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I talked this afternoon about some things concerning the end times. I was hesitant to talk about them because it takes the Spirit of the Lord to put peace and truth in our hearts. I also know that it takes a revelation of the Lord for us to understand things about the days that we are living in. I believe that we are coming into a time of great ministry and that God is going to bring together on the face of the earth a people who are going to reap the harvest of the earth. I believe that God is going to bring forth a revival that will reap the harvest.

Matthew 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

Jesus said the laborers are few and that we should pray that He would send laborers into the field. But, He said, in the last days (and He was talking about the Christian church in the last times when He said that) He invited his friends to that wedding feast and they made excuses as to why they could not come. So, what did the Lord do? He said that He sent His servants out into the hedges and the byways and compelled the people to come in. If you want to read that, it's in Luke 14:23.

This little prophecy is ignored by the majority of the Christian church and it should not be. It is foretelling a catastrophe equal to that which befell the Israeli people in their visitation and subsequent invitation of Jesus. All He asked of them was to lay aside the traditions and teachings of men to become one with God through their Messiah. He promised them that He would go out of Israel and compel people to come into His kingdom out of every nation on earth if they refused Him. They did refuse Him and He did send His disciples into all the world to proclaim the Good News. Think about the warning in the marriage feast The invitation was first to His friends, but His friends must quit their own agendas and come to His feast. When His friends wouldn't come, He did as He promised. He filled His kingdom with people who were not His friends before but who came when invited. The marriage feast is the wedding of Jesus and the Church. It is going to be an invitation to marry the Truth. The church of Jesus is His bride, and she is being courted by a multitude of teachings. But, in the end, she will decide to marry the Truth. Jesus is the Truth. Jesus told Pilate, "I came to bear witness to the Truth."

What was Pilate's answer to that? He asked Jesus, "What is Truth?"

God's bread from heaven is truth. Do you remember what the people called the bread from heaven under Moses? "What is it?" That's why it was called 'manna'. Every church-attending Christian and every believer who fellowships with other saints is going to get an invitation from God to become one flesh with Jesus, and Jesus is Truth. This warning is to those who believe something other than the Truth because it is taught in a Bible school or is accepted as truth by millions. When Christians hear the truth, but it confronts what they already believe, they are just

as likely to reject the Bread of heaven as the Jewish nation in the days of Jesus' earthly visitation.

What is the answer to all of this? Pray that you will be given Truth by God and a heart to receive it, and ears to hear it. The people in the hedges and byways weren't church-educated and, therefore, it was easier for them to believe the Truth. What we are seeing in these last days is a people coming in to serve Him and walk with Him, worshiping God in Spirit and in Truth. Why would His friends not receive an invitation to come to his dinner of the Truth? That is what His dinner is, to come to the Truth. Why would His friends not want to come to the Truth? It must be because they believe something else. If I've seen anything in America today, I've seen that God's people are scattered by the things that they believe. That's true. God's people are scattered by what they believe. The Truth will bring us beyond that. The Holy Ghost is our Teacher and He wants to bring us to the revelation of the Truth.

I want you to go with me to the Book of Matthew, the second chapter. I want to talk about the Benjamin Company tonight. Thank you, Jesus. There are a lot things in the Old Testament that are pictures of the New Testament.

During World War 1 and World War 2, the Allied countries had codes that they used. The Nazis had devised a code system, too, and the reason that they had code systems was so that the enemy didn't know what they were telling each other. That way they could send a message from their troops and the enemy could listen to that message and have no idea what they were talking about.

God coded His Bible, too, because He doesn't want the devil to know what is going to happen in the last days. He reserved that for the people who could understand His code. If you want to have a deciphering machine in you, and who wouldn't, all you have to do is ask for the Holy Ghost. If you want to have the deciphering machine that can break the code of the Bible, you don't need a man, you need the Holy Ghost. That is the truth. All you and I need is the Holy Ghost. I don't care how smart a man is, he isn't going to break God's code. God has a code that the devil can't figure out in the Bible. But the Holy Ghost was sent to be the code breaker. We have men who are very educated and they try to break the code because, after all, they are so smart. That is why we have so many teachings and traditions and doctrines today.

