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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Starting this year, the Academy of Light will be hosting more events and training. I would like to highlight just two that are coming up in Maleny.

The Ark and the Darkness screening and Translation by Faith with Dr. Bruce and Reshma Allen. Information on these events are on our web site.

Stay strong and trust in the Lord.

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# THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

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Death and life are in the power of the tongue

**D**eath and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit"

*Proverbs 18:21*

My friend, Gary Greenwald, was a dynamic pastor of a church in Southern California for 44 years. He once told me of an incident that happened in the 1980s while he was hosting a well-known and gifted prophet who was ministering at his church. For the sake of anonymity, we will call this prophet Kent.

Before Kent arrived to speak at his church, Gary had been praying for him. He had said, "Lord, Kent is always encouraging others with his prophetic gift. I want him to be encouraged. Lord, would You give me a word for him when he arrives?" To his surprise, while he was praying, he clearly heard the Lord say, "Tell him that he is cursing his unborn children to death."

Stunned by what he had heard, Gary

replied, "Lord, that's hard for me to believe. I don't want to tell him that."

"Tell him what I told you," the Lord said. "I am not giving you anything else until you give him the word I gave you."

Needless to say, Gary felt very uncomfortable about how he was going to say this to Kent.

A few days later, Kent arrived with his wife. She was a few months pregnant and feeling tired, so she stayed in the nearby hotel while Kent ministered in the evening services. On the second day that he ministered, after the service, Kent and pastor Gary were in the green room when one of the church elders rushed in.

"Pastor, there has been an emergency," he announced. "During the service, Kent's wife began to hemorrhage and was rushed to the hospital. Doctors are now trying to

prevent her from losing the baby."

Gary and Kent immediately left for the hospital. On the way, in the car, the Holy Spirit pressed Gary, "Tell him the word I gave you."

"Kent, the Lord gave me a word for you. He said you are cursing your unborn children to death."

"What?! I would never do that! I am a man of God and I love my children!" Kent shot back.

"That's what I thought," Gary replied.

When they arrived at the hospital, the medical staff was working to keep Kent's wife from losing the baby. Kent told his wife the word Gary had given to him and asked her, "What do you think about that word?"

She thought about it and said, "I think it is true. Do you remember how, ever since we were first married, you've said, 'We are not going to have any boys? We are only going to have girls?'"

Kent grew up the youngest of four brothers. His older brothers always picked on him when he was younger. He often told his wife he didn't want to have boys, only girls. Twice previously Kent's wife had been pregnant and miscarried.

As soon as Kent realized the impact of his words, he dropped to his knees and repented saying, "Lord, I repent of my words. I take them back. We will have boys. We will have any child that You choose to give to us."

As soon as he did this, the bleeding stopped! His wife carried their child to full term. Today he is a healthy man in his 30s. As the Bible declares, our words have the power of death and

life (**Proverbs 18:21**).

### **God protected John the Baptist**

*"There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.*

*<sup>8</sup> So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, <sup>9</sup> according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup> Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup> And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. <sup>15</sup> For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." <sup>18</sup> And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." <sup>19</sup> And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to*



you and bring you these glad tidings. <sup>20</sup> But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.” <sup>21</sup> And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. <sup>22</sup> But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.”

Luke 1:5-22

Scripture declares that Zacharias and Elizabeth “were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless” (**Luke 1:6**). Even so, Zacharias stumbled in unbelief at the angelic announcement. God was protecting John from his father’s unbelief by making Zacharias unable to speak until after John was born.

*“Now Elizabeth’s full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.*

*So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. His mother answered and said, “No; he shall be called John.” But they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.” So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called.*

*And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” So they all marveled. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God. Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup> And all those who*

*heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, “What kind of child will this be?” And the hand of the Lord was with him.*

Luke 1:57-66

Although Zacharias stumbled in unbelief when he questioned the angel, God was not punishing Zacharias by making him mute. He was keeping John the Baptist from being miscarried in case his father continued to speak contrary to God’s will.

