

David— Revelations of Truth

WE HAVE FREQUENTLY referred to the Bible as the “Wonder Book of the Ages.” This is evinced by the fact that the further one advances spiritually, the more the Scriptures reveal their marvelous hidden secrets. Also, as previously stated, as man enters into the enlightenment of the Aquarian Age, he will realize that the Bible is not only the supreme textbook of Light, but that it opens to his unfolding consciousness deeper mysteries and more profound truths than he can imagine at the present time.

Many timeless truths are concealed in the biblical record of David and Solomon, both of whom possessed initiatory powers of a high degree. To prevent spiritual truths which they gave to the world from being misused or desecrated by persons not yet able to grasp and apply them rightly, they were couched in unattractive symbols or embodied in stories that were in keeping with the primitive and sensual development then prevalent.

An ancient teaching declares: “If you would know the doctrine, you must live the life.” This being true, one must conclude that David and Solomon—two illumined souls qualified for assuming spiritual leadership of their people—were not guilty of such reprehensible conduct as a literal interpretation of some biblical stories attributes to them. For example, the women in the life of David really indicate definite stages of his spiritual development rather than various polygamous



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David is Anointed King of Judah

matings as would appear from a literal reading. Now Solomon is said to have had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines. Numerically, 7 and 3 add to 10 the number of spiritual attainment. Such is the significance of this number as used throughout the entire Old Testament.

Solomon is referred to as the highest initiate of the Old Testament Dispensation. The great love he appeared to have for women must not be interpreted as personal infatuation, but as a means of conveying the spiritual fact that he experienced the ecstasy that comes from having attained to union with the exalted Feminine Principle, a state requisite for the high initiatory degree ascribed to him. On the other hand, the several women in the life of David esoterically represent various steps in the progress of an aspirant. Thus, Michal stands for Mars' martial powers, given to be a snare to David; Eglah, the intimate personal love of Venus; Chimham, expansiveness of the Jupiterian consciousness; Hagith, the law and order of a well

developed Saturnian nature; Abital, the enhanced attributes of faith and wisdom generally associated with Mercury. David's marriage to Abigail symbolizes a high state of spiritual consciousness (1 Samuel 25:2-42).

Abigail pleads for Nabal, the fool, who represents man's lower nature. The foods Nabal refused to share with David signify certain spiritual qualities about which a foolish mortal has no comprehension. After having sent David's men away and then partaken of a drunken orgy, he lived only ten days. The death of Nabal (lower nature) was followed by the union of Abigail (joy of God) and David (the Beloved). This again signifies a union with the "eternal feminine, that draws us ever upward and on"—in this instance to the crowning of David in Hebron (unity) as King of Judah (love and praise). It was not until after this Mystic marriage that David began the really great work of his career.

During a seven-year period as King of Judah, David was being prepared for a still higher position as King of Jerusalem, the City of Peace. He was taught to read the Akashic Records (the Memory of Nature) and to study therein the pattern for the world's most glorious Mystery Temple, later externalized by his son Solomon.

Just as there are certain spiritual centers in the body of man, so are there corresponding centers of spiritual energy within the planet earth. For untold thousands of years the locations of these earthly centers have been the sites of Mystery Temples. From each one advanced spiritual truths have been disseminated to the peoples within its area of radiation. Jerusalem, the City of Peace, was the site of such a power release.

Esoterically, Jerusalem is at the very heart of the earth. According to the testimony of extended vision, at the very dawn of civilization it was chosen and consecrated by Wise Ones under the guidance of angelic leaders. Here Melchizedek, the Mystery Priest and one of the most exalted members of the White Brotherhood, worked and taught. He brought over into Aryana the sacred wisdom from Atlantis before its final inundation—recorded biblically in the story of the Flood. It was in this sacred area—called by him Salem, City of Peace

—that he initiated Abraham, the first of the Mystery observances which culminated in the Lord's Supper, the Feast of Bread and Wine. Later, this same eminence became the site for Solomon's Temple, and thereon Abraham passed the supreme test in the Rite of Detachment when he was commanded to sacrifice his son Isaac.

When this holy city had passed into the hands of the Jebusites, they renamed it Jebu and established therein a Temple devoted to the cult of Astarte. About 1000 B.C., after his becoming King of both Judah and Israel, David was inspired to make the city his capital, and he renamed it the City of David. From Jerusalem, located at an elevation that overlooked a wide surrounding territory, there has ever been a mighty inflow and outflow of spiritual energies. And besides being the heart-center of the whole earth and the home of Judah, he of the royal sign Leo, it appropriately became the City of the King.

What is more, Jerusalem was the focal center of the early Christian Mysteries, for which the work of David and the services held in the Temple of Solomon were a preparation. And it is destined to become the center of the Christian Mysteries in preparation for the second coming of the Christ as it was for His previous appearance. In fact, this holy place was the Mecca of the Initiates of both the Old and the New Testament Dispensations. It was the scene of activity for all of the Old Testament prophets excepting Amos and Hosae. Within its environs the Books of the Old Testament were conceived, if not actually written. Both Joseph and the Holy Mother were Acolytes of the Jerusalem Temple.

Jerusalem was also the scene of the major part of the Master's work and that of His immediate disciples and followers, many of the latter having their training in communities located in nearby areas of high spiritual radiation—as, for instance, the Mount of Olives where David passed one of his tests of regeneration and where Christ Jesus made His final and complete renunciation in accordance with the will of the Father. And it was in this highly charged city that the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ Jesus took place. □

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