During World War 2, the British got one of the Nazis' coding machines. It was so complex that God had to be in it for the Allies to have been able to break their code. The British had a man that broke that code and who knew how to receive, on the machine, the code of the Nazis. Every single day certain digits were dialed into that machine and the numbers were staggering. Your chances were one a million that you would dial the right combination of numbers. When those combinations of numbers were dialed in, you could type it like a typewriter and it printed a message in code. The people on the other end knew what numbers to dial in and it would be decoded at the other end. Every single day those numbers were changed. If you broke their code one day, the chances of you knowing their code the next were still remote. Your chances were a million to one. The British smuggled one of those machines out of Germany and a man broke the code. He had a tremendous ability to decipher that code. When they started typing the next day, he could figure out the number of the combination by the way they typed it. God did that.

The British found out that the Nazis were going to bomb a city in northern England. I know that many of you are familiar with the story. They let it be known to Winston Churchill, who was ruling, of course, in Great Britain at the time. They let him know that the city full of innocent people were going to be bombed in a surprise attack. This was one of the first times that a city was going to be bombed just because it was a city. Up until this time they had been attacking military installations. Through the deciphering of the code, Britain found out that they were going to bomb a city of civilians. Winston Churchill knew 24 hours in advance what was going to happen. He also knew that if he moved the people out of Coventry, England, that the Nazis would know that he knew their code. Winston Churchill made a decision to leave those innocent people there to die. He never told anybody because the most important thing that Britain had at that particular moment was advance warning about what the Nazis were going to do. Winston Churchill could not let them know that he knew what was getting ready to happen. That man made a decision. Later, he walked through the rubble of that city where thousands of people died. Innocent children, women, and men. Sitting on his shoulders had to be the weight of the foreknowledge that he could have done something about their lives. But, he realized that the breaking of that code was the most important aspect or facet of the war.

Tonight, I guarantee you that the devil wants to break the code of God's word. That Bible has been a coded message. You and I must understand some things about that code. I want to read Matthew 2:16-18:

Matthew 2:16 (KJV) Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, 18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

Opening Prayer

Father, I pray that You will bless this word. I pray that it will be planted in our spirits. I pray, Jesus, that the newest baby Christian can understand what You have to say in this place, and I pray that it will be planted in our spirits and that it will grow up inside of us. Lord, not as lifting up or exalting man, but truly, Jesus, to draw us into a place of a closer walk with You. I pray, Jesus, that you will anoint this word and channel my thoughts. Desperately, I pray that they will be channeled and, Father, I pray that this is given as truth and nothing but Your truth. It cannot be altered by the enemy to bring confusion or destruction on anybody, but may it bring life to those that drink of it. Jesus, I pray in Your holy and righteous name, amen and amen.

I dare say that there are very few people in this place tonight who know how a television works. They have television sets now that you can wear on your wrist. If you stop and think about it, your television set will tell you what color of socks Red Skelton is wearing in New York city, won't it? Sure, if you have a color TV, it will. How does your TV know that he had on green socks with red stripes? Because a camera at the other end gives it information. They send it through the air and it crawls down through your antenna into your television set and tells your television set that this guy has on green socks with red stripes. How many of you won't watch TV because you don't know how it works? What if you said, "Well, if I can't understand how it works, then I'm not interested in watching it."

Do you do that? If you don't understand everything that I say, don't quit watching.

The Scriptures we read were interesting Scriptures. I've never heard anybody preach on it and I've never heard anybody teach on it. I'm 35 years old and I would think that, out of all the times I've been in church, I would have heard somebody preach on it. Did you ever hear anybody preach on that? That is an interesting thing because the Bible said Herod sent his army into Bethlehem, Judea, and killed all the children two years old and under. Then, Matthew went on to say it fulfilled a prophecy from the Book of Jeremiah, the thirty-first chapter and the fifth verse. He said that when Herod sent those men to kill all the babies, it was to fulfill a prophecy. Do you know what the prophecy says? Did you pay attention? He even told you what the prophecy was.

If someone went to Kansas City and killed all the babies who were three years old and younger and I told you that it was a fulfillment of the prophecy of Jeremiah, the prophet, when he said that he heard lamentation and great weeping in Topeka, Rachel weeping for her children, wouldn't you want to know why the children being killed in Kansas City fulfilled the prophecy which said they would be weeping in Topeka? This is what Matthew was instructed by the Holy Spirit to write. It said that they killed the babies in Bethlehem and it was the fulfillment of the prophecy. The prophecy clearly stated that the weeping would be in Rama. Rama! Is that what the prophecy said? Yes, it is what the prophecy said. Let's go back over there and look at it.

