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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I have included part 2 of an article by my father in this issue, which comes from the book, 'Secrets of the Kingdom: Volume 4'.

It is very relevant for us today. Many of my father's visions, dreams and prophetic encounters were ahead of their time, pointing to the days in which we are living right now.

We have currently sold out of Secrets of the Kingdom Vol 4, but we are printing more.

Stay strong and trust in the Lord.

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PART 2

PREPARING FOR THE HARVEST

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was just a token of what is upon us now

A Wayward Generation

When we look at this present generation of young people, we often see them as a drug-ridden, immoral, rebellious age group. Of course, not all are like that, but a great proportion are.

In the seventies, we saw a very real harvest of young people who were caught up in the prevailing youth culture of the day, which imbibed the hip philosophy of 'make love not war'. Their disdain for the current establishment, though in many ways well founded, led them into drugs, sex and rebellion. God poured out His spirit, and thousands of these wayward young people came to the Lord and are still serving Him today. These days, we face a generation that has tasted everything that their culture and the world can offer. However, this same generation is ripe for another great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. God views this generation of young people as His special secret weapon. They

are the Jesus 42 Generation, and they shall ascend the hill of the Lord. Countless millions of young people are on the brink of the greatest revival the church has ever seen. The Lord's ability to save and transform the youth of today must not be underestimated.

God's Secret Weapon

The wave of God's spirit that swept across the earth, known as the Jesus revolution or the charismatic movement was just a token of what is upon us now. God's ability to save and purify the harvest is about to be demonstrated to the church in a remarkable way. Satan's accusation has always been that Jesus can save people, but He can't deliver them from sin! That is about to change in a dramatic way. This generation – God's secret weapon will very quickly come to the fulness of the stature of Christ and will help to reap the FINAL harvest.

The Prophet Malachi prophesied



about this generation:

For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 1:11

God was saying that there will come a time when in every nation, tribe and tongue there will be people who worship God with PURE HEARTS, and God's name will be great in every nation of the world.

But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Malachi 3:2-3

But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations. Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

Psalms 102:12-13

The Son of Righteousness is about to rise with healing in His wings to heal, restore and purify this generation of young people.

This generation will go forth across the earth as a new missionary force, leading countless millions to the Lord. Your sons and daughters are about to be the recipients of a massive move of God, who will rescue a whole generation, which in turn will become ambassadors of the goodness, power and the mercy of God to a dying

world.

Both good and evil will be harvested:

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

Matthew 13:47-49

Two harvests are becoming ripe: the good and the evil, and these two harvests are ripening together. Sinners are getting more proficient at sinning, and the righteous are becoming more righteous. Good and evil are maturing; darkness is increasing along with the light. The fragile empires of men are beginning to be shaken as the economy stumbles along from one crisis to another. In preparing for the coming harvests, it is vital that we also prepare for both.

The Ostrich Culture

There is a culture that prevails in many churches today that is similar in behaviour to the ostrich, which hides its head in the sand when danger approaches, pretending that the threat does not exist. This culture is one of the most dangerous and harmful attitudes of our times. Many people want preachers to tell them only positive things, and many preachers today criticize those who speak of the approaching times of difficulty, branding them as negative. How foolish can we be? Many times, Jesus would speak about impending disasters, judgment and frightening things that are coming in our day.

For nation shall rise against nation, and



kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places ... And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 24:7, 14-22

The forces of light and the forces of darkness are headed for the fiercest clash that the world has ever seen. Darkness is encroaching across our planet, and most Christians don't want to think about it, let alone admit it. The two harvests are maturing: the harvest of good and the harvest of evil, and we cannot ignore these facts.

At evening time it shall be light

But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

Zechariah 14:7

As we approach the end of this age, darkness shall increase, but light shall also increase.

The greatest revival will occur at a time when the greatest darkness covers the earth.

We must prepare for the two harvests of good and evil. Although we do not focus on the darkness, we must not hide our heads in the sand, pretending that it won't happen.

God said everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The kingdoms of men will fall, but the Kingdom of God will stand forever (Hebrews 12:26-28). Recently, we have again seen how fragile the economic systems of the world are. The stock market acts as a thermometer, monitoring the temperature of the economy. The economic crash in 1987 was soon forgotten as the world continued on its path of destruction.

When asked about the turmoil caused by the 1987 crash, Roger Smith, the Chairman of General Motors declared, "We didn't just have a tummy ache here in our country; we had a genuine, certified heart attack! And if we don't recognize it as a heart attack and get on a diet and start doing exercises, we could have another one and it could be terminal." Here we are in 2008, and nothing has changed. The economy is again on the brink of major catastrophe. We need to remember that the great stock market crash of 1929 appeared to slowly recover until the underlying effects of the crash surfaced three years later in the form of the Great Depression.

We have heard it all before

As I write this, I can hear the words, "We have heard it all before and nothing happened."

That's what the people said in the days of Noah!



For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:38

There are two floods coming across the face of the earth: a flood of evil and darkness and a flood of light and righteousness. Two harvests will be reaped simultaneously. Dark days lie ahead, and light days lie ahead. Millions will be swept into the Kingdom of Heaven during a time of great tribulation. We must prepare in the natural and in the spiritual for these two harvests. We must be in a place where we can clearly hear God speaking to us. There must be no confusion in hearing the voice of the Lord when He speaks to us. We need to get out of debt and streamline our lives in such a way that we will be able to move and follow the Lord no matter what it takes. We must stay very flexible and ready to follow the Lord. In the natural, we need to become as self-sufficient as we can, possessed by an unshakeable faith in God's ability to take us through whatever darkness sweeps across the earth.

"But keep on the alert at all times, praying in order that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Luke 21:36

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine

eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

Isaiah 60:1-5

On the 28 March, 2008, the Lord gave me a dream which had profound implications regarding the coming harvest.

In the dream, I found myself standing on a beach. The tide was almost full and somehow that seemed significant. The atmosphere was crisp yet warm. Waves gently lapped the sandy shoreline and a light-colored mist hung over the water a few hundred meters offshore. Suddenly, a boat appeared through the haze, heading towards me. A man was standing on deck, holding a tiller and cheerfully called out, "Do you want to come fishing?" I hesitated for a moment then replied, "Okay". I pushed the boat out and jumped in. The man's face emanated a glow that was not of this world. He had a rugged yet refined look and seemed very focused and determined.

