GARY REPORT

The Tale of Two Women—Vashti and Esther, pt. 1 of 3

As you have seen in the writings here and will see in this report as well, the female, the woman, is a highly impacting part of the kingdom of God—in its destruction, as well as in its restoration and fulfillment. We will see both in this report.

As with the tree that harbored the serpent, still today the woman is infatuated with and tempted to eat from this tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is most important to note that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is masculine, while the tree of life is feminine—the one that indeed brings forth/births life. In fact "Eve," the name Adam gave to the woman after the fall, means "life" or "life-giving." But sadly and destructively, as in the Garden, the woman continues to be tempted by Satan to be like the man, to stand in his place, and thereupon brings forth the same suffering and loss and death! And in this role reversal, she thereupon refuses her own worthy and vital purpose—abandoning her role and function as a mother of life, ignoring the relevant injunction that she will be saved through the bearing of children (1 Timothy 2:15). How can "Eve" bring forth life when she seeks to be the masculine tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

There have been numerous writings and such here addressing this matter of the failure and iniquity of the woman, and of necessity has to be examined once again—providing added insight and hopefully timely understanding. In the opening chapters of the Bible, we find the seed testimony of the fall of all mankind that has determined our course and perpetual fate for six thousand years! In the Garden, the woman listened to the voice of Satan, and thereupon was, as it is written, "completely deceived" and partook of the forbidden fruit. But in this wholly destructive act, the man was not deceived, but instead failed upon listening to the voice of the woman! In 2 Timothy 2:14 we read: "And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being completely deceived, fell into transgression." While the woman listened to the voice of the serpent, the man listened to the voice of the woman and was thereupon cursed. Yahweh declared to Adam: "Because you listened to the voice of your woman," and thereupon the curse on the man was delivered (Genesis 3:17-19).

And even more relevant, the Garden was a type of the kingdom of God, and therein we find the seed testimony of the destruction of the kingdom for what would be a duration of three thousand years. But, lest no man be saved (Matthew 24:22), the kingdom must be cut short from three thousand to two thousand years, and thereupon Yahshua come early and establish now a redeeming female work that affords mankind the true and fulfilling and everlasting pure kingdom!

Do you understand this? Those three opening chapters of the Bible tell more than any other like chapters. But the thing is, it is in a riddle, a hidden mystery. And the only way one can understand a riddle is to plow with the heifer. Sampson declared, "If you

had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have found out my riddle" (Judges 14:18). Only the Bride can reveal these never-before-seen truths. The afflicted Body of Christ is blindfolded so it cannot see, and even put to sleep! They are in hades, which literally means: "not see." Christianity cannot see what the Father is and has been doing in the kingdom.

And let us here repeat the opening statement: the female, the woman, is a highly impacting part of the kingdom of God—both in its destruction and in its restoration. And what we find is that the natural woman effects destruction, particularly so today, while the spiritual fulfillment effects life ever after. This is most clearly seen in the testimony set forth in Vashti and Esther, which we will now consider.

In chapter 1 of the book of Esther, we find that in the <u>third</u> year of the reign of the Persian king, King Ahasuerus, he held a banquet for all the princes and nobles and officers; and on the <u>seventh</u> and final day of the banquet he ordered that Queen Vashti be brought before his guests. But, most tellingly, she refused to come! She did her will, and not that of her lord, her husband. Thereupon, he spoke to the wise men who understood the times and the law and justice, and inquired what was to be done with Queen Vashti, because she did not obey the command of the king. Here was their wise and telling reply:

"Queen Vashti has wronged <u>not only the king but also all the princes and all the peoples</u> who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. For the queen's conduct will become known to all the women causing them to look with contempt on their husbands by saying, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought in to his presence, but she did not come.' This day the ladies of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's conduct will speak in *the same way* to all the king's princes, and there will be plenty of contempt and anger. If it pleases the king, let a royal edict be issued by him and let it be written in the laws of Persia and Media so that it cannot be repealed, that Vashti may no longer come into the presence of King Ahasuerus, and let the king give her royal position to another who is more worthy than she. When the king's edict which he will make is heard throughout all his kingdom, great as it is, then all women will give honor to their husbands, great and small."

Vashti made her choice, and she reaped what she sowed—she would not come into the presence of the king, thus she would never more come into his presence! Knowing that this is prophetic, first we rightly ask: What is the significance that this event took place in the third year of the king's reign, and that Vashti was summoned on the seventh and final day of the feast? It is not by happenstance that these two testimonies appear here. The fact is, this speaks of the third period of time for the church—the third one thousand years. And likewise, this is the seventh one-thousand-year period of mankind—the sabbath rest. So, we have two witnesses that this parable, as it truly is, will be fulfilled today!