Jeremiah 31:15 (KJV) Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, [and] bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they [were] not.

Listen to this, listen to what the Scriptures tell you now. We can easily see that God has a hidden picture in this and Rachel is at the center of it. The picture is so powerful, a mother weeping bitter tears, so distraught, so torn up, about her children that she refused to be comforted. Is there anything on earth that would touch the heart more than this? The whole center of this was Rachel. It was Rachel that was weeping for her children. The center of this thing wasn't what city it happened in. The center to the message is Rachel. Notice, she is weeping bitter tears. Mournful, yes, but these are bitter tears. She's resentful, she's angry, she's in anguish. God wants to show you and I some things about the last days from the Old Testament. We are going to go, in just a second, to Genesis, where we can read some things about Rachel to put this into the right perspective from God. Remember, Matthew said that what happened in Bethlehem fulfilled Jeremiah's prophecy in the physical. The fulfillment of this prophecy was only partially completed in the days of Jesus' time

I want to show you what God has spoken for our admonition. Ramah was the city the prophet Samuel called home. The name meant hill or high place, and it belonged to the land given to the tribe of Benjamin. When Israel asked for a king, it was in the days of Samuel. The prophet was grieved by the people's request. God had led His people through the prophets' ministries. God spoke to Samuel and told him, "They have not rejected you, they have rejected Me." This prophesy is about men rejecting the kingship of God, wanting flesh to be their king. In the story Matthew recounts for us, that is where we begin. Matthew wrote the Gospel of the kingdom, telling us about Jesus the king.

He tells us that Herod the king is already **ccibin**. Herod was asked by the astronomers where the king promised by God for Israel would be born. Herod didn't know so he called for the scribes and they read from the Scriptures that He would be born in Bethlehem. Kingdom against kingdom. God spoke through Jeremiah that His people would be under a kingdom of flesh when the Messiah came in and in the land of the enemy, under Satan's command. God would change the covenant at this time and form a spiritual kingdom under Jesus. The new kingdom would be called the church, the temple, the called out ones, and He would forever be their head. Rachel is a picture of that New Covenant, the picture of grace. The Old Covenant was a covenant of works.

Benjamin was born of Rachel at Bethlehem, and she died having him. She called him the son of her sorrow, but Jacob called him Benjamin, the son of my right hand. Ramah was a town in the land of Benjamin; it belonged to the tribe of Benjamin. Ramah was where we heard the weeping of Rachel. When God saved Saul of Tarsus, he chose a man from the tribe of Benjamin to show the revelation of grace to. The New Covenant was written out in the Bible by this man from the tribe of Benjamin. The early church understood that the Jewish priesthood had come under the dominion of Satan when the soldiers guarding Jesus' tomb said that the angel came and rolled the stone away from the tomb and the tomb was empty. The earth quaked and the angel talked to the women. The priests paid the soldiers to lie.

God changed Saul's name to Paul, and how many bitter tears did this man weep with the rest of the church over their nation, priesthood, and truth? That is what is so precious about God saying in Jeremiah, "Your children will come out of the land of the enemy and your work will be rewarded." Benjamin is that ministry which sought the conversion of the Jewish nation. It is a ministry in these last days that will show Jesus the Messiah to the Israeli people. Paul, your work among the Gentiles will bring a Spirit kingdom into the realm in which the Hebrew people can see Him. You won't persuade them now, hard as you have tried, but when the time is right and the Christian church has become one with the Truth and speaks only the Truth, I will open the eyes of the blind and they will see. Now, let the Scriptures show us this wonderful revelation of Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 31:16 (KJV) Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. 17 And there is hope in thine end...

When is the hope for? Now, He is talking about Rachel weeping for her children and He tells her that there is going to be hope in the end. When we first started talking about this tonight, I said that these are the end days. We are coming into the end days and God has made the provision of His truth for us. Now listen...

Jeremiah 31:17 (KJS) And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

A border is where one kingdom ends and another begins. Borders can be physical or spiritual. We are in a kingdom that doesn't have physical borders, it has spiritual borders and Jesus is the king. There is only one king in a kingdom. God showed us a problem in the days of Jesus. When

He was rejected by His own people, they said, "We have no king but Caesar." The king they chose to be under was their king. Satan deceived them by introducing lies where they once had only truth. They were clearly not subject to God through the words of Jesus.

