And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear call, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle?
1st Corinthians 14:8 NLV

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PRAYER STUDY #547

THE BENJAMIN GENERATION AND THE REMNANT COMPANY OF THE LAST DAYS

What is the Lord Doing Today?

I believe He is:

1. **Preparing a Benjamin Generation** (1st Corinthians 15:46: "*First the natural and then the spiritual*"; I believe the most famous Benjamite, the Apostle Paul, in the natural, is a spiritual type of the Benjamin Generation. Paul tells us in Philippians 3 and elsewhere that he considers all things rubbish and lost compared to the privilege of knowing Christ, that he is ready to suffer or die for Christ, that the goal of his life is to know the Lord, and that he, with all of his energy and resources, is pressing toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Those who are truly called by God to be a part of the Benjamin Generation will be like Paul.) Paul's radical position concerning the faith, and his desire for Jesus to be his life, not just a part of it, will characterize this Benjamin Generation.
2. **Calling an Elijah Company who will operate in the prophetic and heavily influence this Benjamin Generation by turning the hearts of the fathers (both natural and**

spiritual fathers) to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers (Malachi 4:5-6: *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD, and he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.*)

3. **Raising up a Bridal Company who will call the Body of Christ, especially this Benjamin Generation, to walk in holiness** (Ephesians 5:25-27: *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.*) **The Bridal Company will also make themselves ready by being prepared, like the 5 wise virgins, for the coming of Jesus and for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.** (Revelation 19:7: *"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage supper of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."*)

The Benjamin Generation

Background:

Benjamin was the youngest son of Jacob (Israel) and the only one born in Canaan (the Promise Land). He was the second son of Jacob's beloved Rachel who died in giving birth to him. (Joseph was the other son.) Rachel tried to name him, with her last breath, Benoni, which means "son of my sorrow," knowing that she was about to die. Jacob, however, changed his name to

Benjamin, “son of my right hand” (Genesis 35). The right hand is the hand of blessing.

Benjamin, the baby of the family, was given 5 times what the other brothers got, when Joseph revealed himself and sent his brothers back to Canaan to bring their families back to Egypt (Genesis 45:34).

Near the end of his life, Jacob prophesied over his 12 sons. When he got to Benjamin, his youngest, he noted Benjamin’s personal courage and martial temperament and said he would be like a wolf devouring the prey and dividing the spoil.

Benjamin was the last, the bravest, and the best-loved tribe of all the tribes of Israel. Benjamites include Ehud, a judge; Saul, the first King of Israel; and Saul of Tarsus, who became the Apostle Paul, who most consider the greatest Christian who ever lived.

Jerusalem with Mount Zion was assigned to Benjamin. Jerusalem was the holy city known as the seat of God’s love and the gathering place of all Israel. This city has open gates for all the tribes of Israel to enter it.

What can we surmise about the Benjamin Generation from these facts?

The Benjamin Generation will be:

1. The last full generation before the Lord’s return.
2. A generation noted for spiritual warfare and courage in fighting the fight of faith and crushing the kingdom of darkness.
3. A generation who has a revelation of God’s love, like no other generation has known, and since PERFECT LOVE cast out fear (1st John 4:18), they will be fearless .

4. A generation whom previous generations, especially those with true father's hearts, will have great affection for and will speak prophetically into the lives of these Benjamites.
5. This generation will be graced with five times the spiritual giftings of previous generations.

The Remnant Company of the Last Days

The Benjamin Generation will be part of the Remnant Company of the Last Days (a remnant within the Remnant). For a few years now, I have felt the Lord was preparing a Remnant Company of the Last Days. None of us know the day nor the hour when Jesus will return, but the signs of the times seem more and more to be pointing to a possible return of Jesus during the lifetime of some of you living now. Perhaps some of you will see Jesus come in the Eastern sky. At any rate, the Lord has ALWAYS had a remnant, a small group of believers who are *all in*, even if it costs them their lives, and today is no exception.

What is a remnant? A remnant is a small part of something else which is greater in number or amount. When I speak of remnant, in this lesson, I am referring to a part of the Church. The Remnant is the *church within the Church*, or the members of the Body of Christ who are passionately in love with Jesus. For the Remnant Company people, Jesus is everything and not just a part of their lives *but their lives*.

Others in the Church, who are not part of the Remnant Company, but who have been genuinely born again, will go to heaven. The Remnant differs from the normal Christian believer, however, in the degree that they submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. These Remnant believers are sold out to Jesus, and they

comprise that group whom Daniel 11:32b says, "…*will be strong and know their God and will do exploits*." They have discovered that the veil has been rent, and they can go into the Holy of Holies and are producing 100-fold fruit instead of 30 or 60-fold (Matthew 13:33: *"But he that received seed in the good ground is he that heareth the word and understands it, who also bear fruit and bring forth, some an hundred-fold, some sixty, and some thirty.")*

I believe the Remnant is also spoke of in Revelation 12:11. There is a lot of disagreement about this, and I would not be offended or divided by a difference of opinion about this: "*And they* [the Remnant Company] *overcame him* [the accuser of the brethren or satan] *by the blood of the Lamb* [Jesus] *and by the word of their testimony* [the Word of God]; *and they* [the Remnant] *loved not their lives unto the death*." (This death might be physical, and I believe there will be those in this ministry who will be martyred for the cause of Christ. But this death also might be soulish. For example, we will lay on the altar our ambition, our pride, our plans, our reputations and will ask the Lord to crucify these things in us so that we can go all the way with Jesus. I must quickly add that this soulish death will be painful and difficult.

