

THE SIXTH MOVE – A SUMMARY

**A Summary of the Sixth Move of God Since the Reformation.
Preparing Christianity for the Spiritual Warfare of The Great Tribulation.**

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THE MESSAGE.

FOREWORD – Why This Was Written.

This is a paper presenting a summary of a biblical story, around which I've been attempting to wrap my arms for the last five years. The story concludes twenty years of writings, all on the same topic. That topic is what God is going to do on Earth in the very end-times, from now until the so-called Rapture of Christianity. And, it's all in the Bible. The present paper puts together a biblical summary, drawing from all the writings, comprising God's end-times Earthly plan for Christianity.

This paper is about a particular move of God in the continuing restoration of the Church since the Reformation. It is the Sixth Move, which commenced in 1960 with the advent of the Charismatic movement, and will continue until the first Trumpet of [Rev. 8], which is the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

The Sixth Move is God's preparation of Christianity for ministry during the Seventh Move, which is the Great Tribulation. And, that Tribulation Ministry is focused on spiritual warfare, both individual and corporate. That is, the warfare will be conducted to deliver both individuals and groups from demonic oppression. The Sixth Move is the preparation of the Lord's Army of the very end-times.

This paper is meant to be the first one read on a Website created to publically present all the writings. The writings comprise three book-length manuscripts, plus a number of shorter pieces, such as the present one. Reading this paper first, will then allow the reader to decide whether to read further and which of the other writings to look at, next.

For those wishing to prepare for such an end-times ministry, the website will also provide the means to contact each other.

The website is www.AlphaAquila.org

INTRODUCTION – THE STORY.

Motivation.

Here's the story.

In the very end-times, there is something called The Great Tribulation that is going to hit Earth, as in [Rev. 8:7 – 11:15]. It's going to bring down economies and nations, and a person called the Antichrist is going to take over the governments, worldwide. And, his assistant, The False Prophet is going to take over the churches that remain visibly operating. And, Christians are going to come under persecution, just like in the First Century.

The only thing that Christianity can do under these conditions is conduct spiritual warfare against the demonic forces that are causing this chaos. This will probably be small, local prayer teams, operating essentially underground, as far as the visible churches are concerned. Because the demons are running corporate enterprises, such as churches, governments, and nations, this spiritual warfare is going to have to be at the corporate level, not just at the individual level.. That is, prayer must be targeted on Satan's fivefold 'anti-ministry' of principalities, powers, etc. It must be targeted on the seven classes of demons named in the New Testament. And,

that is going to require the gathering of reliable intelligence about the targets. It is going to be a very military activity on the part of Christians.

Christianity cannot wait until the events of Revelation to figure out how to respond. So, God has a plan, already in action, to prepare Christians for this last earthly duty they have, prior to Jesus' physical return. His plan is to biblically educate and train a remnant of a remnant of Christianity in what they have to do and how to do it. Implementation of His plan will amount to the final move of restoration of the Post-Reformation Church. It will first restore the Prophetic, and then the Apostolic. The Church will be taken back to its form when it was created by Jesus and structured by the original apostles.

Man cannot implement this plan. Only God can. Man has but to understand it and follow God's lead. And, man can understand it because the plan is in the Bible.

The plan illustrates Saint Peter's statement that earthly judgment shall come first to the Church and then to the world [1 Pet. 4:17]. There are 180 specific scriptures that describe the plan in great detail. But, because the plan is so biblically detailed, there needs to be a way for Christians to approach understanding the plan in smaller steps. That is what this paper is about, and the website upon which it is found.

The story shows that in our time of Jesus' second advent, events are going to follow the pattern set by His first advent. Just as His Jewish Church was judged, so our Christian Church shall be judged. And, the corporate sin is the same, ... idolatry. Just as Jesus' followers were persecuted by the government, so shall Jesus' end-times followers be persecuted. It's going to be a replay of the Book of Acts, all over again. However, now the Book of Revelation also applies.

And, it's all going to happen here on Earth. We're not talking about heaven or eternal individual judgment.. That's later. We're talking about the corporate Church and the world being judged by God in the here and the now. That judgment includes persecution, both inside the churches and outside. And, there's no 'easy out' for us, just as there was no 'easy out' for Jesus. Jesus told us in Matthew 24 that we'd go through Great Tribulation, and John confirmed it in Revelation 7. So, there's no 'Pre-Trib Rapture,' to take us out before it happens. That's just wishful thinking.

Knowing this 'bottom line', what shall we do?

Francis Schaeffer asked the same question.¹ His answer was that believers are to understand what their Christian duties are in these times, and to take action, based on that understanding. Christians are not excused from speaking, just because the world or the churches don't want to hear it. And, that's our answer, too.

¹ The Complete Works of Francis A. Schaeffer, vol. 5, book 2, Chapter 13, The alternatives, A Special Note, pp. 253-255, Crossway Book, ISBN 0-89107-336-1, 1982.

We're sitting on top of the biblical 'what, why, and how' of God's plan for Christians in the very end-times. We are to carry this message to the churches and the world. As for the 'where and when' of carrying the message, we must rely on the Holy Spirit to send us, just as did Jesus and the original apostles. And, the Holy Spirit always comes through.

So, what we need to be doing now is getting the story together in teachable form for all those Christians and unbelievers who don't know about what's going to happen. We need to get prepared to explain that the present downward trend of civilization is all factored into God's plan. He's foreseen it and planned for it. And, so must we.

Who.

It's all about Jesus, of course. Just like the Bible is all about Jesus. He is the key figure of the last forty-one hundred years of continuous human history. He was the key figure of the ancient Israelite nation, the Roman Empire, and all Western Civilization. And, He will be the key figure in how it all comes down, here on Earth, in our very end-times.

What, Why, & How.

The 'What' is God bringing earthly judgment upon the corporate churches of the very end-times. This judgment shall be coincident with a transition in both the prophetic and the governance of the churches. It will restore the churches to the form they had in the First Century.

The "Why" is corporate idolatry and the straying of the churches far from the structure and process originally set up by Jesus and the original apostles.

