

# To The 42<sup>nd</sup> Floor



A Story  
of  
Destiny

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## “To The 42<sup>nd</sup> Floor”

### A Story of Destiny

Many of us are looking for the ultimate job, one in which we have a position that is perfectly suited to us, a position where we are able to use all of our skills to their fullest. We could search for a long time, and maybe never find that job. But in this story, Jim finds the job that he was destined for on ***“The 42<sup>nd</sup> Floor”***. Take this journey with Jim to ***“The 42<sup>nd</sup> Floor”***.

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### Dedicated To:

**Andrew Shearman**, a passionate and anointed man of God like none I have ever known. Founder of G42 Leadership Academy, [G42 Leadership Academy](#). His message on “*The 42<sup>nd</sup> Generation*” is the inspiration for this story.

**My wife, Yvonne**, who is the most caring individual I know.

**My five Children and 9 Grandchildren**, with whom I share a great heritage, purpose, and destiny.

**My parents, Mary and Albert**

**My Brothers Rick and Bud**

**My Grandmother, Elizabeth Walmer Barbush**, who is a pivotal person in the passing on of a great heritage, purpose, and destiny to our entire family.

**God**, for making me who I am and for giving me the perfect “job” with a position that is perfectly suited to me, a position where we I able to use all of my skills to their fullest.

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## A Short Story

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### Have You Ever

Have you ever looked for that certain job, opportunity, house, or car that was going to be exactly what you wanted, that was going to be the place where you wanted to be, that was going to provide the money and the satisfaction that you were looking for? Sure you have! Don't be shy. Admit it. I have. As a matter of fact, today, I discovered a job that I have been searching for, searching for a long time. Let me tell you about it.

The day was May 22, 1996. I had an appointment. It was an interview for a job. I saw the position advertised in the previous week's Sunday newspaper. The ad read,

*"WANTED: A seasoned individual to serve in the building of a unique enterprise that will benefit the residents of the city. Flexible hours. The best benefits. Unlimited salary based on level of participation. To apply, come to 555 Forum Place at your convenience."*

I have been looking for a job change for quite some time. I've read the classifieds regularly, searching for that certain job that looked like it was opportunity waiting to happen for me. I have applied for several key management positions working for businesses and government enterprises in the city. When I read the ads for those positions, I had a distinct feeling, a sense that says, *"This is the one. Just look at it. Fits me to a tee."* Well, I've had that feeling for several attractive positions, but with no productive results. Oh, maybe an interview that brought my hopes up, but no appointment to a position. Nevertheless, I still kept searching.

Well, I came across this rather brief and unusual ad that I already quoted to you. After a first reading, I passed it by thinking, *"It doesn't say much. Who would apply for a job with an ad like that?"* I read some other ads. With each one I read, I went back to the unusual ad. I don't know why, but I just couldn't seem to go far without reading the ad again and again. The phrases that attracted me were *"seasoned individual"*, *"building a unique enterprise"*, and *"benefit the residents of the city"*. I wondered what this could be. There was something about this ad that made my civic minded side desire to apply. There wasn't even a company name. So I thought, *"Why would I do this? It's just an address and an invitation to come whenever you wanted to. Strange, but what the heck. What do I have to lose? Nothing. At least I might meet somebody new that could lead me to other job prospects. Go for it! You're seasoned. You want to build. You want to improve the city. You want flexible hours. Looks like I could be my own boss and work as hard as I want and make as much as I want."*

Well, I decided to make an appointment. The ad said, *"Come to 555 Forum Place at your convenience"*. So I made an appointment for myself - Thursday, June 6, 1996. I set the time for 10 am. I realized that a 10 am appointment would require me to take leave from my present job. So I said, *"Since I am the appointment setter, I can reschedule the appointment. Since my lunch is from 11:30 to 12:30, I'll reschedule for 11:45 am. I can sense the authority. I am already in charge in this job having scheduled and rescheduled my own interview. It was Sunday and the interview was scheduled for Thursday. That gives me 4 days to consider the job and try to investigate further."*

## The Big Day Came, But Should I

The big day came. I promptly left my office at 11:30 am. Forum Place was only a 5 minute walk from there. As I walked from my office, I was wondering why I couldn't find out anything more about the job. No one that I talked to knew what firms were operating in the building. I hesitated a bit, wondering, *"Should I do this? Or should I just skip the whole thing, cancel the appointment, and just go to lunch. After all I was in charge. I could change this if I wanted to."* I brushed off the temptation generated by the fear of the unknown and pressed on.

## The Arrival

I arrived at 555 Forum Place. The place was awesome. It was a recently completed building in the city. It was 41 stories tall, the tallest in the city. It was even taller than the highest ground in the city. From Look Out Point, the highest hill in the city, you could see the city skyline and the 41 story building towering over all the other buildings. The lower 9 floors were gothic looking in appearance. The walls were the color of red sandstone. They were massive, castle-like units. The number 555 was carved deeply into the keystone over the main entrance where people entered and exited in an active market like atmosphere. There were many people coming and going. I thought, *"These 41 stories must hold a lot of people."*

## The Ground Floor

After I went through the revolving doors, I could see the elevator banks throughout the ground floor. There were elevators for floors 1 to 12, 12 to 24, 24 to 36, and 36 to 40. There was a single elevator that was designated for the 41st floor. As I slowly approached the elevators trying to get my bearings, I saw a sign directly in front of me.

*"ATTENTION: For those responding to the Wanted Ad, take the elevator to the 12th floor, then the elevator to the 24th floor, then the elevator to the 36th floor, then the elevator to the 40th floor. Once on the 40th floor, look for the door marked, '41st Floor'. Walk up the steps to the 41st floor."*

After reading these directions, I thought, *"This is a dumb thing to do. Why not just take the one elevator to the 41st floor? Go right to the top man, in one shot."*

So, I walked over to that elevator. I reached to press the button, but stopped with my finger poised, touching the button. A thought came to my mind, *"Read the directions again."* It was just one of those short cuts that I knew I should not take. I breathed a sigh of submission and went back to the sign and read the directions again. I read the step by step by step sequence. I again felt that this was dumb. I looked around the ceiling of the ground floor looking for cameras to see if I was being watched. I saw no cameras. I then went to the first bank of elevators leading to the 12th floor.

## The First Ride To The 24<sup>th</sup> Floor

Other people were waiting for the elevator. I got on with 8 other people. The elevator was spacious and people were comfortably spaced. The elevator moved quickly and smoothly. You could almost not detect the sensation of rising. After stopping at other floors and letting people off and taking people on, the door opened at the 12th floor. I and the remaining people got off. Across the hall were the elevators to the 24th floor. I went to the center elevator and pressed the button. Two other people joined me in my wait. When the elevator arrived, 2 people got off. I and the others waiting got on with those that had stayed on. Again, quickly and smoothly, the elevator floated towards the 24th floor. Someone got off at the 13th floor, and someone got off at the 20th floor. The door opened at the 24th floor.