The same holds true today. If the doctrines of men and devils are believed in the church, when Truth confronts those lies, men have to make a choice. Is Jesus your king, with only Truth, or is the teaching you hold dear your king? We know that God is drawing His people into the kingdom, but His kingdom isn't divided by doctrines. He is not talking about a people that are divided into 100 little kingdoms along doctrinal lines. He is promising us that we are coming back into one kingdom: one faith, one hope, one baptism. You aren't a believer very long before you realize that the Baptists and the Methodists are not of the same kingdom. There is a Baptist kingdom and there is a Methodist kingdom. Pentecostals aren't part of either one. How many of you understand what I'm talking about? God is going to bring us into His kingdom, and Jesus Christ is the King of it. If anything else is the king of the kingdom, you are not in His kingdom. That is what He talked about here in this prophecy.

Now, I want you to lay a foundation for you so that we can go back over here to Genesis 44. Let's start in the last few verses of chapter 43 so that we can get the picture of what is happening. Go to the twenty-sixth verse of the forty-third chapter of Genesis. You need to remember that we are talking about a code. God wanted us to see that code or those children would have died in Ramah, not Bethlehem. If God didn't want you and I to know that Rachel was a message in the spirit, infused with revelation knowledge, the fulfillment of the prophecy would have been consistent with the prophecy to the letter. Something about Rachel was a message or those children wouldn't have died in Bethlehem, they would have died in Ramah. Matthew clearly said that those children dying in Bethlehem was a fulfillment of the prophecy in Jeremiah, but he didn't say anything about Bethlehem. God didn't think that those children were going to die in Ramah and then let them die in Bethlehem. He knew where they were going to be killed. You know that is true. I don't think that we are far enough in the Scriptures in this.

I'm going to tell you a story. I can tell it faster than I can read it. I want you to read it. Jacob went to get a wife, and this was a spiritual picture. How many of you have heard me say that Joseph is a type of Christ? Ok. Joseph is a picture of Christ and God wanted you and I to understand some things about what He was going to do. He wanted you and I to catch this spiritual understanding so that we would know that nothing has happened by accident. He ordained the law under Moses and then He fulfilled it in Jesus. He didn't want man to see the commandments as the way into His kingdom. The door to heaven doesn't open because you have kept the commandments, it opens because of the blood of God's chosen sacrifice. It was in the Old Covenant and it is in the New. Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. My salvation, or, our salvation, is based on the acceptance of the blood of Jesus to cover our sins. We must believe that God gives us salvation, not on our meritorious works, but on His grace. We must accept it by faith. He knew, from the very beginning, that it was going to be changed by man, who, just like Cain, wants to give God his best. He wants you and I to understand that there will be no lies taught in His congregation. He is the Truth, the way, and the life. The Holy Spirit is the Teacher indwelling us and we are praying that we would believe only Truth, and He will not give us a serpent.

These things we are talking about tonight are about the end times. Jacob went over to his family, his mother's family, and when he came to the place, he was looking for a wife. The Bible says that he saw Rachel. He had talked to some of the people in the area and asked, "Do you know this man Laban and his kindred?"

Those people said, "Yes, we know him and, in fact, his daughter, Rachel, is coming now with the sheep."

The Bible says that Rachel and Jacob loved each other. Jacob really loved Rachel and he agreed to work seven years for her. She was much loved. She is a type of the New Covenant, a picture of grace, the message of the New Testament church. Now, you are going to have to follow along. Rachel is a type of the church in the New Testament, and there is nothing as beautiful as God's grace. No wonder Jacob loved her. Jacob went to his future father-in-law and said, "I want to marry Rachel."

His father-in-law said, "OK, you work for me for seven years, and I'll give her to you."

You remember the story. Jacob worked for her for seven years. The Bible says on the day of the wedding, Laban substituted Leah for Rachel. In the morning, when Jacob woke up, he found out that it wasn't Rachel he had married, it was Leah. Leah is a picture of the law. The law came first. Under it, you worked first and then received a reward at the end. In the New Testament, under grace, you receive your salvation when you confess your sins and, without works, you feel His peace. Peace with God brings peace to your soul that nothing else can. The law came first. I'll tell you how I know it was the law. Jacob went to his father-in-law and said, "How is it you gave me Leah when I worked seven years for Rachel?"

He said, "It is our law that the oldest is married first."

