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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's hard to believe that we are now winding down to the end of the year. The turmoil among the nations and natural disasters sweeping across the planet is an indication of what Hebrews chapter 12: 27 speaks of "Everything that can be shaken will be shaken". This also applies to the church, there is a great shaking coming to the church which will produce a falling away of many. This is the Lord's way of separating the sheep from the goats which will result in a new vibrant and holy church arising like never before.

I trust this issue will be a blessing to you.

I have included a prophetic word in this issue which I included earlier this year because I believe we need to read it again and allow the Lord to speak to you from it. I also highly recommend that you read again Rick Joiners book, The Final Quest. If you have read before I suggest you read it again as it is very pertinent to the this new season.

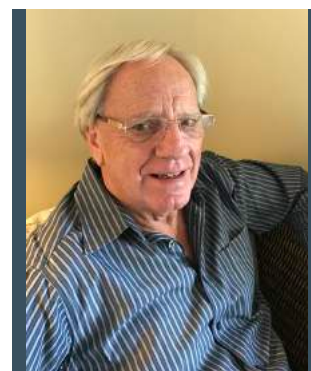
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A NEW AND FINAL REFORMATION

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Martin Luther, John Calvin and other leaders of what became known as the Reformation, opened a giant rift in Christian Europe

On October 31 1517, the priest and scholar Martin Luther approached the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, and nailed a piece of paper to it containing the 95 revolutionary beliefs that would begin the protestant reformation. In his thesis Luther condemned the excesses and corruption of the Roman Catholic Church, especially the papal practice of asking payments called indulgences for the forgiveness of sins. This resulted in a movement that changed the church forever. He forever changed Christianity beginning the Protestant Reformation in 16th-century Europe.



Five centuries ago, Martin Luther, John Calvin and other leaders of what became known as the Reformation, opened a

giant rift in Christian Europe. The Protestant Reformation in the 16th-century birthed a political, intellectual and cultural upheaval that splintered Catholic Europe, setting in place the structures and beliefs that would define Europe in the modern era.

In northern and central Europe, reformers like Martin Luther, John Calvin and Henry VIII along with others challenged papal authority and questioned the Catholic Church's ability to define Christian practice. They argued for a religious and political redistribution of power into the hands of Bible. This birthed a major new beginning that would revolutionize the church. It is interesting that just before the reformation the printing press was invented in Europe. This would prove to be a major factor in the propagation of the reformation. This along with the invention of paper, allowed the bible which was prohibited to be read by the common people, to be printed in a language other than Latin, giving the ordinary people access to the bible in a common language.



It is said that Jesus came to this earth in the fullness of time.

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Galations 4:4

The word fullness here is the Greek word which means full or reaching the finish or fullness. Just before Jesus came on the scene the Romans had built roads all over Europe and the Middle East and had also established many shipping routes in the region. This made it possible for the gospel to be taken across the whole of the Roman Empire. Just before that great move of God in the late sixties and early seventies broke out called the charismatic move, the cassette tape was invented. From my church alone in those days we sent teaching on cassette tapes in the thousands all over the world. It was the same in the reformation 500 years ago a fullness of time had come.

Along with the religious consequences of the Reformation, deep and lasting political changes occurred. Northern Europe's new religious and political freedoms came at a great cost, with decades of rebellions, wars and bloody persecutions. The Thirty Years War, alone may have cost Germany 40 percent of its population. The Reformation also birthed a period which was defined as a Renaissance which literally means a New Birth or Re Awakening. This period in European civilization immediately triggered and birthed a surge of interest in classical learning and values. The Renaissance also witnessed the discovery and exploration of new continents, and the invention or application of such potentially powerful innovations as paper, printing, the mariner's compass, and gunpowder. To the scholars and thinkers of the day, however, it was primarily a time of the revival of classical learning and wisdom after a long period of cultural decline of a dark age which had lasted

one thousand years. I find it interesting that the new protestant church also underwent a change in church music which changed predominantly from the minor key to the major key. The arts and sciences flourished with this new birth. A thousand years of dark ages was over.

WHAT IS THE PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS TO US TODAY? AND WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION?

What is the biblical meaning of the number 500

The Hebrew Alphabet contained special meanings for each letter, perhaps from the very beginning. For example, the word for "EL" combines two letters Aleph and Lamed. Aleph originally was a pictograph of an "Ox", and Lamed of a "shepherd's staff." Together the ancient Hebrew word, EL, means "Powerful Leader who keeps us together and on the right path."

Final CAPH (PALM of the hand): {gh} The final attainment of Individuals existence as conceived at the beginning. Like the ARMS above that grasped at the time of conception, the PALM of the Hand now holds what was dreamed about, and waited in the womb, and is now manifested in Reality.

October 31st 1517. That reformation transformed the religious landscape in ways that continue to resonate 500 years later. The number 500 also has the meaning from the Hebrew : *God ascends or rises up.*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

Psalms 68:1-2

Also in the 500th chapter in the Bible Psalm



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A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

Psalms 22:30-31

This was a prophetic declaration speaking of a generation, a people, a seed that was to come that would end the age ushering in the coming of the Lord.

The feast of tabernacles this year along with the year of the 50 a jubilee year, 500 years after the reformation, marks an extremely significant change.

A new reformation begins this year, which will birth the most important season the church has ever known, which will usher in the coming of the lord.

Just as Luther's reformation birthed a renaissance or rebirth of the arts, Science and knowledge, even so we will see an incredible advancements in technology, medical advancements, and the arts. Some of this will be sinister and on the other hand will be a great blessing. However the greatest and most life changing advancements will be in the true church. I use the term True Church in the sense and meaning of the church that is moving on into this next spiritual reformation. It is sad that a great portion of the church today is not even aware of this new and final season we are now entering into. A large portion of the church has lost its way and continues on its merry way without any real awareness of the season we are in.

Some Time Ago my Wife Jo Had a Dream

In the dream I was standing in a large park. There were people some whom I knew in the park. Suddenly the sun began to quickly go down and a shadow was quickly advancing across the park. The shadow was moving towards me very quickly. I shouted to the people that

they must move quickly. Some moved away but many others just stood there. And were reluctant to move on. A young man began to sing and play his guitar. He was singing an old hymn "I am coming Lord coming now to you" but I knew he was indifferent to the fact that time was running out and he needed to move on. Again I urged them to move on as the shadow was advancing quickly. One of them said to me I will be all right and I will stay. The shadow was very close to me now and I turned to run into the sunset which I knew was a safe place. - The dream then ended.

