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The word of God clearly tells us that it is God’s purpose that we experience days of heaven on earth. Many now are entering into a supernatural walk with the Lord like never before. While a large portion of the church is basically hanging on and waiting to get to heaven when they die, there is an ever increasing number of Christians who are beginning to enter into a supernatural walk with Jesus. The number of Christians that are being supernaturally transported to different parts of the world to pray for people or encourage people often healing people is increasing daily. Many more are being taken to heaven in order to be taught by the Lord or by angels, this is all biblical. The Apostle John was one of those in the bible who was taken to heaven to be taught and given understanding of these End-Times. Enoch became so at home in the heavenly realm that God finally took him there permanently. These are days where heaven is merging with the earth. There are many who have been experiencing this for a number of years who are now beginning to come out and share these experiences. Everything in the word of God is available to us today and a great number of Christians now are beginning to walk with God like many old saints of God did. It is time to move on and go higher in the realms of God.

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On January 6th 2009 I got up early in the morning, light was breaking through the darkness but the sun was not yet up. As is my custom, I brewed a cup of tea and settled in my study to pray. The morning was warm with the tropical temperatures of Queensland Australia, where I live. I closed my eyes to pray and without warning I was somewhere else. I found myself walking with the Lord down a long road. The Lord never spoke, we just walked. After a while I began to tire, slowing my pace somewhat. The Lord looked at me and as He did, it became much lighter and I felt strength flowing into me. We continued to walk and again it became darker. Suddenly a great fortress-like structure loomed out of the darkness and with this came a great sense of foreboding, which threatened to overpower me. I wanted to turn back, but to my dismay, the road behind me had disappeared. I have never been a person to panic, but this situation was different. I could feel a living, menacing darkness and evil all around me. I instinctively stepped closer to the Lord and as I did, I became aware of a very powerful angel. I had encountered this angel before on another occasion and knew that he was supremely confident in his ability as a high-ranking warfare angel. I immediately began to feel more secure. The thought then went through my mind, why did I not feel this with the Lord, He is far more powerful than this angel? Knowing my thoughts the Lord turned to me and smilingly said, “This angel has that affect on people. It is part of his job profile.” I looked at the towering walls of the fortress that appeared totally impregnable. Turning to the Lord I said, “What is this place?” Turning to me He said, “It is a fortress of darkness where Satan keeps some of his prize captives.” I pondered this for a while, trying to comprehend the meaning of the Lord’s statement, and why He had brought me to this place when He continued. “There are Kings of the earth and one Queen here to whom I gave great authority in order for them to rule in righteousness, but Satan seduced them into using their authority for selfish gain and personal prestige and now they are his prisoners.” With that the Lord said “Come,” and we walked right through the walls.

The interior of this fortress was very large with many corridors and ante-rooms. The Lord continued, “I gave them their authority and power but they surrendered it to Satan and now he has usurped the authority I gave these Kings and this Queen. Now you are to retrieve the power and authority I gave them, that’s why I have brought you here. Their power and authority was given to them as human beings...
and can only be retrieved by a human.” At that point I thought, “Why me? I live a quiet life high in the mountains of Qld, how did I get into this, there has to be some spiritual Indiana Jones who could do this.” As my vision became clearer I could see that these four Kings and a Queen were imprisoned in a cell, three of them still had crowns on their heads but looked totally dishevelled, more like a street person than royalty. The sense of hopelessness was overpowering and began to erode any confidence I had left. I could hear moans and other noises which I tried to shut out but could not, I just wanted to get out of this place.

After a while a resolve came over me to get this done as quickly as possible, I refused to think about the possibility of not making it out of here, although the thought haunted me in the background of my mind. The scene changed suddenly and we were now in another very large room which was set up with many display cabinets. Demons were everywhere in this place, watching us but keeping their distance. On the walls were what looked like giant slugs which emanated an awful smell. There were some glass displays where the glass had been broken and the display was empty, this was one of Satan’s trophy rooms and quite a few of his trophies were missing. It was then I noticed another glass display cabinet which contained an ornate chest, which appeared to be made of gold, with silver trimmings and a dark red sash draped over it. I opened the cabinet, removed the chest and lifted the lid. As I did so, out of it flowed the most beautiful colours I had ever seen, there were seven colours in all which merged into one beautiful brilliant cloud-like glory substance. The colours kept separating and merging as they seemed to dance above the chest, this had a kind of mesmerising affect on me which was broken by the Lord’s voice. “Close the lid, take the chest and follow me.” With that the colours merged and just flowed back into the chest. I picked up the chest, closed the lid and started to follow the Lord as we walked past the cell where the four kings and the Queen were, who were screaming at me. I also could hear the voices of many demons pursuing us with great anger and fury, but I became totally focused on getting out of this fortress. The outer wall of the fortress came into view and I began to run at the walls hoping that I could run right through them, which was the case. As soon as I passed through the walls I was in another place.

We were now in a part of heaven that looked like a glorious trophy room, filled with what appeared to be transparent cases made of light resting on intricately carved golden bases. The chest I had was taken by an angel and placed in a display cabinet. There seemed to be hundreds of things on display, many of which I cannot now remember. However, I do remember seeing some displays with years written on ornate-like paper. On one I saw were written the years 1977 – 2010. I immediately understood that this meant that what was lost in those years would be redeemed and multiplied from 2010 on. I also had understanding that within the chest that emanated the seven colours of the rainbow, which were the seven spirits of the Lord, were also crowns and other things representing authority. I understood that these items representing authority would become available and bestowed upon those, in this final hour, who were persuading God with all their heart. This King and Queenly authority is now becoming available for this End-Time generation: the present generation, foreordained by God. You are absolutely meant to be alive in this hour!

Just as suddenly as this had begun, it ended, and I was sitting in my office looking out across a valley to the mountains on the other side. My tea was now cold and the sun was heralding a new day. This was not a dream, I had not fallen asleep, the Lord had taken my spirit to another realm, a realm far more real than this physical realm. I believe these four Kings and the Queen were real people who had lived on this earth. So what is to be derived from this experience?