The 'How' is the restoration of the prophetic and the apostolic, and the creation of the mature Church.

IT'S ABOUT TEACHING THE WHOLE BIBLICAL TRUTH.**Going On to Completion.**

As God allows, the Church and the churches are meant to go on to maturity, beyond the six-element foundation of [Heb. 6:1-2]. But, by and large, they have not done it. They keep re-laying the same foundation, in violation of the scripture. This must be taught and rectified, in order to complete the restoration of the Church.

Going Beyond Six – The Day of God's Vengeance.

The Church and churches must be taught what the Great Tribulation is all about. It's God's earthly judgment of the Church and the world. It is known in the Old Testament as the Day of the Lord's Vengeance [Jer. 51:6]. Without the Church here for most of it, the Old Testament would make no sense.

The Message Says, "Get Ready."

The biblical 'sixes of God' point at the next to the last major move of God. Six characterizes earthly man. And, he is a transitional creature, leading to heavenly man. According to the sevenfold Church model (see below), six characterizes that which is between five (ministry) and seven (maturity). Six is the Altar of Incense, the last stop on the way to the Ark, where God dwells. Six is the Feast of Atonement, the last stop on the way to Tabernacles, our camping out place, when we leave our comfortable houses behind. The sixes of God tell us to get ready."

Top-Down View of the Message.

Preparing Specifically for the Seventh Move.

The Sixth Move is to prepare specifically for the spiritual warfare that will be necessary in The Seventh Move, The Great Tribulation. That is the end-game, so far as earthly Christianity is concerned, before Jesus' physical Second Coming.

Spiritual Preparation – Individual.

The Sixth Move occurs in two phases. First is preparing Christian spiritual warriors individually. The steps (below) are taken from the book length manuscript by the writer, entitled, The Joshua Walk.

Spiritual Transition – Corporate.

The Sixth Move's second phase is preparing the corporate assembly of those warriors to attack and dispossess the spiritual enemy. Just as with Joshua crossing the Jordan, the transition between first and second phases requires a move of faith on the part of the warriors and a miracle of God to enable it (See [Heb. 6:3]).

Teaching It – Using All the Bible.

Modern conservative Protestant bible interpreters hold that the Bible is a unitary document. And, there are not two separate dispensations. The Bible is all about Jesus, in one way or another. And, it is all about the very end-times, in one way or another. The spiritual warriors of the Great Tribulation must be so trained.

The Residual Damage of Past False Teaching.

Dispensationalism - Early Rapture.

The enemy could see where the Protestant walk was going, as early as the first half of the Nineteenth Century. That was The Fourth Move of power in the modern Church, leading to Pentecostalism. So, the enemy mounted a counterattack, by promoting the false teachings of an Early Rapture (pre-Tribulation) and Dispensationalism.

The mid-1800s teaching called Dispensationalism, attributed to J.N. Darby, had a feature called the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. This held that those Christians alive at the start of the Great Tribulation would be 'raptured' out, and not have to go through any part of it. This teaching influenced many in the 1800s' churches and still does, today. It has been repopularized by the publication of A fictional book series. Many reputable theologians have labeled the Pre-Trib Rapture a false teaching, some even going so far as to call it heresy. There are books on it, and many Google listings. Among these are those of Brian M. Schwertley, who has written a well-researched article refuting the idea that the Pre-Trib rapture can be biblically derived.

The problem with the Pre-Trib Rapture teaching is that Christians can not properly prepare for the Great Tribulation, if they think they won't be here for it. And, all the Old- and New-Testament prophecies about the very end-times show that the Church will be present during the Great Tribulation, up until the Seventh Trumpet of Revelation. That fact seems abundantly clear from reading only three scriptures, those being [Rev. 8:6-12], [Mat. 24:29-31], and [1 Cor. 15:52], in that order. For more information, please see the associated paper, entitled The Rapture Sequence.

BACKGROUND – SEEING THE PICTURE.**The Seven-Fold Christian Model.**

The Bible shows in many ways that there is a seven-fold structure to Christianity. This is not only static organizational structure, but also dynamic process structure. These structures are key to articulating the story of God's end-times earthly plan. That is, the story elements are assembled, according to the underlying Christian biblical model

The model is founded on twenty-three sets of scriptures, in both Old Testament and New. These 23 sets may not be exhaustive, but they are sufficient to our needs. Each scripture set points at different elements in a sevenfold context. The model is organized from these sets of verses using what is called the 'hermeneutic spiral' procedure. That is essentially a method for partitioning all the scriptures into seven contexts. In terms of a matrix, the 23 sets are the rows and the 7 contexts are the columns. The spiral is the method by which the row elements are assigned to column positions.

An example is the charismatic gifts of [Rom. 12:6-8], of which there are 7. Another is the seven fruit of Canaan [Deut. 8:8]. Yet another is the 7 churches of [Rev. 2:1-3:22]. After comparing all 23 sets with one another and repeatedly rearranging them into contexts, the 7 contexts, themselves were well defined. (I really didn't know how to name each context before this partitioning was done.) What resulted were the contexts of Faith, Truth, Spirit, Power, Ministry, Doctrine, and Maturity. Each element of the 23 sets were ultimately assigned to one of those contexts.

The contexts in the order listed above define both structure and process. They are listed in increasing order of Christian maturity. They are even seen to fit the history of Christianity since the Reformation. It is because of this property of the model and its contexts that the message of this paper can be labeled The Sixth Move.

For more detail on the model and its development, see the associated paper, The Sevenfold Structure of Christianity.

The Sixth Move – Just Before Trumpets.It's Where We Are, Now.

As there were seven moves in Israel's escaping Egyptian captivity and seizing the Promised Land, so there are seven moves in modern Christianity, from the time of the Reformation, on. We are presently in the Sixth Post-Reformation Move. The Sixth Move terminates with the seven trumpets of the Book of Revelation, ushering in The Great Tribulation of the very end-times.

In The Dynamics of the Militant Sixth Move, below, short descriptions are given in military terms, for each segment of the Sixth Move. These descriptions are from the associated manuscript, The Joshua Walk. The actual detailed description of the modern specifics of the move are found in two of the associated book length manuscripts, The Church Visited and The Church in Transition.