I had the strange feeling that I had been here before but could not quite put my finger on it. The boat quickly moved out into deep water and stopped. The sea was teeming with fish, and it seemed almost as if the fish wanted to be caught. This man looked at me and said, "My name is Peter." With that, he threw the net out. In what seemed like no time at all, he pulled it in again, and it was teeming with fish. As soon as the fish hit the deck, they turned into people of all ages. I was struggling



to get my mind around this unusual phenomenon when Peter said, "The final harvest must be reaped, but it can only be reaped by those who have crossed the River Jordan." Suddenly, it dawned on me that in my dream I was talking to Peter the Apostle! Before I could speak, Peter continued, "Jesus was involved in two fishing trips while He walked this earth: one at the beginning of His ministry and one towards the end. (Luke 5:4-10; John 21:6-8) Peter resumed, "On the first fishing trip the net broke, but on the second trip the net held. So shall it be in this final harvest: the net will hold. The net had broken in the early church, and much was lost, but it will not be so in your day. Those who have left the wilderness behind and have crossed over into the promised land are those who have one goal and motive, which is to build the Kingdom of God. Jealousy, anger and selfish ambition will no longer hinder them nor spoil the harvest. Pride no longer motivates them, and they have come into rest. The final harvest has begun and will increase in intensity until the end. The end is now in sight; the finishing line is in view. What begun at Pentecost will finish in your day. The great cloud of witnesses watches with great joy and anticipation for the final consummation. Just as the harvest began with one generation in my day, so it will finish with this present generation in your day. My generation saw the foundations laid; your generation will see the building completed. There will be many in your generation who will overcome all things, even death. Your generation saw tares sown into the harvest field, your generation will see all the tares removed. The harvest wave is upon you. You will accomplish in one generation what hundreds of generations have longed to see. The Feast of Pentecost must give way to the Feast of Tabernacles.

Your generation will accomplish that which the church could not over the past two thousand years. The glorious shadow that emanated from the early church was just that: a shadow. You will see the fulness of the glory of God in one generation manifested in such a way that nothing will be impossible. The miracles we saw were just a foretaste of what was to come."

Peter paused, looking at the people in the boat. "See how the boat has now grown." I was amazed that the boat was now huge and accommodated so many people that it was impossible to estimate how many it contained. Peter continued, "The seed of the early church martyrs will blossom in your generation. One seed will produce countless multitudes in the harvest of your day. These martyrs will watch, grateful to the Lord for allowing them to be a part of what you will experience. Their seed will explode into continuing, ever-increasing harvests until the Lord returns. These witnesses have waited to see this day."

Peter looked at me and said, "Tell the Christian leaders of your day that if they seek to profit from this harvest and build their own kingdoms, they will be destroyed. This harvest is holy; its fruit is precious. If you cause any to stumble you will surely be destroyed."

I felt the force and gravity of what Peter had just said. It hit me like a hammer blow, and I had to steady myself somewhat in order not to miss anything else that he had to say. Peter went on, "Purity of heart is required for those who are to be involved in gathering this harvest. It is the Lord's harvest, not your harvest. He has waited for this with great longing and anticipation."

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold,



the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

James 5:7-8

Finally, Peter counselled, "Don't be impetuous like I was. Follow the Lord of the Harvest. True sons of God are

led by the Spirit of God." I began to feel a holy fear that triggered a determination never to hurt or hinder the harvest — never to use it for my own ends and purposes. Peter looked at me and said, "Great grace will be given to your generation, but great accountability will also be required." With that he was gone, and I woke up.

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Time is at Hand

*All these are the beginning of sorrows.
The time of sorrows is come upon us*

One of the signs the Lord Jesus revealed concerning the last days is the hearing and witnessing of wars and rumors of war (Matt. 24:6). The war between Russia and Ukraine had crossed a year and there is no sign of respite. Many nations of the world are experiencing famines. The recent devastating earthquake in Turkey has killed more than 50,000 lives so far. What is happening?

The Word of the Lord came to me: "Read Matthew 24:8." I quickly opened my Bible and read to my horror the words: All these are the beginning of sorrows. The time of sorrows is come upon us.

The word "sorrow" in Greek is "odin" which means, "to travail." More specifically, "sorrows" refers to the birth pangs a woman experience just prior to the birthing of her child.

Saints of God be forewarned. The apocalyptic events that occur when the seven seals are broken are not the birth pangs. Rather, they are the beginnings of the birth pangs. The real birth pangs begin when the seven trumpets sound and when the seven bowls of God's judgments are poured upon the whole

earth (Rev. 8:7-11; Rev. 15-16).

Why this birthing pain? What will it give birth to? The Scripture says: For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body (Rom. 8:22-23).

The birth pangs will give birth to the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ as the King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16).

The Horsemen

Since the past few years, I have seen with growing alarm a series of visions of valiant galloping horses: white, red, and black. In the book of Revelation four horses are mentioned: White horse, Red horse, Black horse, and Pale horse. Their riders seem to be empowered to unleash terrible and destructive judgments on earth (Rev. 6:1-17).

Another horseman is mentioned in the book of Zechariah:



*I saw by night, and behold a man riding
on a red horse, and it stood among the
myrtle trees in the hollow; and behind
him were horses: red, sorrel, and white*
Zechariah 1:8

Who is this horseman? The Scripture provides the answer: these are the ones whom the Lord has sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth (v.10). Before God poured out His judgments upon Sodom and Gomorrah, He sent His angels to spy the land (Gen. 18:21,22).

Likewise, before the seven seals are broken, the red horse of Zechariah will ride the length and breadth of the earth to spy the land.

As alarming as it may sound let us not be troubled. Let us pay heed to the counsel of the Lord:

*All this is but the beginning [the early
pains] of the birth pangs [of the intolerable
anguish]"*

Matthew 24:8, AMP

Is there anything then that we can or should do? Again, pay heed to the counsel of the Lord:

*"Watch therefore and pray always that
you may be counted worthy to escape
all these things that will come to pass,
and to stand before the Son of Man"*
Luke 21:36

Beloved saints of God, we must not sleep like the rest. We must stay watchful in prayer. We must remain sober, looking at the signs of the times, for we are living close to the consummation of the ages (I Thes. 5:6).

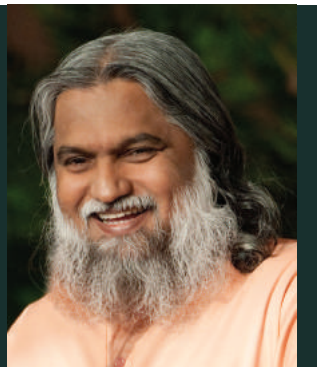
The time is now at hand for the Lord Jesus to come as a thief in the night. Let us be watchful. Let us keep our spiritual garment clean and intact lest we walk naked and in shame (Rev. 16:15).