In the days that followed this experience the Lord began to give me some understanding, at least in part, concerning this experience. God is about to release a level of authority to the church that will astonish the world. This authority is given to enable us to establish in this earth the rule of Jesus; it is to bring His kingdom to earth in a way that reflects His kingdom in heaven, and the sceptre or focal point of His throne is that of righteousness.

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Psalm 45:6
But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.  
Hebrews 1:8

Ever since Adam gave over the rule of this earth to Satan, evil has increased across this planet, unrighteousness prevails and darkness is the result. The prophet Isaiah spoke of these days when he said there will come a time when gross darkness will cover this world. But Isaiah also said at that time the glory of the Lord shall arise and be seen upon many of God’s people. God is about to bring forth a people who will make things right in this world ushering in a thousand years of righteousness. Satan has stolen from the church much of what God had given to His people, starting with Adam.

God gave Adam great authority to rule this earth; he was made king of this planet. His training and proving ground was a garden. If Adam had proved to God that he could be trusted with authority to rule this earth, his dominion would have been over the entire planet. Adam handed over the authority he had to Lucifer, giving Lucifer what God had intended for His own people. These thefts of God-given anointings, mantles and giftings have been stolen through sin, disobedience and by many just laying down what God had entrusted them with. When this happens the enemy takes them captive and can use these for his satanic purposes. I saw many things that Satan had in his trophy cabinets in hell. I saw an area where there was a level of worship that Satan had stolen, which he was using to worship himself. The level of devotion and worship that Satan had stolen was of a very high standard and was being used by his followers for satanic worship. In these days much is being restored back to God’s people that have been lost and one of these is true authority. Adam gave away his authority to Satan, but God is about to raise up a people who can be entrusted with the authority Adam had, in order to bring heaven back to this earth. They will have the Authority of God in their mouth and what they say speak or decree will be established as reality.

What you say has consequences
The ability to communicate by using words is fundamental to all human beings. The planet on which we live is saturated with words as more than seven billion people daily fill the atmosphere with them. The airwaves are filled with words transmitted from television and radio stations, we are literally bombarded constantly with words that have power that release energy, of which we have very little understanding. As we approach the end of the age, God plans to release governmental authority to those who are able to handle it. This authority exercised in partnership with the Lord will be so awesome that it will become one of the greatest wonders of the age. Literally what Jesus said in Matthew chapter 21 will become a hallmark of those who have learned the power of their words, and have become disciplined in their use. “You will have what you say” will be manifest in its fullest degree.

Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.  
Matthew 21:21-22

The wisest man that ever lived apart from Jesus, King Solomon, said this.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.  
Proverbs 18:21

This was not an idle statement; it exposed the awesome power of words. Whatever we say releases life or death. There is no middle ground here; it is one or the other, life or death. Jesus made it clear that we all will be accountable for the words we speak.

A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.  
Matthew 12:35-37

The word idle here is from the Greek word “argos” which has the meaning of a thoughtless word, or without thought. Our words are creative, they create life or death
and because of this reality we will have to give an account for that which we have created. We know that sound is a vibration. If you place your hand over a bass speaker when music is being played you can feel the vibration. We now know that atoms vibrate right down to their lowest components, and atoms are the building blocks of our physical world. Our words are creative, and God said this.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

God said when He speaks, His words will return having accomplished something. We also know that we are made in the image and likeness of God, we are of the same species as God, that is why God calls us His sons. Because we were fashioned in God’s image and likeness we have creative powers, the power to create life or death which manifests itself in our physical world. We have God-like qualities, which we have inherited from our Father God, namely the scary ability to create with words. This ability is one of the most fundamental realities of life.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalms 19:14

One of the most profound statements in the Bible regarding words is found in Hebrews chapter one and verse three.

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power ...

Hebrews 1:3

Theses words are more than just ink on paper; they are the words of God! They emphatically state that everything we can see around us is held together by the “Words of God” Everything in the physical world and everything in the unseen spiritual realm continue to exist because of the words of Jesus.

The Apostle James also made an insightful statement that powerfully illustrates the power of words;

He said that our lives, destiny, and final destination is governed by our words

Behold, we put bits in the horses’ mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things! Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

James 3:3-6

James here likens our tongue to that of a ship’s rudder or a bit in a horse’s mouth. It directs our whole life. He further went on to say something that is astounding, that if we control our mouth we have reached a level in God that he described as being perfect.

For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

James 3:2

The words: able to bridle our whole body is also astounding. The Greek word for bridle is chalinos, meaning; to curb restrain hold in check. Our physical body responds to the words that we speak. Remember Jesus said you shall have what you say. As our authority levels increase the consequences of what we say will also increase. I am not talking about new age positive thinking, I’m talking about a God given ability to create with words. As we learn to co-create with the Lord we will begin to see astounding things happen culminating in this planet being returned to a paradise again.

This reality of having what you say materialise is remarkable, it cuts through the maze of theology we often get entangled with and gets right to the heart of the matter. Jesus used very simple words to describe and define complex issues, at least issues that seem complex to us. Yet the words He spoke have the ability to penetrate deeply into the hearts of men. Why was this? Well He Himself said this: the words I speak are spirit and life. Jesus was saying that there was another element added to His words, that of Spirit which imparted life.
When a person is born again and baptised in the Holy Spirit another dimension is added to the words we speak, which makes our words even more potent. This is a frightening thought. The Apostle James was speaking to spirit filled Christians when he said, “Why is it that both sweet and bitter water comes out of your mouth, blessings and curses. James was not addressing these words to the unsaved, but to Christians.

Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? James 3:9-11

We see the importance of the words that we speak; they go out and begin to create according to the intent of those words, they continue on to influence our lives and that of others. Your world to a large degree is shaped by the words that you speak.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: .... Words have the power to form your personal world; we constantly create because that’s who we are: creators made in the image and likeness of God. Proverbs 23:7

God is now releasing greater levels of Authority, Wisdom and Understanding

We are called to restore what Adam lost and move into the authority and wisdom that he was given.

We are called co create with God and bring heaven down to this earth. Jesus clearly told us to pray for this to happen.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:9-10

Adam’s role was to bring the ways, culture, and reality of heaven to this first planet called Earth. He gave that away to the devil. Now we in this last generation must complete what Adam failed to do, which is to bring the reality of heaven to this earth displacing the Devil and his angels and ushering in the Millennium reign of Jesus on this earth.
In these days of deep deception, we must have true discernment to distinguish good from evil.

