



# AND SHE SAID YES

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An aerial photograph of a coastal scene at sunset. In the foreground, a sandy beach is populated with many people walking and playing. To the left, a row of modern, multi-story houses is visible. The ocean stretches towards the horizon, with gentle waves breaking. In the background, the iconic flat-topped Table Mountain rises majestically against a sky painted with soft orange and blue hues. A large, semi-transparent circular graphic is centered over the image, serving as a backdrop for the text.

‘RAISE YOUR EXPECTATIONS’

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HELP US TO SEE

INTRO



An aerial photograph of a coastal scene at sunset or sunrise. In the foreground, a sandy beach is populated with many people walking and playing. To the left, a residential area with modern houses and a parking lot is visible. The ocean stretches to the horizon, with gentle waves breaking. In the background, a large, flat-topped mountain (Table Mountain) dominates the skyline, with other smaller peaks visible to the right. The sky is a mix of soft orange, yellow, and blue hues. A large, semi-transparent circular graphic is centered over the image, serving as a backdrop for the main text.

# WHAT ARE YOU SEEING?

INTRO



# ‘ARRABON’



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# 1. Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus:

## 1.1 Let's read together:

**Ephesians 1:7** We have redemption in Him through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace 8 that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure that He planned in Him 10 for the administration of the days of fulfillment—to bring everything together in the Messiah, both things in heaven and things on earth in Him. 11 We have also received an inheritance in Him, predestined according to the purpose of the One who works out everything in agreement with the decision of His will, 12 so that we who had already put our hope in the Messiah might bring praise to His glory. 13 When you heard the message of truth,

the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed in Him, you were also sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. 14 He is the down payment of our inheritance, for the redemption of the possession, to the praise of His glory.

### **Prayer for Spiritual Insight**

15 This is why, since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. 18 I pray that the perception of your mind may be enlightened so you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the glorious riches of His inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power to us who believe, according to the working of His vast strength.

## 1.2 Our focus:

→ The Encouragement we find in the evidence of the earnest, in the 'arrabon'...

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**Ephesians 1:13** When you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed in Him, you were also **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit...**

**Verse 13 confirms John 7:39** By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

## 1.3 What is a down payment of our inheritance, what is the earnest or 'arrabon'?

KJV : **Ephesians 1:14** Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

### 'Earnest':

*ἀρρῶβων; arrhabōn; ar-hrab-ohn' | Of Hebrew origin [H6162]; a pledge, that is, part of the purchase money or property given in advance as security for the rest: - earnest.*

AMP : **Ephesians 1:14** The Spirit is the guarantee [the first installment, the pledge, a foretaste] of our inheritance until the redemption of God's own [purchased] possession [His believers], to the praise of His glory.

## 1.4 Practical for us to see and stir our faith:

*It is a deposit paid – **Security**: A deposit is paid to secure the full and complete transaction and the full performance of both parties... God is saying: My Holy Spirit is a deposit, a security for the full payment, the full performance and the full inheritance to come, to you as My children – **Whow!***

**The earnest is also confirmed elsewhere in Scripture:**

**2 Corinthians 1:20-22** For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

## **2 Corinthians 5:5 AMP**

Now He who has made us and prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the [Holy] Spirit as a pledge [a guarantee, a down payment on the fulfillment of His promise].

It gets even more beautiful than this...

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Jesus and His Father give us a guarantee of His promise to marry us. On the Feast of Pentecost (Acts 2), fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, God sent a "deposit," the "earnest" (the "arrabon") of the Holy Spirit—the guarantee of the full payment to come later, when we are changed into His fullness and perfection....

**The Greek word for "earnest" is arrabon.** When taken in the context of our understanding of a glorious wedding coming, it is a word packed with meaning...



Originally, "earnest-money" deposited by the purchaser and forfeited if the purchase was not completed [arrabon], was probably a Phoenician word, introduced into Greece. In general usage it came to denote "a pledge" or "earnest" of any sort; in the NT it is used only of that which is assured by God to believers; it is said of the Holy Spirit as the divine "pledge" of all their future blessedness, . . . particularly of their eternal inheritance.



Then comes this final sentence: "**In modern Greek arrabon is an 'engagement ring.'**"

## 2. Arrabon: Two things

Two things:

### 1. May the evidence remind your heart:

He is coming back.

Have faith, stand strong.

As the bride to be wears the ring, she is set apart and waits.



## 2. May the arrabon evidence be seen:



Can people see my ring? I want it to be seen!

→ **The fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.

→ **The gifts! 1 Corinthians 12:7** A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person to produce what is beneficial: 8 to one is given a message of wisdom through the Spirit, to another, a message of knowledge by the same Spirit, 9 to another, faith by the same Spirit, to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another, the performing of miracles, to another, prophecy, to another, distinguishing between spirits, to another, different kinds of languages, to another, interpretation of languages. 11 But one and the same Spirit is active in all these, distributing to each person as He wills.

→ And my Heavenly Prayer Language



### **Acts 19:6**

When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

### **1 Corinthians 14:18**

I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

I wear my ring and I keep my oil lamp filled!

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Lord Jesus, thank You –

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# LET'S PRAY AND SHE SAID YES