Maranatha!

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CONFORMITY TO CHRIST

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the Lord is separating unto Himself a holy remnant in these last days

In every generation the Lord raises up for Himself prophetic voices that warn, encourage, correct, cast vision, and reflect the Heart of our Heavenly Father. Below is a prophetic word spoken at a time of great upheaval in society – a time of social change and changing mores. While this word may have had some significance during that period, it is more reflective of the day and hour in which we find ourselves.

Scripture states in Esther 8:8 that anything stated with the seal of the King cannot be revoked. If a prophet speaks by the spirit of the Lord it cannot be revoked – unless there is an acknowledgement of the sin and a repentance.

I share this because it bore witness in my spirit. I know the Lord is separating unto Himself a holy remnant in these last days and this word reflects that. May you read it and receive the quickening of the Lord to heed the process He already has you in – Conformity to Christ.

"This prophecy was given at the Elim Bible Institute in the USA in 1965 by the late Stanley Frodsham (1882-1969). Brother Frodsham was one of those who received his Baptism in the Holy Ghost at Sunderland in 1908 where the Pentecostal movement in Britain had its beginnings. He was a recognized prophet and teacher in the Body of Christ.

With Great Judgments

With great judgments will I plead with the population of this country. Great darkness is coming upon the countries that have heard My Gospel but no longer walk in it. My wrath shall come upon them. The darkness shall be so great, and the anguish so sore that men will cry out for death and shall not find it. There shall be a lingering death, famine, and great catastrophes.

My wrath shall be manifested against all ungodliness. It shall come with great intensity. You have known My love but have not known My wrath. My severity. My judgments are literal and

not a thing to be lightly passed over. Realize the severity of My judgments and My intense anger against the sin in My household. My judgments shall begin in My house. For I will cleanse My house that it be not a partaker of My wrath against the iniquities of the cities.

Before I visit the nations in judgment I will begin in My house. When I do cause My wrath to come upon the cities of the world My people shall be separate. I desire a people without spot or wrinkle, and such shall be preserved by Me in the time of My wrath coming upon all iniquity and unrighteousness.

Cry Out Continually

I am going to prepare you for the coming days by a hard path that will cause you to cry out continually unto Me. For when the going is easy, men do not seek Me, but rejoice in a temporary blessing. And when the blessing is removed they so often turn this way and that way but do not come to Me. I am showing you these things that you may seek Me continually and with great diligence. As you seek Me, I will open up truths to you that you have not seen before; and these very truths will be that which will enable you to stand in these last days.

As you are persecuted, reviled, and rejected by your brethren then you will turn unto Me with all your heart and seek Me for that spiritual life you have need of. And when tribulation comes you will have that which will enable you to stand. For many shall be tossed to and fro. Men's hearts shall fail them because of trouble on every hand. For these days shall be very terrible, the like of which has never been seen before.

Mighty Revival Power

When I visit My people in mighty revival power, it is to prepare them for the darkness ahead. With the glory shall come great darkness, for the glory is to prepare My people for the darkness. I will enable My people to go through because of the visitation of My Spirit. Take heed to yourselves lest you be puffed up and think that you have arrived. Many shall be puffed up as in the olden days, for many then received My message but they continued not in it. Did I not anoint Jehu? Yet the things I desired were not accomplished in his life.

Listen to the messengers, but do not hold men's persons in admiration. For many whom I shall anoint mightily with signs and miracles shall become lifted up and shall fall by the wayside. I do this in sorrow because I have freely made provision that they might stand. I call many into this ministry and equip them; but remember that many shall fall. They shall be like bright lights, and the people shall delight in them. But they shall be taken over by deceiving spirits and shall many of My people astray.

Seducing Spirits

Hearken diligently concerning these things, for in the last days shall come seducing spirits that shall turn many of My anointed ones away. Many shall fall through diverse lusts, and because of sin abounding. But if you will seek Me diligently, I will put My Spirit within you. When one shall turn to the right hand or to the left you shall not turn with them but keep your eyes wholly on the Lord.

The coming days are the most dangerous, difficult, and dark, but there shall be a mighty outpouring of My Spirit upon many cities, and many shall be destroyed. My people must be diligently warned concerning the



days that are ahead. Many shall turn after seducing spirits; many are already seducing My people. It is those who DO righteousness that are righteous.

Many cover their sins by great theological words. But I warn you of seducing spirits who instruct My people in an evil way. Many of these I shall anoint that they may purify and sift My people; for I would have a Holy people.

Many shall come with seducing spirits and hold out lustful enticements. You will find that after I have visited My people again, the way shall become more and more narrow, and fewer shall walk therein. But be not deceived, the ways of righteousness are My ways. For though Satan comes as an angel of light hearken not to him; for those who perform miracles and speak not righteousness are not of Me.

I warn you with great intensity that I am going to judge My house and I will have a church without spot or wrinkle when I come. I desire to open your eyes and give you spiritual understanding that you may not be deceived but may walk in uprightness of heart before Me, loving righteousness and hating every evil way.

Look unto Me and I will make you to perceive with the eyes of the Spirit the things that lurk in darkness, that are not visible to the human eye. Let Me lead you in this way that you may perceive the powers of darkness and battle against them. It is not a battle against flesh and blood; for if you battle in that way you accomplish nothing. But if you let Me take over and battle against the powers of darkness then they are defeated, and then liberation is brought to My people.

I Warn You

I warn you to search the Scriptures diligently in these last days. For the things that are written shall indeed be made manifest. There shall come deceivers among My people in increasing numbers, who shall speak forth the truth and shall gain the favor of the people. For the people shall examine the Scriptures and say, "What these men say is true."

Then when they have gained the hearts of the people, then and ONLY THEN shall they bring out wrong doctrines. Therefore, I say that you should not give your hearts to men, nor hold people's persons in admiration. For by these very persons shall Satan enter into My people. WATCH FOR SEDUCERS! Do you think a seducer will brandish a new heresy and flaunt it before the people? He will speak the words of righteousness and truth, and will appear as a minister of light, declaring the Word. The peoples' hearts shall be won. Then, when the hearts are won, they will bring out their doctrines and the people shall be deceived.