Now it’s time for the good news. God desires to direct His people in a clear pathway. This marvelous promise is given to us in Nehemiah.

“Moreover, by a pillar of cloud You led them by day, and by a pillar of fire by night to light the way they should go” (AMP).

Nehemiah 9:12

There is more good news! If our lives are thoroughly yielded to Christ the King—in a sanctified spirit, soul, and body—we can expect ever-increasing light (see Isa. 60:2).

The way to access this Divine Light and then maintain His great peace is to prayerfully study the Holy Bible. Consider this promise in Psalm.

“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them” (KJV).

Psalm 119:165

In these days of deep deception, we must have true discernment to distinguish good from evil and evil from good. This discernment is given to us freely and generously by God’s Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

“Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Psalm 119:104-105

This truth is amplified again in Psalm.

“The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple” (AMP).

Psalm 119:130

Open your heart to let God’s light permeate the darkest regions of your mind, will, and emotions—to sanctify them and wash them by His Word and Spirit, bringing your entire spirit, soul, and body into alignment with Christ Himself (see Eph. 1:17-18). His will is to be your will. His emotions should be your emotions. His thoughts should be your thoughts. Only as our souls are sanctified—through repentance—and thus come into agreement with the Word of God will we discover the direction we seek.

God is preparing overcomers—confident, bold, brave, and mature children of God who fully manifest His love and will on the earth. Let your thirsty soul drink deep from these powerful prophetic promises that are revealed in Psalm 18.
For You will light my lamp; The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop. By my God I can leap over a wall. As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. For who is God, except the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places. He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great. You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip.

Psalm 18:28-36

Stand Strong on a Firm Foundation in a Shaky World

Give close attention to the last phrase of Psalm 18:36:

“You enlarged my path under me, so my feet did not slip.”

Psalm 18:36

This promise is to those who are walking in God’s light, those who are covered by God’s powerful shield of protection. God promises to give us a firm foundation in shaky times, and He also promises make our feet like those of a mountain deer, able to not only stand on this firm foundation, but scale the highest heights of the Spirit—above the chaos of this world. Christ warns us that if we build our lives on shifting sands, instead of the solid rock of God’s Word, we can expect devastation (see Matt.7:24-29).

The Spirit of God has set before us guidelines for releasing Divine Wisdom to us in order to help us navigate safely during these dark, dangerous days. What is the pathway to true Divine Wisdom? It’s not a process or a pattern or a methodology—but a Person, Christ Jesus (see John 8:12). The light and wisdom we seek are not to be found in human programs or our own psyche and good intentions, but rather in the person of Christ Jesus. Consider Psalm 36.

“For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light” (AMP).

Psalm 36:9

Meditate on Psalm 18:28-31:

For You cause my lamp to be lighted and to shine; the Lord my God illumines my darkness. For by You I can run through a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. As for God, His way is perfect! The word of the Lord is tested and tried; He is a shield to all those who take refuge and put their trust in Him. For who is God except the Lord? Or who is the Rock save our God (AMP).

Psalm 18:28-31

The first step out of darkness and despair is simply asking for God’s grace and guidance. Sincerely seek His direction and His will above your own. We must desire to walk in God’s light (see 1 John 1:5). Asking is key; we have not because we ask not. If we ask, we shall receive. As we seek, we shall find; it is as sure as the sun rising in the morning (see Luke 11:9). God is faithful to His Word. He is generous beyond what anyone can imagine, and our generous, loving, and kindhearted Father longs to release superb wisdom to each of His children.

You are not the exception! Believe what the Scripture says in James 1:5:

If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him (AMP).

James 1:5

The Spirit of God said to me, “I have good news for you to share with God’s people!” I was so encouraged by His words. God then declared: “I am preparing to answer Paul’s prayer recorded in Colossians!”

Study this outstanding prayer in Colossians 1:6-12:

Which has come to you. Indeed, in the whole world [that Gospel] is bearing fruit and still is growing [by its own inherent power], even as it has done among yourselves ever since the day you first heard and came to know and understand the grace of God in truth. [You came to know the grace or undeserved favor of God in reality, deeply and clearly and thoroughly, becoming accurately and
intimately acquainted with it.)

You so learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ in our stead and as our representative and [yours. Also he has informed us of your love in the [Holy] Spirit.

For this reason we also, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased to pray and make [special] request for you, [asking] that you may be filled with the full [deep and clear] knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God] and in understanding and discernment of spiritual things—That you may walk (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of God [with fuller, deeper, and clearer insight, [acquaintance, and recognition].

[We pray] that you may be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) with joy,

Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified and made us fit to share the [portion which is the inheritance of the saints (God’s holy people) in the Light (AMP).

Colossians 1:6-12

Join Paul in his prayer, asking to be invigorated and strengthened with all power so that you may bear fruit in every good work and steadily grow and increase in fuller, deeper, and clearer insights into the ways and works of God!

It is imperative that we all take a strong stand. We must make up our minds to not continue to stumble about in the confusion that seems to gridlock this culture. Rather, we must walk with God-given goals and aims and His divine purpose. We’re not to be vague, thoughtless, and distracted during these end-time days. We can and must discover great guidance and guidelines for living day by day, possessing the wisdom that God is offering to us.

Paul, in Ephesians 5:15-17, offers the church a most severe warning:

Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people). Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil. Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is (AMP).

Ephesians 5:15-17

God’s promises of continual guidance and provision are sure. In Nehemiah 9:20, He says,

“You also gave Your good spirit to instruct them, and withheld not Your manna from them, and gave water for their thirst” (AMP).

Nehemiah 9:20

God will direct you as you yield and follow. Don’t attempt to lean on your own human understanding. This is simply not good enough. Determine in your heart to cast off every weight and pull down every high thing, every thought and imagination that exalts itself against the knowledge of God (see 2 Cor. 10:5), and choose to fully follow the ways of God.

In Psalm 32:8, the Lord again makes this promise of guidance:

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go: I will guide you with My eye.”