## On Through To The 39<sup>th</sup> Floor

By this time, I was questioning the purpose of all this. *"Why? This makes no sense."* But I thought, *"This is not taking very long, even though it seems like a long time."* Again, across the hall, I saw more elevators, these going to the 36th floor. This time I went to the left elevator. No one else was waiting. I pressed the button. I waited and waited. No elevator. Though the button's light was still on, I impatiently pressed it again. I waited. I could faintly hear the elevator arriving. A tone sounded, the door opened, and I stepped onto an empty elevator. The elevator began to move quietly, then stopped abruptly, yet smoothly, at the 37th floor. Three people got on. Again, smooth and quiet motion. Again, it stopped abruptly, then at the 38th floor. This time 4 people got on and 2 got off. I was impatiently waiting. The same thing to the 39th floor. One person got off and 3 people got on. In a few moments, the doors opened to the 40th floor. Everyone got off.

## The 40<sup>th</sup> Floor

After I exited onto the 40th floor, I paused and looked around. To my right, there was a window looking over the city and the surrounding region. I approached the window and was awed by the view and the height above the ground. The window went from floor to ceiling. All that separated me from falling through this opening was a piece of glass. I hesitated to touch the glass from unfounded fear that it would fall out if I did. I peered down as far as I could see. I could see the small streets below, but could barely notice the moving cars. I could not see any people, but knew for sure that they must be there since it was lunch time. I looked out and saw other buildings below. I saw **Look Out Point** which was also below, but several blocks away. I saw the roads winding through the park and around the point.

Being on the 40th floor was exhilarating and yet intimidating. The view was breathtaking and yet the height was scary. I'd never been so high in a building before. Once I was in a 26 story building, but that was nothing like this. And I'd been to Look Out Point, but that was many stories lower than this, and there, I was on the ground.

## To The 41<sup>st</sup> Floor?

Remembering why I was here, and remembering the directions on the sign, I turned to look for the door to the 41st floor. As I did, I saw the back of someone as they went through the door and it closed. I paused, being startled that maybe someone else was going for the same job that I was. I stood there for what seemed like minutes, thinking, *"Should I go on? Who was that person? If I go now, would I interrupt them?"* I was indecisive. *"Should I go now, or wait?"* I turned back to look out the window. The view was again breathtaking. The clouds above, I seemed so close to them. The street below, I seemed so far from it.

I turned again and saw the sign, *"To The 41st Floor."* It was there almost as a dare, *"Will you go? Or, will you return?"* I thought about the prospect, the choice. I thought, *"Why should I go?"* And then, *"Why should I return?"* To return would be the result of fear, fear of the unknown. To go would be adventurous and still unknown. Return? Go? Suddenly, I went for the elevator to return. I stopped abruptly and wondered what this inner debate was about. *"Oh, what the heck. Go for it!"* I turned and lurched toward the door for the 41st floor. Wanting to go back but determined to go forward, I opened the door and passed through.

Immediately after passing through the door, I was at the bottom of a set of stairs. As I quickly began to climb the stairs, I tripped over the first step. Stumbling but not falling, I continued. Up one flight of 7 steps to a landing. Up another flight of 7 steps to a second landing. Up a third flight of 7 steps to another landing. I stopped, and before me were 4 last steps to a landing leading to another door. The number 41 was on the door. The numbers were a flaming orange and about a foot tall. Since this whole trip had been so bizarre so far, the fact that the numbers looked like flaming numbers did not deter me at this point. I knew that there was something behind that door that was for me. I was ready to go through it.

I slowly walked up the last 4 steps onto the landing. I reached for the door handle and slowly pulled the door open.

## What Now?

This door led to a large room that covered the entire top of the building. I walked into the room. The room was 4 sided. There were no interior walls. There were no windows. There was no one in the room. I slowly walked around wondering about this strange place. I remembered the person that I saw go through the door to the 41st floor. He was not there.

I was thinking,

*"This whole thing is not normal. This is very strange. I'm sure there would have been some people who would have bolted right back out that door they just came through, rather than stick around or go any further. But my interest is up, way up. What is this? Why am I here?"*

Looking around this huge room that was fully lighted with soft and hidden lighting, I saw a table. The table was, at first, not noticed, because it was the same color as the walls, white. I approached the table. On the table was a booklet. The cover of the booklet had the words: *"This Is Your Choice."* I opened the booklet and began to read what was written:



*"From the moment you read the advertisement in the newspaper you have been on a journey. The journey has brought you to this place. No one knows whether you followed all the directions as they were stated or not. Only you know. No one knows if you took any short cuts. No one knows if you hesitated, thought of quitting, quit and restarted, or came directly here. Only you know. Now there is one more decision that you must make. You may think that it is a hard choice to make. If you decide not to go on, simply take the elevator on the south wall to the ground floor. You will be there in a minute. If you choose to go on, follow these last instructions."*

At this point, I was wondering,

*"Am I losing my senses. I'm reading this stuff and I don't know what this is all about. I must be crazy to go on with this. This is foolishness. Where's that other person I saw? The writer of these instructions wants me to put my complete trust in him. Who is this guy. Who does he think he is?"* In my frustration that suddenly rose up I yelled, *"Hello! Anybody here? Hello?"* No answer. Silence.

## The Last Steps To The 42nd Floor

I turned my attention back to the instructions. The last instructions were these:

*"Go to the table. Stand in front of the table. Raise your arms and hands and looking up, say, 'Yes!', in a loud and emphatic voice. When you have done that, wait."*

I had the same thoughts I just described to you and again yelled,

*"Hello! Anybody there? Hello?"* No answer. Silence. I thought, *"I must be dreaming. Somebody pinch me."*

I walked over to the table and stood in front of it. I paused for a few moments, then raised my arms and hands, reaching to something above. I took a deep breath, then yelled, as loud and as long as I could, **" Y E S ! "**..... I waited..... There was silence....., absolute silence..... for what seemed like minutes.

Suddenly, I heard a noise, the low sounding hum like a motor. In the ceiling, a panel opened up. A stairway was being lowered from the ceiling. The hinged stairway slowly angled to the floor. The first step softly touched the floor, yet made a firm foundation. Since it was noon, the sunlight poured in brightly. A cool breeze started to flow into the room. It was marvelous and refreshing. I enjoyed the warmth of the sun combined with the cool of the wind.

For some reason, I had no more fears. I had come too far to fear anymore. I walked to the bottom of the stairway. I looked up the stairs and could see the sky and the clouds. I made the first step and went a total of 14 steps to the top. There around me was the roof. The stairway had led to a platform which was actually above the roof, not on the roof, but over the roof. This was not a 42nd floor, but a place above the roof, above the very top of the building.



## The View From The 42<sup>nd</sup> Floor

I walked around the platform and could see the whole city; not only the city, but the region around the city. I could see all the high places, like Reservoir Park. I could see the development where I now live and even the house in which I live. I could see the schools where our kids go. I could see the river and the mountains. I could see the neighborhood where I grew up, and even the house I lived in as a child with my parents and brothers. I could see where my relatives live, and where my friends live. I could see churches, hospitals, and City Hall. I could see the Capitol Building. I could see everything - places from my past and places in my present. They made me think about my future.

I knew then why I was there.

I knew then what the journey was about.

I knew then what the **41 story building** called **555 Forum Place** meant.

I knew then that I could choose to be above every situation in my life.

I knew with assurance that there was someone watching over me and guiding me every step of the way.

I knew through my experience that Jesus Christ was tested for **40 days and nights**, that Jesus was **the 41st generation** from Abraham.

I knew with thanksgiving in my heart that He, being **the 41st generation**, made the ultimate choice, said "Y E S!", and paid the ultimate sacrifice with His life.