Being disciplined by the Lord (**Hebrews 12:6**), Zacharias was unable to speak for nine months. I believe he learned the importance of his words and was probably very careful about how he spoke for the rest of his life.

How many times has God’s plan for our life, or the lives of others, been held back or miscarried because of our words? Could it be that one of the reasons that our ministry or our calling has not progressed further than it has is because of what is coming out of our mouths? Is it possible that, like Zacharias, it is the Lord who is restricting us until our hearts and words line up with His? If He is restricting us, it is for our own good and the protection of others.

### **God Creates with His Words**

The book of Genesis records how God created the heavens, the Earth, and all that is in it by speaking words. The phrase “God said” is repeated nine times in Genesis chapter one. “God said” is then followed by “it was so” or “and it was.”

The book of Hebrews confirms the Genesis account of creation, telling us that the visible things were created from the invisible realm, through the power of the spoken word of God. “By faith we understand that the



*worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."*

*Hebrews 11:3*

God made us in His image, and like Himself, gave us the power to speak words. Our words can bring forth death or life (**Proverbs 18:21**). Bearing the image of God and having the power of speech, God charged man with dominion over all the Earth.

*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*

God made man in His image before He gave man dominion. When Adam fell and lost the image of God, then

Adam also lost dominion. To regain dominion with our words, we must first recover His image, which is His character and nature. The "image of Christ" is love that is humble, holy, and obedient. As we abide in His love, He will entrust us with His dominion.

As our example, the Lord Jesus Christ released God's kingdom rule on the Earth through His words (**Luke 4:32, Luke 4:36**). With words He imparted forgiveness, healing, and deliverance, and exercised dominion over nature (**Matthew 8:26**). We are called to follow in His steps, (**John 1:43, John 8:12, 1 Peter 2:21**) and do the works that He did (**John 14:12**).

Creation is groaning to be set free, waiting for sons and daughters of God (**Romans 8:19-22**) who will walk in the "powers of the age to come" (**Hebrews 6:5**). Bearing the image of Jesus Christ by walking in the love of God and having a bridled tongue are essential to fulfill our calling.

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# The Kingdom of God Within

Jose Roco

The conviction we now uphold about living the word of God will make even our enemies, respect what we profess and believe

**O**ur Good Qualities will be known even among our Enemies, so keep walking with the Kingdom of God within you.

One of the qualities that we fail to sustain in our daily walk is our ability to let our Yes be Yes and our No be No.

We change our minds depending on the convenience or situations we encounter after we have committed our response of yes or no.

But this is not the only quality that I want to bring forward to you today. There is more that will make you or break you to survive the end times.

Remember as I said before in previous messages that we are now living at the last decade, or the last 10 years before Jesus returns to establish His Kingdom come here on earth for 1000 years.

The conviction we now uphold about living the word of God will make even our enemies, respect what we profess

and believe.

It is not a time to be feeble minded concerning the true word of God and its application but to be resolute and sober in knowing who God is for us and obeying His word

In our shortcomings we give excuses why we did not do or apply God's word in our life.

We defend our failed actions by saying I am not perfect and God will understand, after all He is a merciful God.

God indeed is merciful and compassionate but He is also a righteous God.

He says be holy for I am holy.

*As obedient children, do not conform to the passions of your former ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do, for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

1 Peter 1:14-16 (BSB)

I want you to underline "as obedient children"

Do you remember how when we were young that our parents corrected us to be obedient to their instructions so that we can be blessed.

Today, we are most certainly, being reminded by the Holy Spirit to obey the Word of God.

I remember when I was a youngster, that I wanted to obey my parents instructions because I loved them and off course through my obedience, I would receive rewards

### Children and Parents

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (which is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on the earth." Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath; instead, bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

*Ephesians 6:1-4 (BSB)*

*Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they will not become discouraged.*

*Colossians 3:18-21*

You see God also accounts the parents to treat their children correctly and to bring them up in the stature of God.