Psalm 32:8

The Holy Spirit, the revealer of genuine truth, the upright guide, will give clear direction as we seek Him and wait upon His guidance. Consider John 16:13:

But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future] (AMP).

John 16:13

The last phrase is extremely significant for today: “... and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will
happen in the future]."

The entire world seems to be seeking this revelation, asking, What does the future hold? As followers of Christ the King, we have the answers! However, we must hear the warning from Jesus in Luke 21:34:

But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose…

Luke 21:34

We must position ourselves in the place of purity and humility so that the Lord may entrust us with this impartation of Divine Wisdom—the wisdom from above. Ask God to release a greater wisdom, as we are instructed to do in James 1:5. Ask the Holy Spirit of God to awaken your heart and life to respond to these critical times. It is truly the time to awaken to the reality of the Kingdom. It is time to heed this warning of Romans 13:11-14. The night is far gone and the day is almost here!

Besides this you know what [a critical] hour this is, how it is high time now for you to wake up out of your sleep (rouse to reality).

For salvation (final deliverance) is nearer to us now than when we first believed (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Christ, the Messiah). The night is far gone and the day is almost here. Let us then drop (flying away) the works and deeds of darkness and put on the [full] armor of light. Let us live and conduct ourselves honorably and becomingly as in the [open light of day, not in reveling (carousing) and drunkenness, not in immorality and debauchery (sensuality and licentiousness), not in quarreling and jealousy.

But clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and make no provision for [indulging] the flesh [put a stop to thinking about the evil cravings of your physical nature] to [gratify its] desires (lusts) (AMP).

Romans 13:11-14

We must clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and make absolutely no provision for the flesh! Let us sanctify our hearts this day before the Lord and look up, for our redemption draws nigh!
It was still dark outside on Sunday morning, February 5, 2012, when I arrived at the church office to spend time in prayer and to meditate on the Scriptures that I was planning to teach later that day. As I was about to put a key into my office door, my cell phone rang. I was surprised to see that it was a prophet friend calling me from the other side of the country. He just had a visitation from an angel. This was not unusual for him. He told me that the angel said “This morning Joe Sweet will be speaking about the glory of God within. The Lord says to tell him to tell the people that My glory IS within men.”

He went on to tell me that when the angel told him this, he had thought to himself “I know that. Joe knows that. I wonder why the angel is giving me this message.” Then he thought again “No, we don’t really know it. We may know it in our heads but we don’t really know it or God wouldn’t have sent the angel. We need to know this.”

The amazing thing is that my message that morning was about the glory of God inside the believer! I was planning to teach on the transfiguration of Jesus when he was on the mountain and how the glory of God shone through Him like the sun. My message was that the SAME glory can and should arise within the believer, if we know how to cooperate with God’s will. We are going to see, in our day, the appearance of the “shining ones” who are walking in the manifested glory of God. Jesus did. Peter and Paul did. We are about to see many throughout the earth manifest His glory like we have never seen before. The angel was sent to confirm this message.

“Christ in you, the hope of glory”
Colossians 1:27

Following is a summary of the message that was confirmed by the angel that day.

When Jesus was transfigured on the mountain; when the glory of God shone through Him, He was showing Peter, James and John the potential of the believer who walks with God. Yes, there will be end-time saints who literally walk in a visible, shining glory as they manifest the love and power of Jesus Christ in the earth.

“Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.”
Isaiah 60:1-2

Notice that the glory of God does not fall from heaven upon the saints, it rises (from within) upon them.

The transfiguration of Jesus

“And He (Jesus) said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.

And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves.

Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead.”

Mark 9:1-9

I used to read Mark 9:1 and think that the phrase “till they see the kingdom of God present with power” was referring only to the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus. However Jesus was referring to apostles seeing the Kingdom of God manifest through Him in glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. We know this from 2 Peter 1:16-18. Peter writes:

“For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1:16-18

When the glory of God filled and shone through the Lord Jesus Christ on the holy mountain, Peter was seeing “the kingdom of God present with power” as Jesus had predicted in Mark 9:1

When Peter writes, in 2Peter 1:16,

“we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”, the Greek word, parousia, that is translated “coming” is also translated as “presence”. On “the holy mountain” as Peter refers to it, the three apostles saw the “kingdom of God present with power”.

2 Peter 1:16

We remember when the Pharisees asked Jesus about the kingdom of God appearing. They were expecting an external appearance of the government of God to come and affect their society, perhaps overthrowing the Roman occupation. The Lord Jesus corrected them, saying,

“The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed the kingdom of God is within you.”

Luke 17:20-21

The glory of God will arise from “the kingdom of God within” and overshadow the believer who walks with God. Again, on the mount of transfiguration, the Lord was showing His disciples what they were called to walk in. Peter certainly walked in this manifested, shining glory. There was so much of God’s presence radiating from him that if someone got within shadow distance of him they were healed. There was not healing power in his shadow. There was a “glory zone” radiating from Peter. When someone got within that “zone” they were healed.

“So that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.”
Acts 5:15-16

Is this only for Peter, James and John? No! Scripture tells us otherwise.

“But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Thes. 2:13-14

“He who says he abides in Him (Jesus) ought himself also to walk just as He walked.”

1 John 2:6

We are also called to walk like Jesus and Peter walked. How do we get from where we presently are to the place that Peter walked? Peter gives us step-by-step instructions in his second epistle.

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

2 Peter 1:1-4

These are the steps we are to take to enter into His Kingdom (glory realm) with power and glory:

1) be diligent
2) have faith
3) add virtue – doing what is right as unto the Lord
4) add knowledge – be immersed in and illuminated by Scripture
5) exercise self-control, a fruit of the Spirit
6) persevere
7) add godliness
8) grow in brotherly kindness
9) increase and abound in love.

(1 Thes. 3:12-13) Love is the goal
(1 Timothy 1:5)

“Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 1:10-11

The “everlasting kingdom” that Peter is referring to is not heaven. Rather it is the realm of “righteousness, peace and joy” that we can live in. A person does not have to have diligence, virtue, godliness, and perseverance to make it into heaven. The thief on the cross did not have all of that, and he went to heaven. The kingdom Peter is referring to is what he saw manifesting through Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration “the kingdom present with power”. Jesus said this “kingdom is within you”. If we grow in virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness and brotherly kindness until we come to LOVE, then we will be given an abundant entrance into the “kingdom present with power” realm. Love is the key! Love is the main thing. Love is the goal.