I felt that this dream was a warning that the end times were upon us and the people i.e. much of the church were blindly going about their church business not aware of the season that was coming upon them. They were totally unprepared for what was coming. They were waiting for the Lord to save them or rapture them. And they continued on just singing and relaxing. I knew that they would be overcome with the coming darkness. The sun was going down indicating the end of a day and the beginning of a new day. There have been a number of doctrines over the past few years that were spawned in hell and many in the church have been deceived by these doctrines. Any doctrine that does not lead to taking up ones cross dying to oneself and following the Lord is not truth. Jesus said in the world you will have tribulation. Many are deceived into believing that Jesus could come tomorrow or the next week or very soon as in this year. This is not going to happen! Jesus said this.

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end



of this world.

Matthew 13:38-40

If Jesus returned next week it would be a great tragedy as the harvest has not yet been gathered in. This new and last reformation is just beginning and will result in the greatest harvest the church has ever seen. A new breed of Christians will arise who will astonish the world with their love, miracles of healing and deliverance. Even creation will join with them assisting and protecting them.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope.

Romans 8:18-20

Notice: Suffering and glory go together, and creation will be redeemed and retake its God intended role which was lost when Adam fell in the Garden of Eden. Truly the churches finest hour is upon us. This new Re-Formation of the church will bring great changes as to how we do church. We need to be open to change and not miss the day of our visitation. Purity of heart and true holiness will be the hallmark of this next and final move of God. This is what we have waited for and it is time to take hold of God like never before, joining our hearts with His heart for this world. Yes Jesus is coming again soon, but first God is still looking down to see the misery and satanic grip that Satan has on the masses of this world and He has a plan to bring about the greatest harvest we have ever seen. We must join with His heart and purpose to finish the task.

However we see that the harvest of tares were first gathered in before the true harvest begins. There will be a falling

away of many in the days now ahead of us as difficult times sweep over the world.

*For the kingdom is the LORD'S: **and he is the governor among the nations.***

All they that be feast upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

Psalms 22:28-31

There is a generation who have not fallen asleep in this age who will rise up and finish the task.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

Psalms 102:13-22

We are entering the greatest conflict that the church has ever known, light and darkness are about to clash in a way that will literally shake this world. Jesus did not say that it would be easy but we will be



victorious. Martyrdom will greatly increase in this new season. This is God's plan and outworking of the principle of sowing and reaping. For every person that is martyred thousands will be raised up to take their place.

If you are not going through testing and trials something is wrong

How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

Corinthians 8:2

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be

1 Peter 1:7

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

1 Peter 4:12

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

1 Peter 4:13

Suffering is part of the course God has ordained for us while we are on this earth. Suffering has a way of making us bitter or better. It's part of the course, the journey which we are on to qualify us to rule and reign with Jesus. Bitter or better the choice is always ours. Don't waste your sorrows they can be life changing. It's all about attitudes, taking up the cross and following Jesus.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than

conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-39

We are qualifying for the greatest adventure which encompasses the ages to come. This is not the end it's just the beginning. Winning the battle on this one planet earth, restoring what Adam lost is just the beginning.

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:6-7

The rewards far outreaches the cost

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

2 Corinthians 1:4-6

The easy gospel message is coming to an end. The gospel message is about to change to the gospel of the kingdom. Come to Jesus and lay down your life take up your cross and follow Him.

The coming battle will be the most fierce



and the most glorious. And you were born for this hour.

Remember, all of the darkness in the world cannot extinguish one candle.

This reformation involves a transformation. A new Re-Formation of true Christianity is beginning, which will change everything as we know it now.

This reformation involves a transformation and full redemption of our physical bodies as in transfiguration.

This Truly Is Our Finest Hour

Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

Psalms 68:1

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 4:2-3

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DEEP IS CALLING!

The Hungry Heart: Seeking the Secret Place

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Beloved, now is the time to go deeper into the Word of God
in order to go higher with the Lord

This is a season when the saints of God will discover that true intimacy is stirred in the secret place of the Most High, a desire not merely for power but for His living presence. The first step toward the "secret place of the Most High" (**Psalm 91:1**) begins with a desperate, hungry heart. This longing draws us to seek *true, deep intimacy with Christ*. One can hear the cry of David's longing heart in **Psalms 42:7**:

"Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me."

Psalms 42:7

Beloved, now is the time to go deeper into the Word of God in order to go higher with the Lord. The Spirit of God has stirred this desire! He has been fanning the flame of discontentment within the hearts of God's people, resulting in a deep hunger for not merely the power of God but the presence of God.

David's Burning Desire

Many in our day can relate with the hungry heart of David as he pens the Psalms. These love poems to God are filled

with the heart-cry of a man seeking for a deep, personal relationship with the Lord Himself. Again and again, David expresses a burning desire to intimately know the Lord on several levels of experience. First, he desires to know the Lord *face to face*. In this regard, I so appreciate the Message Bible **Psalms 63:1-4**:

"God—you're my God! I can't get enough of you! I've worked up such hunger and thirst for God, traveling across dry and weary deserts.

So here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in your strength and glory. In your generous love I am really living at last!

My lips brim praises like fountains. I bless you every time I take a breath; My arms wave like banners of praise to you."

Psalms 63:1-4

And from **Psalm 42: 1-2**:

"As the hart pants after the water brooks, so pants my soul after You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?"

Psalm 42: 1-2



David's Repentance

David has gained the knowledge that he cannot find the soul satisfaction and fulfillment that he deeply desires from other relationships. He now desires to know the Lord as a Person with whom he can share times of intimate fellowship. When he fell short of this experience, David repented before the Lord.

"I acknowledged my sin to you, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

Psalm 32:5 NKJV

Now, after coming clean with God David is free from all guilt and condemnation and he can say from within the depth of his being:

"You are my hiding place; you shall preserve me from trouble; you shall surround me with songs of deliverance."

Psalm 32:7 NKJV

David has come to understand that *only the Lord* can satisfy the longing of his soul. He has completely abandoned himself to the Lord as his "hiding place."

David's Trust

As a result of this deep heart rending repentance, David then desires to know the Lord as *one in whom he can place infinite trust*. In Psalm 56:11, David the Psalmist writes:

"In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do to me."

Psalm 56:11

There is a bold clarity in the expression of David's trust and expectancy in these words as they flow out from a heart of love, appreciation, and worship. With clean hands and a pure heart David discovers he has been brought into a new level of intimacy with God, the Lord spoke to him and imparted this very encouraging promise:

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like the horse or like

the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you."

