

One People

One Sound

and

One Stick

*2 Chronicles 5:12 Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:*

*13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;*

*2 Chronicles 5:14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.*

*Isaiah 52:9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.*

In the above Scriptures we have the priests sounding the trumpets, we have those playing on musical instruments, and the singers all as one making one sound. The beauty of that sound is the harmony the Lord heard, as making one sound. The harmony of that sound was pleasing to the Lord, so He filled the house. The beauty of music and singing is harmony.

In Isaiah 52:9 the waste places are the truths that have been neglected or forsaken in the past, and are to be preached again, and as singers all singing in the key in

which the music was written, it will make sweet harmony in preaching these truths. Then as God's people hear them, they begin to all live them, they will produce sweet harmony in living. Then and then only, will others see the beauty of the church, and then, and then only, will the house be filled with the glory of God.

Let the players of music hit some of the keys wrong, or let some of the singers sing in a different key, and you do not have one sound, and you do not have the beauty of song, either. All the truths in God's Word make one sound, and that sound makes harmony. The Word must be preached in the key it is written in, and it must be lived in the key it is written in. Then, we will have harmony of sound to go forth to this old world. Then we will have the unity Christ prayed for.

In the first verse of Isaiah, Chapter 52, we read, "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion...." God wants to bring the army up to strength. This He can never do as long as there is discord. To be at full strength in God's army, there must be unity. Christ prayed so earnestly for it. He shed His blood to make possible a people with one heart and one soul, making one sound to bring honor to the Father. Jesus prayed that they all be one that the world might believe. The time is here for the saints of God to be as one people making one sound. The full Gospel sounding in harmony will again please the Lord and bring again the glory of God to fill the house.

In Ezekiel 37:15-18 we read: "The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions [them that were with him]: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these?"

In essence the Lord said, "Tell them, I will take the stick of Joseph and the stick of Judah and make them one stick and they shall be one in my hand. I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen and bring them into their own land."

In Isaiah 41:15 God told Jacob that He would make him a new threshing instrument having teeth. He would thrash the mountains, and beat them small, and make the hills as chaff (mountains and hills are spiritual Babylon). Two sticks represented a divided Israel. He could not use these two sticks in his hand; they fought with each other. God cannot use His people while they are scattered and divided; there are too many sticks. His plan is to make one stick in His hand to thrash Babylon and get His people out of there.

One stick in God's hand will make one sound to His people in Babylon, and that sound will be, "Come out

of her, my people." God wants His people to be one people, making one sound; one stick in His hand so that He can make bare His holy arm of power through them to a lost world, to bring them to repentance, and to the blood of Christ that they may be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

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