date, Solomon’s temple was destroyed in 587 B.C., as was the second temple in 70 A.D. This date also saw all Jews expelled from England in 1290 A.D. These matters are developed further in the complete text.

NEVER AGAIN – REBUILDING THE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE

When the Lord first revealed to David Demian to ask each representative to bring a stone to the Winnipeg Gathering to build some kind of an altar, we just moved by faith and released the message as we traveled. At the time we assumed that the Lord wanted us to build some kind of monument. We were reminded of different incidents recorded in the Bible when a monument of stones was erected as a witness to later generations.

Stones of Memorial

After the Lord stopped the flow of the river Jordan and allowed the Children of Israel to cross, He instructed Joshua to build an altar of stones. Joshua told the Israelites to tell the next generation the story of what happened when they asked what these stones meant. In the last chapter of Joshua, he made a covenant with the people and set up a large stone as a witness of that covenant. Judges 4

On Mount Carmel, when Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal, he first repaired the altar of the Lord which was in ruins. He took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes. 1 Kings 18:30-32.

17th of Tammuz

When July 1st was first proposed as the date for the Winnipeg Gathering, there seemed to be numerous obstacles. However, after further prayer and fellowship, it seemed that the Lord definitely wanted that date. We concluded that it

was because this was Canada Day. Only later were we told that this was the 17th of Tammuz according to the Jewish calendar.

On this date many events transpired in the history of Israel. Both in 587 B.C. and in 70 A.D. the sacrifices offered at the temple were forcibly stopped. In both cases this was 21 days prior to the 9th of Av which marked the destruction of the first and second temple. Other important events also occurred on this date.

One Year to Prepare

On April 30, 1998 the Lord spoke to David that Canada had one year to prepare. He understood that, according to the Jewish calendar, this would be October 1998 to October 1999. Since then, many things have shed more light on this revelation. This coincides with the other prophecies which indicate that the window of opportunity will be “half-way open in June and closing by October.

Response of the Nation

All across Canada as we have been sharing this message people have responded. We have received hundreds of email messages affirming the vision and the initiatives. Many responding in tears have told us that now they know why they have been travelling for hours.

A brother who heard the message about bringing stones reports: “I was driving through Roger’s Pass in the Rockies when the Lord reminded me that near here was where the last spike of the railway was driven. I pulled off the road, impressed to pick up a stone, to take to Winnipeg. As I did this I noticed a marker indicating that this was the very place where the last spike was driven.” Even the stories about the stones being brought indicate God’s sovereign hand at work.

HOW DO WE GO ON FROM HERE?

(By David Demian)

I fear that we have become so accustomed to these things that we are in danger of, “Hearing and not hearing.” I believe that in this generation the Lord is going to reveal things that have never been known. By our obedience we can land in divine timing which will coincide with what the Lord has ordained since the foundation of the world. It leaves me in awe and fear that we may touch the glory of God! To do this is not a light matter.

The Threshing Floor

To touch the glory of God involves a great responsibility. When King David brought the ark back to the temple he did it with all his heart, with musicians, many people, and a new cart. Everything seemed fine until he got to the threshing floor. As the oxen stumbled, Uzzah tried to protect the ark, and evoked God’s wrath.

Uzzah means natural ability, and the threshing floor is where wheat is separated from chaff. When we touch God’s glory, God cannot tolerate the flesh or natural help. David became angry but God did not compromise. Sometimes we start out great with music, zeal, great results, and apparent success, but wait until we pass the threshing floor. Many things will be exposed and judged.

God’s Way

The next time David set out his attitude was different. Imagine the fear in his heart. This time he carefully studied God’s instructions for handling the ark. He had learned that God has a way, and to forget that brings judgment and death and delay. This time the ark is on the shoulders of the priests and there is no hurry. This time it must be done God’s way. Every six steps there was a sacrifice, to cover any presumption or human factor. Imagine when they were almost there how they might be tempted to run to the end and cancel those last few sacrifices?

Total Obedience

If we have a good heart and keep a good order why doesn’t the Lord overlook a few things? Because of His unwavering principle in all of history is total obedience. From Adam and throughout all of man’s history, all our misery is because of a small twist in what God says. The key reason that Jesus came to earth was that man in human form could be fully obedient to God and erase what Adam had done. Jesus said, “The Son can do nothing of His own

initiative.” John 5:19 He did not say this because he lacked power or authority, but because he chose to submit to the Father.

Total Surrender

To not say or do anything from our own initiative means total surrender. Have you ever read the many pages of instructions God gave for the temple? But, the glory of God never came until all the details were completely fulfilled.

If the Lord asks for something, even if you think you have something better, or if it doesn't make sense, we must still obey without question, because He alone is in charge. When David did it God's way, even though it took longer, the ark arrived at Zion and it was glorious. He danced with such exuberance that his wife despised him. "You made yourself look like a fool," she told him.

You cannot escape such a response. To do things for God is fine, but when in total surrender we give God everything, the flesh will not be able to handle it and will despise us. This kind of abandonment to the Lord strikes a plumbline in everyone's heart. As in the case of Mary when she poured the precious ointment on Jesus feet, people will reply, "What a waste."

Three Concluding Points

- 1) We are in a sovereign time. God will speak through His Word, through prophets, through His people, and in signs and wonders. He will speak through the stars, sun, moon and in nature. There will be no excuse for not hearing His speaking.
- 2) You cannot bypass God's way. You must dig into the Word and obey what He says. Revelation can only be granted by the Spirit. Surrender to the Spirit and you will know God's way.
- 3) The moment you walk in full obedience, you will expose half-heartedness. This is the hardest spirit you will touch and all hell will break loose, maybe even from your own family. Even those in the church who helped you in the past may react.

The moment you take the step of full abandonment and obedience, the world cannot tolerate it. This is why the disciples in Acts were stoned and imprisoned and some were put to death. So for us, persecutions and imprisonment may be common.

From Hebrews 11 we see that among the giants of faith some were put to death, whereas others were delivered. It is all a matter of the plan of God for our lives. Let us fully trust Him.

PRAYER: Father I pray that you will open our ears as you are declaring that the church is about to pass through the threshing floor. Grant us grace to let go of everything that is not from you. Father let us be consumed by Your love and Yours alone. Give us vision and fear in our hearts. Remove any veils that the enemy has put over our eyes. Make our spirits sensitive and alert so that we will not miss the day of Your visitation. We want to be joyfully walking in your will. AMEN.

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