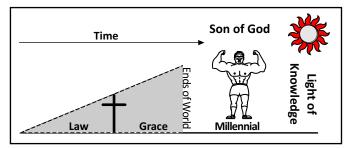
CB206 The Shadow of the Millennial Kingdom

Hebrews 10:1 reads: "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things..." These shadows are shades of future things. Shades grow shorter with time and disappear altogether as the viewer approaches the projected image.

Future things relating to God's eternal kingdom cast shadows from the Millennial, across the Church Age, and into the age of the Law, some shadows even appear before the Law. We see forms, but no images. However, through fulfillment of Law by the Church, we now see our hope as through a dark glass. When we reach yonder shore, the shade will fade and the light of knowledge that made the shadows will become eternal realities.



As the scripture reads, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, the things God has prepared for them that love him," [1Co. 2:9]. But the Spirit has revealed specific things relative to these lessons, [1Co. 2:10]. Christ's global kingdom, His power, righteousness, truth, and acquittals, are ushering in a new and final era before the return of the Lord.

Essential to a clear view of these lessons is 1Cor. 10:11: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." This verse builds faith that "repetition of past events," reveals truths that are unfolding at this time.

The New Era

A global revival of the Spirit and Power of God has come. There's a special reason for its presence. From Pentecost until this present time, we have TASTED of the world to come, [Heb. 6:5]. However, God is advancing a SAMPLE of the coming Millennial Kingdom. I will give some details later; I will share the reason for this sample now.

"Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world," [Ac. 15:18]. And, "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets," [Am. 3:7]. Not only these, but God previews His works before their allotted times, [1Co. 10:11].

Before God gave the Law to Moses, Israel built two cities in Egypt that represent the Law: "They built for Pharaoh treasure

cities, Pithom and Raamses," [Ex. 1:11].

Pithom means "mouth of integrity," i.e. truth; Raamses means "thunder of the standard" which is the letter or body of the Law. The scripture does not say, but Pithom and Raamses are concentric. Raamses surrounds Pithom like a peeling encompass its fruit.

Before the Age of Grace, God sent His Son to show the blessings of Grace. Jesus taught His apostles to work miracles and cast out devils. And only 50 days after His resurrection, the apostles began doing the same works He had done.

So then, we should expect God to show the power of the Millennial Kingdom before Christ returns to Rapture His Church. We now see the Law, Grace, and the Millennial, and the greater of these is the Millennial.

Changing of Eras

God used the 3 kings to represent the Law, Grace, and the Millennial Kingdom:

- [1] Saul represents the Law, but God said this to Samuel before he anointed Saul as the 1st king of Israel: "Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them," [1Sa. 8:9].
- [2] David represents Grace, but Samuel anointed David to be the new king while the old king was alive. Howbeit, Saul [the Law] had to die before David [Grace] could sit on the throne.
- [3] Solomon parallels the time of the Millennial Kingdom. At this present time, we live in David's regime, [see your Times Chart]. To follow the pattern from [1] to [2], Solomon must be anointed king while David is still alive. And because David represents Grace, the Church must receive the anointing of Solomon for the Millennial Sample to begin.

In this set of lessons, we see that Solomon not only receives this anointing, but he also sits on the throne while King David is still alive. This means that we must do more than receive the Solomon anointing, we must partake of the blessings of the Millennial Kingdom now, before Jesus returns for His bride.

God gave us a shadow of this unique event. After Solomon's death, Israel became two nations. Twenty kings reigned over Israel and 20 kings reigned over Judah. During these 40 reigns, no king sat on the throne before the death of his predecessor.

Thus, the transferring of power from David to Solomon was unique in all of Israel's history. God gave us a shadow of this change of eras so that we could know and believe what to expect in such a time as this.

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Shadows of the Millennial

Co. 3:18: But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The shadow of Solomon's early ascension to the throne fell across the NT Church, onto David's sons who represent the sons of the seven NT Church Ages, onto the Church in the Wilderness, maybe onto early symbols in the Book of Genesis. [See your "Times Chart."]

God ordained for earthly forms to appear from a heavenly image. This image cast a long shadow upon the earth. Because this image is in heaven, you can learn about future things by studying the shadow.

Each image forms its part of the shadow. The shadow starts at the source and produces physical entities as it travels from the future to its earliest time in history. Thus, you can learn about any part of the shadow by comparing its many parts with each other.

The shadow reveals more details as it nears its last appearance. A symbol in Genesis becomes a parable in Exodus. Then a parable in Exodus becomes a complete story in the prophets. After the events play their roles in the NT era, their last repetitions signal the time for the image that made the shadow to appear.

The Shadow of Christ

One night when fleeing from Esau, Jacob dreamed of a ladder that reached from earth to heaven, [Ge. 28:12]. The angels of God were ascending and descending on it. The dream was prophetic; Jesus is this ladder. After descending into "the lower parts of the earth," [Eph. 4:9], He formed this ladder by ascending to where He descended in the beginning.

He formed the 1st rung of the ladder by rising from the dead. It was still dark when Mary recognized Him on that 1st Easter morning. He told her not to touch Him because He had not yet ascended to His Father, [Joh. 20:17].

By this, He meant that He had not yet changed from mortality to immortality. His resurrected body was the firstfruits from the dead, [1Co. 15:10]. Mary's touch would have defiled His body by Levitical law, [Joh. 20:17].

He formed the 2nd rung at daybreak. At that exact time, a priest [after the order of Aaron] waved a sheaf of firstfruits to the LORD, [Le. 23:10-11]. This "shaking offering" showed Christ's mortal body ascending from mortality into immortality.

He formed the 3rd rung by changing from His immortal flesh to immortal spirit. This same rung allowed Him to change back from immortal spirit to immortal flesh, [Job 19:26].

He exhibited these changes to His disciples. To enter a room with the doors being shut, [Joh. 20:19], He had to ascend from immortal flesh to immortal Spirit. Then, for the disciples to see Him afterward, He had to descend from immortal spirit to immortal flesh. [Notice how these ascents and descents are changes in substance, and not changes in altitude.]

Jesus changed between visibility and invisibility during the 40 days before being taken up into a cloud, [Ac. 1:9]. Ten days after that, He returned on Pentecost as the immortal [Holy Spirit], "the Lord is that Spirit," [2Co. 3:17].

He will maintain the status of the Holy Spirit until the "times of restitution of all things," [Ac. 3:21]. His appearance in the Rapture [1Jo. 3:2] will begin the "times of restitution."

Figure-1 [below] shows the rungs of the ladder. They crucified Jesus when He was about 33 years old. He died on a Friday and arose the following Sunday morning. [I explain the mystery of His 3 days and nights in the tomb in "Without a Parable," ML107 on this website.] The time from the Cross to Daybreak in Fig.-1 is two nights and one day.

Again, the rungs of the ladder are [1] resurrection into mortality, [2] change to immortal flesh, [3] change to immortal spirit. We climb the ladder from earth to heaven by faith through the power of God. [1] By faith, God raises our dead spirits to life; [2] God will change our mortal bodies into immortal bodies. [3] We will change from immortal flesh to immortal spirit, just like Jesus did.

Using Fig-1, notice how the Church as tasted of the Lord from the Day of Pentecost until now. Then notice how the remnant church SAMPLES the Millennial Kingdom in the last days of this age.

Follow the changes from mortal flesh to immortal flesh and onto immortal spirit. Jesus made the ladder; we will appear at its top rung in the Rapture. After reaching that rung, we can change from state to state between visibility and invisibility.

