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The November 11, 2013 vision

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When The Vision That Broke Me Down to Tears

When the 11th day of November the year 2013 claimed its position within the calendars of human life, then the fullness of time struck as the GOD of Israel decided to visit me in a most astounding and totally unusual manner ever. In that formidable visitation of JEHovah, HE came down from heaven to speak with me regarding events about to happen on the earth. As that conversation progressed, I soon realized that it was entirely and fully centred around the most anticipated glorious coming of the Messiah. And in that divine discourse, the LORD GOD all of a sudden lifted me up and took me to a place which until this day, I am not able to locate. At that sacred place however, I found myself looking up and gazing into the sky that stood right above me. The sky that I saw was so glorious as it became unusual, and consequently appeared more like there was a terrible rain storm coming. For lack of a better word, it presented more like I was in the lull before the storm. It was then that while still looking up into the sky, the amazing vision of the LORD beheld. That is when all of a sudden I saw GOD’s heaven open, when the huge cloud that had covered the gates of heaven rolled away. And in a twinkle of the moment, a most rare vision of the LORD was underway. The vision I saw was that of events yet to happen and hitherto, most profound towards the close of time. While still mesmerized by the glory of GOD that lit up the sky, then suddenly and virtually unannounced, the most dreadful and terrifying LION of heaven appeared into the sky above. The tremendous LION I saw coming down from heaven shocked me very much in the countenance of HIS fierce presentation, and was as a matter of fact the fearful LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH. As HE suddenly appeared into the sky, I saw that HE took control of the entire expanse above the earth. When HE
emerged, THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH was so huge and HIS appearance so shocking that for a moment I felt like fleeing from that place. In the manner of HIS contact with me, it was as though the GOD of Heaven had sent THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH to meet me, thereby causing HIM to come closer and remain above the earth with HIS EYES fixed on me. It was at that critical juncture in this vision, that THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH all of a sudden began to advance towards me in the sky, and stopped at about 50 meters above the earth from where I was standing. Once HE was assured that I had seen HIM, and that HE had captured my complete and undivided attention and fright, then HE chose to lay down on the clouds in the sky, while directly facing me. That is when HE looked at me directly into the eyes, and I noticed that HIS face was so humongous, and in fact very scary to behold. At that place, HE lay there looking and staring at me for some time, as though HE had something to tell me. Because of HIS fearful stare, I felt like running away from where the LORD had placed me.

THE LION KING IS COMING

'Veep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof' is presented in this scripture to imply that there was a continued weeping and duress in heaven. The appearance of THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH in this critical apocalyptic vision implies that GOD ALMIGHTY in heaven has determined that the Ruler and King of the coming Kingdom will be like a LION, and the offspring of Judah.

\[9\] You are a lion’s cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness—who dares to rouse him? 10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his (Gen 49:9-10).

This is what especially underscores that when the LORD allowed THE LION OF HEAVEN to appear before me in that vision, HE was essentially highlighting that the rod of rulership was given to Judah from whom the Messiah would come. When the LORD delivered Israel from Egypt, HIS mission and vision for Israel was that when the fullness of time would strike, the Redeemer of all men, our LORD Jesus Christ would come from the lineage of Judah (Matt 1:2-3; Heb 7:14). However, it is important to note that all this constellation was designed in order to project forth a message on the righteousness, holiness and zero-tolerance to sin, that would characterize the path through which the Messiah would come.

The Royal Family

\[9\] Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine: Ephraim is my helmet, Judah is my scepter (Psalms 60:7).