I knew with hopefulness that Jesus Christ led the way to **a 42nd generation** of believers that would inherit the Heavenly City.

I knew that **5-5-5 Forum Place** could be a Tower of Babel for some people, but it could also be a place of Grace-Grace-Grace for me and others who choose to make the sacrifice.

I knew with renewed fortitude and strength that we must go through all the floors consecutively to get to the top of the building.

Even if we've been through government (**the 12th floor**) and eldership (**the 24th floor**), we must still go through testing (the 40th floor).

Without testing, there can be no sacrifice (**the 41st floor**).

Only after going through the sacrifice can we get to the Heavenly City (**the 42nd floor**) and be in the highest place in the whole city.

## I Have That Job

Having taken this journey, having followed the instructions,

*"I know now, I've always had the opportunity to hold the position that was advertised in the paper. I know now, I am employed as a seasoned individual to serve in the building of a unique enterprise that will benefit the residents of the city. Flexible hours. The best benefits. Unlimited salary based on level of participation. **I can live at 555 Forum Place.**"*

## Epilogue – The Unexpected

It was September 1996, 4 months after my journey to “The 42<sup>nd</sup> Floor”. I was sitting at my desk in my office. Summer was passing and fall was near ahead. The hot days of summer were over. The cool comfortable weather arrived. Dew was heavy in the mornings. Nights were becoming chilly.

The summer had been very busy. We had been gardening, cutting grass, building a fence and a swing in the yard, having cook outs and camping. My whole life was changed. My oldest daughter was back at college. My 2 youngest daughters, Dena and Jamie, had moved into our 3 bedroom townhouse. Their mother was getting remarried in a week. She was going to move out of the area and the girls decided to live with me. My wife and I have rearranged our entire second floor to make room for them. I finalized a contract to have the basement finished to provide a bedroom and bath for my daughters and have space for my oldest daughter Jen when she came home from college. After several months of intrusive scrutiny by our mortgage company, we were expecting to settle on a refinancing for our mortgage that month. The 3 girls and our 2 boys, Nick and Joey, are all back to school. My wife is working again at our Joey's elementary school as a paid Parent Coordinator. Nick needed all new school clothes because he had grown 4 or 5 inches over the summer. We had been very, very busy. I'd been too busy to think about applying for any new jobs.

In my office, I was trying to make contact with one of our clients. We needed to get some issues resolved so that they could be paid for the services they provided to our office. I'd been playing phone tag with the firm's contracting officer, Mr. Jordan, and was expecting a return call. I was working, but expectantly awaiting his call.

The phone rings and I expected to be talking to the client. I said,

*"Good Morning. This is the Budget Office. Jim Barbush speaking. May I help you?"*

Expecting to hear Mr. Jordan's voice, I hear a strange voice begin to talk to me.

*"Mr. Barbush, this is **Dr. John Portland, Chairman** of the Board for the **Regional Office of Economic and Community Development**. I know that it's been many months since we received and reviewed the resume that you sent us. I apologize for not getting back to you concerning your response to our ad for the position of **Executive Director**, but we have been very busy and had to delay our review of all applications and our hiring for reasons beyond our control. However, we would like to know if you are still interested in the position."*

I was stunned and silent for a moment. Many events of the past year flashed through my mind - The reading of the classifieds, the preparation of resumes and applications, my hopes and expectations, and my trip to Forum Place, to The 42<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

As I got my thoughts together, I said to Mr. Portland,

*"Yes, Sir! I am still very much interested in the position. It has been a while since I sent that application, but I remember the ad very clearly. No apology is necessary. Thank you very much."*

Mr. Portland responded,

*"Well, good then. We've reviewed all the applications and did not find any other suitable applicants. Therefore, we would like to schedule an interview with you as soon as possible. When would you be available?"*

I responded,

*"Well, today I have several things I need to complete, but anytime tomorrow would be fine."*

*"How about 10:00 am", he said.*

*"Good", I said, "Where shall we meet?"*

Mr. Portland said,

*"Come to our office in room 1201. We are located at 555 Forum Place. Do you know where that is?"*

I paused..... Then smiling, I s-l-o-w-l-y said,

*"Yes, sir. I know exactly where that is. I'll be there."*

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**My passion is writing, speaking, and teaching.** After 38 years in a Civil Engineering career, I launched Barbush Enterprises in August 2012, focused on several areas, Professional Speaking in Leadership Development, Business Development for A/E Firms, Purpose Driven Web Applications, and other collaborative ventures.

**Harrisburg Biz Leaders is a venture of Barbush Enterprises.** We are focused on Leadership Development, Networking Platforms, Promotional Broadcasting, all for Individuals and Businesses. We are also involved in providing solutions for businesses through roundtable discussions with Business Leaders.

**A key focus in providing people with “*inspiration*” because “*inspire*” means “*to breathe life into*”.** We “*inspire*” people so that they can become motivated to do what they need to do and what they must do. We put “*wind in their sails*” and “*keep wind in their sails*”. In these unusual times, we all need to hear something good that is going to be a help in propelling us forward to success, in spite of the unusual times.

**I have 2 Survival Sayings:**

***“Press On, No Matter What”***

***“Keep your head above the weeds.***

***Don’t get stuck in the mud.***

***And stay out of the desert, it’s a hot, dry place.”***

# APPENDIX

## The Birthing Of “To The 42<sup>nd</sup> Floor”

**“To The 42<sup>nd</sup> Floor” was birthed out of 2 types of circumstances:**

**A PHYSICAL BIRTHING**

**A SPIRITUAL BIRTHING**

### 1. A PHYSICAL BIRTHING

**A vision by John Vartan to build a 42 story building in Harrisburg, PA called Forum Place.**

For a brief overview of Vartan’s vision, see the following 1 page news article published in the [Central Penn Business Journal](#) on September 19, 2003 by Joel Berg. [joelb@journalpub.com](mailto:joelb@journalpub.com)

### 2. A SPIRITUAL BIRTHING

**A message preached by Andrew Sherman concerning The 42<sup>nd</sup> Generation.**

This section provides information on Andrew Shearman, scriptures related to the message of The 42<sup>nd</sup> Generation, and the founding of G42 Leadership Academy.

## PHYSICAL BIRTHING

### VARTAN LOOKS TO REFILL TROUBLED FORUM

[Central Penn Business Journal](#)

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In the designer's image of **Forum Place, a 42-story office tower** would have soared above Harrisburg. Instead, **Forum Place stands 33 stories short** of its potential as **the tallest building in Pennsylvania outside Pittsburgh and Philadelphia**. Even at **9 stories**, the building has had its share of trouble attracting tenants.

Forum Place is half full. Its **owner, the Dauphin County General Authority**, has defaulted on 3 bond payments since July 2002. Authority Chairman H. Michael Liptak said a 4<sup>th</sup> default is likely in January. The authority's purchase of the building is under investigation by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The authority recently approved a draft settlement covering its role in the deal. According to the settlement, the authority acknowledged that its financial advisers may have made inadequate disclosures to bondholders regarding future lease revenue.

This summer, after hearing from bondholders, a Dauphin County judge placed the building in receivership. The authority consented to the move. The receiver tapped Vartan Management Co. to pursue new tenants and restore the building's financial health over the next 3 years. The company is taking over as more office space is becoming available in downtown Harrisburg.