Know this that your Father in heaven loves you and He wants you to advance in the Kingdom of Heaven.

He sent His only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to die on the Cross for the salvation of Mankind not to go to Hell.

Hell is eternal. Once a person ends up in Hell, there is no turning back.

How can we change the mind of the unbeliever from all religions ? It is by our conviction to obey the word of God through our actions.

We are subject to the discipline of God; believer or unbeliever. There is no exception. If we are a leader, this rule applies more severely to us without exception.

Stay in the love of God and do what is right in God's eyes.

Do not speak anything from our carnal mind and profess it to be God's personal revelation when in actual fact what we spoke contradicts God's word or it's a half truth.

God's word and the Holy Spirit will never contradict each other.

Check what you are about to say before speaking it.

Don't be loose with your words.

What you sow you will reap.

*He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,  
And the rod of his anger will fail.*

*Proverbs 22:8 (NKJV)*

### The Cheerful Giver

*But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

*2 Corinthians 9:6 (NKJV)*

*Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.*

*Psalms 126:5 (NKJV)*

*Do not be deceived: God is not to be mocked. Whatever a man sows, he will reap in return. The one who sows to please his flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; but the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*

*Galatians 6:7-8 (BSB)*





You may ask me right now, pastor I have tried to sow many good things but I have little to show or reap.

Then is scripture applies to you.

*"You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes."*

*Haggai 1:6 (NKJV)*

This is because we have ulterior motives not in line with the Holy Spirit.

This is happening now in the body of Christ.

Now concerning the other qualities that we ought to have, here are the scriptures to uphold.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us walk in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying one another.*

*Galatians 5:22-26 (BSB)*

Now the application of these fruits to our day to day life is a challenge because this will cause you to be NFS - nameless, faceless, & selfless,

That means that we are striving to please God above all our desires and ambitions.

When our enemies sees these qualities living in us not just by words but by action, they will acknowledge that we know God or that the One True God lives in us. This may even give them the opportunity to be saved from Hell if they change.

What a treasure to have.

God is counting on us for demonstrating in life His Godly qualities.

It can never be bought with silver or gold but indeed a reward from our Creator is coming.

Now you maybe wondering how does all of this fit in our preparation for the End Times.

I will say these, without these qualities living in us we cannot survive the darkness that is coming.

Ask yourself right now do I have all these fruits living in me.

If the answer is yes, then stand up and rejoice and give thanks to God.

If the answer is no, then make a firm resolution that you will do something about it. And definitely ask the Holy Spirit for help.

Do not be conformed to the ways of this world.

### **Living Sacrifices**

*Therefore I urge you, brothers, on account of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.*

*Romans 2:1-2 (BSB)*

*Do you not know that you yourselves are God's temple, and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Let no one deceive himself. If any of you thinks he is wise in this age, he should become a fool, so that he may become wise.*

*For the wisdom of this world is*



foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness." And again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." Therefore, stop boasting in men. All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future. All of them belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

1 Corinthians 3:16–23 BSB

*Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a man can commit is outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of*

*the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God with your body.*

1 Corinthians 6:18–20

In the end it comes down to this expression.

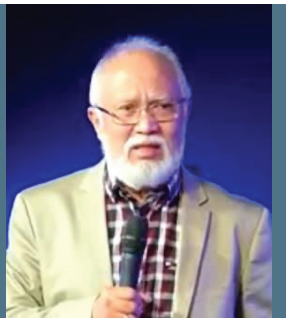
It not what we did but who we did it to. Every time we disobey we hurt the God we profess to believe.

Jesus died for us. Show Him that we love Him by putting on the mind of Christ in everything that we do or say.

God bless you all and thank you for making the time to read this message.