The people shall say, "Did he not speak thus and thus? And did we not examine it from the Word? Therefore, he is a minister of righteousness. This that he has now spoken we do not see in the Word, but it must be right, for the other things he spoke were true."

Be Not Deceived

Be not deceived for the deceiver will first work to gain the hearts of many, and then shall bring forth his insidious doctrines. You cannot discern those who are of Me and those who are not of Me when they start to preach. But seek Me constantly, and then when these doctrines are brought out you shall have a witness in your heart that these are not of Me.



Fear not, for I have warned you. Many will be deceived. But if you walk in holiness and uprightness before the Lord, your eyes shall be open, and the Lord will protect you. If you will constantly look unto the Lord, you will know when the doctrine changes and will not be brought into it. If your heart is right, I will keep you; and if you will look constantly to Me I will uphold you.

Great Dangers

The minister of righteousness shall be on this wise – his life shall agree with the Word and his lips shall give forth that which is wholly true, and it will be no mixture. When the mixture appears then you will know he is not a minister of righteousness. The deceivers speak first the truth and then error, to cover their own sins which they love. Therefore, I exhort and command you to study the Scriptures relative to seducing spirits, for this is one of the great dangers of these last days.

I desire you to be firmly established in My Word and not in the personalities of men, that you will not be moved as so many shall be moved. I would keep you in the paths of righteousness. Take heed to yourselves and follow not the seducing spirits that are already manifesting themselves. Diligently inquire of Me when you hear something that you have not seen in the Word, and do not hold

people's persons in admiration, for it is by this very method that Satan will hold many of My people.

Truth In The Inward Parts

The truths that I have revealed to you must become a part of you – not just an experience, but a part of your very nature. Is it not written that I demand truth in the inward parts? It is the truth of the Lord expressed in your very being that shall hold you. Many shall experience the truth, but the truth must become a part of you – your very life!

As men and women look upon you, they will hear not only the voice but see the expression of the truth. Many shall be overcome because they are not constant in My ways, and because they have not permitted the truths to become part of them. I am showing you these things that you may be prepared and having done all to stand.

Fear not the days to come, but fear this only, that you shall walk in a manner pleasing to the Lord. In this time, I am ordering and establishing My church and it shall indeed be pure, without spot or wrinkle. I will do a word in My beloved that has not been seen since the foundation of the world. I have shown you these things that you may seek the Lord diligently with all your heart and that you may be a preserver of My people!"

May the Lord Bless you and Keep you.

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THE SEARCHING EYES OF GOD

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It is the heart that is fully committed to follow God
that is empowered

Holy Scripture states that Almighty God is searching the entire earth looking for someone! Who is God looking for? God is looking about the entire earth, searching for the upright in heart. To them, God will prove Himself strong and sure.

The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. (2 Chronicles 16:9).

Notice the heart of the matter is the matter of the heart. It is the heart that is fully committed to follow God that is empowered.

Specifically, the Spirit of God is preparing leadership by releasing upon them the anointing that rested upon the sons of Issachar. These men had revelatory understanding of the *time and season in which they lived*, and were well aware of what the people of God should be accomplishing (**1 Chronicles 12:32**). We too must be anointed with the Spirit of God to operate in this type of anointing to guide and navigate

these dark, dangerous days.

What is the time and season in which we now live? God will fill the entire earth with the knowledge of the great glory of His Son Christ Jesus! God's plans for these end-time days are for the entire world to discover that His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ, is indeed King of Kings and Lord of Lords (1 Timothy 6:15 and Revelation 19:16). Scripture states that every knee will bow and every tongue shall confess that Christ Jesus is Lord. The Spirit of Truth is revealing the Glory and Presence of God in a powerful manner. The Scriptures declare that the entire earth will be *filled* with the knowledge of the glory of God (Habakkuk 2:14).

The Kingdom's Swift Advance

The Kingdom of God is *advancing swiftly* across the nations and countless multitudes are turning to Christ. The prophetic trumpets must make a clear call in these extremely crucial days in order to prepare a strong confident leadership (1 Corinthians 14:8).



This is the time to walk with true goals, aims and divine purposes, not drift about in an endless circle (Ephesians 5:14-18).

No one desires another 40-year trip around the mountain of misguided human efforts! The good news is that we do not need to wander any longer in the wilderness. It is time to access the Kingdom of God. Now is the time to move forward, establishing the King in His Kingdom by operating in the power and authority of God!

For The Destined Harvest

These are days of destiny, filled with wonder and excitement, as the works of God are being displayed (**Psalms 90:16-17**). The awe of God is returning to the people of God, filling the hearts of God's people with great expectation (**Isaiah 64:1**). Expect to behold great and mighty unknown exploits being accomplished for the advancing of the Kingdom of God (**Jeremiah 33:3**). Your prayers and Divine decrees will change everything (**Job 22:28**)!

God Is Harvesting The Harvesters

Indeed, we stand on the verge of the greatest harvest the world has ever seen. Never forget: the Lord will have His harvest. The Spirit of God is now at work to "harvest the harvesters." Expect to see God's anointed harvesters arise and mobilize in a manner not seen before. More than a billion people will soon be swiftly brought into the Kingdom of God.

The Spirit of God is anointing and empowering dedicated, consecrated believers with unstoppable authority (**Luke 10:19**). These are ordinary people who do extraordinary exploits for the glory of God (**Daniel 11:32b**). They have embraced the promise from Christ concerning who they are and what they can accomplish by His Spirit (**John 14:12**). Christ promised that by HIM and thru HIM it is possible

that we can accomplish even greater works that HE did.

Confidence through Abiding

The Lord has issued an ultimate command. It is unmistakably clear: as followers of Christ, we are to be bold, brave, and extremely courageous. Scripture declares in the book of **Joshua 1:9**, "**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.**"

The last phrase contains an overwhelming promise—the abiding Presence of God. Keep this promise in the midst of your heart: "**. . . for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go!**" This promise is repeated throughout Scripture and is the foundation of the promise in: **1 John 4:4, KJV: "Greater is He [God] that is in you, than he that is in the world."**

This revelation is essential: we must embrace the promise of our identity in Christ and believe that we can accomplish exploits by His Spirit. The Kingdom of God will not be established by mere words, nor by our abilities, but by the Spirit of God (**2 Corinthians 4:20**). This confidence can only come from *factual, experiential* union with Christ. By abiding in His manifested presence, we become bold and are able to stand firm, knowing who we are in Christ and who Christ is within us (**Proverbs 28:1 and Colossians 2:9-10**). God's Word declares that the fullness of the Godhead is *in Christ* and that we are complete in Him (**Colossians 2:9-10**).