“God is love. He who abides in love abides in God and God in him.”

1 John 4:16

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and
in Him is no darkness at all.  

1 John 1:5

The more that we walk in love, the more the LIGHT of God fills us and radiates from us.

Peter, referring to the Mount of Transfiguration experience, goes on to say,

“For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (on the Mount of Transfiguration), but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.”

2 Peter 1:16-19

Yes, when Peter was saying we would be given an “abundant entrance into the kingdom” he was saying that the “kingdom with power” that Jesus manifested on the Mount of Transfiguration will be our experience. Peter continues in verse 19.

“And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts”

2 Peter 1:19

What prophetic word is Peter referring to? He is referring to 2 Peter 1:1-11. That is the prophetic word, which we do well to heed (pay attention to; act on; hold onto) UNTIL the Day dawns and the Morning Star (Jesus Himself) RISES IN YOUR HEART. The Morning Star rising in our hearts is transfiguration. These are the shining ones of Isaiah 60:1-2.

It is love! God is love. God is light. As we grow in virtue, knowledge, self-control, etc., until we come to LOVE, the kingdom will begin to shine out of us in glory.

Mark 9:2 says that it was “after six days” that Jesus took Peter, James and John up on the Mount of Transfiguration. 2 Peter 3:8 reminds us that “with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” From creation to the time of Jesus on earth spanned about 4,000 years. From the time of Jesus until now has been over 2,000 years. We are NOW in the time of “after six days”.

In the last days, when gross darkness covers the earth, a visible glory will be seen on some of God’s people. Each of us chooses how close we want to walk with the Lord. If we are hungry and pursue Him, He will give us the grace to do it. In the last days there will be many who rise and shine with His glory.

Remember, when Peter was instructing us how we are “called to glory and virtue” and how to pursue an “abundant entrance into the kingdom”, he said that we become partakers of the Divine Nature through the “exceedingly great and precious promises”. Following are a few of these promises.

“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Hebrews 13:20-21

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.”

Jude 24-25

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.”

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, 13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.”

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has
also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.”

Philippians 3:12-15
While on a recent trip to India I was in the Spirit, and I heard two things from the Lord about this season. The first thing was IT’S GOING TO WORK. I said, “What do you mean, Lord?” He said, “It’s going to work.” I said, “What’s going to work?” He said, “Everything is going to work.” I said, “How do I know it’s going to work? Lord, you’ve got to show me. How do I know it’s going to work?” He said, “Because Romans 8:28 says, “I’m working all things together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

I said, “Lord, how else am I going to know?” He said, “Because Philippians 2:13 says, “It is God who is working in you both to will and to do his good pleasure.” Philippians 2:13

When God starts working, you can’t stop what God’s doing in somebody’s life.

“Because the good work I started in you I’m going to finish” Philippians 1:6

IT’S GOING TO WORK! Your marriage is going to work. Your ministry is going to work. Your body is going to work. Your money is going to work. Your kid is going to work. IT’S GOING TO WORK. You are going to look at your circumstances and say, “It is going to work!”

The second thing is this. I was meditating and I had a spiritual encounter and in the Spirit I saw a clock as clear as I’ve ever seen anything. I heard three sentences: NOW IS THE TIME. THE TIME IS NOW. THE FULLNESS OF TIME HAS COME. “God said, “In the time of my favor I heard you and in the day of my salvation I helped you. I will tell you NOW IS THE TIME of God’s favor and NOW is the day of my salvation”” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

God is saying NOW IS THE TIME of God’s favor. Now is the day of salvation. Now is the season. This is that kairos moment that God has brought us to. The past decade has been a very challenging time for most everyone that I know. However, it has only been preparation for the fullness of time that has come in this season as we crossed over at Passover, in preparation for Pentecost.

It is important to understand chronos and kairos time. “Chronos” is chronological time, and is known as Father Time. The statue depicting him is of a grizzled old man with a beard and...
a hook in his hand portraying his control over life and death, seemingly implying that he is in charge while we are just going through life with no control over our circumstances and that life is taking us somewhere we have no choice in. But the kairos statue, with wings on his feet, wings on his back, and scales in his hand, looks as though he is poised for a divine opportunity that is coming.

I believe in this kairos time there is a moment that we, too, are poised for divine opportunity. My whole life has been built in moments. I was a drug addict but in a moment God touched my life and set me free. I was without God, and in a moment I was filled with the Holy Spirit. I had strongholds and bondages in my life but in a moment I was delivered. I battled sickness but in a moment I was healed. God stepped into chronos time in a kairos moment and moved me forward. Now, we are in a kairos time and it is important to embrace this opportunity. This Passover was not just another Passover as it was a kairos time. You do not want to miss this moment, this fullness of time between now and Pentecost.

The best way for me to describe the Fullness of Time is in Revelation 5:8 and 8:3-5. We do not know how many but I think it very likely that each of us has our own bowl in heaven. I do not know if it is literal or symbolic. It does not matter. The principle is still the same. God has something in which He stores our prayers for use at the proper time:

“And when He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense which are the prayers of the saints”.

Revelation 5:8

“And another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne”.

Revelation 8:3-5

And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel’s hand. And the angel took the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.”

According to these verses, either when He knows it is the right time to do something or when enough prayer has accumulated to get the job done, He releases power. He takes the bowl and mixes our faith with fire from the altar. Our prayers fill up our bowls and suddenly there comes a tipping point where our faith, our prayers, our preparation, our seeds, and all the obstacles we have made it through, all the pain we have endured, all the trials that we have triumphed over, all of those things begin working together for good, for those who love God. Our prayers are being held in this golden bowl and when the fullness of time comes the prayers of the saints reach its fulfillment at exactly God’s time and then suddenly something happens.