Other buildings scouting for tenants include an **18-story office tower under construction on North Second Street**.

**John Vartan, who once owned Forum Place** and is a bondholder, claims the authority mishandled the property after dismissing his company as manager in 2000. **He still owns air rights** to construct the taller tower. *"When we owned the building, it was profitable and paying taxes," Vartan said. "After we sold the building, and we were managing it, it was profitable and paying taxes. The problems started after the authority took over."*

On a recent tour of Forum Place, Michael Yingling, president of Vartan Management, pointed out that **the sprinklers installed in the building had been recalled two years ago**. A defective part meant the fire-protection devices could have malfunctioned. The old sprinklers were still there when Vartan Management took control of the building in August. The company has ordered the sprinklers replaced at no cost, Yingling said. Liptak said he hadn't been aware of any problems with the system.

Authority officials traced the building's problems back to the high price paid in 1998. The building sold for \$86.3 million. Recent appraisals have pegged the value at less than half that figure. None of the current authority directors were on the board at the time.

Liptak also cited an inability to secure leases after the loss in 2001 of a major tenant, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The agency occupied 299,000 square feet, or about 80 percent of the building. Bond covenants mandate that government or nonprofit agencies must occupy 95 percent of the space in Forum Place. Liptak couldn't recall any potential tenants who cited the building's condition as a reason for not moving in. After PENNDOT left, the authority was close to signing a lease with the Pennsylvania Department of State. But the deal fell through in 2001. According to minutes of authority board meetings, officials worried that the tense negotiations would cause the building to be "disbarred" from future state leases, its largest source of tenants. Liptak said he never saw anything to suggest the building had been shut out by the state. The loss of the State Department lease wasn't a fatal blow, he added. The agency would have taken 45,000 square feet. *"Obviously we could have used that lease," Liptak said. "But I don't think that lease would have saved the building."*

**Vartan, meanwhile, has set aside plans for a 42-story tower, noting it would be "suicidal" to build that much office space on speculation right now.** Vartan Management is focused on filling the existing floors, which were intended to be a parking garage for the larger structure. Four floors remain as parking. Forum Place needs to be 80 percent full to break even economically, Vartan said. At full capacity, leases could bring in about \$7 million a year. *"I am hoping that by the end of our 3-year period, the building will be stabilized," Vartan said.* He holds bonds from the sale of Forum Place valued at nearly \$15 million. They will be repaid at the end. The state, which is in a period of budget cutbacks, isn't the only potential tenant, Vartan said. Nonetheless, he said, *"I hope that the state will become a player sometime in the near future. It's going to take a lot of hard work, but I am confident it can be done."* **Liptak doubted Forum Place would ever reach 42 stories.** *"They have to fill the space they have," he said. "If they can do that and the building gets back on its feet, so to speak, that will be enough to manage."*

## SPIRITUAL BIRTHING

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The Revelation Of The 42<sup>nd</sup> Generation

G42 Leadership Academy

### SCRIPTURAL BASIS

The Book of Matthew, Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 17, (KJV)

The Book of The Generation of Jesus Christ, The Son of David, The Son of Abraham

Version 1

Version 2

The Book of Numbers, Chapter 33, Verses 1 to 56

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### The Revelation Of The 42<sup>nd</sup> Generation

**In the 1990s, Andrew Shearman was one of many anointed, apostolic preachers who came to the church I attended, Life Center Ministries International (formerly Word Fellowship), Harrisburg, PA. Every time Andrew came, I knew I was going to be hit in my spirit with something good (not just good, but great), something specifically for me.**

**Sometime prior to 1996 (a date I am searching to find), Andrew came with a message called “The 42<sup>nd</sup> Generation”.** The point of the message is that there is a generation that will come to faith and cross over the Jordan into the Promised Land, thus bringing the Kingdom of God to this planet in the here and now, and not waiting till saved ones die and gain Heaven. That message was life changing for me and is still living and growing in me today.

**That message was about the time that John Vartan, a developer in Harrisburg, PA, was planning the construction of a 42 story building in Harrisburg.** Again, the number 42 appears. Thus, a physical revelation (a 42 story building) and a spiritual revelation (The 42<sup>nd</sup> Generation).

**As a result of this revelation of The 42<sup>nd</sup> Generation to Andrew, he started the G42 Leadership Academy in Mijas, Spain,** and he is taking it to the world in planned steps.  
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Andrew was born near London UK and has been married to Mo for 46 years. They have one son and two daughters and six grandchildren.

Andrew is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation preacher with experience in ministry going back more than 40 years. Andrew and Mo ministered out of their local church in Nottingham UK, with ministries including children and youth leadership, pastoral duties, church planting in Europe with teams of young people, leading an evangelistic team (International Outreach), working with many churches in city wide outreaches, often using the team's 3,000 seat tent.

The thrust of Andrew's life and ministry is to raise-up passionate, hope-filled, non-religious warriors to see a Glorious Church and a Global Harvest. As a prisoner of hope, Andrew is committed to Tabernacle of David and Feast of Tabernacles! He and his friends are committed to government in the Kingdom by servant apostles and prophets, networking with others of the same heart and values.



Andrew sets the spirit and direction of the G42 Leadership Academy, and provides the foundational teaching for The 42<sup>nd</sup> Generation.

***The Book of Matthew  
Chapter 1, Verses 1 to 17  
(KJV)***

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***The Book of The Generation of  
Jesus Christ  
The Son of David  
The Son of Abraham***

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***Abraham begat Isaac;***

And Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;  
And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;  
And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon;  
And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;  
And

***Jesse begat David the king;***

And

***David the king begat Solomon***

of her that had been the wife of Urias;  
And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa;  
And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias;  
And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias;  
And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias;  
And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren,  
***about the time they were carried away to Babylon:***

And

***after they were brought to Babylon,***

Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;  
And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor;  
And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;  
And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob;  
And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born  
***Jesus, who is called Christ.***

***So all the generations***

***from Abraham to David are .....fourteen generations;***  
***and***  
***from David until the carrying away into Babylon are ...fourteen generations;***  
***and***  
***from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are ...fourteen generations.***