Despite being the first born in the house of Israel, Reuben however lost the right to kingship due to his abominable sin. The kingly dignity and rule hence fell on Judah who was steadfast in observing the requirements of the LORD. Thus, while Reuben may have had the right of first born, nevertheless the Messiah did not come as a lion from Reuben, but THE LION from Judah. This clearly depicts that right from the beginning, GOD ALMIGHTY ensured that by design, the Messiah’s coming be far separated from sin. This is what guaranteed the projection of HIS life’s mission as being to essentially separate mankind from sin. HIS coming through the lineage of purity and sinlessness therefore greatly bespoke the purity and righteousness HE would restore upon fallen man. HE
came as the Only Holy One. Even now as the church moves towards the close of time and HE comes as the LION KING, and HIS advent nears, HE comes to separate the lineages of sin from those of righteousness. Reuben was deprived of his first born right and the right to the Messiah because the Messiah had to come as the Only Holy One Whose life would befit the Perfect LAM. of the sacrifice. Simeon and Levi were also excluded on account of their bloody acts at Shechem. This in itself presents as a serious lesson to the present-day believer because it points to the fact that some of the little sinful acts that today's complacent salvation tolerates may one day block her at that critical hour of entry into the Kingdom of GOD. Simeon and Levi may have committed the sin at Shechem as a casual act, but when the time to present the biggest blessing came, then the Shechem act caught up with them. So shall that little sexual lusting, little lie, little unfaithfulness, etc., one day catch up with the church at the point of entry into heaven, when things will be most critical for her. When all will have been aligned, like it was with Reuben, then finally the moment of shame will present for that sinful act the church may have compromised in. Thereupon, we see that Reuben's first born rights were consequently taken away from him, thereby being split and divided up such that, the double portion of material inheritance went to Joseph, while the priestly dignity went to Levi (Deut 21:15-17; Num3:12; Ex13:15). The biggest portion of the Kingship and Ruler's dignity on the other hand, fell on Judah who was Israel's fourth son. Thus, the Messiah from that day on became known as THE LION out of the TRIBE OF JUDAH (Rev 5:5).

The Throne of David
The Deity of Christ as Son and THE LION is uniquely the FATHER'S application of the Messiah's GODHEAD. Nonetheless, when it comes to describing HIS future Dominion and Kingdom, this tremendous LION of the tribe of Judah, has an interestingly intrinsic relationship with the sacred Root of David and the divine Branch out of Jesse.

11 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots (Isaiah 11:1).
that affirms the fact that the Messiah’s return will be characterized by the enthronement of a rule of strength, courage and sovereignty. In other words, it will be an incontestable reign. And it also talks about the significance of His sovereignty in opening the biblion scroll of GOD in heaven.

**THE LION & THE KEY OF DAVID**

Because the lion always depicts a reign of strength, courage and sovereignty, the presentation of THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH in this November 11th vision therefore, portrays that the reign of the Messiah will be one that is characterized by GOD’s mighty strength, courage and an unchallengeable sovereignty. In other words, the LORD was saying in that vision, that upon the rapture, the unfolding reign of the Messiah would be comparable with no other, thereby reflecting that no one in heaven, or on earth, or under the earth, however great they are, was found that was able to open the scroll of GOD, except Jesus. Hence by presenting THE LION of the tribe Judah, heaven was essentially saying that HE who has authority to break the seal and open the scroll of GOD is coming. Unlike the first coming though, this time around it is worth noting that the Messiah will not be coming as a babe swathed in the Bethlehem manger, but as the courageous strong and sovereign LION KING whose reign and scepter will be virtually unassailable. This is because the GOD of heaven has given HIM the Key of David which allowed HIM to open the scroll of GOD in heaven. It depicts that all the governmental authority of King David will be upon the shoulders of the coming LION KING. It assuredly affirms that when the LORD promised that the ruler would arise from the tribe of Judah, HE would indeed rule from the Throne of David as the LION KING Whose dominion would have no bounds, even unto the ends of the earth.

16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me[a]; your throne will be established forever.”