What are we seeing testified here? First, this entire account, as well as the entire book, is one of the most revealing testimonies there is regarding the Bride. We will not elaborate on this, but Esther is the Bride, and Vashti is Satan (listen to "The Father's Unfaithful Wife). So what we see is that unfaithful Satan will be replaced by the

fulfilling Bride." And when does this take place? Exactly as testified in this account: in the third "year," in the seventh "day."

So we now ask: Other than the establishment of the Esther Bride, what will be the outcome of Satan being put away? To answer this, what was the fear that the wise men had when Vashti did not obey? As stated, it was: "For the queen's conduct will become known to all the women causing them to look with contempt on their husbands by saying, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought in to his presence, but she did not come.'"

Brothers and sisters, we have a problem today in society that is rooted all the way back in the Garden—where the woman wants to be like the man. Women are following in the way of Satan, the serpent, and equally "look with contempt on their husbands." May I be personal here? I for one know this all too well. Since 2003, and even before that, my wife has equally held me in contempt because of what I believe. And as an intercessor, I had to experience what all of society sadly suffers—women following in the rebellion of Satan! Based on the actions of my wife, Satan Vashti is not yet replaced by the Esther Bride. And, based on society today as well, Satan Vashti is not yet replaced by the Esther Bride. To say this in another way, women today continue to listen to the serpent and want to do his/her will and not the will of their husbands! (And many husbands are completely ignorant of God's purpose for the woman.) They are rebellious, self-willed Vashties! And what needs to happen is that Satan loses his/her place and it goes to the fulfilling Bride, the Esther.

To solve this problem regarding Satan, can the Body of Christ prevail over him/her? I assure you, they have NOT been able to do so for two thousand years, so how could they succeed today? They have in fact been turned over to Satan, just as Christ was turned over to Satan. As went Christ, so has gone the Body of Christ. In this third/seventh day, the ONLY solution is for the Body of Christ to be put to sleep, its side opened, a rib (the twelfth apostle, the Elijah) taken out, and a Bride formed—the Esther. As with Esther, the Bride passes through a period of beautification and then goes in to the King. We read in Esther 2:16 that "Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus to his royal palace in the tenth month which is the month Tebeth." This was the testing moment for Esther to see if she found favor with the king. Tebeth correlates to our mid-December to mid-January, which we are entering into at the formulation of this writing. And in verse 17 we read the outcome: "The king loved Esther more than all the women, and she found favor and kindness with him more than all the virgins, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti." This is what we need to happen today. Satan needs to be replaced by the Bride, which finds favor and kindness with the King.

What today is to be our outcome? If "Vashti" is rejected and the Bride is established, this matter of the rebellion of women in all aspects will change. As we read regarding the proposed judgment of Vashti set forth by the wise counselors, "When the king's [King's] edict which he [He] will make is heard throughout all his [His] kingdom, great as it is, then all women will give honor to their husbands, great and small." That will be a wonderful day when women reject following in the ways of Vashti Satan and honor their husbands instead. It will be a great day when women reject standing in the place of the man, seeking to be like him, eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and

evil. I for one will be glad to have a wife who once again honors me as her husband and lord. This is no less than the honor that the Scriptures require.

Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives are to be to their husbands in everything (Ephesians 5:22-24).

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord (Colossians 3:18).

For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear (1 Peter 3:5-6).

To examine further a listing of all New Testament scriptures concerning husbands and wives, men and women, <u>click here</u>.

Once again, at this time we wait. The next two months have the appearance of being critical. It is hopeful that Vashti went to the king in the period of mid-December to mid-January. Of course this is exactly where we are right now; and seeing these highly relevant things gives hope. Also, I began my walk with Yahshua in mid-January, 1971, and would love to have yet another beginning in January/February, 2018. But this beginning would be one for ALL mankind! What we now need is for the Esther to find favor in the eyes of the King of kings. And with that, all of the other prophetic testimonies of this incredible book of Esther will likewise be fulfilled—the second wine banquet, the lifting up of the Mordecai, the revelation of and death of Haman Satan, and the curse of death reversed, our enemies destroyed, and the Bride delivered alive! All of this is prophesied in this marvelous book of Esther, and we hope for its fulfillment now. And also, the Persian/Assyrian word for Tebeth means "rain," something we desperately need!

Blessings to all,

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