

## The High Calling

Phil 3:14 — Paul pressed toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Yahshua the Messiah (*goal* or *mark* is #4649; *high* is #507; *calling* is #2821). *High* means above all other things imaginable — there is no greater calling or purpose to live for. You could have a council of the richest, most famous, popular people in the world, and they could not come up with anything greater in purpose than what we are called to do or accomplish in Messiah Yahshua. No greater occupation, vocation, or employment can be imagined or thought up than the vocation and the occupation we have been given in the restoration of all things.

Dan 2:34,35,44,45; Jn 13:34-35; 17:21-23; Mt 21:43; Acts 26:7-8; Mk 9:11-12; Isa 49:6-8; Jer 30:18 – 31:1; Heb 10:13; Eph 2:10; 4:16; 2:22; Rev 21:3; Eph 2:12; Ex 31:13,17.

The restoration of all things began with the return of the Holy Spirit to planet earth to dwell in a holy nation, called the twelve tribes of Israel, which is the wife of the Lamb, the dwelling of the Godhead in the eternal age (Rev 21:3,9-12). She is the new, restored Jerusalem (Rev 21:2), prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband. With Him she is the very Habitation (#4633) of God. Rev 21:2,9 — The bride is the wife of the Lamb, and the Lamb and His wife are the Habitation of the Godhead, which is the three persons of the Trinity — Father, Word, and Spirit.

In Rev 21:3, the Habitation of God, which is the Body of Messiah, His extended Body, has become the Body of God. As Jn 14:7-9, when the Son was on earth, the Father, in the one Spirit of the Godhead, dwelled in Him. But His mission on earth in the humanity of Yahshua was to acquire many sons (Heb 2:10; 1 Jn 3:2), as brothers of Yahshua (Heb 2:11,17), in order to have His extended Body, consisting of all the members of Him (1 Cor 12:12), in whom would be the eternal habitation of the Trinity/Godhead, the fullness of the Godhead.

Rev 21:3 — The Habitation of God is the wife *and* the Lamb, the Lamb and His wife in whom God dwells. The corporate Body of God is the wife and the Lamb. God's eternal purpose is to dwell in this Habitation eternally to rule through the Lamb and His wife, the twelve tribes of Israel (Dan 7:27, RSV, ESV; Rev 22:5). In this corporeal Habitation God will dwell with *men* (*anthropos*, #444 — both genders, male and female), the people of the nations who were worthy of a second life after the judgment in Rev 20:12-15. They had experienced the first death to pay for all their sins, and their name had been found in the Book of Life, and for them there will be “no more death” (Rev 21:4). They are the men of the nations who never knew the true Messiah, or even heard of Him, but lived according to their conscience (Rom 3:23; 6:23; Gen 3:22; 9:1-7), and then in the eternal age they shall be God's people and God in us will be with them, and He will be their God (Rev 21:3), and God in us will do Rev 21:4 — wipe the tears from *their* eyes. There will be no more death for them, since they paid for their own sins in death (Rom 6:23).

In Gen 18:23 and Rev 22:11 we see three eternal destinies of man — the wicked, the righteous, and the holy. Abraham knew God's heart as all Christians do *not* know Him (Gen 18:25). So the seed of Abraham are those who do as Abraham did (Jn 8:39), and know as he knew God's heart (Gen 18:25). Abraham said, “Far be it from you to do such a thing as this, that the righteous should be as the wicked. Far be it from you. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” All Christians who have received the Augustinian and Calvinistic and Lutheran spirit do not have the same heart as Abraham or his God. They have received an evil spirit to believe contrary to Abraham about his God.

Noah, who was of the nations, was righteous and just (Gen 6:8-9), as Lot was also (2 Pet 2:7). Many down through history were righteous men, although they were not the holy ones (Rev 22:11; Dt 14:2), since no nation of twelve tribes had been born, fulfilling prophecy and the will of God for the world and the eternal age. These good people may

have formed communities and lived together for short spans of time, but were not Israel who will rule the universe. They will be men of the nations who will be cared for by the holy ones of the holy nation, the twelve tribes (Rev 21:1-12).

Conscientious people in the past have lived together for security from the wicked religions of man, and throughout the world many millions of righteous people existed among the wicked, whose names will be found in the Book of Life in Rev 20:12-15. Regarding Roger Williams, the Pilgrims, and others who may have been “stepping stones,” the holy angels were their light, as Rom 2:6-16, for not all are as Rom 1:24-32.

There can be only *one* restoration of all things. The first essential thing to be restored is the Spirit of Truth (Jn 18:37), who leads us into Ex 31:13,17 and Rom 8:4, even as it relates to Dt 14:3 and Lev 11:2. The children of God’s holy nation are set apart in a special relationship to Yahweh which requires a conscious awareness of His presence among us in every aspect of our daily lives. His set-apart people recognize the difference between the sacred and the profane (Lev 11:44-47). They live their lives according to the leading of His Spirit which is set apart for them. They, then, are the sons of God (Rom 8:14), the holy ones in Rev 22:11. So both the “sons of God” who are the children of Israel are holy. “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” Lev 11:24-43 — The Law (instruction) of our Father, Yahweh, is *good*. He wants His holy people to live a life pleasing to Him and not get the sicknesses that the world gets.

Also, as Ex 31:13-17 says, the Sabbath is a sign *forever*, meaning lasting for this age. The Sabbath is among the “all things” that Mk 9:11 brings about, to bear the fruit of the kingdom (Mt 21:43), the fruit which has never been borne to bring about the Kingdom of God on the whole earth. The Sabbath (Ex 31:13) is the covenant sign between God and Israel of their relationship and sanctification. He is the Sanctifier, the One who strengthens us for obedience. Whoever breaks this covenant sign sins a sin unto death (Heb 10:26). Lev 20:8 — Sanctifies, consecrates, sets you apart from all the nations of the world, and especially Christianity who are not God’s people. They are not

set apart since there is no sign of it, nothing to signify their belonging to Him or being in a covenant relationship with Him, as His holy people (Dt 14:3; Ex 31:13). Lev 20:8-9 — Cursed by his own blood upon him (Pr 20:20). (I wonder whether any of our parents have done Lev 20:1-6 and never did verses 7-8.)

Only the holy who are of the high calling of Phil 3:14 can be the Habitation or Body of God. It is they who will be the rulers of the universe (Eph 2:20-22; Dan 7:27, RSV, NRS, ESV, NJB; Ps 8:4-6; 102:28; Eph 3:21) forever and ever.