From Moses to Joshua – Militancy.

In Israel's trek from Egyptian captivity to seizure of the Promised Land, there were two leaders, who were both prophets. The second leader moved into the role of what would be an apostle in Christianity. During Israel's Sixth Move, there was a

transition from the first leader, Moses, to the second, Joshua. The context of the transition was to train up God’s army for the coming battle of the Seventh Move, seizing the Promised Land from the seven tribes that held it.

Israel’s Sixth Move is shown in detail in the book length manuscript entitled, The Joshua Walk. This walk fits the sevenfold Christian model, described above. The walk of the ancient Israelites is a type for the modern Christian corporate walk following the Reformation.

The Military View – Preparing for Spiritual Battle.

The training for battle context of Israel’s Sixth Move is the same context as for modern Christianity, training for the battle of the Great Tribulation of the very end-times. Based on 85 scriptures, the detailed manuscript, The Church in Transition, supports this view. Lest any reader should misunderstand, our warfare is not fleshly, but spiritual [2 Cor. 10:3-5], using the dynamic ‘weapons’ of God. Our combat is commonly called spiritual warfare.

The Teaching and Doctrine Context.

The overall context of training Christianity for the corporate spiritual battle of the Great Tribulation is the sixth Christian context, that of teaching and Christian doctrine. The Training Manual is the Bible, ... all of it. No part of the Bible may be neglected, just because it doesn’t fit some modern theology. This message uses all the Bible, Old Testament and New, and finds it’s all about Jesus and His earthly spiritual role in the very end-times.

The Sixes of God.

From The Church Visited.

Since 1997, God has given two sets of so-called biblical ‘Impartations’ to two prophets. These impartations commenced with what God is going to do, and why. That first set of impartations was self-published as a soft-cover book in 2002, with the title of The Church Visited. It was in the third chapter of that book that the writer first realized that God was pointing at the Sixth Move. The context was when God sends His prophets for the last time.

From The Church In Transition.

The second set of impartations and the book-length manuscript that resulted, was about how God was going to carry out His plan for the very end-times. Again, God pointed at the Sixth move. This was in the seventh chapter of The Church in Transition, where the context was typing the apostles’ end-times ministry. The transition of The Sixth Move is that which produces apostles from the prophets. This is why and how both the prophetic and the apostolic shall be restored in the very end-times Church, just as Jesus said [Mat. 17:11].

Prophets, True and False – The Corporate View.

The Corporate View.

The writer stressed the importance in both books of maintaining four separate views of Christianity in two sets. The first set is the spiritual versus physical view. The second set is the corporate versus individual view. There are two key evil characters during the Great Tribulation of the Book of Revelation. These are the Antichrist and his False Prophet. Both of these Biblical characters have long been interpreted as having both individual and corporate manifestations in the very end-times (Google “corporate view”, “antichrist”. The corporate manifestations of both antichrist and false

prophet are already present in the world, and can be seen as ‘signs of the times.’ The training of The Sixth Move is to prepare Christian warriors to spiritually oppose them, during The Seventh Move.

The Church’s Heart Problem.

God sees Christianity as having a (spiritual) heart problem. The last two verses of the Old Testament say that God is going to send the prophet, Elijah, to fix the Church’s heart problem, which is corporate. And, so, this third manifestation of ‘Elijah’ shall also be corporate. It’s a heart problem between ‘fathers’ and ‘children’ in the churches. And, now, we are seeing individual physical manifestations of that problem, as signs of the times. The corporate ‘Elijah’ is the first part of the transition of The Sixth Move.

THE SIXTH MOVE’S VENUE IS SPIRITUAL.

The Heavenly Battlefield – A Different Perspective.

Something is Wrong With Heaven.

According to Jesus, heaven is under attack and is to be captured. It is a place of defective government and spiritual opposition to Christianity. It is to be cleansed and pacified. It is not a place of sweetness and peace, because sin is there, the devil is there, and demonic torturers are there [Mat. 13:19-39]. It is not just an ‘after-death’ place, but is Christianity’s workplace, now. At the end of the spiritual warfare, Jesus is to take its surrender and hand the kingdom over to God, the Father [1 Cor. 15:24].

Spiritual Warfare.

In the warfare to come, our battle is not with men, but with demonic heavenly spirits. Our weapons are not fleshly, but spiritual. And, they are powerful, ... through God. It is not for the uninformed, lest one become a casualty. Jesus has given us the authority and the mechanics for conducting such warfare. He has given us essentially the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Enemy Characterization – Organization, Strategy, and Tactics.

Seven Demonic Classes and Their Identification.

The seven-fold Christian model shows that there are seven scriptural classes of demons named in the New Testament. And, they correspond to the seven tribes that Joshua was to destroy in the warfare for the Promised Land. The activities of these demons may be identified by their fruit. Each class of demon corresponds to one of the seven Christian contexts. So, knowing the fruit of a demonic attack shows what the context is for the attack, and therefore the target of the attack in the Church.

Holy Spirit Counterforce Against Demonic Activity.

The Holy Spirit operates as the ‘Spirit of ...’, for which there are seven New Testament identifications. Knowing the context of attack or the demon class involved then allows asking for Holy Spirit aid in a specific way. This result of the Christian sevenfold model allows a Christian to be more and more specific about the kind of Holy Spirit aid to seek.

Demonic Ground and Strongholds.

God may deliver a Christian to the ‘tormentors’ [Mat. 18:34]. And, demons take up space (Gk.-*topos*) in one they occupy [Eph. 4:27], [Luke 11:24]. Jesus said Satan had nothing in Him [John 14:30]. But, it is possible for a Christian to give space to a demon by defiling evils of the heart [Mat. 15:19], [Jer. 17:9]. But, demonic strongholds

may be pulled down by casting down demonic things in mind and body [2 Cor. 2:11], [2 Cor. 10:4-6]. That’s what overcomers do [Luke 11:22].

Churches Under Attack – Strategic Corporate Spiritual Warfare.

Diagnostic Procedures – Using Three Kinds of Spiritual Judgment.