***The Book of Matthew***  
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<b><i>The Book of</i></b>	<b><i>The Generation of</i></b>	<b><i>Jesus Christ</i></b>
	<b><i>The Son of</i></b>	<b><i>David</i></b>
	<b><i>The Son of</i></b>	<b><i>Abraham</i></b>
<b>Abraham begat Isaac;</b>	And Isaac begat Jacob;	and Jacob begat Judas
and his brethren;	And Judas begat Phares	and Zara of Thamar;
and Phares begat Esrom;	and Esrom begat Aram;	And Aram begat Aminadab;
and Aminadab begat Naasson;	and Naasson begat Salmon;	And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab;
and Booz begat Obed of Ruth;	and Obed begat Jesse;	And <b><i>Jesse begat David the king;</i></b>
<b><i>David the king begat Solomon</i></b>	And of her that had been the wife of Urias;	
And Solomon begat Roboam;	and Roboam begat Abia;	and Abia begat Asa;
And Asa begat Josaphat;	and Josaphat begat Joram;	and Joram begat Ozias;
And Ozias begat Joatham;	and Joatham begat Achaz;	and Achaz begat Ezekias;
And Ezekias begat Manasses;	and Manasses begat Amon;	and Amon begat Josias;
And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren,	<b><i>about the time they were carried away to Babylon:</i></b>	
<b><i>And after they were brought to Babylon,</i></b>		
Jechonias begat Salathiel;	and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;	And Zorobabel begat Abiud;
and Abiud begat Eliakim;	and Eliakim begat Azor;	And Azor begat Sadoc;
and Sadoc begat Achim;	and Achim begat Eliud;	And Eliud begat Eleazar;
and Eleazar begat Matthan;	and Matthan begat Jacob;	And Jacob begat Joseph
the husband of Mary,	of whom was born	<b><i>Jesus, who is called Christ.</i></b>
<b><i>So all the generations</i></b>		
<b><i>from Abraham</i></b>	<b><i>to David</i></b>	<b><i>are fourteen generations; and</i></b>
<b><i>from David</i></b>	<b><i>until the carrying away into Babylon</i></b>	<b><i>are fourteen generations; and</i></b>
<b><i>from the carrying away</i></b>	<b><i>into Babylon unto Christ</i></b>	<b><i>are fourteen generations.</i></b>

From **(01) Abraham** ..... to **(14) David** ..... are **14 generations**; and  
 from **(14) David** ..... until **(28) the carrying away into Babylon** are **14 generations**; and  
 from **(28) the carrying away into Babylon** unto **(42) Christ** ..... are **14 generations**.

Mat 1:2		(01) Abraham	begat	(02) Isaac;
	and	(02) Isaac	begat	(03) Jacob;
	and	(03) Jacob	begat	(04) Judas and his brethren;
Mat 1:3	And	(04) Judas	begat	(05) Phares and Zara of Thamar;
	and	(05) Phares	begat	(06) Esrom;
	and	(06) Esrom	begat	(07) Aram;
Mat 1:4	And	(07) Aram	begat	(08) Aminadab;
	and	(08) Aminadab	begat	(09) Naasson;
	and	(09) Naasson	begat	(10) Salmon;
Mat 1:5	And	(10) Salmon	begat	(11) Booz of Rachab;
	and	(11) Booz	begat	(12) Obed of Ruth;
	and	(12) Obed	begat	(13) Jesse;
Mat 1:6	And	(13) Jesse	begat	(14) David the king;
	and	(14) David the king	begat	(15) Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias;
Mat 1:7	And	(15) Solomon	begat	(16) Roboam;
	and	(16) Roboam	begat	(17) Abia;
	and	(17) Abia	begat	(18) Asa;
Mat 1:8	And	(18) Asa	begat	(19) Josaphat;
	and	(19) Josaphat	begat	(20) Joram;
	and	(20) Joram	begat	(21) Ozias;
Mat 1:9	And	(21) Ozias	begat	(22) Joatham;
	and	(22) Joatham	begat	(23) Achaz;
	and	(23) Achaz	begat	(24) Ezekias;
Mat 1:10	And	(24) Ezekias	begat	(25) Manasses;
	and	(25) Manasses	begat	(26) Amon;
	and	(26) Amon	begat	(27) Josias;
Mat 1:11	And	(27) Josias	begat	(28) Jechonias and his brethren,
			about the time	(28) they were carried away to Babylon:
Mat 1:12	And		after	(28) they were brought to Babylon,
		(28) Jechonias	begat	(29) Salathiel;
	and	(29) Salathiel	begat	(30) Zorobabel;
Mat 1:13	And	(30) Zorobabel	begat	(31) Abiud;
	and	(31) Abiud	begat	(32) Eliakim;
	and	(32) Eliakim	begat	(33) Azor;
Mat 1:14	And	(33) Azor	begat	(34) Sadoc;
	and	(34) Sadoc	begat	(35) Achim;
	and	(35) Achim	begat	(36) Eliud;
Mat 1:15	And	(36) Eliud	begat	(37) Eleazar;
	and	(37) Eleazar	begat	(38) Matthan;
	and	(38) Matthan	begat	(39) Jacob;
Mat 1:16	And	(39) Jacob	begat	(40) Joseph the husband of Mary,
		of whom was	born	(41) Jesus,
		who is	called	(42) Christ.

## THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

### Chapter 33, Verses 1 to 56

- Num 33:1 **These are the journeys of the children of Israel,**  
**which went forth out of the land of .....(00) Egypt**  
**with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.**
- Num 33:2 And  
Moses wrote **their goings out** according to their journeys  
by the commandment of the LORD:  
and  
**these are their journeys according to their goings out.**
- Num 33:3 And **they departed from** Rameses  
in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month;  
on the morrow **after the passover**  
the children of Israel went out with an high hand  
in the sight of all the Egyptians.
- Num 33:4 For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn,  
which the LORD had smitten among them:  
upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments.
- Num 33:5 And the children of Israel **removed from** Rameses, and  
**pitched in .....(01) Succoth.**
- Num 33:6 And they **departed from** Succoth, and .....(02) Etham,  
**which is in the edge**  
**of the wilderness.**
- Num 33:7 And they **removed from** Etham, and  
**turned again unto Pihahiroth, which is before Baalzephon: and**  
**they pitched before .....(03) Migdol.**
- Num 33:8 And they **departed from before** Pihahiroth, and  
**passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and**  
went three days' **journey in the wilderness of Etham, and**  
**pitched in .....(04) Marah.**
- Num 33:9 And they **removed from** Marah, and  
**came unto .....(05) Elim:**  
and in Elim were **twelve fountains of water, and**  
**threescore and ten palm trees; and**  
they pitched there.
- Num 33:10 And they **removed from** Elim, and  
**encamped .....(06) by the Red sea.**
- Num 33:11 And they **removed from** the Red sea, and  
**encamped in .....(07) the wilderness of Sin.**
- Num 33:12 And they took their **journey out of** the wilderness of Sin, and  
**encamped in .....(08) Dophkah.**
- Num 33:13 And they **departed from** Dophkah, and  
**encamped in .....(09) Alush.**
- Num 33:14 And they **removed from** Alush, and  
**encamped at .....(10) Rephidim,**  
**where was no water**  
**for the people to drink.**

