

## The Sign of the ARC – Apostolic Resource Center

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In December 2007 the Lord said to me, "**And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:** They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. **Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.**" Luke 17:26-30

Then I heard the Lord say, Noah built Me an ark, and I want you to:

"build an **ARC**; an **Apostolic Resource Center**"

As I meditated on what God said to me these thoughts arose: The Lord used an ark to:

- Save a family, the nations and creation (Noah).
- Deliver a deliverer (Moses).
- Lead His people through the wilderness, in order that they might war to enter into their inheritance and Promised Land (Moses and Joshua).
- Serve as a place for His presence to dwell.

The ARC is an acronym and a word play with deep meaning. The characteristics of Noah's ark plus the Ark of the Covenant equal what I see. It is a vessel like an aircraft carrier and its task force made to project power in the nations, delivering the weak and administering justice to the oppressor, enforcing the will of the kingdom of God, on earth as it is in heaven.

This ARC is made up of many teams of people with unique skills and functions all working together for a common purpose. That purpose is to present the gospel of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ with signs, wonders and results following.

### Specifications

In December of 2007 I began compiling all of the things God had been speaking and prepared a document of about 20 pages which presented the vision, mission and details of the ARC that we intended launch. This document was like a set of specifications (specs) for my team to use to build from the ARC. I completed the first draft on my 50th birthday. I sent this along with a number of specific prophetic words we had received to my apostolic council and other prophetic leaders. I sought their council and insight.

On August 6, 2008 while I was praying in the early morning I was drawn to my office. It was a very special time as I felt like my heavenly Father treated me like a son whom He was showing the future

plans of the family business. I thought of what it must have been like for Solomon when his father David showed him the plans for the temple. I used a white board and five large sheets of paper to lay out the big picture of what I saw. These were like the blueprints that accompany the set of specs. I believe this is to be shared and available for others. He did not just want one ARC but he desires one in every city.

Late that afternoon about dusk, I took Brenda out to the office to show her what God and I had created that morning. My office is separate from our home located in the back of our property. We noticed two hummingbirds as we walked toward the office so we stopped to watch them. They were flying around the garden next to our back porch. One hummingbird perched herself on an arch Brenda had set up in this garden while the other hummingbird began flying very high in huge circles. We joked with each other about the "arc" he was making.

The next day Brenda did some research online about hummingbirds and discovered that we were watching the mating ritual of a ruby throated hummingbird and they could actually nest twice in a season. The female was the one sitting on the arch while the ruby throated hummingbird making the big circles was the male. Research told us that the male returns to the breeding zones and establishes a territory before the females arrive. When the females return, courtship begins with the male flying back and forth in a **perfect arc**." She found additional references that indicated that the male flew in these huge arcs to show how strong he was in order to attract the female.

### **God Gives a Sign**

Brenda and I witnessed this amazing mating ritual just moment before I showed all that our Father had shown me that morning. We had never seen that before in our lives. We watched a ruby throated hummingbird flying in huge arcs in order to attract a female. As I meditated on the male hummingbird creating a "perfect arc" I thought of Ephesians 4:11-12 where the five-fold ministry is given to "perfect" the saints for the work of the ministry. A five-fold apostolic team is at the heart of the ARC I see.

What are the odds that we witness this unusual sight of a hummingbird creating a "perfect arc" on the same day that God gave me the blueprints for an ARC and just moments before I showed my bride the plans God gave me that morning? If it were for no one else, it was certainly a sign to us.

### **Building an ARC to Attract a Bride**

I was greatly encouraged by the Lord. He wants to build ARCs (Apostolic Resource Centers) because He is trying to attract and mature a bride; a bride who has made herself ready.

Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **For the perfecting of the saints**, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and

of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: KJV

God gave certain five-fold gifts to help perfect or mature the church. The Greek word translated "perfecting" in the Scripture above means to join together, equip, prepare, set in order, repair, make, mend, adjust or frame. In Greek society it was used in the context of a doctor setting a broken bone. It is time for the body of Christ to come together bone to bone and joint to joint. Just as it takes a team working with a surgeon to do surgery so it will take five-fold ministry gifts working together in order to connect the body of Christ.

### **The Spirit and the Bride Say Come**

God is looking for apostolic teams of five-fold gifts to build ARCs (Apostolic Resource Centers) where the saints can be equipped for the work of the ministry; a place to prepare a holy bride for the Lamb.

Revelation 21:2-5 Then I, John,\* saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me,\* "Write, for these words are true and faithful." NKJV

Revelation 21:9-13 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me\* and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."\* And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy\* Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her light *was* like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. NKJV

Revelation 22:16-17 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. NKJV