

## Region of Sunshine Coast (Queensland) – Bet Challah

While considering the Sunshine Coast with God in December 2012, and a sense that the Lord was going to bring this place in to a time of rest after forces (“winds from the north”) to rise up to deal with the spirit of Babylon (see Jer. 50 & 51), I found myself meditating on these words and was jolted aright by a sudden phrase, “we call this place Bet Challah”. At the time I sense this was an angelic messenger revealing something of God intent and name for the land, however had no idea if it was a real name or had any meaning.

As I followed this through, I recalled the Hebrew word ‘Bet’ means “house”, which then sent me searching to see if ‘Challah’ had any meaning. To my pleasant surprise it does, and it related to some other messaging from God I had been receiving about matters pertaining to this meaning. So the following is my understanding before God of what this name means, and also brings a revelation of God’s ancient and now plans for this land. God does have blueprint and design for the world, is eternal design/map, and He also has names for the land that reveal its destiny and/or anointing.

### ***Bet Challah***

Bet = Hebrew meaning being House

Challah = Hebrew meaning of Bread to celebrate double portion of Manna and priestly offering (Sabbath Bread)

Challah is a bread (plaited loaf) used by Jews to celebrate the Sabbath, and links to a hollow and round sweet loaf. This sweet/rich bread representing the set aside tithe for the priest, and bread worthy of offering an priestly service. It was set aside as a tithe for priest.

Challah was a symbol of the Manna that fell from heaven during the Israelites 40 years in the wilderness (this symbolising the bread of heaven) and traditionally two loaves are made to reveal the double portion aspect of this bread as God provided double portion of manna on the sixth day so no work was required on the Sabbath.

Typically the Challah bread is eaten on Friday night (marking the beginning of Sabbath) and enables rest during the following day. This was also seen to represent the bread offering (wave offering) and generally occurs during Shavout (Pentecost/Feast of weeks), and Rosh Hashanah (period leading up to Yom Kippur).

The two plait loaves of this bread, revealed another part of the Israeli connection, as the 12 bumps of the braided loaf was to equal the 12 tribes of Israel.

Therefore ***Bet Challah*** can be interpreted to mean “House of the double portion of Heavenly Manna”, and/or “House of Sabbath Bread”. With all this there are strong connotations of heavenly (miraculous) blessing - from heaven to earth - and provision for God’s people and priestly works.

It is interesting to note that Bethlehem has the Hebrew meaning of House of Bread, and a strong sense of a place of birthing heaven on earth. Bethlehem can also be interpreted to mean “House of Battle” as *laham* means battle or eat/food, and is root of *lehem*. There are obviously some parallel here then with Bet Challah, but it seems also some significant differences.

### Hebrew for *Bet Challah*

The Hebrew alphabet which is pictographs, and that have associated numeric values, reveals more about the meaning of *Bet Challah*. Remembering Hebrew is generally written from right to left and thus the apparent reverse order of the letters.

ב - Bet = Hebrew letter = with numeric value of 2

הלח - Hei (H) + Lamed (L)+ Cheit/Het (Ch) = Challah with numeric value of (5+30+8) 43

Thus Bet Challah (ב הלח) has a numerical value of 45, and one interpretation of this could be the creation of God for and of the five fold ministries.

## **The Year 2013**

The following is a sense of what I believe God is saying about this year and the season it marks.

The year God – it is about our Lord and His sovereignty; where the sovereign hand of God is revealed, and His royalty is a key focus. Divine perfection.

The year of walking out the promises - walking in to the promises and answered prayers (that may have been sown for many years). It is about long held hopes being realised.

On the move and also being carried – where people will see themselves moving home, job, what they are in moves...and there is a real sense that for many this will be a carrying.

The year of gathering before God.

Whereas 2012 was about building the house spiritually (e.g. through intercession and prophecy), this year is about walking in to the house.

Responsibility – walking or carried into roles with greater responsibility and thus maturity.

Restoration

Apostolic appointment – before God, by lot addressing the gap. Even the release of those who walk like the apostles of old. In the mystery of the appointment of Matthew (Matt. 9:9; Mk. 2:13,14), not based on criteria like Mattheais (Acts 1:23-26), rather the direct call and placement by the Lord Jesus..the “Gift of God”.

The year of stepping in to destiny.