Psalm 32:8-9 NKJV

David's repentance has brought him into such an intimate closeness to the Lord ("I will guide you with my eye"), that David is able to sense the *desire of the Lord* concerning him, apart from words being spoken. Seeking to take David even further into true intimacy, the Lord exhorts him to be both responsive and obedient: "Do not be like the horse or like the mule." As followers of Christ we should not be self-willed, like a horse, nor should we be stubborn like the mule. **Our goal is to become easy to lead, swift to obey. Desiring to fully follow the Lamb wherever He will lead.**

Unwavering Desire and Focus

We also desperately need this same clarity of Spirit-led protection and guidance that David experienced. As world pressures and religious confusion increase, we must heed this exhortation in the Word to *unconditionally* make the Lord our portion, He alone is our impenetrable rock, and refuge (see **Psalms 59:16-17**)!

Psalm 91 promises deliverance and victory in the time of trouble to those abiding in God's presence. "He that dwells in the secret place of The Most High." This "secret place" is a place "set apart" where we can withdraw from the activities of our everyday life experience. Here, we will be able to clearly hear with our spiritual ears, and then appropriate His Words into our spirit and digest them until they become a personal reality within us. Only as we learn to act upon the Word of God does our life start to transform and true change occurs. (see **James 1:22**). It is as we walk in the light of the Word of God that we will be delivered from stumbling in the dark (see **Psalms 119:130**).

There are many distracting influences that seek to draw us away from a sincere devotion to the Lord. These forces have absolutely no power or control over us, unless we allow them to do so. There must be within each of us an *active resistance*



to anything that will hinder our times of fellowship with the Lord. It is when we resist the devil that he takes flight from us (see **James 4:7**).

The Lord will not over-ride our will, He will urge us and prompt and provoke us, but the choice must be from our heart. He will guide us, but we are given the freedom to choose our level of response to Him in every area of our life encounter. We must *abide continually* in an attitude of choosing to respond to His wooing of our hearts into this place of "a secret abode of intimacy with Him."

The foe of our soul will do all he can to distract us away from our quest for the secret place. The enemy's strategies that pull away from this secret place are many and manifold: there continually lurks in the shadows the desire for success, recognition and earthly security against what might happen. If allowed, these things will step forward to obscure Jesus. Our goal is to truly seek first the Kingdom of God (see **Matthew 6:33**). As this becomes our quest then everything else will find it's proper place in our life.

We easily forget His promise in **John 16:33**.

"In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

Here, Jesus is saying, *"Do not fear, in Me you will have peace."* He has promised to care for us, for He is our Good Shepherd. As we have need, we can freely partake of all that He won on the Cross on our behalf (see **Romans 8:32-37**)!

Set Our Affections Above

If we are not receiving His care and protection, we have either chosen the wrong dwelling place or we have set our affection on something or someone other than Christ Jesus, our King. When this happens, He patiently waits, ready to help us when we finally turn to Him.

In **Romans 8**, we are presented with exhortations, promises, and the marvellous word that *"all things work together for good to them that love God"* (to those who make Him their secret abode who have learned to rest in HIM). Then comes the encouraging word, *"If God be for us, who can be against us?"*

Victory is guaranteed, as we put our trust *completely* in Christ Jesus and seek this place of rest in His presence (see **Psalms 16:11**). As we do this, we will be eternally grateful and satisfied! Abiding in Christ's presence produces the peace that surpasses all understanding.



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DISCERNING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

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In order for that "life of Christ" to manifest through us, the follower of Jesus must "lose" his or her own (self) life

FFrom that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.
"Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, 'Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!'

"But He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind Me, satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God but the things of men'".

Matthew 16:21-23

We now know that the GREATEST GOOD that ever happened for all of humanity was Jesus suffering and dying on the cross for us. Peter could not see it. He was convinced that the suffering and death of Jesus Christ could not be of God. How could Peter come to this conclusion? Because it was not "good" from Peter's earthly, temporal perspective. At the time, Peter was not capable of judging according to the eternal perspective of God. This caused Peter to be so far off

on his discernment that Jesus called him "satan".

Do we sometimes make the same mistake as Peter did? No doubt. We can even use Scripture (wrongly applied) to support our "discernment". We use Scriptures like John 10:10

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

John 10:10

The question is: Whose definition of "life" and of "good" are we using?? Is it our own fleshly, temporal definition? (If it is painful or brings inconvenience to my plans or "my dreams"; causes suffering or disruption, it is not "good" or "life")

God's eternal perspective

The "abundant life" that Jesus came to give is His very life shining in and through the yielded believer. In order for that "life of Christ" to manifest through us,



the follower of Jesus must "lose" his or her own (self) life. Some events and circumstances, sovereignly allowed by God (and sometimes even initiated by Him) help bring us to the end of our "self" life. These may be painful and disruptive to our "dreams" and "plans" but they are the "goodness of God" if they bring us closer to experiencing the Life of Christ abiding and manifesting through us.

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day."

2 Corinthians 4:16

It is the inward man, being conformed to the image of Jesus, which God is after. This is where the "abundant life" of Christ resides.

That does not mean that God doesn't bless us, heal us, supernaturally provide for us and protect us. He does! It means that God's highest purpose in our lives, before our comfort and temporal "happiness" is to bring us to the place of surrender and faith, so that Christ is formed in us. That may mean that our temporal "blessings" are sometimes delayed or disrupted, in order to lead us to the true abundant life of Christ.

Immediately after Jesus called Peter 'satan' because of his skewed discernment, He then turned to His disciples:

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Matthew 16:24-26

Yes, God, motivated by pure love, at

times, will allow painful and disruptive (temporal) things to enter our lives for His redemptive and ETERNAL purposes so that the life of Christ fills our (eternal) souls.

Consider Psalm 107:21-31. Here God declares His goodness to men.

"Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters, They see the works of the Lord, And His wonders in the deep.

For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea. They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths;

Their soul melts because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, And are at their wits' end.

Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses.

He calms the storm, So that its waves are still.

Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.

Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness".

Psalm 107:21-31

Notice the progression of events.

1) Men are going their own way to do business.

Presumably the men are going about their own plans (and therefore headed the wrong way) without seeking the Lord. This is a reasonable presumption because there is no mention of them praying until the storm became severe.

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."

Proverbs 14:12



2) God raises up the storm. The storm becomes so severe that the men come to their "wits end". The phrase "at their wits end" is comprised of three Hebrew words meaning "all - their wisdom - is swallowed up" .

Wisdom means "skill, proficiency, ability, knowledgeable expertise" etc.

This means all their ideas, abilities, training, etc. is swallowed up like we may have seen photos of cars and buildings being "swallowed up" into a sinkhole. The men doing business at sea have run out of any workable responses. They have no resources to deal with the storm.