Laban said that we have to keep the law. God shows us in this story that the law was going to come first. Grace, which is what Rachel represented, freedom from sin, came second. He worked seven years in advance and got Leah. Then, he got Rachel after the honeymoon. He got Rachel after the honeymoon and then he worked seven more years. You can see the tremendous difference between the two. When we are born again, we are not working towards salvation, we are saved. The Jewish people were working toward that covenant relationship with God but they stumbled because they never saw the blood of the substitute as the final word on sin. They were working toward their own justice and were ignorant of God's freely-given justice, so they would not submit to the justice of God by faith.

In Christ Jesus, you receive at the altar that covenant relationship. You are born again and the work that follows after is a work of joy. I'm sure, every day, Jacob came tripping home from work and, when he saw Rachel there, it made him feel better. What was all that work to him? It was nothing to him because he had her for his wife.

Rachel was barren. Leah was fruitful because she was supposed to bear fruit first. Rachel then saw that Leah had children, so she gave Jacob her servant, her handmaiden, to bear children for her. That servant represented the law. How many of you know that we were shut up under the

law in bondage as servants? When Rachel gave her maid to Jacob, that was more of the bondage of religion. Then, Leah saw that she left off bearing, so she gave her maid to Jacob. Leah's maid began to bear children, but these were all maids, or servants, and a wife that he got through the law. Listen to me, when Rachel bore a child (Joseph), all of those other women stopped bearing children. When Rachel's womb was opened, those other women stopped bearing children. God was finished with that. When Jesus Christ came, God was done with that old law and that way of doing things. He was finished with the blood of animals. He had the perfect sacrifice, His Son. He was finished with the building made of stone.

“Heaven is My throne,” God said, “and the earth is My footstool. Where is the place of My rest that you would build a temple for Me?”

Just like Jesus told the woman at the well in John's Gospel, the place to worship God is not in Samaria or in Jerusalem, for God is a spirit and they that worship Him, must worship in Spirit and Truth. The Old Covenant had seven feasts. Jesus fulfilled the first four by His death and resurrection and the Holy Spirit's indwelling. The old law had served a purpose and God gave us this allegorical promise so that we would always understand that grace was His plan from the foundations of the world. After the crucifixion of Jesus, no other blood would ever suffice. All sacrifices were symbolic of Him and they ceased to bear fruit for God once Jesus offered Himself. That's the truth.

There are people who say that old Jewish temple, that physical temple, is going to be rebuilt in Jerusalem. The temple of the New Covenant is God's people. When the disciples took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem, to show Him the beauty, He told them, “See this temple? Tear it down, and in three days I will raise it up.”

The Levitical priesthood thought He called for the destruction of the temple. He was talking about His body. They did tear it down (on the cross), and He did build it back up in three days. The temple was his body. God was moving out of temples made of hands and into the hearts of His people. We are His temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. This tells us that it isn't going to be built in Jerusalem because God showed us that the womb was shut up. Once Rachel bore children, God would never go back to the old ways again. None of those women ever bore children after Rachel had her first baby. When she had Joseph, the Bible says that she prophesied and said she'd yet have another child. That was a promise to us; we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Jesus is the firstborn among many brethren. That's what the Bible says, so we know it is Truth. God showed us, through this story, the birthing of this New Covenant relationship. There is going to be a people in these last days who are going to come into a spirit of unity to a many-membered body.

In the Matthew 24:30, the Bible says, “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” In Revelation 14:14, the Bible says, “And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.” This is not the Son of God, but one likened unto the Son of God. How many are familiar with the Scripture? In Revelation 14:15, it

says that another angel came out of heaven and spoke to the first angel on the cloud and said, “Thrust in thy sickle and reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”

That wasn't the Son of God, even though he had a crown on his head. It wasn't an angel because he had to reap the harvest of men. Do you know how to reap the harvest of men? You tell them about Jesus and they are born again. This couldn't take place after all time had ended, then. It has to take place when men can carry the Gospel on the earth. The reason I know that wasn't Jesus Christ is because there are no angels in heaven who tell Him what to do. Brother, He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords! He is the top of this thing and no one is going to come out of heaven, or the temple, and tell Him what to do. This one like the Son of man is this “Benjamin company”.

Revelation 14:14 (KJV) And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud [one] sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. 17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

We are getting down to the nitty-gritty. Boy, did I jump a big space! When Joseph was born, Rachel prophesied and said, “I'm yet going to have another son.” Let's go to Genesis 35.