Num 33:15	And they <u>departed from</u> Rephidim, and <b>pitched in</b> ..... (11) the wilderness of Sinai.
Num 33:16	And they <u>removed from</u> the desert of Sinai, and <b>pitched at</b> ..... (12) Kibrothhattaavah.
Num 33:17	And they <u>departed from</u> Kibrothhattaavah, and <b>encamped at</b> ..... (13) Hazeroth.
Num 33:18	And they <u>departed from</u> Hazeroth, and <b>pitched in</b> ..... (14) Rithmah.
Num 33:19	And they <u>departed from</u> Rithmah, and <b>pitched at</b> ..... (15) Rimmonparez.
Num 33:20	And they <u>departed from</u> Rimmonparez, and <b>pitched in</b> ..... (16) Libnah.
Num 33:21	And they <u>removed from</u> Libnah, and <b>pitched at</b> ..... (17) Rissah.
Num 33:22	And they <u>journeyed from</u> Rissah, and <b>pitched in</b> ..... (18) Kehelathah.
Num 33:23	And they <u>went from</u> Kehelathah, and <b>pitched in</b> ..... (19) mount Shapher.
Num 33:24	And they <u>removed from</u> mount Shapher, and <b>encamped in</b> ..... (20) Haradah.
Num 33:25	And they <u>removed from</u> Haradah, and <b>pitched in</b> ..... (21) Makheloth.
Num 33:26	And they <u>removed from</u> Makheloth, and <b>encamped at</b> ..... (22) Tahath.
Num 33:27	And they <u>departed from</u> Tahath, and <b>pitched at</b> ..... (23) Tarah.
Num 33:28	And they <u>removed from</u> Tarah, and <b>pitched in</b> ..... (24) Mithcah.
Num 33:29	And they <u>went from</u> Mithcah, and <b>pitched in</b> ..... (25) Hashmonah.
Num 33:30	And they <u>departed from</u> Hashmonah, and <b>encamped at</b> ..... (26) Moseroth.
Num 33:31	And they <u>departed from</u> Moseroth, and <b>pitched in</b> ..... (27) Benejaakan.
Num 33:32	And they <u>removed from</u> Benejaakan, and <b>encamped at</b> ..... (28) Horhagidgad.
Num 33:33	And they <u>went from</u> Horhagidgad, and <b>pitched in</b> ..... (29) Jotbathah.
Num 33:34	And they <u>removed from</u> Jotbathah, and <b>encamped at</b> ..... (30) Ebronah.
Num 33:35	And they <u>departed from</u> Ebronah, and <b>encamped at</b> ..... (31) Eziongaber.
Num 33:36	And they <u>removed from</u> Eziongaber, and <b>pitched in</b> ..... (32) the wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh.
Num 33:37	And they <u>removed from</u> Kadesh, and <b>pitched in</b> ..... (33) mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

- Num 33:38 And **Aaron the priest**  
**went up into mount Hor**  
**at the commandment of the LORD, and**  
*died there, in the fortieth year*  
**after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt,**  
**in the first day of the fifth month.**
- Num 33:39 And **Aaron**  
**was an hundred and twenty and three years old**  
**when he died in mount Hor.**
- Num 33:40 And **king Arad the Canaanite,**  
**which dwelt in the south in the land of Canaan,**  
**heard of the coming of the children of Israel.**
- Num 33:41 And they **departed from** mount Hor, and  
**pitched in** ..... **(34) Zalmonah.**
- Num 33:42 And they **departed from** Zalmonah, and  
**pitched in** ..... **(35) Punon.**
- Num 33:43 And they **departed from** Punon, and  
**pitched in** ..... **(36) Oboth.**
- Num 33:44 And they **departed from** Oboth, and  
**pitched in** ..... **(37) Ijeabarim,**  
**in the border of Moab.**
- Num 33:45 And they **departed from** Iim, and  
**pitched in** ..... **(38) Dibongad.**
- Num 33:46 And they **removed from** Dibongad, and  
**encamped in** ..... **(39) Almondiblathaim.**
- Num 33:47 And they **removed from** Almondiblathaim, and  
**pitched in** ..... **(40) the mountains of Abarim,**  
**before Nebo.**
- Num 33:48 And they **departed from** the mountains of Abarim, and  
**pitched in** ..... **(41) the plains**  
**of Moab by Jordan**  
**near Jericho.**
- Num 33:49 And they  
**pitched by** ..... **(41) Jordan,**  
**from Bethjesimoth even**  
**unto Abelshittim in the plains of `Moab.**
- Num 33:50 And the LORD spake unto Moses  
**in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho,** saying,
- Num 33:51 Speak unto the children of Israel, and  
say unto them,  
**When ye are passed over Jordan**  
**into the land of** ..... **(42) Canaan;**



- Num 33:52      Then **ye shall** **(THE PREFERRED CHOICE/ACTION REQUIRED)**  
                  **drive out** all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and  
                  **destroy** ..... *all their pictures*, and  
                  **destroy** ..... *all their molten images*, and  
                  **quite pluck down** *all their high places*:
- Num 33:53      And **ye shall** **(THE PREFERRED RESULT)**  
                  **dispossess** the inhabitants of the land, and  
                  **dwelt therein**: for I have given you the land to possess it.
- Num 33:54      And **ye shall**  
                  **divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families**: and  
                  to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and  
                  to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance:  
                  every man's inheritance shall be  
                  in the place where his lot falleth;  
                  **according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit**.
- Num 33:55      But **if ye will not** **(THE UNPREFERRED CHOICE)**  
                  **drive out** the inhabitants of the land from before you;  
                  then it shall come to pass, **(THE UNPREFERRED RESULT)**  
                  that **those which ye let remain of them**  
                  **shall be** ..... *pricks in your eyes*, and  
  *thorns in your sides*, and  
                  **shall** ..... *vex you in the land* wherein ye dwell.
- Num 33:56      Moreover it shall come to pass,  
                  that ***I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.***

# *The 42<sup>nd</sup> Generation*

## *Synopsis: A Blog Series by Seth Barnes*



## What is the 42nd Generation?

### Part 1

Posted in [42nd Generation](#) by Seth Barnes on 5/18/2008



[Andrew Shearman](#) has this message he preaches called "*The 42<sup>nd</sup> Generation.*" I first heard him share it in Brownsville, Texas about 14 years ago [circa 1996]. The point of it is that **there is a [generation](#) that will come to faith and cross over the Jordan.**

Adam lost his birthright - the title to stewardship of this world. But God had a plan for getting it back. He had a second Adam. As the New Testament opens up in Matthew 1, we see it. In apparently boring detail we see there were 42 generations from Abraham to Christ. Why does God begin telling the story like this?

As Andrew explains, **the secret is that Jesus the Christ was the 42<sup>nd</sup> generation - the generation that gets the Promised Land.** And so, in our day we can align ourselves with that generation - a generation coming to faith.

Here is the first part of the talk in its essence:

Numbers in the Bible do have some significance. And the number 42 has generally been considered to represent the coming of Christ. Take a look at Mathew, chapter one. It tells the genealogy of Jesus. Verse 17 says **"Thus there were 14 generations from Abraham to David, 14 from David to the exile to Babylon, and 14 from the exile to Christ."**

**The problem is if you count up all the generations, they only add up to 41.** We know that the Bible does not lie, so what's up? Either the Holy Spirit made a mistake, or there's a mystery we need to try to understand. There are only 13 generations from the exile to Jesus. But the text says **"to the Christ."** Matthew 1:16 says, **"Mary of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ."** **The 42<sup>nd</sup> generation is between Jesus and Christ.**

Jesus came to earth, undressing all the way to enter his humanity. Jesus was the man part of God and Christ is the God-part. Yes, they are one and the same, but they are also different. **The 42<sup>nd</sup> generation** that this text is talking about not only was Christ himself, but also is us, **the body of Christ.** And to that extent, the 42nd generation will come about when Christ is formed in us as the body of Christ.

Mathew 16:13 says,

*"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi; he asked his disciples,*

*"Who do people say the Son of Man is?"*

They replied,

*"Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."*

*"But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?"*

Simon Answered,

*"You are the Christ, the son of the Living God."*

***"Who is the Son of Man?"*** Jesus asks, narrowing it down. Jesus always narrows it down, ***"What about you, Peter, rock (church)?"***

And the Church has locked itself down very often in a sinful simplistic acceptance of the wonderful Jesus as savior. It has refused to **grow up into Christ**. That's why Paul said, *"I labor until Christ is found in you."* **The whole point of the Church is to get Christ formed in us**. We must get past elementary things. We must move beyond the need for more inner healing and deliverance. If you have that need, get it and let's go. Get healed. Get over it. Let's get out of the bed. We need the bed. We have got plenty of beds, but churches are more than hospitals. You can stay in the hospital while you get healed, but you need to walk in health.