3) "Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble". Men have been brought to the end of their "self". They are now looking to the Lord. This is a good thing.

"Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other."

Isaiah 45:22

4) The storm is no longer needed. The storm has served its' purpose. It has delivered men from "self" reliance.

"He brings them out of their distresses. He calms the storm, so that its waves are still. Then they are glad because they are quiet".

5) He guides them to their desired haven.

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Apart from the illumination and guidance of the Lord, none of us knows how to fulfill our eternal purpose. God knows! His sovereign dealings in our lives causes

everything to be beautiful in its time. The men who went through the storm are now finding their desired haven. They are finding what God created them for. They didn't even know how to identify their desires or how to properly go after them. God did. This is His goodness.

Which is more important: having a comfortable (temporal) life on earth but ending up suffering eternal loss? OR . . . suffering some (temporal) pain and disruption that awakens us to our need for a Savior, so that by surrendering in faith to the Lord we find His abundant life now that goes on into eternity?

The disruptions experienced by the apostles were not infrequent as they went about to bring the revelation of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you."

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

"We are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal bodies".

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

2 Corinthians 4:17-18



Our definition of what is "good" and what is "life" must come from God's eternal perspective.

If the TEMPORARY "light affliction" (that's what Paul called all of his persecutions, testings, trials and troubles) is "working for us" a "FAR MORE EXCEEDING AND ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY", then from God's perspective, the afflictions are a good thing.

Of course, our lives are not one continual affliction. God blesses us with His presence, His joy, His provision, guidance and strength. He gives us seasons of rest and bounty. But the reality is that no one who is truly growing in their walk with God is immune to the testing and trials that come to the righteous.

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all."
Psalm 34:19

The Lord may allow us to go into trials, but He always brings us out. He is working something precious and eternal inside each one of us.

"Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction."

Isaiah 48:10

"But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold."

Job 23:10

It is in the trials that we gain the gold

One of the complaints the Lord Jesus had with the Laodicean church (Rev. 3:14-22) was they were so "blessed" (We are rich and have need of nothing) that they lost sight of their need for the life of Christ. His counsel to them was to get some gold (which is found in the fire of trials) and become truly rich.

"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich."

Revelation 3:17-18

It is the gold that we gain through our trials that we take into eternity.

Understanding the goodness of God in His judgments

Everything God does, He does from a motivation of love. This includes His judgments. The judgments of God are mentioned many times in both the Old Testament and New Testament. Most of the time they are referring to temporal and redemptive judgments. Some have erroneously been taught that God doesn't judge in the New Testament. Jesus and Paul taught that He does. The God of the Old Testament is the same God of the New Testament.

"For I am the Lord, I do not change"

Malachi 3:6a

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever"

Hebrews 13:8

The judgments of God are usually a last resort sent by Him when we have hardened our hearts, covered our eyes and/or stopped our ears from hearing Him. A temporal judgment, if it wakes us up to repent, is a mercy indeed. It is the goodness of God. But God will give us time to repent before His judgments are released. This delay is also His goodness.

"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write,

'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.



Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Revelation 2:18-23

Jezebel is defiling His church. He gave her time to repent. That was the goodness of God. She did not repent. It is still His goodness to judge her because if she is not judged, she will bring eternal loss to all those who are defiled by her sin. Since God loves everyone who can be affected by Jezebel, and she will not repent, He is obligated to judge her to protect the others.

"Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word."

Psalms 119:67

In Romans 2:1-6 Paul is addressing those who are practicing things which deserve God's judgment. He says that God, in His goodness, practices forbearance and longsuffering. He has given them time to repent before His judgments fall. This longsuffering before judgment is called "the goodness of God". It is this space of time that is intended to lead us to repentance.

"Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. And do you think this, O man,

you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who "will render to each one according to his deeds"

Romans 2:1-6

The goodness of God in His judgments is celebrated in heaven.

In Revelation 15, the saints who have lived during the great tribulation are celebrating the judgments of God on the earth. They are singing praises to God because of His judgments. The result of these redemptive judgments, released in love, is that the nations are turning from evil to worship the Lord.

"And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

"Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty!

Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy.

For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

Revelation 15:2-4

They were singing the song of Moses and of the Lamb. Why? Because the result of these judgments was that "all nations shall come and worship before You". The same

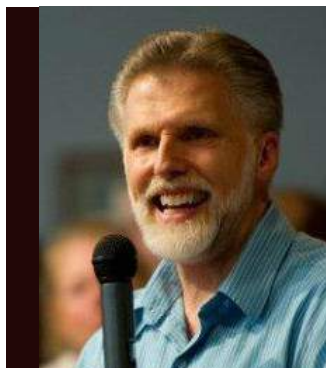


type of redemptive judgments released in Moses' generation will be released at the end of the age under the leadership of the Lamb of God. The judgments in Moses day broke the power of the Pharaoh (a type of the antichrist) and destroyed his army. These judgments also released God's people from bondage to Egypt (a type of the world). The last days' judgments will free God's people

from being entangled and enslaved in the things and the ways of the world that are contrary to God. Nations will turn to worship Jesus. This is the goodness of God manifested in His judgments.

"For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

Isaiah 26:9



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BOLDNESS AND FIRE

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire

Recently I was meditating on this scripture: "John answered, saying to all, 'I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire' (Luke 3:16-17)." "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

It is my opinion, and I find this observation to be true in my own life, that it appears as though we, the Body of Christ, believe in the works and power of Holy Spirit but we do not hear much about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire, specifically the fire baptism that occurred at Pentecost. I started praying, "I want the baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire." The message of the power of the fire of flowing in Holy Spirit has been watered down. There are few churches that really allow Holy Spirit to move in a radical demonstration that impacts God's people and mobilizes them to move forward to accomplish great exploits for their God. It is though we have been inoculated with just enough

information to know that there is a power that we can live in but the information has not yet become revelation that leads to transformation. We have been taught and have learned just enough about the real thing to think we may just have been filled with the indwelling Presence of the Spirit of the living God but the church, as a whole, is not functioning in the life giving manifestation of God's power. I want the baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire in my life, don't you?

I was praying along these lines because I understand that if you do not have this power, you cannot give it away. I prayed, "God, let a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire happen in my own life. As I concluded my prayer, as I often do, I said, "If this is you, Lord, confirm this to me, because I believe this is what You are saying to the church." When I was at the Head of the Year Conference at Chuck Pierce's, as soon as I finished speaking, Chuck approached the platform carrying a mantle of fire. The word Chuck released was a direct answer to my prayer, "If you loose the fire; I'll loose the wind." As you are reading this, I pray that you have a fresh revelation of Holy Spirit and Fire, and



the wind of His Spirit begins to blow over you and releases the fire of God.