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# OUR TRIUNE MAKEUP



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Your soul is independent and stands between your spirit and your physical body

**W**e as humans are made in the image and likeness of God — and God is three in one. Likewise, we are three in one in the sense that we are made up of three primary elements. We have a body which is physical, a soul which is more difficult to fully describe but can be explained as mind, emotions and will; and we are spirit. When God made Adam, He said that His creation was “very good”.

*Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

*Genesis 1:31*

Many Christians have the notion that the mind or emotions are not good, and in order to walk with God they have to be denied. Well, God said that the creation of your mind, emotions and will was “very good”. In one sense, your soul is independent and stands between your spirit and your physical body, ready to be used by more than one spirit influenced

either by good or evil. The question is, who is controlling your mind, emotions and will?

This year on April 30, while praying, I suddenly found myself walking along a road with the Lord. The road was made of finely pressed gold dust and felt extremely comfortable underfoot. The vegetation on either side was a vivid emerald green studded with flowers that seemed to be alive and welcoming. We walked for some time without either the Lord or I speaking until we came to the foot of a mountain. On the top of the mountain was a castle. This castle stood out with clean lines and perfect symmetry. The Lord turned and said, “This is the stronghold of Zion.” Scriptures floated through my mind, one of which is found in 2 Samuel chapter 5:

*Nevertheless, David took the strong hold of Zion, that is, the City of David.*

*2 Samuel 5:7*

I then noticed that this fortress, or



castle, touched earth and reached into heaven and was composed of three levels. The top level reached into heaven, the bottom level touched the earth, and the middle level seemed to be a meeting ground for both heaven and earth. The Lord was watching me as I was taking all of this in. I turned to Him and He touched me. As He did so, a stream of understanding flowed into me. I immediately understood that this fortress was a picture of our three-part nature of body, soul and spirit. The upper level was our spirit, with the middle ground between the upper and lower levels representing our soul, and the bottom level was our physical body.

The Lord turned to me and said, "The middle ground is where the soul is enlightened from heaven, which is where your spirit dwells; your spirit is joined to me and dwells in the heavenly realm while still on earth within you. Does not John 3:13 say,

'No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven'?

"A part of you — your spirit dwells with me. In 1 Corinthians 6:17 it says, 'But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with me.'

"When heaven touches your soul, either through revelation or through visions and dreams, or by angels, your soul is enlightened. Your soul must be touched by heaven, which illuminates your mind and touches your emotions. You are the stronghold of Zion. David's tabernacle is within you. That part of you, your spirit, which dwells in the heavenlies and is seated with Me, must become the foremost driving force in your life. Your soul must be surrendered to your spirit, and your mind must be in subjection to My word and your spirit. Your will

must choose who it will serve: either Me or you. If you choose me, then your body can step in to carry out My will for you at all times. The problem that arises with the unrenewed mind is that it cannot receive that which your spirit knows. Many times, I have had to speak to you in dreams and visions, which bypass any opposition from the natural mind."

My mind began to recall familiar scriptures from the book of Hebrews:

*But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels. To the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect.*

*Hebrews 12:22-23*

There is a place within us that is activated when we learn to live from our spirit. It is the secret place of the Most High. Our soul must be touched by heaven. This renews our mind, strengthens our will and focuses our emotions. Our spirit dwells in a realm beyond time and space. When the apostle John was in the spirit on the Lord's Day, he accessed the heavenly realm. We can walk with the Lord when we are conscious of, and submitted to, our spirit within us. Learning to walk in our spirit with the Lord means that we develop an awareness of our spirit and its position in the spiritual realm. We know that our spirit is seated with the Lord in heavenly places and has a higher ranking than principalities and powers. Remarkably, it is our spirit that has this dominion, as the following verses illustrate:

*And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*

*Ephesians 2:6*

*The eyes of your understanding being*



enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church.  
Ephesians 1:18-22