(2 Samuel 7:13-16)

Isaiah the Prophet had earlier prophesied the reign of this LION KING, as One that would reign over an eternal Kingdom while seated on the Throne of David. Moreover, even Gabriel the Archangel had repeated this promise to Mary at the time of annunciation by saying, “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the HIGHEST, and the L ORD GOD will give HIM the throne of David HIS Father.” (Luke 1:32). Hence we see that by presenting the LION in that November 11th vision, GOD ALMIGHTY wanted to lay upon the church that the reign of the coming Messiah would be virtually incontestable because HE is the beholder of the Key of David. In this way, JEHOVAH is communicating to the church a very valuable message regarding the fact that HE has committed all responsibility to the shoulders of the Messiah, and clothed HIM with the Robe of strength that no man can overrule. In this way we see that responsibility has been committed into HIS Hands and hence HE shall be a Father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the House of Judah, and consequently unto all the nations of the earth. The most important message that the LORD brings out from that vision of November 11th 2013 is greatly anchored onto the role that is accomplished by the Key of David that the LION KING wields. Since GOD in heaven links the LION KING to the Root of David, then it can be well said that HE as the Beholder of that powerful Key of David, shall have some serious indisputable powers that cannot be fathomed in our lifetime. With that Key, so shall HE open and no one shall shut. Also, with the same Key, so shall HE shut and no one shall open. I will fasten HIM as a peg in a secure place, and HE will become a glorious throne to HIS Father’s House (Isaiah 22:20-23). The power of the Key of David that the LION KING will behold, consists not only the supervisory role in the royal chambers of GOD in heaven, but also in the decision on who exactly will, and who will not, be received by the GOD THE FATHER. This is the same Key that the LORD Jesus presented to the New Testament church that chooses to follow this LION KING. This is what gave the LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH Alone the sole right and authority to open the scroll of GOD in heaven, and initiate the judgments that will deliver upon the earth the Davudic Kingdom of the Messiah. This Key is the Key to the glorious Kingdom of heaven, and Only the Messiah has authority to hold it. By pronouncing in the present continuous tense that ‘HE opens and no one shuts’, and ‘HE shuts and no one opens’, the LORD is carefully speaking to the church on the fact that the Messiah is presently holding that Key in HIS Hands. It is a
and counsel embedded inside the scroll of GOD in heaven is a church that is very much aware that the Kingdom of GOD is nigh, and that this is the hour that she must prepare the righteous way for the coming of the Messiah. We are further reminded here about the scripture that rebukes humanity for gross complacency on matters of GOD and especially regarding the endless. The LORD extremely laments as to how mankind would be able to tell when it is overcast and coming to rain, and yet fail to notice the signs of the times.

As a result, we see that this presence of THE LION of the tribe of Judah in this vision is indeed meant to rekindle man's memory on that prophetic timeline which the seal HE broke in heaven has manifested on the earth. The hidden revelation that today's church needs to uphold in order to understand the times, is that which appertains to understanding the spiritual significance of the various calamities that are now consuming the entire world, ranging from the Arab bloodshed popularly known as the Arab uprising, to the attacks on Israel from Gaza. Today's church ought to also understand what the wars in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan, all the way to Ukraine and Mexico drug wars, spiritually impute towards the coming of the Messiah. Possessing a revelation on these global events, the economic crisis inclusive, and what they spiritually portend towards the rapture, is what a prudent church that has access to GOD's hidden counsel and wisdom beholds. This is because the LORD is using the LION that HE presented to me in this vision to send forth the message that HE is coming, but this time around, the day of HIS arrival will mark an irreversible event.
of reckoning, at which there will be the *gnashing of teeth* for the unprepared. In all this discourse, our memories must be continually rekindled to the fact that the lion in the ordinary sense has always symbolized the king of the beasts, and the *monarch* of the forests. That being the case, we can now clearly see that in this vision YAHWEH is awakening not only the church but also the nations, that Jesus is coming with the emblem of the Kingly *authority* and *power* that will be virtually incontestable on the earth. And it also bespeaks the fact that when HE comes, Christ who had *power to open the seals*, will also have *power to rule* over the universe and all events under HIS control as the lion rules incontestable in the forest. In other words, THE LION in this vision presents the Messiah as a Ruler Who will wield the iron sceptre Whose domination will virtually span over all creation when HE returns.