And we are going to labor, and we are going to preach it and we are going to try to live it until Christ is found in it and then we get the prize. We might just be the 42<sup>nd</sup> generation.

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# The 42nd Generation Stops En Route To Your Destiny

## Part 2

Posted in [42nd Generation](#) by Seth Barnes on 5/19/2008



In [yesterday's blog](#) I began sharing Andrew Shearman's revelation of the [42nd Generation](#). I continue below:

As we move toward our destiny, we can feel **the children of Israel**. They set out on **a 40-year journey to go to the Promised Land**. They made stops in **41 cities (recounted in Numbers 33)**. They are imaginary wilderness **cities named after how the Israelites were feeling at the time**. **The meaning of the name of each city represents an issue in the lives of the Israelites that they needed to deal with to get to the Promised Land**. And we too, en route to our destiny must move beyond our feelings en route to our destiny.

**Their 4<sup>th</sup> stop** along their journey was Marah. "*Marah*" means bitterness. They complained because the water was very bitter. It may be true that you have good reasons to be bitter, you probably do. But holding on to our

bitterness cripples our personality. We have got to let it go. If you still insist on being bitter, there is nothing anyone can do for you. God calls all of us to be ministers of salvation, givers of life. We cannot do that if we stay in our bitterness.

**The 12<sup>th</sup> stop** that the Israelites made on their journey was the city of **Kibroth Hattaavah**. The name of this city means "*grains of lust*." Lust is not just about sex. It could be a car you want. If I lust that means I want something that is not righteously mine to have. God wants us to have everything that is righteously ours. God wants us to enjoy life.

**The 20<sup>th</sup> stop** along the journey is a city with a name that means "*fear*." We have a fear of the future. The devil you know is better than the devil you don't know. We were born to fight the enemy, not fear him. We know that no weapon formed against us will prosper. We have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and a sound mind.

**The 22<sup>nd</sup> stop** along the way was a place that means "*depression*." As the children of Israel traveled through the wilderness they experienced depression. They needed to put on the garment of praise to fight the depression and so do we. God desires wants us to put on the garment of praise and shout joyfully to him.

**The 23<sup>rd</sup> stop** on their journey was *Terah*. That means "*delay*" and "*slow, rolling disappointment*." The Israelites encountered many disappointments along the way and God wanted them to get over their spirit of disappointment. We will have disappointments in our lives, but we can choose to get healed of them and move on to maturity.

**The 35<sup>th</sup> stop** along their journey was a city that meant "*distraction*." One of the rules of warfare is not to get distracted. You will be attacked! Take the blows; take the wounds and keep going!!

**Stop number 36** was *Oboth*. That mean "*familial spirit*." God wants to get us past the little horoscope type deals. He wants us to know for sure the sound of his voice.

**Stop number 38** meant "*weeping and pining*". The Israelites wept and pined about their time in Egypt. "*You brought us out here to die. We would have been better off there as slaves.*"

They finally arrived at **the 42<sup>nd</sup> stop, crossing over the Jordan and moving into destiny**. Joshua was their leader. **They were surrounded by miracles for 40 years**. God provided manna for their food, water from a rock, and day of rest every week. But their hearts were still uncircumcised.

And such were some of us. God has taken us on a long journey through hardship and complaining en route to our destiny. Looking back, we see the places where we stumbled and wanted to camp, but destiny came as we pressed on, moving beyond the temptation to wallow in our problems and moving toward our true identity and inheritance. If we will just persevere, God will lead us across the Jordan and into a land of promise.

*Continued in: [The 42nd Generation is about getting inheritance \(pt. 3\)](#)*

# The 42nd Generation Is About Getting Inheritance

## Part 3

Posted in [42nd Generation](#) by Seth Barnes on 5/20/2008

A few days ago, I shared about [what the 42nd Generation is](#). In [yesterday's blog](#) I shared more of [Andrew Shearman](#)'s revelation of the [42nd Generation](#) and what it practically means for the Jesus-follower. I continue it below:



God has stockpiled treasures for you - not the kind of material abundance that the prosperity gospel wackos would have you believe, but a great inheritance in the form of kingdom fruit. To learn more about how you get it, we study the children of Israel, who after **42 stops (41 stops?) in the desert, crossed over the Jordan.**

As described in [Numbers 33](#), the Israelites are about to go to their inheritance. They are about to run the family business. They are about to be adopted. And their leader is Joshua.

Joshua is the Jesus-type figure of the Old Testament. Joshua couldn't do it in the flesh. He had to meet the Christ. We have here what is called a christophany, a manifestation of Christ in the flesh before his incarnation. Christ appears as the Lord of Hosts.

Joshua has to have an understanding of Christ before he can get across the river. So Christ has to be formed. Joshua is on his face worshiping Christ. Joshua was asked to take his sandals off.

Ruth 4:7 says, *"Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other."* This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel. By giving the other person your shoe, you were giving up all rights to the land, legally and forever. God wants to take off your shoes and give you the land of your heart. He wants total surrender so that he can bless you with inheritance.

**There are three main feasts: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles or Harvest.**

**The Passover feast** was about salvation, deliverance, and the blood. The angel of death passed over their houses because they killed a lamb and put the blood over the door post.

**The Pentecost feast** was all about the manifested presence of God. It was about mountains shaking and God speaking. It was about the having the oil of God on his children.

**The Feast of the Tabernacle** was about the harvest that God provided year after year. It was also called an inheritance feast. The children of Israel could not celebrate this feast in the wilderness because they had no harvest. The amazing thing is that they had no need for a harvest. Day after Day, God would provide all the food they needed from the sky. There were three parts to this celebration. First, they would blow trumpets as a way of saying to

God's chosen people, "Get ready." Second, there was a day of atonement. Then, they had the Feast of Tabernacles itself.

One of the things we, as the body of Christ, need to learn to do to prepare for the inheritance is to learn how to celebrate. Celebrating has to do with being enraptured, totally head over heels in love with Jesus. It is an attitude of not caring what people around you think as you put your heart and soul into worshiping the king. God calls us to celebrate not just as individuals, but we need to celebrate corporately.

The sound in the earth of the people of the 42<sup>nd</sup> generation is people who know how to shout. It's the sound of the abundance of rain. All kingdoms are established with a shout, never a whisper. If you're a member of the 42<sup>nd</sup> generation, the one that is going to get its inheritance and come into its destiny, you're going to have learn how to shout.

This teaching on the 42<sup>nd</sup> generation is life-changing, so I hope you stick with it. [Here is part 4.](#)

*To read the first part of this series, check out: [What is the 42nd Generation?](#)*



# The 42nd Generation: Stop Your Wilderness Thinking!

## Part 4

Posted in [42nd Generation](#) by Seth Barnes on 5/25/2008

[Last week](#) I began a series on Andrew Shearman's signature teaching: [The 42nd Generation](#). It's about a generation that comes into its greatness by leaving its wilderness-thinking behind. Here's the continuation:



99% of humanity dies in the wilderness, never celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles. It's an unmitigated tragedy. You can live and breathe as a Christian and never get your inheritance. Most Christians live with wilderness, comfort zone thinking. They are saved and have the promise of heaven ahead. They have no enemy to fight and they don't face any danger. They are on a journey with **41 stops** to nowhere.