Genesis 35:1 (KJV) And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fled from the face of Esau thy brother. 2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that [were] with him, Put away the strange gods that [are] among you, and be clean, and change your garments If you are getting the message that God place here then that's good reading 3 And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. 4 And they gave to Jacob all the strange gods which [were] in their hand, and [all their] earrings which [were] in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which [was] by Shechem. 5 And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that [were] round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. 6 So Jacob came to Luz, which [is] in the land of Canaan, that [is], Bethel, he and all the people that [were] with him. 7 And he built there an altar, and called the place Elbethel: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother. 8 But Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Bethel under an oak: and the name of it was called Allonbachuth. 9 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him. 10 And God said unto him, Thy name [is] Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel Now you see the changing of it? He went from Jacob to Israel. 11 And God said unto him, I [am] God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; 12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. 13 And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him. 14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, [even] a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. 15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel. 16 And they journeyed from

Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.

Now we are seeing Rachel

Genesis 35:17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. 18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin. {Benoni: that is, The son of my sorrow} {Benjamin: that is, The son of the right hand} 19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which [is] Bethlehem. 20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that [is] the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day

And what happened there is that she birthed Benjamin. This is the church. Let's look at what the Bible says in Ephesians 4.

Ephesians 4:11 (KJV) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...

Till we come to that place... Rachel is a type of the church. Out of her womb came this perfect man, who is the full stature of the man Christ Jesus. Why shouldn't the church grow up into His fullness? We are born of His Spirit when we are born again.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

After the day of Pentecost, the world saw Jesus. The world didn't see the man who walked the shores of Galilee, but the world came to know Jesus because of the church that came out of that upper room on the day of Pentecost. That's the truth. About 120 people came out of that upper room experience, who had seen Jesus in the flesh, but thousands, multiplied thousands, came to Jesus who did not know Him after the flesh. Every single born-again person down through the ages came from that church from the upper room. Showing Jesus Christ to the world is the mission of the Holy Ghost in the saints.

When Benjamin was born, Rachel died birthing him. The Bible says that Zion travailed (Isa. 66:8, Jer. 4:31, and Micah 4:10) and travail she did. Until Zion travailed, there was not a church. God said that the whole creation is waiting and travailing and groaning for what? For the manifestation of the sons of God.

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

All of these things begin to come together in God's Word because He gave us a message in the Old Testament history that contained a spiritual picture. Rachel called the boy's name "son of my sorrow". That's because she was dying out to bring this forth. Let me share something with you. The church is going to come to a tremendous victory because she believes that she has died with Christ Jesus, as the Bible has said. She is dead and her life is hid with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

She is born of the Spirit and is no longer in the flesh.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

In Him she lives and moves and has her being.

Acts 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being...

God is going to have a people who are overcomers because He put fire within us and He burned out the dross. Our faith in Him, not us, will bring the victory. We are not going to birth this "Benjamin company" because we come sliding down the mountain on a grease tube, this thing will be born out of a people that have had the fire of God burn everything out of them so that we could become that overcoming company.

When a woman goes into travail, try to get her to eat something. Try to talk about money to her and see if that takes away the pain. Talk to her about what you are going to get her and tell her that you are going to get her a big diamond ring. That doesn't mean anything to a woman in travail. Well, it might a little. No, it doesn't! When you are in the middle of that travail and that pain, you have one thing on your mind: the deliverance of that child! That is what the church has never come to. This Benjamin child is who she called the son of her sorrow. But his dad called him the "son of my right hand". Glory! All right! The son of my right hand, that is power and authority in God. How many of you know where Jesus sits? He sits at the right hand of the Father. Is He God's authority and power? What name do we have to use on the earth? The name of Jesus.

Go with me to Genesis 43:26 and we'll read a bit.

Genesis 43:26 (KJV) And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which [was] in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

Joseph's brothers have come and they don't know that it is Joseph yet, and he is selling them the bread to keep them alive. This is all fulfillment of prophecy.

Genesis 43:27 (KJV) And he asked them of [their] welfare, and said, [Is] your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? [Is] he yet alive? {welfare: Heb. peace} {Is your...: Heb. Is there peace to your father?} 28 And they answered, Thy servant our father [is] in good health, he [is] yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance. 29 And he lifted up his eyes,

and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, [Is] this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son. 30 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought [where] to weep; and he entered into [his] chamber, and wept there. 31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread. 32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that [is] an abomination unto the Egyptians. 33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

Amazing, isn't it, the way God talks about that birthright.