This is what the fire means to me: *Passion!* "Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Passion fierce as the grave. Its flames are flames of fire, a raging flame (Song of Solomon 8:6)."

Fires raging in the United States, especially in Northern California, are destructive forces, but I do believe that they are prophetic. You can see the power once a fire starts raging and the wind begins to blow as the first small embers start being spread. Reports tell us from eyewitness accounts that one ember could be blown a mile away and hit the right vegetation and a whole new forest fire would happen. I took that to be a prophetic sign. It is time for the church to catch fire and burn. We are the embers who will be blown to other places and they, too, are going to catch fire. These are signs of the times in which we are living.

We must love and be passionate for God *and* be passionate about each other. John Wesley said, "Let your light catch fire and people will come from everywhere just to watch you burn." We must become passionate people. I believe we have a passionate kingdom, and a passionate King who is passionate about us, and we should live just as passionately for Him. Our passion for Him and one another should burn like a flame.

Reinhard Bonnke has carried this passionate fire most of his life. Many years ago I had the honor of being part of an interview with Pastor Benny Hinn and Reinhard. During the break between tapings, Pastor Benny asked, "Reinehart, how do you endure Africa? It is so hot, dusty and such a tough place. It is so hard, I cannot imagine how difficult it must be to spend your life there." With fire in his eyes Reinhard answered, "Brother Benny, I would walk 100 miles in the African heat and sleep on the African dirt to see one African saved." His passion burned like a white hot flame as he declared these words. He not only loves God, he also

loves the people God sent him to. You could see it. When was the last time you were passionate about anything like that? Get passionate in this season!

Purification is key to knowing Holy Spirit. It is not just about passion; it is about purification. Malachi 3:1-2 is a clear message about Who is coming, "Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears, for He is like a refiner's fire...."

In this season, the Lord is going to baptize us with fresh passion, but He is also going to baptize us with refining fire. I believe the Lord wants to destroy that which is trying to destroy us. I read the history of the Great Fire of London of 1665. It burned a large majority of the city of London. Until I read the article, I wasn't aware of the timing of the black plague. This plague was literally killing thousands of people and destroying lives. The disease was carried by rodents and diseased animals throughout the city. In a city that had very poor sanitation conditions and no existing sewer systems, it moved quickly through the poorest of the poor and did not stop there. It was so contagious, the rich succumbed as rapidly as the poor and there seemed to be no end in sight. All attempts to prevent the ravages of this deadly outbreak failed.

When the fire raged through the city, I can only imagine that Londoners may have thought the end of the world was close at hand, but in spite of appearances it was the fire that destroyed the plague. The only way that deadly disease could be stopped was by fire. It does not take us long to realize that there are things in our lives that the devil would love to use to destroy us, but the Fire of Holy Spirit is going to come in this season, and He is going to burn up that which is trying to destroy us. "...that the genuineness of your faith,



being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.... (1 Peter 1:7)."

The refiner's fire is a combination of all metals over the fire with the heat turned up. As the impurities begin to rise to the top, the refiner is able to ladle the purified product from the top. The good news is that the reason you are manifesting your worst possible self in this season, even things you thought you dealt with in another season, is because the fire is turned up. God is not trying to destroy you but to purify you. The only way to get it up and out is to turn up the fire. Most of us do not realize what we still need deliverance from until the fire gets hot. We do not know how hurt, angry, and bitter we are or how disappointed we are until the fire gets hot. When the fire gets hot, that stuff starts coming to the top. God is not bringing all of this to the forefront to destroy you, He is doing it to get it to the top so he can scrape the impurities off. The metal is ready to use when the refiner can look into the pot and see his own reflection. The good news is you are about to look just like Jesus! Jesus is coming back, but, before He comes back for us, He will come to us, and He is going to come like a refiner's fire, and we are going to look just like Him.

When I read the Bible, I read about power, Holy Spirit power. Sadly, we have gotten so far away from the power of God in the church. We have exchanged a cross for a couch. You cannot counsel demons. You cannot deal psychologically with spiritual problems. We need the power of Holy Spirit in our lives. I really believe that God, through the fire, is going to release the power of God and the power of the cross, to work in our lives. "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.... (Acts 1:8)."

In Numbers 16:46-47, Moses said to Aaron, "Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it...and go stand between the dead and the living.

The church in the end times is not going to be a social club. It will not be a place where we join the church to get our needs met. It will not make us feel better about ourselves. We will not gather together to discuss religious ideas. The church in the end times will be a church that has the fire of God, and we are going to stand between the dead and the living and stop the plague that is trying to come into the earth. That is the church in the end times. I believe there will be doctors, mechanics, teachers, businessmen, housewives, and homemakers with the fire of God in our lives, and we will literally be able to stop the plagues that are around us. What kinds of plagues? They are all over: shootings, disasters, drug addiction, and overdoses.

I am studying John G. Lake's life again. He was a businessman in 1946 making \$50,000 a year. That was a lot of money in 1946. He walked away from his job, sold everything he had, gave the money away to ministries, and saved just enough to buy passage for his wife and seven children to go to South Africa not knowing how he would survive, how he would be supported or where he would live. He and his family went on the boat with no money. In those days, the ticket cost covered food, but he needed \$200 to get in the country to pass through immigration. He had \$1.50. He, his wife, and their children prayed.

The day they arrived, they were in line for immigration, and a passenger asked to speak to him, saying he felt he was supposed to give him \$200. They then got on a train and travelled 1000 miles to where he was supposed to be. He had no idea where to live or what to do. When he, his wife and seven children got off the train, a woman approached and asked, "Are you a missionary?" He said, "Yes." She asked, "Are you from America?" He responded, "Yes." She asked, "Do you have seven children?" He answered, "Yes." She said, "God sent me here and told me I am supposed to provide you a house to live in."

Lake went on to see the most amazing



move of God the world has ever seen. The bubonic plague broke out and thousands were dying around them. Nobody could bury the dead because if you touched the body you got the plague. John G. Lake and his elders said they would bury the dead. He said it was impossible for him to get the plague because when it touched him it would die. He said, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2)." They asked for proof, so he went to the laboratory and they put the plague on his hand under a microscope and as soon as it touched his hand the plague died. He and his elders buried all the dead and revival broke out in the midst of the plague because somebody had the Holy Ghost and Fire on their life.

We can sit here and put that off as something that happened in another time. But God said in Haggai 2:9,

"The glory of the latter house will be greater than the former house."