Heaven is a blessing to all Christians, but it is not the destination we should run after while on earth. How many of us live in those **41 wilderness cities**? You'll bleach your bones disinherited as long as you live in these places. We need to get to the Feast of the Tabernacles.

We need to let our past go and decide, *"I am not going to live in this nonsense any longer. I am wasting my life. I am not going to resist getting my feet wet to cross the river Jordan."* 1 Corinthians 9:26-27 says, *"Therefore do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."* We

must be validated by the Christ formed in us.

Joshua circumcised the entire nation. He gives them the mark of God. They were miracle babies because they had enjoyed all the blessings, but they had not been circumcised. They were happy living in the wilderness with daily miracles. Circumcision was a sign of the covenant of God's people that they would get the benefits of a child of God. It was usually done on the 8<sup>th</sup> day after a male baby was born.

You will not get into the Promised Land looking like an Egyptian. God wants to circumcise our hearts so that we can get healed. Through circumcising our heart, God wants to take us from a place where we are content with Jesus simply as our savior to start making us become productive for the kingdom of God.

It is interesting to note that **the day after the Israelites ate food from the land, the manna stopped.** We need to know what it means to survive in the Promised Land, with all its demands, if nobody gives us any help. We need to know how to get our own stuff, to know how to study the Bible on our own, to know how to let God teach us himself. We should not just be getting our own stuff, but have enough that we can teach others. It's a mature attitude to come to church with that and say, "I'm here to give, not to take." It is a heart that has met with God before you come to church so that you can truly worship God whether everyone else there is worshiping Him or not, whether you are alone or in a crowd, the worship comes from your heart, not from your surroundings.

God will give us our inheritance when we can self-feed, and success will not spoil us. It is then that God will trust us with a lot. If you are negotiating and blame-shifting, you are not ready to repent. We must admit and accept responsibility for our sins. We cannot blame our sins on our friends, our parents, our race, our education or anything else.

Generally speaking, most people let life pass them by while they are waiting for life to begin. What you have now *is* life. This is it! It isn't going to suddenly get good one day. You will never get there; this is it. Enjoying the journey is the "destination." If you chose not to enjoy the journey and stay focused on yourself, then you will die in the wilderness. Self-preservation, trying to promote ourselves and not God keeps us staggering around in the wilderness, never getting to the river Jordan. God is humbling us and testing us so that we are ready and can get the inheritance.

Do you believe in an ever-increasing kingdom? Is what we are going through an end or a beginning? Are we at hanging on and making it through another year? That's wilderness-thinking. It's time for us to risk coming out of obscurity. We need to get out of the wilderness survivalistic mindset where there is not too much risk and not too much pain and get to maturity and inheritance. We need to stop talking and start walking. The 42<sup>nd</sup> generation is the one that is prepared to leave the past behind and move into inheritance.

Part 5 continued [here](#).

# The 42nd Generation Will Cross Into The Promised Land

## Part 5

Posted in [42nd Generation](#) by Seth Barnes on 5/26/2008

In [yesterday's blog](#) I shared more of [Andrew Shearman](#)'s revelation of the [42nd Generation](#) and what it practically means for the Jesus-follower. I continue it below:



Many of the Israelites did not believe God and so they died in the wilderness. They preferred the comfort zone of the wilderness to the risk of growing up and getting an inheritance. The wilderness had no great stresses; they had survival on their minds, not inheritance. Churches, people, and nations need to decide to wander more or go to inheritance. The winter is over and we need to believe it.

God is calling some of us to take our inheritance seriously. To be a Christian is more than having your sins forgiven and going to heaven. To be a Christian is the greatest calling in the world. Isaiah 9 talks about the increase of his government and his peace. There will be

no end. That's our inheritance. Daniel 2:44 says, *"In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever."* It's an inheritance that God gives the 42<sup>nd</sup> generation - the generation that purposes to cross over the Jordan into the Promised Land.

In the past this hasn't happened. The world has not seen a 42<sup>nd</sup> generation. David set a high standard, but Saul made it decline. The generation of Christ, the 42<sup>nd</sup> generation, will establish his kingdom and will literally be multi-generations of Christ. This is not some kind of nebulous dream. It is going to happen.

Christ wants to form a body in this world to rule and reign in this life. The glory of the Lord will cover the earth.

The condition of the world does not mean that Christ cannot conquer it. God's days begin in night and end in day. We can go across the Jordan if we are willing to have Christ formed in us. The 42<sup>nd</sup> generation is the one that goes from Jesus, Son of Man, to Jesus Son of God, the Christ. I believe that generation is alive on the earth today. Are you a part of it?

Part 6 continued [here](#).

# The 42nd Generation Will Change The World

## Part 6

Posted in [42nd Generation](#) by Seth Barnes on 5/27/2008

Continued from [The 42nd generation will cross into the Promised Land \(pt. 5\)](#)

This is the final part of Andrew Shearman's teaching on [The 42nd Generation](#). It's about a generation that changes the world. With Andrew and a tribe that is forming, I've committed my life to rousing and serving that generation.



The condition of the world does not mean that Christ cannot conquer it. We can cross the Jordan if we have Christ formed in us. Where are the men and women who say we are here to change the world and we will enlarge our world? The valley of dry bones in Ezekiel turned into a vast army.

It's time for purity. The private character of Jesus led to his public commendation by God. At 30 years of age, suddenly his life changed. He declared, "***I am the Christ.***" The Bible says as a man thinks in his heart, so he is. He who rules his own spirit is

stronger than he who takes a city. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. We need a pure heart.

We limp because we are dealing with things that we have never dealt with before. We are talking about motives, about integrity and righteousness. My awareness of my own death gives life to my hearers. The qualification for God to use you is weakness. For example, God brought Gideon's army down to 300. God can use my strengths as long as I renounce my confidence in it.

Don't deal with my heart - deal with your own. Deut. 11, says that obedience leads to rain. Disobedience leads to no rain. Fight your enemy! Every weapon Satan uses against us is a pretend weapon. The Bible calls them pretensions. Take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ.

It's time for maturity. Which part of "grow up" don't you understand? To grow means to increase or develop. II Peter 1 calls us to put away childish things. We are called to endure, to make contributions, to be givers not takers, to be producers not consumers. You aren't going to expect somebody to do it for you. Let's grow up. You say, "I don't like the way he spoke to me." Well at least he spoke to you!

It's time to risk coming out of obscurity in the home, in the office, in your everyday affairs. Put your anointing on the line. What do they know you for at work? That is maturity.

Mathew 11:12 says, "*The kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.*" We are called to go and take dominion, go and rule the land. In their inheritance there were giants and milk and honey. They had to fight to get it. Sanctification prepares us for our inheritance.

Those of us who reach maturity are going to be warriors. The battle is the Lord's - Jesus is the commander of the army. We join him. Have you joined in him as a member of the 42<sup>nd</sup> generation? Come to faith in the Christ in you and what he is doing on the earth and you will!

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