This year a super bloom was predicted to occur in Death Valley. The park ranger said, “There are so many seeds out there just waiting to sprout, just waiting to grow. I had no idea that there was that much out there. These areas that are normally just rock, soil, really just barren, not even shrubs – they are filled with life.” Here is what it takes to create the environment for a super bloom: it is the result of perfect weather conditions with intense heat, moderate precipitation, and an absence of wind. That sounds just like my last ten years. There has been intense heat, just a little bit of rain, and almost no wind. That may be describing your life as well but I want to encourage you, God did not allow those conditions to keep you stuck. God allowed those exact conditions to prepare you for the greatest harvest in your life.

Ships that used to carry cargo would be gone for months at a time. Upon the return voyage, ships would arrive at the harbor and the crew could see their homes. Yet, they could not enter the harbor until the tide rose to carry them in. So, they waited for the tide. As the tide was coming, they would shout the word “opportun.” They knew that meant the tide was coming, so one hundred men would work quickly to set the sails, tie the ropes, get the mast up and get ready for the tide to come in, so they would make it to safe harbor.

Can you imagine seeing the promise, seeing your loved ones, seeing where you are supposed to go, but you cannot get there?
I have often found myself in a spiritual place that I can see what God has told me, I see the promises, I see what God is preparing for me, but I cannot get there on my own, and neither can you. However, there is a kairos moment, when the tide of the Holy Spirit is about to rise, and when you are prepared, will take you all the way to your destiny and promise.

We say, “My ship is coming in,” like we are wishing, but for ancient mariners it was different. The phrase, “my ship is coming in,” originated from the wives who sent their husbands and sons out to sea. During their absence they would often have to borrow money to exist, and when asked when they were going to pay, they would answer, “When my ship comes in.” It was not a wish, they were invested. They knew that their ship would come in, and when it did everything they owed would be paid. You may have been facing challenges for the past decade or perhaps even longer, but scripture reminds us,

“Cast your bread upon the water and you will find it after many days”.  
*Ecclesiastes 11:1*

**Your Ship Is Coming In**

For those who have been, by faith, planting seeds year after year, but you have not received your harvest, remember the super bloom. On April 14, 2017, the super bloom happened in Death Valley! We have had several “super bloom testimonies” recently. This one really resonated with me. A young man in our church gave his entire savings as a first fruits offering. He came to me after a few weeks and asked about this first fruits deal. He said he gave his entire savings and had not gotten a dollar back. I told him to talk to God about it. He said God asked him, “Why do you have a savings?” He said, “For emergencies.” God said, “Did you have any emergencies this year? Did one of your children get sick? Did any of you go to the hospital? Did any car break? Did any appliance stop working? You didn’t need it one time. I gave you something better than money; I gave you trust.”

It is easy to trust when you have money in the bank. But when you do not have money in the bank, you have to trust God – that is a harvest. You may have walked this path for ten years with seed but no harvest, but now is the time. You have continued in well doing, and now this is your due season and you are going to reap.

I have noticed there have been unusual, against all odds, moments across professional sports, political and religious realms that we can all learn from. God is not only speaking through preachers and prophets, He is also speaking through secular events to tell us to wake up because He is getting ready to do something right now. Here are a few examples: Against all odds on November 2, 2016, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series after 108 years, 8-7 in game 7 coming back from a 3-1 deficit. June 19, 2016 the Cleveland Cavaliers won the NBA championship in game 7 against all odds. The Cavs came back from a 3-1 deficit to defeat the Golden State Warriors, which had never been done in the history of the NBA. You may call that a fluke, but on February 5, 2017, the New England Patriots won the Super Bowl, beating the Atlanta Falcons in overtime. No team has ever come back from a 21 point deficit, but against all odds the Patriots did. Beyond that, there has never been an overtime game in the history of the Super Bowl. Sergio Garcia in a recent golf tournament in Augusta, Georgia won the Masters and the headline read, “Sergio Garcia’s Major Breakthrough... Garcia’s Drought in Majors - Second Longest Among Active Players - Ends at Last.” One headline read, “Finally!! Breakthrough Has Come!!” Nobody predicted that the British would vote themselves out of the EU, but against all odds on June 24, 2017, they voted to leave the European Union. There was not a single straw poll that predicted Trump would win. The day of the election, he was down in the polls as much as 12 points. But against all odds, Trump won the Presidency of the United States.

Now is not the time to be a halfway Christian, not in this moment. It may have been okay ten years ago to be part time, but in this season it is high time to wake out of our sleep and slumber, cast off our darkness, and put on the armor of light. We are entering a season of glory manifestations that we have only dreamed, thought, heard and believed in. I believe THE TIME IS NOW.

“Do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now
our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts”.

Romans 13:11-14

It is time to, “Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you and His glory will be seen upon you.”

Isaiah 60:1-2

Forget about what’s happened, do not keep going over old history. People often say to me, “You don’t know my old history.” I say, “Yes I do, because you won’t stop talking about it!” Let’s start talking about where we are going, not where we have been. Aren’t you tired of the old story? “Unrelenting disappointment leaves you heartsick, but a sudden good break can turn life around” Proverbs 13:12 (MSG). NOW IS THE TIME! THE TIME IS NOW! THE FULLNESS OF TIME HAS COME! Get ready for turnaround. It is going to turn to you as a testimony. He is going to turn your mourning into dancing.

“When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing”

Psalm 126: 1-2

“Be alert, be present. I am about to do something brand-new. It is bursting out! Don’t you see it? There it is! I’m making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands” (Isaiah 43 MSG). God is not doing the next thing. God is doing a new thing. The next thing had something to do with your past. But everybody qualifies for a new thing! Forgetting those things that are behind, reaching forward to those things that are ahead. Now is the Time. The Time is Now. The Fullness of Time Has Come. And this is your season.
On 10 December 2016, as I was waiting on God I saw in a vision the number 70. The Lord Jesus then told me, “Look out for this number 70. The coming, New Year 2017, will be The Year of the 70.”

I pondered much about this vision and was bemused about the significant of the number 70. The Holy Spirit then graciously spoke saying: “It signifies—A Year of Turning Around.”

I further pondered: What does turning around meant? Again the blessed Holy Spirit kindly explained in this manner: When an airplane is about to depart, it will move out the gate where it is parked at the terminal. The plane then moves slowly towards the runway. When it reaches the runway, it will turn around on the runway and position itself on the runway to take off.