The Bible provides a procedure for diagnosing churches that are under demonic attack, using three kinds of Christian judgment. The steps are 1).Size it up (*anakrino*) [1 Cor. 2:15], 2).Cut it up (*diakrino*) [1 Cor. 6:5], and 3).Sum it up (*krino*) [1 Cor. 5:12].

Identifying the Locus of Attack.

The specific steps are 1). Make a list of ‘symptoms,’ 2). Compare symptoms to a diagnostic list of demonic fruit, 3). Assign each symptom to one of the seven Church contexts, 4). Add up the ‘score,’ context by context. One or more contexts may dominate the spiritual problem.

Identifying and Binding Demonic Strongholds.

Identify the individual class of demon involved, by the symptom scores. If it is an attack on one of the five-fold ministries, identify the demonic command element involved, and whether the attack originates internal or external to the church. Employ the standard methods of individual or corporate spiritual warfare.

Demonic Fruit, by Demon Class.

Table 1., below, shows the fruit of a demon’s presence, which may be used for diagnostic purposes. The columns give Christian context at the top, and then corresponding demon below. Also shown are the corresponding seven tribes, which Joshua was to have annihilated in capturing the Promised Land.

DEMONIC FRUIT						
FAITH	TRUTH	SPIRIT	POWER	MINISTRY	DOCTRINE	MATURITY
<i>Hivite</i>	<i>Jebusite</i>	<i>Girgashite</i>	<i>Hittite</i>	<i>Amorite</i>	<i>Perizzite</i>	<i>Canaanite</i>
Antichrist	Error	Divination	Fear	Unclean	Slumber	Infirmity
unbelief	illegal	blaspheme	manipulat	loud	sufficient	torment
distrust	deceive	sacrilege	confuse	accuse	worldly	afflict
unmoved	hardheart	meddle	terror	proud	selfish	entrap
unsharing	hard-head	rebel	attack	lewd	lulled	weaken
negative	unrepent.	divisive	violate	immoral	dull	disable
cold	legalistic	vain	capture	unholy	denial	humiliate
dry	hypocrite	phony	enslave	addict	fuzzy	vanquish
empty	deaf	paranoid	control	waste	blind	silence

Table 1. Demonic Fruit by Demon Class (Christian Context).

Satan’s Power Structure.

Typed by the five kings of [Jos. 10:5], is Satan’s power structure of [Eph. 6:12], [Eph. 1:21], and [Col. 1:16]. These are Satan’s fivefold anti-ministry, which must be resisted for corporate-level spiritual warfare in the churches.

Case Study.

A 1995 case study of an Austin church. It was diagnosed, but corporate-level warfare was not employed, and the church subsequently failed. Seventeen (17) symptoms showed main problems with the pastor in the Faith (5) and Power (5) contexts, those being the operational domains of the Discippler and Evangelist. The problems were those of basic beliefs and leadership. The doctrinal foundation of the church was flawed.

The Temple of the Great Tribulation.Showing God's End-Times Temple to the People.

The events of the very end-times were revealed to the apostle, John, by Jesus, and were documented in the Book of Revelation. In [Rev. 10:8-11:1], John is instructed to eat a little book in an angel's hand and then prophesy again. Immediately, he is instructed to measure the Temple of God, the Altar, and those who worship, therein.

It is obvious that John is playing the role of Ezekiel in prophesying about the very end-times. This is because Ezekiel went through the same steps. In [Ezk. 2:3-3:4], Ezekiel is given a little book to eat, which is sweet as honey. He is then instructed to carry God's words to the church of that time, the house of Israel. God tells him they may not listen. In Chapters 41 and 42, Ezekiel performs a meticulous examination and documentation of the Temple. In [Ezk. 43:10-12], he is instructed to show the Temple to the Church (Israel) so that they may be ashamed of their sins. And, the number of things about the Temple that Ezekiel shall show the Church is seven.

Measuring the Temple, as it is Now.

The end-times Temple of God is us [1 Cor. 3:16]. It is corporate. And, the end-time prophet playing the role of Ezekiel shall measure the Temple and the Altar and them who worship therein [Rev. 11:1]. But, he is not to measure the outer court, because it is given over to unbelievers [Rev. 11:2]. And, what is the outer court?

Ministering in God's Very End-Times Temple.

The Temple envisioned by Ezekiel is the Temple which God's glory shall fill, when The Lord comes to inhabit His Church eternally [Ezk. 43:7]. This is the Temple of the very end-times. In fact, John's measuring of the Temple was just before the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet, when the mystery of God shall be concluded. And, that is the trumpet that signals the Rapture. So, the Temple of Ezekiel is spiritual, not physical.

Ezekiel said that the outer court is that of the people, whom John said would be unbelievers in the very end-times. And they shall be ministered to by those who ministered before their idols previously, when Israel went astray [Ezk. 44:11-12]. Those ministers shall retain their iniquities and shall not be allowed to come near God, to minister to him.

But, there will be those who minister to God, clothed in white in the inner court. These are the 'sons of Zadok,' who remained faithful when the Church went astray. However, when they come from the inner court to the outer, they shall not wear their white clothes, lest they sanctify the people with the garments worn while ministering to God [Ezk. 44:17-19].

In the outer court, the 'sons of Zadok' shall teach the people the difference between holy and profane and between clean and unclean. And, they shall stand in

judgment in controversies. They shall judge using God's judgments. And, they shall keep His laws and statutes in all His assemblies [Ezk. 44:24].

John's Two Prophets of God.

Immediately after John is instructed to measure the Temple, he writes about the Two Prophets who shall prophesy for 1,260 days, during the Great Tribulation, which is of three and one-half years' duration. These prophets are identified as two olive trees and two candlesticks. We may identify these prophets as two corporate bodies, rather than individuals. And, in particular, they are two of the sevenfold elements of the Church, typed by the seven churches of Revelation. The chain of scriptures supporting this identification is:

[Rev. 7:3] → [Rev. 14:4] → [Zec. 4:14] → [Zec. 4:11] → [Rev. 11:4] → [Rev. 1:20]

Since these two prophets are corporate and are two elements of the sevenfold Church, a reasonable supposition is that they are the two parts of the prophetic and governmental transition of the very end-times, described in the manuscripts, The Church Visited and The Church in Transition. I will entertain this supposition until it is either confirmed or denied.