Need to move quickly to help build the “house”, restoring ancient walls and cities. This is a house viewed through Kingdom of God eyes, goes beyond (but includes) church in to the house of His people and creation.

Building the house called Bet Challah, the House of Manna/Sabbath bread - the place of double portion.

Hidden treasures revealed – Apostolic; and about the word of God (perhaps even over lives and regions).

Babies

The year of preparation – for the house is needed! (As Noah, As Moses, As John the Baptist). Also speaks about the ‘structure of waiting’ (Acts 1:12-26).

[Zeph. 3:12-20 – A meek and humble people, gathered, restored. Given for fame and praise, with evil dealt with]

## ***Some Background***

13 – 1 and 3, and thus 1 (the oneness of God/the one God) and 3 (perfect trinity of God as with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

13 – Hebrew background using numerical value of that alphabet.

13 = י ג = 10+3 = Yod (Y) Gimel (G); Written ג י- as Hebrew is written right to left.

י (Yod) – means hand (closed/working hand, also praising/praying hand, arm moving; Higher level of activity, hear.

ג (Gimel) – means camel (literal meaning); foot; symbolically to lift up, pride; Important ideas; Divine completeness; Gather, walk, foot (picture) – ancient meaning; walk (to), gather.

## **A Shout to raise the dead**

### ***John 11:1-44***

In this passage:

- We see Jesus Christ reveal His glory and power through the resurrection of Lazarus (his friend)
- When he met with Mary and Martha He acknowledge their pain, even weeping for He cared for them and loved Lazarus.
- Revealing Jesus cares for our tears and stops to be with us in our blind despair, even knowing He will have the victory and that our comfort and joy will be soon restored (as it was for Mary when Lazarus arose).

As Mary and Martha did, we may be frustrated by the wait for Him, and even wonder why death occurs, but Jesus does come to resurrect large parts of His church.

As we know the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy, and in this one of His most tender stories, we hear the wind of prophecy, and the power of His word released over the church.

We learn about to character in this story, Mary and Martha, in Luke 10:38-42, as well as from this passage in John. Friends of Jesus living in Bethany (“House of figs”) on the Mt. Of Olives - the mountain of His intimate presence, anointing (oil) and glory. The place where He dwells with His friends, chooses to be in the days before His crucifixion, where He raises the dead, and is anointed for burial. His prophetic watch over Jerusalem, and the place of ascension and glory, and where He return in fullness such that the whole world will see Him....what a place to be, where His friends are to be.

These friends from the one family, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus provide prophetic symbols of His church.

**Martha** (means ‘land lady, lady boss, mistress’) – Busy with good works, thinking them important, not knowing that merely being in His presence was the sufficient and only work needed...and yet still a loved friend of the Jesus who yearns for her to simply be in His presence. Trying to boss around he sister to do what Jesus does not need, but gives her a sense of doing service to him. Such a picture of some in His church.

**Mary** (means ‘strong waters, waters of strength, bitterness, rebellion’) – Knows the right place to be, that is in His presence and at His feet. Who is extravagant in worship and prophetic intercession (Matt. 26:6-13). Weeping in bitterness for the death of her brother (the religious church), and rebelling against the controlling ways of Martha because her obedience is to one only..her beloved Jesus.

**Lazarus** (means ‘God is my help, He has helped me’) – A good friend, who grows sick and dies, bound up, and shut away in the dark, stinking and repulsing many..accept his sisters, his family.

Though the church may appear to be dying in parts, and Jesus is ‘waiting too long to revive her’, and some even seem dead (particularly those who look on from afar) in stone tombs, He will answer the prayers of the weeping, intimate, extravagant, prophetic intercessor. From within His presence He

will cause a the **SHOUT** to go out heard by all, ***“Those who need my help..come forth. Rrelease them from the bandages, and feed them...Me”***. He will cause a fresh revival (John 12:8) out of the resurrection, He will fulfil His plans and reveal His glory, and causes His church to come alive and be the dynamic force that shakes the nations. A place of extravagant, glorious prayer for all nations...that shakes the world and turns it upside down.

He call to us, saying, “come to Me, sit at the feet of My presence, draw near in extravagant prayer and worship, and hear My shout arise from amongst this presence that causes the dead to arise.” His shout that His word is heard by all, even causing the sound of heaven to be heard by all, this is what is arising across the land, bringing life (Is. 55: 1-5), and such abundant provision...His kingdom.