The Z Radical: Confidence of the Future Based on Eschatology & Sustained by Logistical Grace; Example of the Shulammite & the Shepherd; Solomon's Lust

2. In the *Z* radical the "confidence" that accrues in the soul of the mature believer finds its source in the doctrine of eschatology. This category of systematic theology deals with prophecy. In Scripture, prophecy includes those predictions that were future at the time they were written. This encompasses a tremendous body of doctrine that runs throughout the Old and New Testaments.

Prophecies that develop courage in the soul of mature believers are primarily those that remain yet future including the Rapture, the resurrection body, the evaluation tribunal of Christ, the Nike Awards, the Second Advent, the Millennium, the new heavens and the new earth, and the eternal state.

- 28. The doctrine that sustains the believer's courage while he makes the advance through the *Y* and *Z* radicals is logistical grace support which may be defined as divine planning, support, provision, and blessing for the execution of the plan of God for your life.
- Thus the key to sustaining courage in the execution of the plan of God is confidence in the principle of logistical grace support. The principles of this doctrine are important to our study since the Shulammite woman is sustained by her confidence that if God does not intend to deliver her to Paradise then He will provide her with the logistics she needs to escape Solomon's lair.
- 32. The Shulammite's destiny includes the fact she is the Shepherd's right woman. Solomon, who displays in his reversionism the influence of satanic modus operandi, is an ongoing threat to the divine institutions while the Shulammite and the Shepherd represent support for them.
- 33. Neither the Shulammite nor the Shepherd is mentioned in the New Testament or in the Old outside of the Song of Solomon. Their courtship is typical of the right man-right woman relationship and their loyalty to each other demonstrates the unity that endures and sustains when two souls fall in love.
- 34. Since God's plan for the Shulammite and the Shepherd is certainly future, then her present circumstance in Solomon's palace makes her a POW in the Invisible War.
- 35. Two rationales sustain her in this dilemma: (1) if she is executed for failure to comply with Solomon's desires she knows she has eternal life and will go to Paradise when she dies, or (2) if she is allowed to live then God must provide her a way of escape since her life with the Shepherd is decreed certainly future.
- 36. What she knows will not happen to her is membership in Solomon's harem. She is resolved that she will either be executed or rescued but she will not be held captive for long.
- 37. Because the Shulammite and Shepherd's relationship is only mentioned in Solomon's Song then I will go out on a limb and conclude that the Shulammite's ability to stand fast before Solomon was what turned him around and brought him out of reversionism and back to the plan of God for his life.
- 38. In the book of Ecclesiastes is Solomon's autobiographical review of the frustrations he encountered while in reversionism, the various exploits he undertook to find happiness, and his final realization that his efforts were all in vain. Among them was his lust for sex which he summarizes in Ecclesiastes 7:26-29.