

III. c. Pison: Reaching Maturity in Christ

Once we make it through Havilah, God has gold for us, **“And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and onyx stone” (Genesis 2:12)**. Onyx means *to blanch, the beryl (from its pale green color)*, beryl means *to bleach, or turn white*. **Revelation 7:14** tells us of something similar, **“These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”** Bdellium means *pearl* and comes from a word meaning *to divide, separate, distinguish, difference*.

These are the horses that stand out, “divide, separate” in a crowd. All their self-preservation as been wiped clean through Havilah, and they are experiencing the “true unity” that can be experienced with the rider. They may not be totally perfect yet. They still might have to fall back to Havilah at times. However, they know what Havilah is and they know what Pison is and they would much rather operate in Pison. These horses operate in true unity and willing communication, enjoy being ridden and we can use them to accomplish a lot in a job. They’re “broke.”

Once we have been through Havilah, we are not concerned with this world. We die to our flesh and stand out in this world. We are *different* and *separate* from this world of sin. This is when we feel as though we are in the world, but not of the world. It is then that we start to become *grown up*, and the Lord is able to have adult conversations with us. The gold that He gives us, I believe, are heavenly treasures. Since we have died to this world, He can bless us in His world.

Remember that when we are going through Havilah, He will be there. He will also give us tastes of what is in store for us when we reach Gihon. In Ezekiel He says, **“Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side” (Ezekiel 47:2 KJV)**. The waters that ran out the right side, I believe will come down to Havilah, and help us to reach Pison. This is the meat that we get from the Lord. This is what we live on while going through the tribulation in Havilah. I think we often bounce back and fourth. Once we have been through Havilah and killed off our flesh, God is able to speak to us.

However, sometimes we fall back into our old ways and we have to go back through Havilah again. I am constantly bouncing from Hiddekel (peace in the world) to Havilah (unpleasantness in the world) to Pison (in the world but not of the world, totally consumed with the love of God, having adult conversations with God). Pison is awesome, but God wants to take us further.