### **Manifesting Jesus**

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:15-18

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Luke 10:19

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Romans 8:37

These scriptures speak of the authority of the believer and are often used to teach and verify who we are in Christ, that is, we are more than conquerors, and so on. However, the phrase "who we are in Christ" can give a wrong emphasis to the reality of this important truth. The emphasis

should be on WHO CHRIST IS IN US. The very DNA of Jesus was implanted in our spirit at the new birth, and we are complete in Him (Col 2:9-10). The Apostle Peter tells us that we have the seed of God in us:

*Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

1 Peter 1:23

### **Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the Devil**

*He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

1 John 3:8-9

Here, John is saying that there is a part of us that cannot sin. That part of us is the seed of God that cannot sin because it is holy and pure. John goes on to say that Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the Devil. The question is, who are you manifesting? The answer to this for most of us is that sometimes it is Jesus and sometimes it is our fallen nature, as James points out:

*Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?*

James 3:10-11

If we are to destroy the works of the Devil, we must manifest Jesus.

We need to think carefully about this statement. That is why the Apostle Paul wrote,

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless*



*I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

*Galatians 2:20*

*The words that Jesus spoke were spirit and life. The whole of the universe obeys the words of Jesus, and when He speaks through us, what He says will be fulfilled. That is why the apostle James could write the following:*

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

*James 4:7*

*It cannot be us that resist the Devil; it has to be Jesus in us. We must first submit to God in us and let Him speak through us. We are not clever enough to know and understand what is really going on in any given situation. Sons of God are led by the spirit of God:*

*And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say anything? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.*

*Numbers 22:38*

*We have to submit to the Spirit of God within our spirit, and in faith speak His words.*

*As we learn to listen to and move with our spirit (in which Jesus dwells), we learn to live and walk in the Spirit.*

*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

*Galatians 5:16,25*

*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.*

*Colossians 2:6*

*Now, if we don't know where the Lord is, how can we walk in Him? We must*

*learn to live and walk from our spirit, which is one spirit with the Lord. When we walk from our spirit, our soul is not controlling our life, and we will not fulfill or walk in the lusts of our flesh.*

*We cannot live the way God wants us to live*

*Only Jesus in us can live that way, and we must learn to submit to His will and direction. God is looking for the expression of Jesus's life in us. As we learn to surrender our lives to Christ's life, nature and power within us, only then can those attributes be manifested through us. It is not what we want but what He wants, and as we become sensitive to our spirit, in which He dwells, submitting to His desires, we will begin to manifest Jesus who is revealed in us to destroy the works of the Devil.*

*For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

*Galatians 5:17*

*We come back to the question: who are we manifesting? Are we manifesting the works of the flesh or the fruit of the spirit? The power of man or the power of God? We become more than conquerors when we manifest Jesus. Whoever we submit to, we become slaves to:*

*Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

*Romans 6:16*

### **Faith and Grace**

*And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

*Ephesians 3:19*



*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.*

*Colossians 2:8-10*

### **God has made it easy for us**

We Christians have a bad habit of making simple things very complicated. The scriptures make it clear that even a child can understand it and do what is required. So, what is the problem? For a number of years, I worked for a marketing company that used the acronym K.I.S.S., which means “Keep It Simple, Stupid”. We Christians need to take heed of that admonition.

*And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.*

*Isaiah 35:8*

### **Becoming as a little child**

*And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

*Matthew 18:2-3*

This is quite a profound statement. The problem is that we don't believe it. We believe that unless we are very spiritual — or very educated in the things of God — we cannot walk in the realities of the kingdom now. The Galatian church had the same problem that we have today:

*For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. Ye did run well; who did hinder you*

*that ye should not obey the truth?*

*Galatians 5:6-7*

The Galatian church had started well but began to fall from grace into works. They started to believe that circumcision (works) was needed in order to please God — much like the church of today. The scriptures are clear in as much as they tell us that works cannot please God or cause us to walk with Him. God requires that we walk in faith and love. That is not complicated. Only faith and love, which are gifts from the Lord, can enable us to please God:

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

*Hebrews 11:6*

### **Two great pillars of the church: grace and faith**

We already have everything that we need in order to successfully fulfill our purpose on earth. Not only does the Lord give us assignments, He also supplies us with the ability and gifts to accomplish those assignments. Right now, we are complete in Him. Your spirit man has all that it needs to finish its course on this planet. If you can grasp this and believe it, you are on the way to a walk with the Lord that you never dreamed was possible. Faith believes God's word — what God says — without doubting, and faith comes by hearing God speak, either through the word or directly to us. We cannot please God without faith. He that comes to God must believe that He is or that He exists and hears us (Heb 11:6; 1 John 5:14). This seems simple and it is, but many Christians do not believe what God says, either in His word or directly to them. Many — even teachers of the word — will explain away God's word by spiritualizing it or suggesting



why it doesn't literally mean what God says. He that comes to God must believe.

### **Believing is seeing — or is seeing believing?**

We often hear the phrase, "seeing is believing", but that is not true. To really see, you must first believe. This is where the secular mind falls down every time. The secular mind must have a rational explanation before it can believe. You cannot understand the things of God unless you first believe them:

*Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

*Hebrews 11:3*

By believing we understand.

### **Childlike faith or trust**

The qualities of childhood are innocence and trust; add to this a sense of wonder, joy and living in the present moment. These magical qualities of childhood are what the Lord wants us to possess. It requires an

absolute surrender to the Lord and a will that is committed to following and obeying Him in all things. It means living from and being aware of our spirit, and above all, trusting God implicitly with our lives, knowing that all things work together for good for those who love Him and are called into His purposes. We forget that we are more than human beings on a spiritual journey. In reality, we are spiritual beings on a human journey. This world is not our final home: we are here to learn how to love and obey the Lord implicitly. Earth is a schoolhouse in which we learn to cooperate with the Lord as sons, training to become an extension of His purposes and plans in the age to come. To walk in the Spirit with the Lord requires that we learn to walk from our own spirit, which is joined to His. Remember:

*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

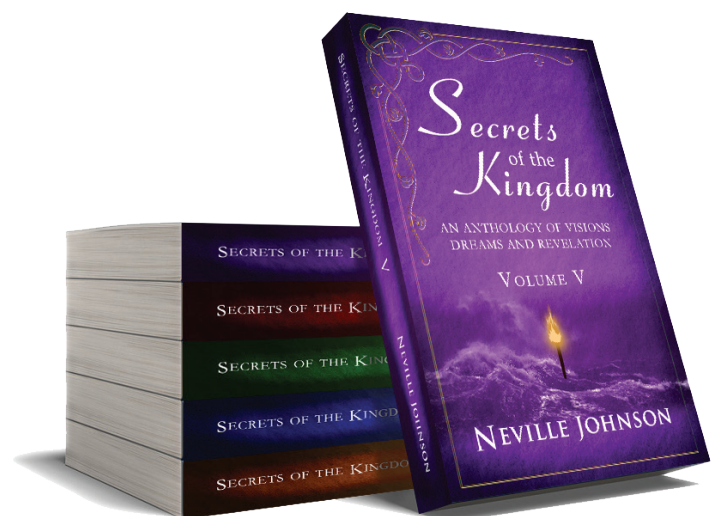
*Galatians 5:16*

*If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

*Galatians 5:25*

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# RESTORING THE BAPTISM OF FIRE

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The enemy has stolen the Baptism of Fire

On Sunday 24th March 2024 the Lord reminded me of an experience that Henry Groover had in 1988.

### Henry Groover - 1988

Henry shares about being woken up by the Lord one night while he was living in Portland, OR. He was told to get on his knees beside his bed. When he did, he immediately found himself in Rome with six other men he had worked with, the spiritual strike force team, as they call it. Henry led the way down through a set of iron service doors under the streets of Rome, Italy.