Joel, writing about the last days, stated in Joel 2:32, "*And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call*." Isaiah says, "*Unless the LORD of hosts had left us a very small remnant, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been made like Gomorrah*" (Isaiah 1:9). And Paul

says in Romans 11:5a, *"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant …."*

The Remnant Company of the Last Days will face challenging times at the end of the age. Most likely we are living in the days of Matthew 24:14 ("*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come");* of 2nd Timothy 3 where Paul warns that perilous times are coming when most of the younger generation will be an "entitlement generation," which is incredibly self-centered, rebellious and vulgar and which, for the most part, has no real relationship with God or desire for the Lord ("*Don't be naïve. There are difficult times ahead. As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, stuck-up, profane, contemptuous of parents, crude, coarse, dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanderers, impulsively wild, savage, cynical, treacherous, ruthless, bloated windbags, addicted to lust, and allergic to God. They'll make a show of religion, but behind the scenes they're animals. Stay clear of these people*" The Message Bible). Furthermore, Psalm 2:1-3 tells us, "*Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 'Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.*" In other words, the leaders of the nations are in total rebellion against the Lord.

The Wonderful Threes of Scripture

There are in scripture and in the natural world wonderful threes. For example we have the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(Satan attempts to counterfeit every work of God, and his kingdom will be represented by the False Prophet, the Beast, and the Antichrist.)

2nd Corinthians 13:14: *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God* [the Father], *and the communion of the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 28:19: ***Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.***

The Benjamin Generation and the Remnant will walk in what I call the third degree. I will give three examples of this, although scripture is full of these third degree scriptures.

<u>30 Fold, 60 Fold, 100 Fold</u>

Mark 4:20: ***But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty and some a hundred.***

They will produce a 100 fold harvest from the seed they plant.

<u>Outer Court, Inner Court, Holy of Holies</u>

Mark 15:27-28: And Jesus cried out with a loud voice and breathed His last. Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

They will be powerful intercessors who spiritually are in the Holy and Holies.

<u>Gentile, Jew, the Church or One New Man</u>

1st Corinthians 10:32: *Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God.*

Colossians 3:9-11: *Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.*

The Remnant and the Benjamin Generation will not be caught up in racial division or denominations but will be the One New Man.

Counting the Cost

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it-lest after he has laid the foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him.

Luke 14:28-29

<u>THE COST</u>

So likewise, whosoever he is of you that forsaketh not all that he hath cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:33

And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

2nd Timothy 3:12

For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries. 1st Corinthians 16:9

For ye are dead, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:3

For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake. Philippians 1:29

*I am crucified with Christ…*Galatians 2:20a

Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. 1st John 3:13

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into various trials. James 1:2

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, like a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. 1st Peter 5:8

And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake; but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Mark Mark 13:13

Thou, therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2nd Timothy 2:3

Is It Worth It?

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
Isaiah 35:10

And it will be said in that day, "Behold, this is our God. We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is our LORD; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."
Isaiah 25:9

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have Entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."
1st Corinthians 2:9

For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father, with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.
Matthew 16:27

Blessed are you when men hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven …
Luke 6:22-23a

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold and inherit eternal life.
Matthew 19:29

Behold among the nations and regard and wonder marvelously, for I will work a work in your days which you shall not believe, though it be told you.
Habakkuk 1:5

The LORD, thy God, in the midst of thee is mighty. He will save. He will rejoice over thee with joy. He will rest in His love. He will joy over thee with singing.
Zephaniah 3:17

Jesus Stands Knocking at the Door of His Own Church
Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me.
Revelation 3:20

Multitudes Are in the Valley of Decision
Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision. For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

For the Sake of the Call
Steven Curtis Chapman

Nobody stood and applauded them
So they knew from the start
This road would not lead to fame.
All they really knew for sure was Jesus had called to them.
He said, Come, follow me, and they came
With reckless abandon they came.
Empty nets lying there at the water's edge
Told a story that few could believe and none could explain,
How some crazy fishermen agreed to go where Jesus led
With no thought for what they would gain,
For Jesus had called them by name, and they answered.
We will abandon it all for the sake of the call,
No other reason at all, but the sake of the call,
Wholly devoted to live and to die for the sake of the call.

No turning back for the water cannot help but flow.
Once we hear the Savior's call, we'll follow wherever He leads,
Because of the love He has shown,
Because He has called us to go, we will answer.

We will abandon it all for the sake of the call,
No other reason at all, but the sake of the call,
Wholly devoted to live and to die.

Not for the sake of a creed or a cause,
Not for a dream or a promise,
Simply because it is Jesus who calls,
And, if we believe, we'll obey.

We will abandon it all for the sake of the call,
No other reason at all but the sake of the call,
Wholly devoted to live and to die for the sake of the call.[33]