John G. Lake went around the world on a word from God. I think most of us want to see the great things in the book of Acts, but we are not willing to witness to our next door neighbour. We want to stay safe and at the same time see miracles. It does not work. You cannot stay safe if you want to live the life I am talking about. Fire is not safe. Fire can get out of control. Fire can burn you. Fire is not a safe thing to be around. Sometimes you try to control it, but fire will get away from you. I believe God is looking for people in this end time willing to live risky lives for the Kingdom of God. People who are not going to play it safe, but will live bold, risky lives. I am grabbing hold of this saying in my life, "Everybody dies, but not everybody has lived." I do not want to get to the end of my life and die having done nothing to effectively, passionately see the Kingdom of God come to pass.

God wants to release the power of the Holy Ghost and Fire. I believe we cannot sit around and take no responsibility. I am afraid we are placing all of the responsibility

on God and His sovereignty when He has put people in the earth to stand against the attacks of the enemy. I am not saying we can resolve everything, but there are some things we are supposed to impact and change.

I have been watching David Hogan lately. God sent him from Louisiana to Mexico to work among the Mexican drug cartel. Every day they try to kill him, his wife, kids, and grandkids. The first day he arrived, a lady brought her dead baby to him. He prayed, and the baby stayed dead. He told the woman not to hold it against God because it was not God's fault. He said, "It is my fault, so do not be bitter at God; be bitter at me. Put it all on me because I did not have what it took to fix your situation. But I promise you it will never happen again." He took full responsibility for the death of the child because he did not have the power of God in his life to bring the baby back. He fasted for a year and prayed God would change his life. Since that day, he has raised 500 people (documented cases) from the dead.

I am writing about these stories because we have a tendency to think the men I have written about are special servants of God who have a special connection by God's sovereignty. But they are not; they are spies. They have come to show us what is available if we want it.

There is going to be a remnant baptized with Holy Ghost and Fire, they are going to burn with passion and love, and you are going to catch fire when you are around them because they are lit up. Who wants to live un-lit? I love fire! I think God loves fire. God is fire. Every sacrifice had to be consumed by fire. God is a consuming fire. Israel was led by a cloud and fire. Holy Ghost falls in tongues of fire. I love that God has fire as an attribute of His character. Fire consumes. Fire empowers. Fire enlightens. Fire heats up the situation. I believe God is ready to baptize us with Holy Ghost and Fire.

Some of us have had our fire go out, and we need to be lit again. Some of you



have a small ember and need to flame up again. Some of you have been so disappointed and traumatized by last season that you feel like your fire has gone out. I have good news for you. My dad was a master fire builder. He would bank the coals before we went to bed. In the morning, all he had to do was fan the fire, and the fire would reignite. Some of you think the ashes of your disappointment, despair and hopelessness have put out the fire. The good news is it has just kept the fire hot underneath, and it is ready to flame back up today. The Holy Ghost is ready to pour fresh fire on you and light you up again.

Pray this as you finish reading this article: Father, we thank you for the Fire of Holy Spirit. We thank you that You are an all-

consuming fire. We thank you that You will light us up with a fresh passion and fire of Your Spirit in our lives. Father, we refuse to live passionless lives in this season. Thank You that You are raising us up to stand between the dead and the living by holding the fire of God in our lives and in our hands. Lord, thank you for the power of Holy Spirit being released now. I thank You, O God, that You are purifying us and burning those things out of us that are not pleasing in Your sight. You are removing those iniquitous patterns that are trying to stop Your call in our lives. Thank You that sin shall no longer have dominion over us. The fire of God will burn up the things that are not important. Set us ablaze afresh in the name of Jesus Christ for Your glory and Your honor and Your praise. Send the fire!

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SIGN IN THE HEAVEN FOR NEW BIRTH

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As the Lord spoke these words, I saw His face. His tears rolled down like rivers and His heart was filled with great sorrow

Recently, there has been much talk about the great sign of Revelation 12, and how it is being prophetically fulfilled in the physical universe.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Revelation 12:1-6

This sign involves the confluence of several constellations, planets, and our own sun and moon and reportedly took place on September 23, 2017.

Several reputable men of God began to preach and teach on the significance of this event several years prior to September 23, 2017. Though I had heard about it, I did not pay much attention to this theory or the hype around it.

During our annual Open Heavens Prophetic Conference in Jerusalem, Israel, in June 2017, one of the guest speakers, Ps. Andrew Tiplady from England, preached an eye-opening message on this cosmic event, supporting his thought-provoking message with detailed research and with Scriptures.

I sat there, riveted to my seat, as I listened to him with undivided attention. There was something he said that caught my earnest attention. Among the cosmic bodies which would be involved in this event was the planet Jupiter. The planet Jupiter enters into the constellation Virgo

which resembles a woman. The place where Jupiter positions itself appears to be the womb of Virgo. Interesting so far? The thing that hit me was the point Ps. Andrew made that Jupiter remains in the "womb" of Virgo for 42 weeks and then exits, similar to the birthing of a child.

As I sat there, listening, I was hit with a sudden illumination. I quickly made a mental calculation, counting back 42 weeks from September 23, 2017 and gasped in shock when the date turned out to be in December of 2016. Sitting there in the pavilion and listening to Ps. Andrew, I began to fear and tremble, because in December of 2016, as I was waiting on God one day, I was caught up into the heavens and the Lord spoke to me that the coming new year—2017—would signal the birthing of three important events prophesied in the Bible thousands of years ago.

Let us consider Revelation 12:1 from a few different translations of the Bible to gain a better understanding of this verse.

Amplified: "And a great sign (wonder) — [warning of future events of ominous significance] appeared in heaven"

The Living Bible: "Then a great pageant appeared in heaven, portraying things to come."

New Living Translation: "Then I witnessed in heaven an event of great significance."

Therefore, the almighty God is displaying a great colorful pageant procession of aligning heavenly bodies in the universe to portray to the whole world future events. It is also a warning of ominous things to come. This grand pageant is a great sign of the birthing of good and bad events.

Birthing Of The New

In the heavenly encounter I had in December 2016, the Lord Jesus graciously revealed to me the birthing of three significant events in these last days:

1. The time has now come for the

Gospel of the Kingdom to be preached – Matt 24:14

2. Beginning from Rosh Hashanah 2017, martyrdom and persecution will begin to take place – Rev 6:9-11.
3. Beginning from Rosh Hashanah 2017, God will begin to separate the sheep from the goats in the body of Christ – Rev 22:11

Then, something else happened during our conference in Jerusalem. The Lord counseled me to gather all the 1000 delegates on Mount Carmel on the last day of the conference. The Lord also counseled me to televise the event live on our television network, *Angel TV*, directly from Mount Carmel. Such an event has never taken place in the history of Israel.

