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THE AFTERMATH

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As always, after a significant event, comes a period called “the aftermath”. We are in a period of a significant event – the world calls it COVID-19 “The Aftermath” is as important as the event itself.

Bible has records of “the Aftermath” of some significant events.

1. The Flood: In Genesis 7: ²⁴ the waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.

Genesis 8, ¹⁴ ...(when) the earth was completely dry, ¹⁵ then God said to Noah, ¹⁶ “come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁷ bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—.....—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”

¹⁸ so Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. ¹⁹ all the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—...—came out of the ark, one kind after another. ²⁰ then Noah built an altar to the LORD and,

taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹ the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “never again will i curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. and never again will I destroy all living creatures, as i have done.

²²“As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease.”

Brethren, the alter and sacrifice of Noah earned a covenant for human. The benefit went beyond Noah and his family.

Genesis 9: then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth... ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a

flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² and God said, “this is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

2. The Church Persecution and Scattered: In ACTS 8 grew the church as a result

¹On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. ² Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him... ⁴ those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. ⁵ Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the messiah there. ⁶When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said.

Acts 11:**19**meanwhile, those scattered by the persecution that began with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, cyprus, and antioch, speaking the message only to jews. **20**some of them began speaking to the Greeks as well, proclaiming the good news about the Lord Jesus.

3. The Death and Ascension of Jesus Christ

³ After His suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: “do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ for John baptized with^[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

.... ⁹ after He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. ¹⁰ they were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? **this same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.**”

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came (the day the promised Holy Spirit will descend on them), they were all together in one place. ² suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they

were sitting. ³ **they saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.** ⁴ all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and **began to speak in other tongues as the spirit enabled them.**

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ when they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ utterly amazed, they asked: “aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ these people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ no, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my spirit in those days and they will prophesy.

⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ⁴⁷ ... And the lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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REFLECTIONS

IF WE ALLOW THE POWER OF GOD TO FLOW, SIGNIFICANT EVENT WILL CAUSE MULTIPLICATION

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- The persecution and scattering of the church led to multiplication of the church, many were added to their numbers.
- **The Death and Ascension of Jesus Christ** - They received the Holy Spirit, became bold to preach the Gospel and the church multiplied.
“but very truly i tell you, it is for your good that i am going away. unless i go away, the advocate will not come to you; but if i go, i will send him to you. (John 16:7)