

Covid Keys & Cures in 2 Chronicles

Please read 2 Chronicles Chapter 4

A significant item within the outer court of Solomon's Temple was the Bronze Sea (see below). It was a massive receptacle full of water (~ 18,000 gallons). The water from it was used by the priests in several supplementary basins for various ritualistic cleansing. Concerning it we read,

"Below its brim were ornamental buds encircling it all around, ten to a cubit, all the way around the Sea. The ornamental buds were cast in two rows when it was cast. It stood on twelve oxen: three looking toward the north, three looking toward the west, three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; the Sea was set upon them, and all their back parts pointed inward."



What was the meaning behind these symbols? Here's my guess: the water represented sanctification. Redemption is the central theme in Scripture – it is God's primary work. All that was forfeited by Adam & Eve in Eden is to be reclaimed by Christ. God is the Master Physician. The purpose of redemption in Christ is to rid the world of sin & restore Creation to its original destination – i.e. a place wherein God dwells as Redeemer & King over all the peoples of the world. The psalmist anticipates this eventuality:

His foundation is in the holy mountains. The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! Selah. "I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: 'This one was born there.' " And of Zion it will be said, this one and that one was born in her; and the Most High Himself shall establish her." (Ps 87:1-3)

The 'sea' then perhaps depicted the whole world too destined to be cleansed & brought under Christ's reign & rule in earth's latter-day glory. Today, God's Truth is gradually being disseminated throughout the world. New Bible translations & the internet make the knowledge of salvation readily comprehensible to everyone. The spread of Christianity is faster & more effective today than ever before. Alas, there has always been opposition & satanic deceptions (Islam, Romanism & various sectarian usurpations of Scriptural authority, etc) but, as the old Negro Spiritual reminds us, *"His Truth goes marching on. Glory, glory Hallelujah."* Covid-19 may yet accelerate the Great Awakening!

Perhaps the twelve oxen represent (i) the tribes of Israel & (ii) the apostles of Christ who collectively send forth the gospel message to the four quarters of the globe with great strength and power. Notice they are poised to move outwards in all directions.

This morning we received the glad news that our youngest daughter had delivered yet another grandchild – Micah Arthur. That's now fifteen! Her ordeal was, as usual, difficult and there was some unusual slight complication.... but the crisis passed & mother and baby are both well, etc. Now, that's the recurring picture that God sets before us concerning the progress of the redemption of the world in history (See Micah 4:10). There is a time of trial & testing which calls for great patience & prayer; but in the climax of the ages, we can be certain that

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Rev 11:15)

Questions:

- *Do you hold out the prospect of Jesus fulfilling the Great Commission? (See Matt 6:10&13)*
- *Is Covid-19 a means whereby God might yet manifest His great power in (i) temporal judgement of the wicked & (ii) vindication of the righteous?*