THE DYNAMICS OF THE MILITANT SIXTH MOVE.

For the original treatment of the type, see Chapter 6 of the associated book length manuscript, entitled The Joshua Walk.

Boot Camp – Individual Spiritual Foundation.

Motivation.

The first thing to check is motivation, that these people really want to engage and defeat the enemy. And, are they further trainable? Will they learn from their first combat how to survive? Do they want to become perfected soldiers [Php. 3:14]? Many are young, having been born in the wilderness, because the old generation has died off. So, if they haven't grown up in training, they must grow up now. They must put away childish things [1 Cor. 13:11]. They must want to go on to maturity [Heb. 6:1-3]. They must want to strive for mastery [1 Cor. 9:25].

What is their source of motivation? It must be God's promises. God promised the Israelites to give them the enemy's land [Jos. 1:2]. To Christians, God promised the kingdom [Luke 12:32]. The context of this element is Faith, and we can still motivate these youngsters by sharing our faith experiences.

Conditioning.

The second thing to check is conditioning, both physical and mental. These fledgling soldiers must be built up, strengthened. They must be conditioned so that they can take hardship. So that they can overcome. Their natural courage must have been developed into confidence, based on God's promise that they will be strengthened by His presence [Jos. 1:5]. Jesus promised it [John 14:18]. Paul manifested it [2 Tim. 4:16-18]. It's the truth. And, we can still help build up their conditioning by witnessing to the truth of these promises, as manifested in our own lives.

Duty.

Do they know about duty? Not a list of individual duties, but the concept, itself. How things get done in the military. As a soldier, what is your duty? God told Joshua that it was to follow the rules [Jos. 1:7]. He promised that the troops would prosper in the warfare to come, only if it was conducted according to His rules, which Moses had

just written down. For us, in the teaching context concerning the kingdom of heaven, Jesus said that the old rule-book is still in force [Mat. 5:17-18]. He said that He had come to bring the fullness of the Law. He was anointed to do that [Luke 4:18-19], in all the functions of the five-fold ministry [Eph. 4:11]. So, were these youngsters anointed so that they learned about duty through Jesus' anointing [1 John 2:27], which each soldier should have obtained by putting on Jesus' yoke [Mat. 11:25-30]. He promised us that His yoke is not heavy. So, are these soldiers wearing Jesus' yoke? Do they know about the anointing and spirituality and the prophetic, so that they may hear about duty directly from the Holy Spirit? This must be checked.

Discipline.

Are these soldiers disciplined, as required for any military success? God promised the Israelite army success if they would meditate on His word day and night [Jos. 1:8]. That was to be their discipline, their method for insuring obedience in the ranks as the power of God was exercised. For us, that power is exercised in signs and wonders of the Holy Spirit [Rom. 15:19], that the gospel of Jesus might be fully preached [1 Cor. 1:18]. In Christian discipline, the word of God dwells in us richly [Col. 3:16] and we pray continuously [1 Ths. 5:17]. As obedience begins in the mind, so discipline is of the mind.

Every perception must be brought captive to the obedience of Christ [2 Cor. 10:5]. And, this word, "obedience," is "hypakouo," literally, "sharpened hearing." Christ's soldier preachers, of whom John the Baptist was the first, must hear the rhema words of God and obey as John did [Luke 3:2]. Have these soldiers been trained in meditation, prayer, hearing, and obedience in the context of power and preaching?

Check it out.

Armor.

Do they know how to use their armor? We're not talking about artillery, but body armor and personal weapons. Joshua told the army that they were moving out in three days, and to get their supplies and arms ready [Jos. 1:10-14]. The Christian soldier's armor consists of six items, all defensive. They are all mental, not metal. They are the shield of faith, the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the rhema word of God [Eph. 6:13-18]. In that order, they correspond to the first six Christian contexts. All these items are for protection of the soul. These troops should have been taught how to protect themselves in the context of the pastoral ministry. That is, their instructors should have taught them one-on-one, how to take care of themselves in combat, how to not become casualties.

Tactics.

Do these soldiers know elementary tactics? Joshua's recon team came back with the report that God had truly delivered into Israel's hands all the country west of the Jordan, and that the inhabitants were afraid of the Israelites [Jos. 2:24]. In other words, the door to Canaan was unlocked. Do these soldiers know the key tactics that will unlock victory over the enemy?

At the time that Peter identified Jesus as the Christ, He said that no man had revealed that to Peter, but that God had told him [Mat. 16:17]. And John said that it is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that teaches spiritual things [1 John 2:27]. Next, Jesus gave to Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven. And, these keys were the authority to bind and loose on earth and in heaven, simultaneously [Mat. 16:19]. The Christian

soldier will bind the strongman and loose his captives, pulling down the strongholds [2 Cor. 10:4]. These are the tactics of spiritual warfare, whose instructional context is the teaching ministry, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Are these tactics second nature to these troops?

Characterizing the Enemy.

The final item on the east side is specific to this enemy at this time. It is the characteristics and capabilities of the enemy troops. The Lord gave Joshua and the army the names of the seven tribes to be defeated [Jos. 3:10]. The meanings of these Hebrew names identify seven classes of demon documented in the New Testament. They are spirits of antichrist [1 John 4:3], error [1 John 4:6], divination [Acts 16:16], fear [Rom. 8:15], uncleanness [Luke 4:33], slumber [Rom. 11:8], and infirmity [Luke 13:11]. In this order, these demonic types are the natural enemies of the seven Christian contexts, taken in their order. The first six attack mentally. The last attacks physically. The instructional context for this item is that of the apostolic ministry.

Going In-Country – Corporate Spiritual Field Organization.

Deployment.