The reason for this prophetic act, the Lord Jesus revealed to me, was that He is releasing the Spirit of Elijah. This is what we read in Malachi 4:5-6:

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Malachi 4:5-6

So we gathered a thousand people on the mountain. After preaching a revelatory message about the prophetic significant of the coming of Elijah in the last days, everybody stood for prayer. As I led the prayer, the power of the Most High God fell upon everyone. And the Word of the Lord came unto me, "Now, the Spirit of Elijah is released." This anointing was poured out all over the world at the same time through the live telecast.

We have received hundreds of testimonies from many nations around the world of people seeing the prophet Elijah's spirit in their homes. One amazing testimony came from India. A prophet of God living in Chhattisgarh had never watched *Angel TV* before. On the very same day and at



the same time as the live telecast, as he was praying in his room, he was visited by the spirit of Elijah. He literally saw the saint Elijah with his own eyes. Naturally, he was shocked and surprised.

After this visitation, he went to visit a fellow believer, Professor Mandeep Narang who is a partner of our ministry. Professor Mandeep had just finished watching the live telecast from Mount Carmel. This prophet came to his house just as the live telecast had ended. The prophet shared with Mandeep his unusual experience. Mandeep was pleasantly surprised. He then went on to explain to him about what I had prophesied on Mount Carmel concerning the coming of the spirit of Elijah. When Mandeep enquired about the time of the prophet's visitation, it was the exact time when I proclaimed, "Let the spirit of Elijah be poured out on the whole world right now." What an amazing testimony confirming this significant event!

The Release Of New Things

The astronomical alignment of the constellations Virgo and Leo together with the planets Jupiter, Mars, Mercury, Venus, Earth and the Sun and moon, was seen only over Jerusalem. Why was such a biblically historical event only seen over Jerusalem? The Scriptures say that the nation of Israel is a sign and a wonder to the whole world: "Here am I and the children whom the Lord has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion," (Isa 8:18). The Scriptures further say, "The Lord also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the Lord will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel" (Joel 3:16).

So, both through the amazing vision the apostle John saw and recorded in the book of Revelation and through current signs in the heavens, the Lord God is roaring from Zion to communicate a message to the whole world. This cosmic alignment of constellations and bodies of our Solar System over Israel signals the release of significant events that are going to take place. Specifically, four events are going

to take place:

1. The woman cries in pain – Rev 12:2

The nation of Israel and the Church will go through the birth pangs of sorrows talked about by the Lord Jesus in Matthew 24, verse 8. He used this phrase in the context of several signs that will take place before his coming.

What are these signs? Firstly, there will be deception. Secondly, false Christs and false prophets will come. Thirdly, there will be wars and rumors of wars. Fourth, great earthquakes in many places. Number five, pestilences. Number six, famines. Number seven, persecution. All these are the "beginning of sorrows." So, Israel and the Church will experience all this for a period of at least three years.

2. Antichrist and False Prophet – Rev 13

These two beasts will arise from the earth—from amongst the people—to deceive the whole world.

3. Birthing of a Male Child – Rev 12:5

A new breed of sons and daughters of God, a new prophetic company will be birthed, both in Israel and in the Church. It will be the last days' prophetic company commissioned for a worldwide ministry similar to the ministries of the prophets Moses and Elijah. A worldwide revival of an unprecedented magnitude will usher in a harvest of souls into the kingdom of God never heard-of or imagined before. This will be the final great harvest that was prophesied to come.

A prophetic company of 144,000 will be specially chosen and sealed from all over Israel (Rev 7:2-8). This will be the Jewish people's opportunity to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to all the world before the end comes. This prophesy, uttered by the Lord Jesus, was first spoken in Jerusalem upon the Mount of Olives



(Matt 24:14). The proclamation of the gospel began in Israel and it will end in Israel.

Similarly, a new breed of prophetic people—the *Joel 2:28 Company*—will arise in the true remnant Church. This worldwide company will be composed of *children, youths, old men and women* and a *group of men and women ministers of God*. This company of people will be endowed with a prophetic anointing to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom with incredible, never-before-heard-of signs and wonders, and they will prepare the world for the coming of the Lord Jesus.

A new company of prophetic writers will be birthed. They will write prophetic messages and books inspired by God. God will give them wonderful messages through dreams and visions inspiring them to write end-time messages of warnings to the world and messages to prepare the Bride of Christ.

4. Persecution – Rev 12:13,17

Israel and the Church will face great persecution from the devil. God has promised to protect His chosen people. He has also prepared places of protection and refuge all over the world for such a

time as this.

For a very long time, the Lord has been preparing a company of Mordechai's & Esther's who have been tasked by the Lord to prepare lands and housing to protect His people during times of persecution. This company has also been intensely interceding for these last days' event that the Jews and the remnant believers of the Lord will not fail nor deny their faith.

What Shall We Do Now?

Saints of God, prepare yourselves for this new birthing that God is about to accomplish in these last days.

1. Give yourselves to prayer and fasting as often as you can.
2. Just as a promised bride is undefiled and chaste (Rev 19:6-7), let your spirit and soul be pure, unspotted and chaste like a virgin (2 Cor 7:2).
3. Search your heart and mind to see if there is any disobedience in you towards the things of God. Such disobedience is rebellion towards God (1 Sam 15:22-23).
4. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.
5. Put your house—both personal as well as church and ministry—in order. Is everything in the condition that God has commanded it to be? Scrutinize and examine all areas of your life sincerely.

Prepare, prepare, for time will delay no longer!

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A NEW DAY IS DAWNING

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Revelation 12:1-2 is a clarion call to this generation
that we have transitioned into a profound season

On August 21st, 2017 there was a complete solar eclipse that crossed 10 states in the United States. It started at 10:15am Pacific Time at Government Point, Oregon and ended at Key Bay South Carolina at 4:06pm that afternoon.

33 days later, on September 23rd, 2017 there was another powerful heavenly phenomena that took place over Israel in direct fulfillment of Revelation 12:1-2.

For many in the church, these heavenly signs hold no significance as the vast majority of the modern day church has failed to grasp the importance of these heavenly "voices" and relegates them to the fringe mindset within the Body of Christ.

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their

words to the end of the world..."

