

Lion is Baptized

THE BEGINNING OF THE STAY IN EPHESUS: A REVELATION of the HEART Excerpted from THE OTHER BIBLE: THE ACTS OF PAUL

"I was walking in the night, meaning to go to Jericho in Phoenicia, and we had covered great distances. But when morning came, Lemma and Ammia who had given the Agape (communion meal of SELFLESS LOVE) were behind me, for I was dear to their hearts, and they were not ever far from me. There came a great and terrible lion out of the valley of the burying ground. But we were praying, so that through the prayer Lemma and Ammia did not encounter the beast. When I finished praying, I opened my eyes to see that the beast had cast himself down at my feet. I was filled with the Spirit and looked upon him, and I said:

'Lion, what do you want ?' and Lion said: 'I wish to be baptized.'

I glorified God, who had given speech to the beast and given salvation to His servant. NOW there was a GREAT RIVER in that place, and I went down into it. Then, men and brethren, I cried out,saying:

'YOU who dwell in the heights, who looked upon the humble,
who gave rest to the afflicted, who with Daniel shut mouths of the lions,
who sent to me our Lord Jesus Christ,
accomplish YOUR PLAN which YOU have appointed for me.'

When I had prayed thus, I took the lion by his mane and IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST immersed him three times. When he came up out of the water he shook out his mane and he said to me: 'GRACE be with you!' And I said to him: 'And likewise with you. ' The lion ran off into the country rejoicing. Then a lioness in her season met him and he did not yield himself to her but he ran off free. (for all this was revealed to me in IN MY HEART)"

As we view this allegorically, we note the great & terrible "lion" comes out of the valley of the burying ground (subconscious mortal mindset) seeking the baptism of SPIRITUAL RECOGNITION (lion of carnal hypnotism seeks to be awakened & is re-attuned to TRUTH). Paul (word of Truth) immerses himself in the RIVER of Already 'IS' to anoint the lion on 3 levels — in soul, mind, body. This SPIRITUAL☆RECOGNITION of ONE LIFE is lasting and remains to save both Paul & the lion later on before crowds in the arena (intellect of flesh & blood) in Ephesus where suddenly fierce hail pours from heaven that kills many spectators (carnally minded). Paul had angered the local men in government by teaching values of sexual self-control and abstinence to many of his female followers. The women loved the purity & freedom of Paul's teachings of betrothal to Christ, but the men wanted him killed, and their women to again be submissive. Each "lion" baptized in our hearts now remains free of carnal appetites & personal-sense domination — until every valley shall be EXALTED by the DIVINE LIGHT that passes by IN LOVE & RECOGNITION of only the ONE LIFE.