Joshua has instructed the priests, exactly. They are to carry the ark to the river's edge and then step in. Now, this is going to be a step of faith. In the natural, the river is over its banks, flooding down its course. But, Joshua has also prophesied what is going to happen, that the river is going to pile up in a heap, just as soon as the priests' feet touch it [Jos. 3:13]. It's going to be a replay of the crossing of the Red Sea, except that instead of Moses parting the waters, it's going to be a result of the priests' faith. As soon as the feet of the priests carrying the Ark touch the Jordan, it recoils back all the way to a town named Adam, in the vicinity of Zeratan [Jos. 3:16], whose name means "pierced."

The harvest floodwaters cannot resist the workers of the Lord of the Harvest [Luke 10:2]. The waters roll back to the first Adam, because now have come the servants of the Last Adam [1 Cor. 15:45], the one who was pierced [John 19:34]. And so, the natural waters yield to the spiritual [1 Cor. 15:46]. The river dries up, so the soldiers can see where they are walking and won't fall. God has created a temporary land bridge for the soldiers. And they pour through to form a bridgehead. Peter said that likewise our entrance into Jesus' kingdom shall be fully furnished to us [2 Peter 1:3-11]. He says that we won't fall if we can discern Jesus well enough. And, that our vision will be okay if we are diligent in the eight character attributes.

Eight is the number characterizing new beginnings as a result of faith. Eight marks Noah coming out of the ark and Jesus coming out of the tomb. So, the context of going over to form a bridgehead is that of a new beginning for the operational church, as a result of a step of faith. It is here that the first military specialty comes in, because we are a relief expedition. We are going over against the principalities and powers on the west side, to release from bondage those held captive in strongholds.

Deployment is the committing of the church to spiritual warfare.

Building Up.

Tribe by tribe, they build up the invading force. The tribes represent every sort of person. The Hebrew word meanings of the tribal names plus Jacob's character sketches [Gen. 49] of his sons and grandsons, describe many sorts of people. There are leaders (Judah), overcomers (Gad), graceful (Joseph), blessed (Asher), wage-

earners (Issachar), merchants (Zebulun), and militants (Benjamin). And, there are also the independent (Levi), reckless (Naphtali), unstable (Reuban), and judgmental (Dan). Then, there are those fruitful in affliction, representing the end-times fullness of the gentiles (Ephraim).

This army, carrying all its gear, has come across Jordan, straight toward its first objective, Jericho. Again, it's like the Red Sea crossing, because they have come across, unopposed. The enemy is not in sight. And, like the Red Sea, the people see their salvation, and realize that God's word has been performed. They see the truth about God and Joshua. They compare that truth to the truth they know about themselves. And, they wonder how God will organize this force so that these very different personality types can work together, in unity.

There is only one way that the Christian army is going to be unified on the west side of the river. And, Jesus described it when He prayed for the Church. Just before Jesus went to the Cross, He asked His Father that the Church might be perfected in unity in the same manner that Jesus and the Father were unified [John 17:9-23]. And, that is individual by individual. The Christian in Jesus and Jesus in the Christian. Only those who are each in Him are unified with each other. As a matter of definition, the unified Church is composed of all those who are individually in Christ. The unified Church is not a physical entity, it is spiritual. And, how does one know if one is "in Christ?" By the fruit one bears [John 15:5]. So, this buildup to a unified army points forward to fruit, the spoils of war. And, it will take soldiers of godly character, operating in the guidance specialty, to steer Christians to this truth about the nature of unity.

Build-up is marshaling a diversity of believers for a common effort at spiritual warfare.

Unit Formation.

The troops have been piling in from twelve different depots. Now, the mass of personnel must be formed into the select units needed for combat operations. To sort them out, their records must be checked and they must stand another inspection. The first thing Joshua did was make sure everyone was established in God's Covenant.

Joshua had all the warriors inspected and circumcised, who weren't previously [Jos. 5:3]. Circumcision was the token of God's old covenant. For the Christian New Covenant, the token is a circumcised heart. So, the present physical is a heart check. And, those with whom God has the Covenant are called select, or elect. Recall Peter's instruction to get established in your calling and in your selection [2 Pet. 1:10], if you want to be fruitful. The callings governed the training units on the east side of the River. But, selection points at the makeup of the operational units in the combat area. These units will be made up around the eight military specialties. It's going to be a different kind of army, because eight is God's number characterizing a new way of doing things.

CHARACTER TRAITS 2 Pet. 1:5-7		MILITARY SPECIALITIES 1 Cor. 12:28		OPERATIONAL GIFT 1 Cor. 12:8-10
Faith	→	Relief	→	Faith
Godliness	→	Guidance	→	Discernment
Agape Love	→	Prophecy	→	Prophecy
Virtue	→	Miracles	→	Miracles
Self-Control	→	Healing	→	Healing
Knowledge	→	Teaching	→	Knowledge
Patience	→	Apostolic	→	Wisdom
Phileo Love	→	Tongues	→	Tongues
			→	Interpretation

Figure-2. Correlation of Specialties and Operational Gifts.

In Table 2., above, the eight soldierly traits and military specialties correspond to the nine operational gifts (*energymata*) of the Holy Spirit in the following order: Faith, Discernment, Prophecy, Miracles, Healing, Knowledge, Wisdom, Tongues, and Interpretation [1 Cor. 12:8-10], as shown in Figure-5. The last two gifts, tongues and interpretation, when manifested simultaneously, correspond to the single specialty of prophecy], as Paul implies in [1 Cor. 14:5].

Jesus said that your selection for this army and the choice of specialty are up to Him, not you [John 15:16]. That's because Jesus' reason for assigning you to a particular specialty is so that you may bear lasting fruit, and so that God may answer your prayers. That's also why the specialties are linked to the Romans-12 (motivating) gifts of grace. When you are in the specialty Jesus has chosen for you, it will be the one for which you are most motivated. And, the Holy Spirit will endow you with the operational gift necessary for execution of your specialty.

Jesus gave the commands concerning selection and military specialty so that we might love (agape) one another [John 15:17]. And, agape love is the character trait that matches the prophecy specialty that points at the present Unit Formation phase of preparation for combat. So, the formation of the units on the west side of the river is under the oversight of the prophets of the Church, so that Jesus' selection may be rightly understood and implemented.

Formation is organizing the church for spiritual warfare.