And the scripture that celebrates the triumph of THE LION of the tribe of Judah does not fail to highlight that HE is also the *Root of David*. However, it is important to note that ever since the ruler’s Sceptre fell on Judah, HIS rulership has not yet been manifest on the earth. Unlike Levi whose priesthood has been well expressed in the Levitical covenant, Judah however, has had his rulership lay dormant as a decayed stump whose reality is yet to sprout. When the LORD Jesus went to the Cross HE placed HIS torn back on the dead wood that defined the Cross, and carried with HIM all the sin and decay of mankind, thereby causing the Cross to be symbolic of decay. In other words, the Calvary Cross upon which all the decay of man was laid can also be termed as the decayed wood. We see that the *nailing* of the LORD thereupon that wood of decay, is what gave it the inherent and intrinsic life it beholds. But over the years, that tree of David has still remained a mere decayed stump whose life is yet to be realized in this realm. On the day when the Messiah returns for the church and honours her with entry into the Kingdom of GOD, that will be the day when for the first time the rulership of Judah will *spring-forth and sprout* its life into heaven. That will also be the day when the realization of the rulership of Judah will sprout and flourish on the earth because the *rapture* will have taken place and the earth will be preparing herself for the *reign* of the Messiah. Over the years, many have longed to point out where exactly the celebrated rulership of Judah has been expressed on this earth, but found none. However, there comes a day when from this *decayed fallen* wood, shall sprout forth leaves of life. This sprouting of life into the stump of Judah, happened on the day when Jesus *resurrected and triumphed* on the Cross having taken up the image of sin. This connection with David becomes the portrayal of HIS *glorious monarchy* that gives HIM the right to occupy the Throne in Israel as One that will *rule over the people of GOD*. It therefore exalts the reign of the LION KING, because only the LION of the tribe of Judah was entrusted with the sole propriety and task of *opening the seals* on the scroll of GOD in heaven. In the scripture that celebrates the LION of the tribe of Judah, the LORD further proceeds to pronounce that HE ‘*hath prevailed*’, which essentially associates the LION of the tribe of Judah with triumph, victory, and conquest. That can only mean that when the LORD presented the LION of the tribe of Judah in that November 11th 2013 vision, HE basically meant that this LION has acquired this *power* as a result of a major *victory and triumph* from a *bitter conflict and struggle*. Therefore, when the LORD presented Jesus as a LION, HE indeed wanted on that day to portray the message that the Messiah is coming, but this time around, not as a *babe* in the Bethlehem Manger, but as a *Victor* and *an Overcomer* who is a *Conqueror* that comes to subdue all HIS enemies and the forces of evil, under HIS incontestable *authority*. We are reminded here that the lion is always the king of the jungle and the monarch of the forest whose rule cannot be contested by any animal in that jungle! This was yet another mighty disclosure of GOD to the fact HE has high regard for the Messiah, and has totally entrusted the entire future of the earth to the Messiah’s rule.

Moreover, it is a vision that speaks on the fact that when HE comes to *rule* as a *victor*, an *overcomer* and *conqueror*, so will be HIS followers who walk in HIS *righteous and holy* ways. In this day and age, the devout followers of Christ who choose *righteousness and holiness* are already be default cast into this *highway of holiness* that ensures their living as *overcomers, conquerors and victors* over this dark world. Indeed, HIS glorious *appearance* in that vision entails the fact that HIS victory on the Cross scored *power and triumph* over all the powers of darkness. The *scroll* HE *opened* in heaven is the oldest manuscript ever envisaged and ever created by GOD thereby implying that the definition of the *lifestyle* prescribed therein and the *revelation* revealed there, relates to a church that prescribes to the *old ancient unadulterated holy* ways of the LORD. And so shall it be with the glorious bride that comes to rule with the LION KING after the *rapture* in Jerusalem. HE that *openeth the scroll*, is HE whose office it is for the scroll to *open* on that day of *rapture*, and indeed is the LION KING of Judah. Therefore, HE says to the *holy and righteous ’weep not*’ meaning the *righteous* church should cease *sorrowing* and not allow her thoughts to be cast down in despair, because Christ the LION has great *strength*, HE being the mighty GOD, the *able Saviour*, the *courageous and strong Redeemer*, yet the Protector of HIS church. HE comes to dismantle the *principalities and powers* of satan with HIS sovereign *unassailable* rule. Indeed, the appearance of THE LION of the tribe of Judah in that vision, was meant to convey the message to the *holy* christian that behold THE LION of the tribe and the *Root of David* has *prevailed* and loosed the *seals* thereof
on the Scrolls, and is coming soon.