Psalms 19:1-4 (ESV)

While I agree that we can over-emphasize anything in our Christian walk, I also know that the Lord Himself speaks through these heavenly signs to give us encouragement as well as warning. In Genesis 1:14 it is made perfectly clear why the Lord created these heavenly luminaries:

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years"

Genesis 1:14

The 'sign' of Revelation 12:1-2 is a clarion call to this generation that we have transitioned into a profound season—a final season, before the return of our Master. It falls upon one of the most important feast seasons in Israel; Rosh Ha Shanna, the Feast of Trumpets. To not acknowledge the significance and importance of this hour in which we live is gross negligence

at best and willful ignorance at worst.

"Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth."

Revelation 12:1-2

Without going into great detail let me also share another 'sign' that holds tremendous significance for us in this hour. In Genesis 6:3 the Lord spoke to Noah and said,

"And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

Genesis 6:3

In our Western understanding of this scripture we extrapolate the idea of believing the Lord for 120 years of life lived on this earth. While there is nothing wrong with believing the Lord for a long life, this is not fully what was intended by this scripture according to the Hebraic interpretation of this verse.

According to them, this scripture was talking about Jubilee cycles. Or in other words, 120 years of Jubilee cycles which is 50 years each for a total of 6000 years! According to the rabbis the first Adam was given a 6000 year stewardship on this

earth! This particular Rosh Ha Shanna, 23 September 2017, is the culmination of the 120th Jubilee!

If this were not enough to encourage you to study the Scriptures a little more ardently, let me share a testimony we just received from some friends of ours. Their son, a 9 year old whom I will leave nameless for the sake of privacy, had an amazing encounter on this very night! September 23rd, 2017.

At 4:00am he was awakened by a loud trumpet blast that so startled him he got up. He noticed the light was on in his mothers' study. He went there and broke in upon her prayer time and said to her, "Do you hear that!"

She replied, "No, hear what?"

He said, "The Loud trumpet blasting!"

She again said she did not hear anything. However, knowing her son is given to visions and visitations of the Lord asked him, "Who is blowing the horn?"

He said, "Gabriel is! And he keeps saying, 'Time is short, Jesus is returning very soon!'"

Coupling these celestial events with biblical prophecies and historical occurrences involving the nation of Israel, the odds are high that the Great Tribulation, or Jacob's Trouble, may begin this fall. Other celestial phenomenon may be visible in the heavens during this time too. It is a great time to be alive if we are armed with the Truth. We are children of the day and are not to be asleep.

It's time we became like the Sons' of Issachar – understanding times and seasons so we will be found busy about the Master's work when He comes!

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AN ASTONISHING 1968 PROPHECY

By a 90 Year Old Women

An old woman of 90 from Valdres in Norway had a vision from God in 1968. The evangelist Emanuel Minos had meetings (services) where she lived. He had the opportunity to meet her, and she told him what she had seen. He wrote it down, but thought it to be so unintelligible that he put it in a drawer. Now, over 40 years later, he understands he has to share the vision with others.

The woman from Valdres was a very alert, reliable, awake and credible Christian, with a good reputation among all who knew her. This is what she saw:

"I saw the time just before the coming of Jesus and the outbreak of the Third World War. I saw the events with my natural eyes. I saw the world like a kind of a globe and saw Europe, land by land. I saw Scandinavia. I saw Norway. I saw certain things that would take place just before the return of Jesus, and just before the last calamity happens, a calamity the likes of which we have never before experienced.

She mentioned four waves:

1. First before Jesus comes and before the Third World War breaks out, there will be a (détente) like we have never had before. There will be peace between the super powers in the east and the west, and there will be a long peace. (Remember, that this was in 1968 when the cold war was at its highest. —E. Minos) In this

period of peace there will be disarmament in many countries, also in Norway and we are not prepared when it (the war) comes. The Third World War will begin in a way no one would have anticipated—and from an unexpected place.

2. A Luke warmness without parallel will take hold of the Christians, a falling away from true, living Christianity. Christians will not be open for penetrating preaching. They will not, like in earlier times, want to hear of sin and grace, law and gospel, repentance and restoration. There will come a substitute instead: prosperity (happiness) Christianity.

"The important thing will be to have success, to be something; to have material things, things that God never promised us in this way. Churches and prayer houses will be emptier and emptier. Instead of the preaching we have been used to for generations—like, to take your cross up and follow Jesus—entertainment, art and culture will invade the churches where there should have been gatherings for repentance and revival. This will increase markedly just before the return of Jesus.

3. There will be a moral disintegration that old Norway has never experienced the likes of. People will live together like married without being married. (I do not believe the concept 'co-habitor'? existed in 1968. —E. Minos.) Much uncleanness before marriage, and

much infidelity in marriage will become the natural (the common), and it will be justified from every angle. It will even enter Christian circles and we pet it—even sin against nature. Just before Jesus' return there will be TV programs like we have never experienced. *(TV had just arrived in Norway in 1968. —E. Minos)*

"TV will be filled with such horrible violence that it teaches people to murder and destroy each other, and it will be unsafe in our streets. People will copy what they see. There will not be only one 'station' on TV, it will be filled with 'stations.' *(She did not know the word 'channel' which we use today. Therefore she called them stations. —E. Minos.)* TV will be just like the radio where we have many 'stations,' and it will be filled with violence. People will use it for entertainment. We will see terrible scenes of murder and destruction one of the other, and this will spread in society. Sex scenes will also be shown on the screen, the most intimate things that takes place in a marriage." *(I protested and said, "We have a paragraph that forbids this kind of thing." —E. Minos.)* It will happen, and you will see it. All we have had before will be broken down, and the most indecent things will pass before our eyes.

4. People from poor countries will stream to Europe. *(In 1968 there was no such thing as immigration. —E. Minos.)* They will also come

to Scandinavia and Norway. There will be so many of them that people will begin to dislike them and become hard with them. They will be treated like the Jews before the Second World War. Then the full measure of our sins will have been reached *(I protested at the issue of immigration. I did not understand it at the time. —E. Minos.)*

The tears streamed from the old woman's eyes down her cheeks. "I will not see it, but you will. Then suddenly, Jesus will come and the Third World War breaks out. It will be a short war." *(She saw it in the vision.)*

"All that I have seen of war before is only child's play compared to this one, and it will be ended with a nuclear atom bomb. The air will be so polluted that one cannot draw one's breath. It will cover several continents, America, Japan, Australia and the wealthy nations. The water will be ruined (contaminated?). We can no longer till the soil. The result will be that only a remnant will remain. The remnant in the wealthy countries will try to flee to the poor countries, but they will be as hard on us as we were on them.

"I am so glad that I will not see it, but when the time draws near, you must take courage and tell this. I have received it from God, and nothing of it goes against what the Bible tells. "The one who has his sin forgiven and has Jesus as Saviour and Lord, is safe."

