

## Formation of Communities at Carmel and Qumran

Now we would have this one understand in this manner that there is a period which might be related to in this mind of which there is little record. This you would know as that period that would lie between those records of the Old Testament and the New, or that period between the last writings of the prophets and the time when the Master walked the earth. Now it would be assumed by some that there was little that took place in the history of the Chosen People during this time that led up to the birth of the Christ, but let it be known that there was much preparation. And there were those who were given to the development of those conditions as would usher in the Master, the Savior, the Messiah.

Now as in that day, so in this. There is a work that is going on. There is a preparation being made on this plane for that which would be ushered in that event that is the crowning even of the ages. And so there was an excitement in that day, even as in this. And the many comparisons would be made in that in this day. You find so many going here and there, leaving the orthodox teachings or the churches which have become so stagnated in their ways and set in dogmas and principles. Even so in that day had that traditional church or those modes and methods of religion and worship become without form and voice, as it were.

There were those, then, who removed themselves to the higher teachings. There were those who had in the heart realization that there is something real in communication with God and in understanding His Divine laws. These then removed themselves from those cities where there was so much pressure and condemnation of those who would not worship in the Temple or who would seek to worship in more truth than in ritual as was set in that day. There was, then, continued that monastery or that School of the Prophets at Carmel, at Qumran, even as established by that prophet of old. There were these who gathered there, then, to study those scrolls, those ancient Scriptures and those writings of the prophets, the teachers.

And there were those prophets who handed from one to another the mantle, as it came down. And there were the many who studied concerning those disciplines of astrology, of phrenology, of numerology as you would know, those disciplines that were the arithmetic of the universe, of the means of understanding that day when His star would appear in the heavens and His face would be seen in the cloud.

And so it came that some two hundred years before the birth of the Master, there were accepted into the community at Qumran women and children for the reason that these were condemned in the synagogue. And not being able to worship there and being persecuted by the high priest, by the Pharisees, those who stuck to the letter of the law even in Jerusalem, these were forced, then, up into the hills, and would live and dwell there.

This then was one of those and was given a job in the community, for there came the preparation some hundred years before the birth of Christ. The girls who would be

prepared, who would be groomed, that they might be the mother of the Messiah. And it was seen as Divine task for those of the community in that time.

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