**WHEN THE LION ROARS**

*The lion has roared — who will not fear? The Sovereign Lord has spoken — who can but prophesy? (Amos 3:8).

The appearance of the LION of the tribe of Judah in the November 11th, 2013 conversation of the LORD essentially highlighted a warning unto the church. It is as though the LORD was saying that the LION of the tribe of Judah has roared and who will not fear. The LORD GOD has spoken and who can but prophesy? Often when the LION roars as the monarch of the jungle, his rumble puts panic into his subjects and causes them to move. In the same way, the coming of the LION of the tribe of Judah in that conversation, JEHOVAH was meant to foretell future events which the LORD has made known to come to pass for edification, exhortation and reproving of the church. If the LORD has spoken in such manner in a dream, these things that concern that dream, who can forbear doing, especially now that it relates to preparing the church for the glorious coming of the Messiah. In this way, the roar of the LION by HIS Spirit has given a call and commissioned the gifts of grace to qualify the church for such service as paving a righteous way for the coming of the Messiah, and who can dare refrain from the task assigned. It is meant to bring back the fear of GOD in the hearts of men with HIS glory in clear view. It is also a resounding of how consequences of refusing to submit to this roar can be so dangerous for the roar of a lion is a terrible thing. And if the LION roar of the earth can be such dangerous, how much more the wrath and the displeasure of the KING of Kings - THE LORD. When the LION roared and commissioned Jonah, the moment HE declined prophesying when the LORD had spoken with him, the consequences became nasty. Even if it was difficult for him to go, but at least he ought to have published it. This can also be particularly directed to the ministers of the word who have a call and a charge from Christ on whom the responsibility has been laid, to pick the gospel in order to prepare the way of the LORD. And should they shut that gospel and declare themselves to service on any other account other than preparing the way of the LORD, as fire in the bones, the roar of the LION would cause them to run for their lives at the consequences thereafter. The LORD is saying that when the LION has roared who is it that can fail to obey that instruction and follow suit in preparing the bride. In other words, the LORD is saying that moralizing man can sometimes take the shape of a LION’S roar in the spiritual sense. In other words, if the church does not refrain from sin, she shall not be exempt from GOD’s punishment when that day realizes. The LORD is saying, that the body of Christ should not expect commune with GOD unless they have first sought peace with HIM in total obedience. Where there is no friendship, there can never be fellowship. GOD and man therefore cannot fellowship together except that they agree, and this time the lesser would have to conform to the greater. The LORD is using this dream of THE LION to assert to the church that no matter the claim she lays on eternity, she cannot presume an outwards privilege without special sanctifying grace that works on the inward. Therefore, the threatening of the word of GOD through the roar of the LION against the sin of man, certainly show that the judgments of GOD are around the corner, if the church conforms not. As the LION’S roar forces everyone to fear, so does the divine call of GOD force HIS people to conform to righteousness and holiness. In this way, after the fearsome powers of her CREATOR have been made known to her, the church ought to submit herself willingly and more humbly to JEHOVAH her DEFENDER whose strength is more terrible than that of the enemy. For it is certain that he who less understands the dangers he escapes from, loves not his DELIVERER. The LORD has Spoken, who can fail to submit and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.