That’s what this year of “turning around” is. Things and events will turn around and wait to take off.

THE 70 SIGN
What is the spiritual significance of the number 70? It signifies the following:
A cut-off period

The days of our lives are seventy years;
And if by reason of strength they are eighty years. Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Psalms 90:10

This Scripture tells us the lifespan of a person is limited to 70 to 80 years. In ancient Biblical history we read man lived for more than 900 years. However, during the time of Noah man’s life-span has been reduced to 120 (Gen 6:3).

Then a few thousand years later, life-span has been further significantly reduced—cut-off, we read from Psalms 90:10, to 70-80 years. So, this means that something that has been happening in the past, God is now cutting it off. That period of time that has taken place in the past will be no more.
70 Palm Trees

Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.

Exodus 15:27

In Biblical typology, a palm tree signifies righteousness. It also signifies uprightness (Jer 10:5). Okay, hold that thought. Furthermore, the Bible tells us that God selected 70 elders of Israel to come and see Him on Mount Sinai (Ex 24:1,9). These 70 elders were also filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied (Num 11:16-25).

Putting these two together, this signifies that there is going to arise a new breed of ministers—church leaders who will be righteous and upright. These leaders will be filled with the last days anointing and will prophesy (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:27).

A new breed of ministers will rise up who will not lean to the right or to the left. They will be like the palm tree—upright in their ways before God. Their hearts, thoughts and deeds will be full of righteousness. There will not be any kind of deception seen in them. Their eyes will always be looking very straight at the Lord God. Their eyes will not look at evil. They will not gossip. Their lips will not speak about unnecessary things.

Not only that, these 70 elders of Israel also met with the Lord God on Mount Sinai.

But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

Exodus 24:11

All of us will surely envy the privilege these 70 elders got—to eat with God. The original Hebrew Bible tells us, they drank wine with God. The word wine in Hebrew is yayin. In Hebrew gematria every word has a number. Surprisingly, yayin has a gematria value of 70. What does all these means? This is the year to ascend up—spiritually to meet with God. When you do, you will be invited to dine with the Lord (cf. Rev 3:20).

All young evangelists and young ministers of God, please take note: your time has now come to mount up on the horse and gallop. Your time has come to go up to the next level. You should not just sit where you are in your spiritual life. You should begin to climb one step higher in your relationship with God. The works that you do for God, your walk before God should go up one level higher. When you do that, then the hand of the Lord will be stretched out towards you to feed you with bread and wine.

The Lord would say to you: “Come on, take hold of My Hand, and let’s ascend up from where you are now to another level. Don’t stay at this level anymore.”

Completion of fullness

I was very puzzled by the number 70. So I prayed one night, “Lord, what does the number 70 signifies?” Then in the middle of the night the Word of the Lord came to me, “a completion of fullness.” It means—a perfect spiritual order carried out with full power. It also signifies: a period of judgement.

“The time has now come,” the Lord very strongly commanded me, “for the Gospel of the Kingdom to be preached.” It is to announce the coming of God’s Kingdom with power to judge (Jude 14-16). The Lord Jesus significantly said that when the gospel of the kingdom is preached, then the end will come (Matt 24:14). That is the last sign—completion of fullness, that will take place before the coming of the King Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord came unto me early this year, “The days of grace will transit to the last days.” Just like how the days of law came to an end when the Lord Jesus came and transited to the days of grace (Matt 11:13; Lk 16:16; Jn 1:17). Likewise, the days of grace is reaching its end and will transit to the last days (Heb 1:2).
When the Lord Jesus said that the time has now come to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, honestly, I shuddered and trembled with fear. Because that is the last sign before the end of all things come. Interestingly, the Lord Jesus Christ also sent out 70 disciples to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom with power (Lk 10:1).

Now, what is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God? Gospel means good news. It is the preaching of the good news that the Kingdom of God is coming. The Lord Jesus Himself said,

“Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory”. Matthew 24:30

The gospel of the kingdom of God is the preaching that the Lord Jesus came, He lived, He died, He rose again and He’s coming again with His kingdom in power and glory to judge. The Lord Jesus Himself preached that gospel (Matt 4:17; Mk 1:14-15).

Ministers and of God, the time has now come to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the preaching of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to redeem us. But the Gospel of the Kingdom is to preach the coming of the God’s Kingdom with power and glory to judge.

**The Israel Connection**

And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. Jeremiah 25:11

The prophet Jeremiah prophesied 70 years of captivity for Israel in Babylon. And accordingly the Babylonian King came and captured Israel and took the people to be slaves into captivity in Babylon for 70 long years.

You may be wondering now, how can an ancient prophecy that happened 1000s of years ago has any connection with modern Israel in these last days?

When the prophet Daniel read this prophecy (Dan 9:2), he too, at that time, was a captive in Babylon. He was troubled by the prophecy, and fasted and prayed about it. At the end of the fast, the angel Gabriel came to him to explain the mystery of the 70 years prophecy to him (Dan 9:20-23).

When the angel Gabriel explained to him the significance of the prophet Jeremiah’s prophecy of the 70 years captivity, he connected it to another prophecy that was a 70 weeks of years prophecy.

It is not a 70 week prophecy, but one that lasted for 490 years. It included prophecy about the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the end-times of our days (Dan 9:24-27).

“Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.

“And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.
Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

Daniel 9:24-27

Keep these Scriptures in mind. Let me now reveal some modern day happenings concerning how the 70 years relates to Israel in these last days.

On April 20, 2014, as I was fasting and praying, as the angel Gabriel appeared to the prophet Daniel, the angel Michael visited me. He had a scroll in his hand. When he unfurled the scroll, I saw the number 1948 and 1967 written on it. The Archangel Michael explained that significant events took place in God’s land and among God’s people in those two years. When he said that I understood what happened. In 1948, Israel got her independence. And as soon as she became an independent state she faced a war—The War of Independence in 1948. In 1967, Israel fought another war called, The Six Days’ War. During the Six Days War she regained the many lands—Golan Heights and West Bank, all parts of original Samaria. Most importantly they regained East Jerusalem. For the first time in 2000 years, Jerusalem that was divided into East and West was finally reunited as one. The Israeli government then announced that Jerusalem will be the indivisible eternal capital of the state of Israel.