Prepare, Prepare, Prepare!

Truly, as promised in **Esther 4:14**, **we are in the Kingdom for such a time as this**. Rejoice, for you can know for certain that the Kingdom is in you for such a day as this! Be confident: you are born for this day. Do not delay to move forward by faith, walking



in victory and taking your place as an overcomer, embracing fully the destiny God has planned for you **(Ephesians 5:14-16)**.

Our God is truly an awesome God! Prepare to behold Him in a manner not seen in our lifetime. God is at this time responding to the invitation of **Isaiah 64:1: "Rend the heavens and come down."**

These are some of the most exciting days in human history.

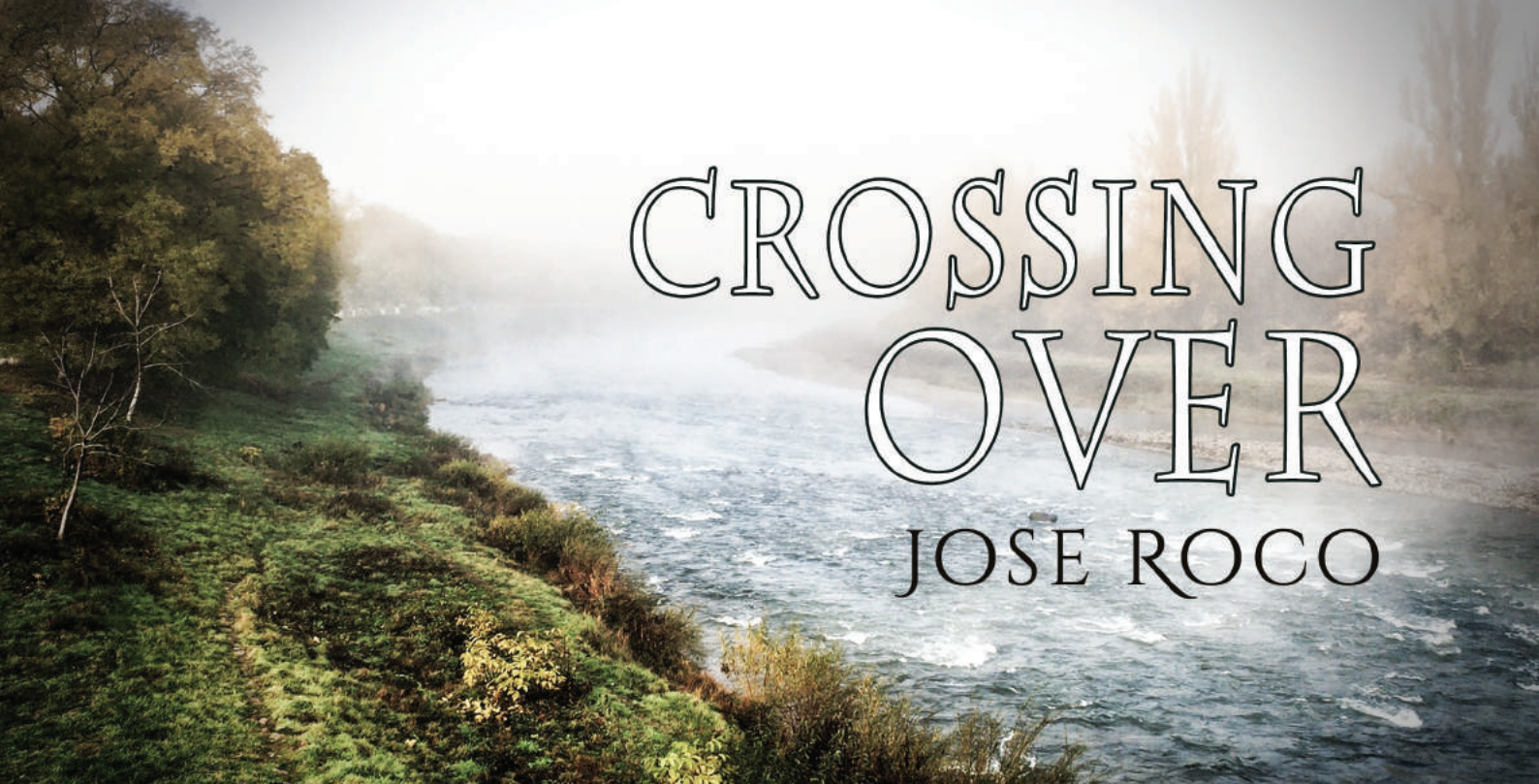
Arise to the occasion and take your place as a victorious overcomer, standing strong and bold, declaring that the Kingdom of God will *swiftly* come to earth!

Expect to experience the presence and power of God in an unprecedented manner. Never forget God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we could ask or even imagine **(Ephesians 3:20-21)**.



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CROSSING OVER

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Because of the cross of Christ,
we have the presence, glory, power of God available to possess

What does it mean to cross over? It is To Possess.

The Greatest Commandment

"Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the Lord your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess,

Deuteronomy 6:1 (NKJV)

What are we to possess? Not just the land, not just our cities, not just our nation but to possess the victories of God and our position in God's eternal kingdom.

Not much is spoken about the victories of God. Was Jesus victorious at the cross? Did He accomplish the purpose for dying at the Cross? Yes

Because of the cross of Christ, we have the presence, glory, power of God available to possess. Do you experience the victories of God in your lives?

And Moses said to them: "If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben cross over the Jordan with you, every man armed for battle before the Lord, and the land is subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead as a possession. But if they do not cross over armed with you, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan."

Numbers 32:29-30 (NKJV)

Land of Gilead = enjoy the abundant blessings of God

Land of Canaan = enjoy the left-over blessing of God which includes the thorns & thistles.

The way God takes us in, or brings Us to Himself, is always the best way, though it does not always seem to us the nearest or easiest way. Former experiences will attest to it. We ought to keep in mind the providences of God concerning us and our families, us and our land, and the many instances of that Divine care, which has led us, and fed us, and kept us all our days



We ought to consider our ingratitude and disobedience, how it has caused us to sin & experience the separation from God's presence.

We do not wish to travel over again the stages of mistakes or wrong choices we have made. Soon our wanderings will end, and our position in God's eternal kingdom be fixed beyond recall; how important then is the present moment not to disobey.

Happy are those whom the Lord now guides with his counsel, and whom will receive His glory.

Behold now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation. Now is the time for us believers to seize the opportunity, and not flee from our preparations as His bride.