They wound their way down a worn and leftward spiraling staircase until it opened into a level place. The other six men were supporting the mission with prayer. Henry describes what was happening in these words, "and I feel, literally feel, like I've got a funnel in my head and their prayers are pouring in spiritual power. I have to say, I have never experienced the sensation of so much spiritual power flowing into me in all my life as I did in that experience." Considering all that Henry's been through, that's quite a statement.

Passing through an arched doorway

into a catacomb, they encountered two giant angels, and there was a confrontation. "You shouldn't be here," Henry was told by one of the angels. What happens next reveals the mission's objective. Henry points and speaks, first to one angel then the other. Here's the transcript as he tells it: "We are here by the divine commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the estate that you have bound of the apostolic anointing since the days of the Apostle Paul - that you have bound here since the days of the Apostle Paul - are now loosed to the Body of Christ worldwide for the preparation of the church becoming glorious." After that, he deals with binding the angels. He then finds himself back on his knees in his pajamas by his bed.

Henry recounts how it was confirmed to him later that day that he had indeed been translated, with the other men involved bearing witness to being there with him in Rome and seeing and hearing what was done.

This happen in the 1988, the apostolic anointing started to rise in the church, during the nineties.



## Solomons Crown

Let me recount an experience my father had in 2015.

Neville: The Lord took me down into hell, a place in hell. And in that place, very dark place, there were these creatures packing up boxes of things and I couldn't understand cataloging stuff. Along came a crown, like on a conveyor belt.

I said to the Lord, "What is this? What is this?" *"This is stuff that people had, I had given to them, but they lost it by whatever means."* And I said, "Lord, what about that crown?" And he said, *"That was Solomon's crown, which he lost before he died and the enemy took it captive."*

And he lost his walk with the Lord before the end of his life, got involved with lots of women and all kinds of stuff, he lost his crown of wisdom.

And the angel that was right next to me said, "Grab it, take it and run out." And I thought, "Yeah, right." All these creatures were all around, bad looking creatures. And anyway, I grabbed it and started to run back the way I came in. And I finally got out of that place and I found myself standing in heaven and handing this crown to the Lord. And he examined it so carefully, told me how Solomon had lost his crown.

And he said it was a crown of wisdom. And he said it was a gift. It had nothing to do with his character. It was a gift. His wisdom was just a gift. And he forfeited it. He said, "I'm going to multiply these crowns of wisdom and

I'm going to make them available to my people to build the house of the Lord in these end times."

## Second Heaven

Second Heaven is full of stolen property. The promises of God over your life, mantels, anointing's, gifts, anything really that the enemy can get their hands on. Anything that has been dropped, for what ever reason, the enemy will pick it up and lock away in 2nd Heaven.

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.*

John 10:10

## What else has the enemy stolen?

I was speaking on the 3rd Heaven on the 24th March when the reminded me of Henry Grovers experience. He then said *"The enemy has stolen the Baptism of Fire"*.

I sat there pondering this for a moment, thinking "someone needs to get it back, someone has to go to the 2nd Heaven and retrieve it".

This thought weight heavy on me as I realized that the Church will need the Fire to clean up the harvest that is coming. We won't have time to deal with people through deliverance, inner healing and restoration. The Baptism of Fire will do that work.

Someone or someone's have to retrieve it. It's not important who or how this assignment will be done, rather it needs to be done.

The Lord can do this any way He chooses. Most likely, it won't be done in the same manner in the examples I have shared here.

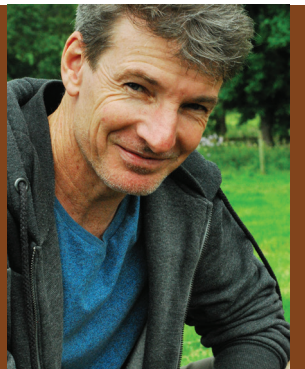
If the Lord wants the Fire to be restored back to the church, the harvest must be coming soon!

## Your Assignment

This is where you come in. We need to pray this through to completion, petitioning the Lord to restore the Baptism of Fire back to the Church.

Lets pray and intercede until this work is done.