Genesis 43:34 (KJV) And he took [and sent] messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

Now, listen to this. This is what I want to read to you.

Genesis 44:1 (KJV) And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks [with] food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. 2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

I want you to go with me to Mark 10:35.

Mark 10:35 (KJV) And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. 36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? 37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. 38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? 39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: 40 But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but [it shall be given to them] for whom it is prepared.

When Jesus went into the garden and knelt to pray, He said, "Father, let this cup pass from Me."

He was about to die. The Bible says that Joseph took his cup and put it in Benjamin's sack. God's people are going to have to believe that the fire of the Holy Ghost will burn that old fleshly nature and, by that same Spirit, mortify the deeds of the flesh. They are going to drink of His cup, they are going to drink of His cup of total surrender. He told them to put his cup in Benjamin's sack.

Rachel died in Bethlehem bringing forth Benjamin, weeping for the babies of God's chosen people who were under the dominion of Satan's lies. Saul of Tarsus was a man of the tribe of

Benjamin, and he saw Jesus brighter than the noonday sun and he testified, "I was blameless under the law, but I count all those things but dung that I may win Christ." Remember those babies who died in Bethlehem so that he could be born in a generation?

If you think for a minute that this world is going to accept you because you have the power of God inside of you, then you are wrong. They will take you like you were. You can even talk about God the Father all day long, but when you demonstrate the power of the Almighty God through the name of the risen Christ Jesus, I guarantee you that this world is going to move swiftly against who you are. The prophet Jeremiah didn't miss a moment when he said what he said. Ramah was a lifted up and high and exalted place and God brought her down so that He could exalt his Christ. God wants you and I to understand, spiritually, what He is doing. Benjamin was born and she wept, and this took place at Bethlehem where Jesus was born and those mothers wept temporarily. When Jesus was about to be crucified, He told those women marching down the road, "Do not weep for Me but weep for yourselves and for your children. I hear Rachel weeping for her children and she will not be comforted."

It has yet to happen again, are you hearing what He is said? Is religion in a high and exalted place today? Has it birthed Jesus? No, no, no. That high and exalted, stained-glass windowed, padded-pewed, soft-carpeted religious system has never birthed the man Christ Jesus. But God has a people. They're going to die out through travail and birth the Christ. When you realize that this is the reason that you are crying, that's why you have gone through what you have gone through in these last few years, you are going to rejoice like a woman when the baby comes.

Separation, isolation every single one of us has seen tremendous changes in our lives. God is going to have a people who love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. It will be a people who know that the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye and the pride of life are not of the body of Christ. Is that what you have been going through? Dying, dying, dying. We didn't understand what the cost was all about and the world says a thousand different things. God has a people and He has a people who really want to exalt Him to bring down the high religion and really, truly exalt the Christ. We've yet to hear it. We shall, we've just begun in this day.

You think that, if I had a choice, I would let my flesh die? Do you think that I would let it be cut off of me if I had a choice? How about you? Some of you have walked in places that you never felt that you could get through. Some of you have walked places that you never thought you could. It didn't make any sense to you. But I want you to know something, God's put inside of us a heart so that this generation will have an advantage of the Christ. But we won't have it without weeping. We are not going to have it without dying. We are not going to have it without going through the things we have gone through. I know, sister, you didn't understand the things that began to happen in your life when God began to take it apart. I wouldn't want to go back to where I've been, brothers and sisters. I wouldn't recommend that to anybody. There are places that I've been to to get to where I am, that only grace could bring me, only the love of God and the arms of God around me. Neither would you. I don't recommend coming the way that I've been to anybody because dying to yourself is just that.

There is a lot more to Benjamin and this company. That message is so loaded that it could take us a long time to do Benjamin and the overcoming company. But I want you to know

something, God made a picture in there that is clear so that you and I wouldn't miss it. Matthew said that this is that which was spoken, and the preachers read past it. Those two cities are not the same and they just read past it. We read across things in the Bible but when they don't make sense to us, we just leave it be.

God has a people that He is going to bring into that company of overcomers. The church is going to call you and I the son of their sorrow. You and I are going to call what God is doing to us sorrow. I know that there are probably a lot of people who call me a preacher of sorrow, but I know that you are not here by accident. God didn't just call you to be born again. You are not here by the will of the flesh but by the will of God. I'm telling you the truth. But you're not here by accident. You didn't stumble in here by accident. You have been called and chosen by God to be a part of that overcoming company. He didn't send me to tell you this and He didn't send you here to hear it if you weren't part of it. I can look around the world and see people that are much more able than I am, much more faithful to the Lord than I am. But I want you to know that God has chosen a people to do a particular thing. That is what He is going to have done and you are blessed and so am I. We are on holy ground. God has brought a Word to tell us why some of the things that have happened to us have happened. It wasn't that we needed to know, but that we could talk hopefully of the fact that Jesus said to those disciples, "Could you drink of the same drink?"

