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Colors

Gold - The King's Drinking Vessels

In the scriptures there is a strong correlation between the bible color or metal, gold, and the subject of kings and kingdoms.

The kings drinking vessels are mentioned in the following verses of scripture:

1. 1 Ki. 10:21 "And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; none were of silver: it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon."

2. 2 Chr. 9:20 "And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: none were of silver; it was not any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon."

3. Est. 1:7 "And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king."

4. Dan. 5:22 "And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; 23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:"

It would appear from above that the King's drinking vessels were used primarily for drinking wine.

It also stands to reason, that King Jesus has drinking vessels. These vessels are presented to us in the New Testament. Common sense tells us that a drinking vessel is filled with wine and then wine is drunken from the vessel. We are admonished in Eph. 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Wine is frequently associated with the Spirit in the scriptures. In this verse we are admonished to be filled with the Spirit and not with wine. Thus we see that we are to be filled with the Spirit. Further, God's believing servants are said to have rivers of living water flowing out of their belly: John 7:38 "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers

of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" Thus, the rivers of living water flowing out of the believers are spiritual waters.

An example of a vessel used of God to pour out the gospel truths is Paul: Acts 9:15 "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:"