Let us redeem our time, to glorify God and serve our generation; and he will carry us safely through to His Eternal Kingdom.

I see that God will use the women first, seizing the opportunity of preparation because most men are just unbelieving or consider themselves unworthy.

Men, we need to change our perception & attitude.

Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan. Now therefore, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man from every tribe. And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap."

Joshua 3:11-13 (NKJV)

The second purpose to crossing over. The Red Sea Crossing was to move forward, go forward. Do not stay stagnant. Do not procrastinate, Do not doubt.

And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

Exodus 14:15 (NKJV)

Moving or going forward does not mean we keep an eye in the past. It means that your two eyes are looking forward to Jesus who had left us a victorious road map.

How long can the driver of a vehicle last without crashing if the eyes are fixed on the rear view mirror. The rear view mirror is only used when we drive that vehicle backwards. But we are not driving backwards with God but only forward.

What I am just sharing is beneficial knowledge for us to take hold.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me;

Hosea 4:6 (NKJV)

For some of us, we may not accept it but God is moulding us to be His Kings & Priests. *and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Revelation 1:5-6 (NKJV)

And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:10 (NKJV)

To be Gods kings & priests, there is a process to go through.

Armed Yourselves with This

1. No Victory without Sacrifice

Our Compassionate High Priest

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points



tempted as we are, yet without sin.
Hebrews 4:14-15 (NKJV)

And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Ephesians 5:2 (NKJV)

Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:18-19 (NKJV)

2. Living Sacrifices to God

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

Faith at the Dawn of History

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

Hebrews 11:4 (NKJV)

Faith & obedience needs to be engaged in this sacrifice.

Each day we are confronted with opportunities to minister. God would have us to be a sharp instrument with which He can thresh the mountains (Isaiah 41:15). In order for this to be true, we must have hearing ears and we must have an obedient spirit.

"Behold, I will make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth; You shall thresh the mountains and beat them

small, And make the hills like chaff.
Isaiah 41:15 (NKJV)

3. Stay Connected with the Holy Spirit.
Why do we need to be connected with the Holy Spirit? - Ten good reasons

- For starters the Holy Spirit desires to dwell in us

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

"I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."

2 Corinthians 6:16-17 (NKJV)

- The Holy Spirit comforts us in all things.

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:16-17 (NKJV)

- The Holy Spirit is our Spiritual Teacher
But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 14:26 (NKJV)

You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, And gave them water for their thirst.



Nehemiah 9:20 (NKJV)

- The Holy Spirit reveals the future.
However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

John 16:13-15 (NKJV)

Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.

Proverbs 1:23 (NKJV)

- The Holy Spirit is the sanctifier
And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (NKJV)

- The Holy Spirit helps us to overcome sin.
But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:11 (NKJV)

- The Holy Spirit gives us power.
But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord, And of justice and might,
To declare to Jacob his transgression And to Israel his sin.

Micah 3:8 (NKJV)

- The Holy Spirit helps us to pray.
Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with

groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:26 (NKJV)

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV)

- The Holy Spirit Transforms us
But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

- The Holy Spirit leads us in the way of God.

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

Psalms 32:8 (NKJV)

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

Luke 4:1 (NKJV)

In conclusion:

Seek consecration daily.

No consecration, we cannot experience the GLORY of God.

(The New Unger's Bible Dictionary)
CONSECRATION. It is the act of setting apart any person or thing to the worship or service of God

Living Sacrifices to God

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Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)



Have a moment of reflection or meditation how we passed the day.

Was it spent for the glory of God or was it to gratify our needs & wants.

Do we hold any anger, bitterness, jealousy, suspicion, Pride...

We must repent & cleanse ourselves from the evil darkness that attaches to us through our eyes, ears, thoughts...

Have daily communion if you can. Even if you do it by yourself.

Also let the priests who come near the Lord consecrate themselves, lest the Lord break out against them."

Exodus 19:22 (NKJV)

And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him.

Leviticus 8:12 (NKJV)

Without being religious you can anoint one another after spending time in the presence of God.

But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Matthew 6:17-18 (NKJV)

What is the purpose of consecration? To be made Holy

For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

Leviticus 11:44 (NKJV)

And you shall not go outside the door of the tabernacle of meeting for seven days, until the days of your consecration are ended. For seven days he shall consecrate you.

Leviticus 8:33 (NKJV)

Let us Purify Our Desires

Remember this thoughts in your prayer.

Lord Jesus, make me a learner. All what You have said is true, and I long to be not a follower only, but a genuine disciple. I am reminded that the disciple must take up his cross and must do so daily. A disciple cannot turn back, nor can he be torn between conflicting loyalties. You have made the requirements stringent and have set the standard very high. I wish to attain and not fail.

I have a desire to enter into discipleship and not be rejected. Let it not be so, Lord, for lack of love for Thee. Let it not be for any other reason. Let it not be on account of the love of the world and its pleasures. Purify my desires until I want nothing but You alone and seek nothing but to bring You joy.

Turn my apathy to empathy, and change my longings to firm resolves.

Strengthen my hand to do right, and remove swiftly all that weakens.

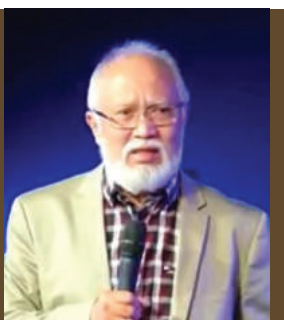
Your PRESENCE is what I seek. Let your presence be before me continually.

As I Come unto You let all our weary bodies and tired soul, be refreshed and renewed in Your strength and give us a fresh zeal and new courage.

I choose not to fail You. In the hour of need I will surely seek Your counsel. I will not disappoint You.

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BECOME HIS MOUTHPIECE



When they blow both of them, all the congregation shall gather before you at the door

As a child growing up in England, I loved reading the Narnia series of fantasy-fiction books, written and published by CS Lewis in the 1950's. Long into the night I'd pour over "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe", "Voyage of the Dawnreader" and "The Final Battle", laughing and crying with the highs and lows of the beautifully written stories, with parallels and symbolism pointing towards Jesus, the salvation story, and even the book of Revelation. Queen Susan of Pevensey, one of the characters, was given a horn which had the power to summon help when sounded, which came in use when she and her little sister were attacked by Maugrim the wolf. Help came and they were saved.