Below the two years—1948 and 1967, I saw the year 2017 written. Seeing the bemused look on my face, Michael, the great prince of Israel said, “Another major war is planned. A major change and shift in government and land is coming.” He did not specifically say it will happen in 2017, but said that it is coming.

On March 11, 2015, while I was waiting on God I had a heavenly experience. I saw myself in heaven standing before the Lord Jesus Christ. I also saw two saints standing together with the Lord Jesus. One I recognized them as the prophets Moses and Jeremiah. After speaking to me about some matters, the Lord Jesus turned to the prophet Jeremiah and said, “Teach him about the 70 years.”

The prophet Jeremiah then came near me and said, “The 70 years in the history of Israel is very significant. There is going to come a turning point in the history of Israel in the year 2017.” He further said, ‘2017 will be the 70th year since the formation of the state of Israel.”

I was quite dumbfounded when this was said. In finite mind I knew that Israel gained independence in 1948. Adding 70 years to it will bring it to the year 2018 rather than 2017. So, very respectfully I asked the saint Jeremiah about this. He answered kindly, “No, you are wrong. The count should be from the time when the covenant was first signed—for the formation of the state of Israel.” A little research made me realized that the State of Israel was first planned and signed by the members of the United Nations on November 29, 1947. So, adding 70 to 1947 equals 2017. Oops!

So what does all this mean to Israel? A 70 years cycle is ending. So what will befall Israel and the nations of the world when this covenant of 70 years ends? Like the earlier prophecy of Jeremiah (Jer 25:11), Israel will go through another period of captivity. Let us read what the prophet Jeremiah prophesied about it.

Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale?

Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

Jeremiah 30:6-7
“Jacob” in this Scripture signifies the nation of Israel. She will go through some kind of trouble where she will be in a predicament—in a state of loss, like no one to help her. She will be forsaken by all, even her trusted allies will forsake her. Those who are closest to her—her closest friends—politically, even they will forsake her. She will be all alone, forsaken by all. She will even think, that God has forsaken her.

On December 23, 2016, the United Nations passed a resolution to divide Israel into two states—the State of Israel and the Palestinian State. Interestingly, such a two-state division was originally planned on November 29, 1947 itself by the United Nations. Somehow for the last 70 years this was not really carried out in practise. Now after 70 years, on December 23, 2016, the United Nations Security Council meeting passed a resolution that in 2017 Israel should be divided into two: Palestinian State and the State of Israel. According to the United Nations resolution, even the city of Jerusalem will be divided into East Jerusalem, the new capital of the Palestinian State and West Jerusalem, being the capital of the State of Israel.

Such a thing was prophesied thousands of years ago by the prophet Zechariah.

Verse 16 says that the land will be divided and a line will be drawn in Jerusalem. How amazing and how sad! As the Lord Jesus Christ was whipped 39 times, when this partition is carried out, it will be like Israel is beaten with stripes. As the robe of the Lord Jesus was parted by the Roman soldiers so will the land be divided (Matt 27:35; Jn 19:24).

On December 25, 2016, as I was waiting before the Lord at 3 PM, the Word of the Lord came unto me, “New skin eating disease will break out upon Western countries.” In a vision, I saw that disease. A kind-of flesh-eating disease comes upon the surface layer of the human skin. “It will break out upon Western countries as a punishment for touching the apple of God’s eye,” the Lord continued. I wondered why the Western nations would come against Israel.

Sometime in December 2016, a 70-nation conference was planned to be held in 2017 to debate on the Palestinian issue. On January 15, 2017, the United Nations organised a conference where representatives from 70 nations met to sign an anti-Israel agreement in Paris, France. This conference was masterminded by the United States. John Kerry, the US Secretary of State, attended the Paris conference. The former US President, Mr Hussein Obama, played a central role in unifying the 70 nations against Israel.

Aha, again the number 70! 70 nations gathered together to pass a resolution to create a Palestinian State. That resolution is to force Israel to be divided. The 70 countries have decided to stress that they won’t recognise any changes that Israel has made to her
borders after the June 1967 war. They have also decided and passed a resolution that they are not going to recognize the city of Jerusalem.

The meeting in Paris comes after the United Nations Security Council passed Resolution 2334, declaring it illegal for Jews to live in Judea, Samaria, the Golan, and Hebron. The resolution also grants a religious monopoly on the Temple Mount and the Western Wall to Islam.

This again is another fulfilment of the prophecy in Book of Zechariah:

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

Zechariah 12:2-3

Now please look at verse 3 where it says: “And in that day.” Which day? January 15, 2017, where 70 nations are gathered in Paris, France.

On January 5, 2017, at 1:30 PM, I was fasting and praying together with some of our staffs for 7 days. We were all united with one heart and one mind to worship the Lord when suddenly my spiritual eyes were opened and I saw two saints from heaven enter into the prayer hall. I recognized them as the saints Haggai and Zechariah. Interestingly, the Bible says that even the prophets Haggai and Zechariah were captives during the 70 years captivity of Israel in Babylon (Ezra 5:2).

They came near to me and said, “The anger of the Lord will manifest. When the Lord Jesus was crucified, there was an earthquake. Likewise earthquakes and the sword of the Lord will manifest in those 70 nations. Their children will be killed, their youths’ dead bodies will lie in the streets. Their women’s wombs will be closed.” Then with sadness they said, “Rachel is standing in the streets and weeping” (Jer 31:15; Matt 2:18).

A certain Jewish spiritual tradition says that when the little children—two years old and below toddlers were killed for the Lord Jesus, some saintly rabbis saw the spirit of Rachel standing in the streets and weep. One more time she will weep.

And the saints also said, “Flood will over flow in these nations, and plagues will spread. The sword of the Lord will be lifted in those nations. A shaking will come upon each of the 70 nations. Destructions and disasters will come upon them.” And then with sadness they said, “This is a dark season in the history of Israel.”

In this year of the 70, let your life turn around for the greater glory of God in your life.