Unit Operations.

After completing the circumcision, Joshua hears from God that He has removed the reproach of Egypt from the army [Jos. 5:8-9]. The Israelites had been a people in bondage and subject to reproach. Now, they are an army doing the will of God, and they are no longer subject to reproach by anybody. Indeed, the inhabitants of this kingdom are now terrified because of the presence of this army [Jos. 2:9]. They are terrified because when the units become operational, they will be operating in the miraculous power of God.

A Church which manifests power and miracles is an army destined for glory. And, Paul says that the Christian Church is called to the kingdom and glory [1 Ths. 2:12]. The Church is to be glorious [Eph. 5:27]. And, when is that? Only in eternity? It is when Christ shall appear [Col. 3:4]. And, He shall appear in the Church, in the time period of the Great Tribulation [1 John 3:2]. The Church shall be changed into His glorious likeness, as it goes from glory to glory [2 Cor. 3:18].

Jesus was glorified in body before He fought His major battle on the Cross. It was the occasion when Elijah and Moses appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, eight days after He had revealed His last move to the apostles [Luke 9:28-36]. Elijah and Moses point at the accompaniment of the glorification of the Body of Christ with the return of the prophet and apostle. Now, the bible says that Elijah shall return, just before the Great Tribulation [Mal. 4:5]. And, the last move in the Church is the move of the apostle. So, Elijah points at the sixth move, and Moses at the seventh.

During the transfiguration incident, Peter made an offer to build three shelters (tabernacles) for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. The offer was ignored. This would pass as a curious but unuseful piece of information, except that God doesn't put useless information in the bible. Now, tabernacles immediately suggest the Feast of Tabernacles, which is the seventh feast, the one that corresponds to the apostolic phase of the Church. The ignoring of Peter's offer suggests that Tabernacles is not the proper context for the incident of Elijah and the Glorification. What does fit the context is the Feast of Atonement, the sixth Feast, just previous to Tabernacles. The new testament words, atonement and reconciliation, are the same in Greek. Now, Paul, writing in the context of renewal in the end-times, says that the Church is given the ministry of reconciliation (atonement) [2 Cor. 5:18]. And, atonement also means "at-one-ment," getting the Church unified. This is the unity that Jesus prayed for [John 17:9-23]. So, we infer that the return of Elijah and the glorification of the Body of Christ, the Church, is during the sixth phase, the Teaching Church, on the west side of the river.

The requisite military specialty for becoming operational is miracles. And, the character trait is manliness, or virtue as it is also called. Because it takes virtuous character to wield the power of God.

Becoming operational is activating the functions of spiritual warfare.

Support Units.

Camped in the plains of Jericho, the army observes Passover and eats the stored grain of the land [Jos. 5:10-11]. This is the corn which is to be used for the "meat" offering [Lev. 2:14]. It is strong food, "meat." They have sought first the kingdom of God, and He has added to them everything they will need [Mat. 6:33]. Likewise, Jesus said that He had "meat" that no one knew about. His "meat" was to do

the will of God and to complete that work [John 4:34]. Later, Jesus said that He is our "meat." We internalize Him and He does the work, living out of us [John 6:53-57]. Soldiers live on supplies. We live on (in) Jesus. He is our spiritual meat.

As to the physical necessities, Paul does not assure us that we will never be in want. What he does say is that even if in want, we will each be able to do everything (necessary), in the One who empowers us, Christ [Php. 4:13]. Notice that again the word is "in." To the Philippians, which was the only church supporting Paul, he promised that God would supply every need (of theirs) from His riches in glory in Jesus. That is, the glory that Jesus brings (through us) to the Father is the supply from which we are supplied. Thus, Supply follows Glory to God. And, it behooves us to support those who bring glory to God. And, it behooves us to bring glory to God, that we may be supported.

This fifth activity on the west side of the river corresponds to the pastoral ministry. And, the Greek word for pastor is the same as for shepherd, the one who takes care of the flock. The one who tends to others before himself. Like a medic. Or a chaplain. One who doesn't carry a weapon, but is still exposed to fire. So, the requisite soldierly character trait is self-control. And, the military specialty is healing. As in the laying on of hands.

Support is ensuring the necessary logistics backing up the spiritual warriors.

Unit Briefings.

The day after the soldiers got the stored corn, the manna stopped [Jos. 5:12]. It had been going all the time the Church was out in the wilderness. But, now that they are a unified army, it has stopped. From now on, Israel would eat of all the fruit of Canaan. It's like Jesus told the priests and Pharisees. The kingdom of God shall be taken away from those who don't produce fruit from it [Mat. 21:43]. It will be given to those who can produce. And, such will be the case once again, during the Great Tribulation. It's like Paul said. "*Who pays his own way, fighting a war?*" [1 Cor. 9:7]. The idea is to capture as much as you can. To gain the spoils of war.

The briefings are to define the specific objectives in the upcoming campaign. On the east side of the river, before deployment, the characteristics and tactics of the enemy were learned in general. Now is needed the exact description of the enemy holdings. Those which are to be destroyed and those that are to be seized and brought back as spoils. And, we have this information. We had a recon team in here a few weeks ago, gathering intelligence [Jos. 2:1]. So, we know what the enemy has.

Jesus used the word, "spoils" only once. Then, it was in reference to spiritual warfare, seizing the goods from those who keep strongholds [Mat. 12:29]. Jesus said that we were going to bind those strongmen and take their goods from them. And, the Greek word for "goods" is the same as for "vessels," which describes many different sorts of persons in the New Testament. So, the spoils are persons, whom the enemy has locked up in strongholds. Paul tells us that there are vessels of wrath and vessels of mercy [Rom. 9:22-23]. God will tolerate both kinds right up until He makes a short work on the earth. And that will be harvest time [Mat. 13:30].

These Unit Briefings require the military specialty of the teacher, working with the soldierly trait of knowledge. And, of the three kinds of Greek knowledge, this is precisely the one provided by the Holy Spirit in words of knowledge [1 Cor. 12:8]. It is supernatural, spiritual knowledge.