The horn in this story represents prayer and calling on the name of the Lord Jesus, but it also reminds me of the silver trumpets that the Lord instructed Moses to make, while in the wilderness. They were to be used for calling the assembly, for journeying, for going to war and for rejoicing.

Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

When they blow both of them, all the congregation shall gather before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. But if they blow only one, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall gather to you. When you sound the advance, the camps that lie on the east side shall then begin their journey. When you sound the advance the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall begin their journey; they shall sound the call for them to begin their journeys. And when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but not sound the advance. The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an [a] ordinance forever throughout your generations.

"When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the Lord your



God, and you will be saved from your enemies. Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the Lord your God."

Numbers 10:2-10

Becoming His Witnesses

Beginning several months ago during corporate prayer gatherings, I would repeatedly see the form of a silver trumpet, bright and shining. I prayed, "Lord raise up Your silver trumpets across the nations, that will speak with purity and clarity all that is in Your heart. May we announce what You are doing, but first remove from within us everything that would hinder Your true words from being released."

I felt the Lord wanted a company of Believers to be set apart for Him, to be His mouthpiece announcing and declaring what the Lord Himself is saying, His will and authority expressed through human vessels.

This perfectly ties into Andy's teaching on the book of Revelation, who over the past years has been impressing on us the importance to really understand the Scriptures for ourselves, and to equip ourselves with His Word, so that we become a people who can even announce what God is doing before He does it. Like Moses and Aaron went before Pharaoh and would announce the coming plagues, we have the blueprint of heaven to announce what is to come. While I am certainly not expecting to be one of the Revelation 11 witnesses, I am invited to be part of a body of Believers who, like the sons of Issachar, understand the times and know what Israel should do. (1 Chronicles 12:32).

We are invited to be His witnesses, which in Greek is *Martys*, (pronounced

mar'-toos), from which the word 'martyr' comes.

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8

Loud and Clear

Trumpets are jolly loud, and their sound carries! A police siren peaks at approx. 120 decibals (dB), followed closely by Trombones at 115 dB and trumpets between 100-110 dB. The sound carries, and that's for a reason. We are told in Exodus 12:37 that 600,000 men made the journey out of Egypt. Add women and children, and we could be looking at 1.2 – 2 million people. Imagine creating a sound that reaches the ears of this number of people. The longer the trumpet, the lower the sound, so at the estimated length of 1 cubit (according to the historian Flavius Josephus), the trumpets may have been around 45cm, maybe longer.

Waiting on the Lord

In Revelation 11:1-4 we read about two witnesses, who are the two olive trees, and the two lampstands, and that they stand before the Lord of the earth. John will be relating this back to Zechariah 4:11-14. Here, two speaks of great undeniable power, complete unity and utter selflessness. Their sole purpose was to stand by the Lord, which speaks of waiting on Him, servant hearted. There's much discussion about who the two witnesses will be of Revelation 11, but whoever they are, they have been waiting on the Lord for a very long time! Are they Enoch or Elijah? True, neither tasted death and as Hebrews 9:27 says, just as man is appointed to die once, and after that to face judgment..." it could be, but I think the main point to be concerned with, is that these two witnesses have been



and continue to wait on the Lord, day in and day out.

Interesting how two trumpets are required, although depending on the signal required, only one trumpet may be sounded. The number two scripturally speaks of unity, strength, partnership and also of witnesses.

Who gives the command?

In the same way, the instruction to blow the silver trumpets has to come from 'the top', in the wilderness it would have been Moses. He gained his instruction from the Lord, and all Israel would see when the cloud lifted from above the Tent, then they would set out. We cannot do anything of our own choice or our own accord, otherwise we are adding our opinion to the clattering noise already out there. Not only that, we would be disobedient to the Lord, who wants us to wait on Him and rather stay silent, than speak out of turn. To quote our dear brother Dr Bruce Allen; 'only speak when spoken through'. I think that sums it up pretty well!

Why Silver?

Silver represents wealth, vindication and redemption. It is very pliable but in order to process and use the silver, it has to be heated to 961.8 degrees Celsius, and the froth of impurities that rise to the surface must be removed.

In the same way, we too need to be refined by turning away from iniquity and calling on the name of the Lord as the Word teaches us.

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from

these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

2 Timothy 2:19-21

What must man purge himself of? Verse 19 tells us: wickedness, which is translated from the Greek word *adikos*: descriptive of one who violates or has violated justice, being unjust, unrighteous, sinful, dealing fraudulently with others.

We are responsible for turning away from the acts of unrighteousness.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

In order to be the Lord's mouth piece, we too need to be refined and the impurities removed.

*The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold,
But the Lord tests the hearts.*

Proverbs 17:3

Why a whole piece of silver?

The trumpets were to be hammered from a whole piece of silver. I am no instrument maker, and certainly not from 1445 BC. Was a sheet of silver hammered around a long wooden tube with a bell end, to create the right shape?

I would have loved to see how these were made, but the mention of 'one piece' refers to complete unity and wholeness. They had no moving parts, no valves to create separate notes by the use of one's fingers, and no separate mouth piece. It was approx. 1 cubit in length = 45 cm long.

Bearing in mind that the Israelites would have left Egypt around 1445 BC, it's interesting that ancient Egyptian straight trumpets were discovered



in the tomb of Tutankhamun (1326-1336 BC), used for military purposes. I believe that the two silver trumpets would have been very similar to these.

The purpose of the Silver Trumpets

If we read on, we can see the purpose and use of the silver trumpets for the people of Israel:

1. For calling the congregation (Num 10:2)
2. For directing the movement of the camps. (Num 10:2)
3. When going to war, that you will be remembered before the Lord, and be saved (Num 10:9)
4. At appointed feasts and beginning of your months, over offerings and sacrifices as a memorial for you before your God. (Num 10:10)

Who blew the trumpets?

The silver trumpets were to be blown only by the priests, who were the sons of Aaron, and not by the Levites. (Num 10:8)

I wondered why the Levites weren't instructed to use these trumpets, but the Lord was very clear that the sole calling and activity of the Levites was to look after the tabernacle, whereas Aaron and his sons were to minister to the Lord:

"but you shall appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of the Testimony, over all its furnishings, and over all things that belong to it; they shall carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings; they shall attend to it and camp around the tabernacle.

Numbers 1:50

"Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to Me as priest, Aaron and Aaron's sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and

Ithamar.

Exodus 28:1

The role of Aaron's sons encompassed managing the sacrifices and offerings in God's prescribed order, and also for their very breath to be used by God, by the blowing of the silver trumpets. It's really interesting that blowing the silver trumpets was part of 'ministering to the Lord'.