Did they die like He died? I am NOT telling you that we are all going to die a martyr's death. Don't go out of here with that doctrine. But I'm telling you that we are all going to die to our carnal ways and to our own fleshly desires. We are going to come out of that. That is what God does and He showed you and I that the birthing of it wasn't going to be comfortable.

The Jews that are right over in physical Israel right were born under bondage are still under bondage. God wanted you and I to see something about that. When Joseph's brothers came to get the corn, he said, "You won't see me again unless you bring Benjamin to me, until I see Benjamin."

He told the Jewish nation that it is not going to see the Christ until He sees that Benjamin company on the earth, that overcoming company. Jesus told the high priest, "You are not going to see Me until you say, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

God's not going to bring them into a divided, confused, multi-doctrines system that says, "No one has all truth."

He will bring them into a church speaking the same thing, with the same judgment, with the same mind. I love the hidden messages, I love the way God speaks to His bride in such an intimate way. There is spiritual meat for men, and the whole Bible is full of it. I have had a good time. God wants a people who are more interested in Him than in knowledge about things, it's true. That means that we have to do what He tells us to do, so we need to get busy doing it. I'm glad that he has called us to do it.

Let's stand together. Glory to Your name, Jesus.

Prophecy:

My Word is to remind you that you are the object of My affection. I have set My delight upon you and I will bring forth My Word, born of a virgin, that which is love, only to Me, saith the Lord. My eyes have sought, and I have found a people. I am refining, even this day, upon the face of the earth, a people whose affection is pure as Mine, whose hearts are turned to Me as My heart, saith the Lord. I am drawing forth a Word unto My people, that even as I was born of a virgin, and that that conception took place only by the Holy Ghost and none other, so I, these days, am bringing forth a people born only of the Holy Ghost and no other. For I am a jealous God and I have set My affection upon My people. My delight is to have one that would know no other and love no other. Those that have sought Me out and walked tenderly before me, that have set their affections upon Me, I have loved them. That is the people that shall be brought forth in these days. I will watch them jealously as they have stood jealously for My Word. I'll protect them as they have protected My Truth. Those that have confessed me before men, I will confess in heavenly places, saith the Lord.

Closing Prayer:

Father, I thank you for this day and this chance to come together in Your name. I ask, Jesus, that You'd be exalted through the things that were spoken here. God, I pray that You'd bless the use of this taped message, to touch the hearts of people who would be encouraged to know these things. Jesus, I pray that You will bless this tape and keep it safe. God, this isn't a message that can just go anywhere, but it's a message to those who have been called and chosen to walk in a place in You that men don't choose to call themselves to. Jesus, I thank you for every person in this place tonight. I ask, Jesus, that Your Spirit would cause us to raise up and grow up. I ask, Jesus, that You'll minister through Your Word to us. God, I thank You that this place was not full of babies, young Christians. That's not derogatory, Father. We love the babies. Each one of us has to come through that place. But I want to thank You that this place has been selectively set that we might partake of some deeper things in Your Truth. No one was here by accident; the choice was Yours and not our own. I ask, Jesus, that You would be our comfort in times of trial. I ask that Your Truth would cause us to take courage in the hour of tribulation. Jesus, that we might come to the knowledge of who You are more every day. Rule within us, Jesus. We pray that Your kingdom come. We pray that Your will be done in us as it is in heaven. Jesus, we pray that You'll lead us not into temptation but that You'll deliver us from evil. We pray that You'll give us this day our daily bread. Jesus, I know that You are our daily bread. You are our healing, our help, our hope. Jesus, in You we trust. Bless this people. Go with them, comfort them, keep them and direct them. God, fill this place up as You see fit. Give us the courage to reach out to this city and minister in a different depth to the people that need it. God, cause us to do what You've set forth for us to do successfully. Fill up the hungry people who are in this area, Jesus. Lord, that they might come to know Your truth and that the truth might make them free. Father, in Your holy, righteous name, we pray. Amen and amen.