Briefing comprises the last training element covering the specifics of the spiritual combat about to ensue. It focuses on the characteristics of the strongholds to be attacked, and the command structure of the enemy.

Commander's Appearance.

As Joshua goes to reconnoiter Jericho, suddenly a man appears before him with a drawn sword. This figure says that he has now come as Captain of the Lord's host [Jos. 5:13-15]. The "now" suggests other "comings." Then, the Captain speaks the same words to Joshua that God spoke to Moses on top of Mt. Sinai. And Joshua worships Him. Our Captain is Jesus. And, He looks a lot different than when He was last on Earth [Rev. 1:13-18]. This time, He comes in power and glory. He comes as Lord of Hosts. Because the Great Tribulation is also known as the Day of the Lord.

Jesus will give us detailed instructions for our battles, just as that Captain did for Joshua. This is the same One who appeared in power and glory to the Church, twice before on two separate days of Pentecost. First on Mt. Sinai [Ex. 20:18], then in Jerusalem [Acts 2:1-4]. Each time, He came to enable the Church. Each time He was unseen, but He appeared. Now, the third time will be the same. Again, we will see Him by His glory in the Church. And, we must learn to recognize Him in His final, victorious role as divine head of the Church.

The appearance of The Commander is the seventh activity on the west side of the river. It signals the imminent commencement of hostilities. And, it will be the Church which goes on the offensive, attacking the enemy where it lives. At this point the character trait required is patience. It'll only be a few days more. It's the long-prophesied time of restoration preached by Peter, at the very beginning of the first manifestation of the apostles in the Church [Acts 3:21]. And, it begins with the appearance of Jesus in the Church in the end-times, signaling the commencement of the restored manifestation of the apostolic phase of the Church. The appearance of Jesus in the church is the manifestation of the readiness of the command. It will occur just before large-scale spiritual warfare commences.

This is Jesus, making a corporate spiritual *phaneroo* appearance in His Church, the Body of Christ. (For the original treatment, see Chapter-4, Impartation-#8, in the associated book length manuscript, The Church Visited.)

Final Instructions.

Because the context of this west side pre-combat operation is teaching, it is appropriate that this military phase conclude with a warning from God about false teaching. Joshua's first battle started with trumpets [Jos. 6:16], just as the Great Tribulation shall start with trumpets [Rev. 8:6]. But, just before, the instruction was given that the city was accursed, and the soldiers should stay away from the accursed thing [Jos. 6:18]. That is, they should not pick up anything that was either to be destroyed or to be given over to God. For the Christian army, there is also that which is accursed. Paul said that any one who preaches a perverted gospel should be accursed, and the word is "anathema," meaning excommunicated [Gal. 1:6-10]. And, "perverted" means to weaken by bending (in order to please men). Peter, also, speaks of "cursed children," being false teachers [2 Pet. 1:16-2:22]. This word, "cursed," means literally "prayed down," and is the same word Jesus used describing those He would send to Hell [Mat. 25:41]. And, so, this is the most serious warning, possible.

The Sixth Move of God in reformation of the Church is a teaching phase, just before the combat commencement of the Seventh Move, the Great Tribulation. But,

teaching does not cease at the end of the Sixth Move. Those who are freed from bondage during the Seventh Move will require teaching. In fact, many of them will be brought out of bondage by being exposed to the doctrine of this army. And that doctrine must be sound. That is why the last event in the pre-combat phase on the west side is a stern warning about doctrine.

Administering the Warning takes the character trait of phileo love. The specialty is, curiously enough, tongues (and interpretation). And, the combination of tongues and interpretation is equivalent to prophecy [1 Cor. 14:5]. So, teaching in the combat zone will be judged prophetically, in brotherly love, according to the Warning.

CONCLUSION – WHAT NOW?

Those Who Are Led to the Alpha Aquila Website.

Contacting the Website Principal, as the Lord Leads.

If the Lord should lead you to contact the website principal, in pursuit of clarifying details or ministerial suggestions, I am willing to carry on such discussions via email, within reason. Because I am seventy-five years of age and retired, I am not up to forty-hour work weeks any more. I am willing to serve as a resource, however. Please direct your email to me via contact@AlphaAquila.org.

Reading as the Lord Leads.

After reading this paper, you've probably realized that the focus of this whole website is getting the Church ready for the corporate-level spiritual warfare necessary during the Great Tribulation. If you are interested in pursuing this topic and perhaps this ministry, you're probably wondering, "*How can that be done?*"

The last eight pages have given a military view of the steps necessary, typed by Israel's Old Testament preparation to capture the Promised Land. That view was used to emphasize the warfare nature of what's coming. For the real details, look at the two book-length manuscripts, The Church Visited and The Church in Transition. The other writings should be at least scanned, to acquaint yourself with what's there. Before making any decisions, ask the Lord how you should proceed. And, listen to His answer. Then, if the website principal may be of help, by all means contact him.

Those Who Want to Pursue a Sixth Move Ministry.

Query the Lord for Ideas.

The very first step is to ask the Lord whether or not He wants you to attempt such a thing, regardless of how much you may want to do it. Get His permission, first. Remember the injunction about 'gratuitous good works,' and the consequences of [Mat. 7:21-23]. But, with permission, query the Lord for ideas about how to do this. Remember that not a lot of the churches will be receptive to this whole idea. So, really creative approaches may be necessary in any particular venue. And, it is the Lord behind really creative ideas.

Initial Steps.

The first step, of course, is to read as much of the material on this website as necessary for you to be able to explain the message to others. Only you and the Lord can decide how much reading that is. Then, if you are able to get a Christian venue for pursuing a preparational teaching ministry, you will need teaching materials. I am willing to work with anyone so interested, to prepare such materials. I've taught much of this before, and have some views on what will and will not work.

See What the Lord Provides.

Finally, if you pursue setting up a ministry to teach this, see what the Lord provides. And, don't be in a hurry. Part of the message is that man cannot make this happen on his timetable. The Lord is in charge of the whole sixth move and its timing. He will tell you not only what to do, but when. As you go, see what He provides. This has probably been the biggest lesson I've had to learn, in pursuing this over the last twenty years or so.

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