With Jesus now being our High Priest, we are now called to be a holy priesthood, so we too are priests, and therefore the duty and honour of sounding the silver trumpets, would spiritually also be ours.

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:5

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Hebrews 4:14

To conclude

At the moment the internet is chaotic with so many different opinions being voiced as 'the word of the Lord'. This is certainly not God's heart. The true 'Silver Trumpet' prophetic word of God will be in complete unity with the written Word of God, it will be sounded at the correct time, and it will be prompted by the Lord Himself. It will not be playing its own tune, so to speak, and certainly not to entertain.

As believers in Jesus, we are called to minister unto the Lord, and to consider every prophetic word, act or deed we do, to be part of our ministry unto the Lord. Whatever we speak, be it in prayer or in a public forum, it must become our heart's desire and goal, that these words do not entertain God's people, thus drawing attention



to ourselves, but that we become His mouthpiece, with His breathe blowing from our lungs, through our mouth, as a redeemed, refined and holy vessel of the Lord. And if we are too busy, we will miss His leadership, and fail to sound the silver trumpet. The consequences could be dire, and I, for one, want to grow in obedience, purity and in waiting on the Lord, to sound the silver trumpet. His words, and not my own.

“Lord raise up Your silver trumpets across the nations, who will speak with purity and clarity all that is on Your

heart, may the sound of your silver trumpets be heard above the noise and clatter of society, and bring Your people to attention. Remove false and distracting doctrinal blockages from our mindsets that cause us to speak and think wrongly, and create within us a clean heart so we can speak Your truth in love and with clarity. May we live as the royal priesthood that Your Word says we are, waiting on You, and standing at Your side, as the two faithful witnesses do, waiting for Your every word. For Your glory and for Your eternal purposes. Amen.



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WHEN GOD BUILDS THE CHURCH

JOE SWEET

God “formed” Adam (Christ)
and afterwards “built” Eve (the church)

In Ephesians chapter 5, as Paul is teaching about husbands and wives, he quotes from the book of Genesis (Eph. 5:31) regarding Adam and Eve. He says that their relationship is a great mystery concerning Christ and the church.

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and

cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ephesians 5:22-33

Verse 31, above, is a direct quote from the book of Genesis regarding Adam and Eve. From these verses (31-32) we know that Adam is a type of Christ and Eve is a type of the church. Looking at God's process of creating Adam and Eve, we note that God created each of them differently. God “formed” Adam (Christ) and afterwards “built” Eve (the church). “Formed” and “Built” are two different Hebrew words.

And the Lord God formed



man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7

The Hebrew word for "formed" is "yasar" which means "to form; squeeze into shape" (Strongs H3335). To "squeeze into shape" involves pressure. After God "formed" Adam, who is a type of Christ, He then "built" Eve. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²²Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made (Hebrew – built) into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Genesis 2:21-24

The Hebrew word for "made" is "bana" which means "build" (Strongs H1129)

The Divine order of the creation of Adam and Eve reveals God's order for building His church. Before Eve (the church) is built, Adam (Christ) must first be formed in us. It is "out of" Adam (Christ) who was formed that Eve (the church) is built. If Adam (Christ) is not formed first in God's people, then Eve (the church) could not be built properly for she came from Adam.

The Lord is the One who builds the Church

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to

them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter (a large stone), and on this rock (large stone) I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:13-18

The Lord said He would build the church. If we try to do the Lord's job of building the church and neglect our responsibility of the formation of the character and nature of Christ in the saints, the gates of hell will prevail. Could this be what has been happening?

Being conformed to Christ was the focus of the apostles' preaching, teaching and unceasing intercessory prayers.

My little children, for whom I labor in birth (travail) again until Christ is formed in you.

Galatians 4:19

The apostles weren't focusing on strategies, like a CEO of a corporation, on how to "build the church". Building the church is the Lord's work. The apostles labored to present men to Christ who were conformed to His image. The Lord built the church.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Romans 8:28-29



Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect (complete) in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

Colossians 1:28-29

To the degree that Christ is "formed" in us, to that degree the Lord will build His church. The more that Christ is "formed" in the saints, the less ground satan can find. As we become conformed to the Lord, satan has no entry point to make the church stumble.

The night that the Lord Jesus was betrayed he told His disciples:

The ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

John 14:30

We can so walk with the Lord, conformed to Christ so that satan has nothing in us. This is the church the Lord is building.

The Hebrews word "formed" means "squeezed into shape". The process of Christ being formed in us involves pressure including going through difficulties and fiery trials at times.

But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

1 Peter 5:10

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete (conformed to Christ), lacking nothing.

James 1:2-4

Strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

Acts 14:22

We should not only yield to God's process of Christ being formed in us, but we should eagerly pursue it knowing that Christ-likeness is what makes the church invincible. Peter says that we are "living stones" and that we are "being built" by God (1 Peter 2:5). Our focus, as living stones, is to be conformed to Christ. God does the building.

You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house

1 Peter 2:5a

1 Kings describes when Solomon's temple was being built.

And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built.

1 Kings 6:7

We are those stones. The quarry is where chiseling, hammering and shaping takes place. As the stones become Christ-like, the church is built by the Lord so that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. To the degree that we recover the "image" of Christ we will be allowed to walk in His dominion.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth"

Genesis 1:26



This is the Church that the LORD will build and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it.

WE OBEY...

and GOD BUILDS the CHURCH

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

1 Corinthians 3:5-7

After the Lord's resurrection He told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the "promise of the Father" which was the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire. There were 120 disciples who had become "prepared stones" waiting in obedience, in prayer and one accord. When God has prepared stones, He can do very much in very little time.

On the day of Pentecost, the 120 became 3,120 because the Lord poured out His Spirit and HE began building His church. He does a much better job than we do.

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Acts 2:41

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles..... So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who

were being saved.

Acts 2:42-43, 46-47

In Acts chapter 4 another five thousand were added to the Lord as God continued to build His church (Acts 4:4).

In Acts chapter 5 "believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women" (Acts 5:14).

In Acts chapter 8 "the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. (Acts 8:6)

All that is recorded from Acts chapter 1 through Acts chapter 8 transpired in one year. It is amazing what happens when the Lord builds His church. Let's give Him what He is looking for: living stones conformed to Christ. If we present ourselves to Him so that Christ is formed in us we can be sure that He will build His church. Let's make knowing Him, abiding in Him and being conformed to Him our life goal.



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