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# IS THE LORD'S RETURN IMMINENT?

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Did God tell Noah of the coming flood? Absolutely He did.

**D**oes the Bible provide clues pointing towards the Lord's Return? It's a massive question to ask! Does the Lord tell anyone what He's doing? When does Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week begin and end?

We can find many scriptures providing clues and pointers in both the New and Old Testament, such as the Olivet Discourse found in Matthew 24-25, Mark 13 and Luke 21, also Daniel, Revelation, Isaiah, Zachariah, Ezekiel, Joel and Hosea just to name a few. So can we know the time

Jesus repeatedly tells us to watch and see:

*"When you see."*

*Matthew 24:15*

He then quotes from the Book of Daniel.

*"Watch therefore..."*

*Matthew 24:42*

## **Fig Tree parable**

*"Now learn this..."*

*"When you see all these things, Know it is near – at the doors!"*

*Matthew 24:32*

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age in Matthew 24:3–14 and Mark 13:3–13.

*and So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?"*

*Mark 13:3*

*Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.*

*Matthew 24:42*

God has His watchmen and watchwomen on their walls who know their hour of habitation is coming. Remember that Jesus rebuked the people of His day for not knowing the time and season of His first coming. We have no excuse.

Did God tell Noah of the coming flood? Absolutely He did.

*For after seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and I will destroy from the face of the earth all living things that I have made."*

Genesis 7:4

*And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth.*

Genesis 7:10

*So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.*

Genesis 7:16

God told Noah when it would happen and then told him to get in and He shut them in. I believe that God is telling a company of people to prepare for His return, which is a lot closer than most of the church realise.

Let's look at the following passages:

*Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.*

Daniel 10:12

*Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come."*

Daniel 10:14

Daniel wanted to understand what was being shown to him concerning his people.

*Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."*

Daniel 12:3-4

*"And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; therefore seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future."*

Daniel 8:26

Look at Daniel 2:21-22 and 2:28

*But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these:*

Daniel 2:28

There is going to be more understanding of the Book of Daniel in these end of days that we are hurtling towards with great speed!

*"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."*

Daniel 12:4

There will be a time where many people will read and then go to and fro in the Book of Daniel and gain more understanding of this Book because it concerns our time. Hence I have been taking a faithful few through the Book of Daniel which is available on our Co42 App which you can download and listen to.

We also have a DISPENSATIONAL TIMELINE.

DISPENSATIONAL "A certain order, system, or arrangement. OR A divine ordering of the affairs of the world."

The Bible teaches creation began almost 6000 years ago. We are soon going to be in another dispensation: the 7<sup>th</sup> day or 7<sup>th</sup> thousand years or as we know it the 1000-year reign of Jesus of Revelation 11:15.

**Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed**

*Then the seventh angel sounded: And*



*there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"*

*Revelation 11:15*

Don't you just want to shout come Lord Jesus come! This is the maranatha cry that I so often refer to.

*And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.*

*Revelation 22:17*

In Revelation 21 John the Revelator sees a new heaven and earth and the New Jerusalem descending out of heaven. This is at the end of the thousand year reign of Christ, which is at the end of the 7000 years. God will reside with His people. Rev 21:1.

Another Dispensational Timeline.

The Bible is full of these dispensational timelines – the divine ordering of the affairs of the world. I believe there is a drawing in the metaphorical 'heavenly sand', and Jesus is coming back soon saying "no more delay. I'm coming ready or not."

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This should now be our cry now for the Lord return out of Rev 22:17. This world is a mess and there is only one person who will put it right and put righteousness across this land because

*Deep darkness covers the earth and*

*deeper darkness the people.*

God must hear our groanings, as the fully matured sons of God, and our cries for His Son to claim His Bride and then there will be full peace in Jerusalem.

There are so many timelines about Himself.

- His Birth
- His Coming – First and Second
- His ministry
- His death

So what will happen at the time of His arrival?

- A new Beginning
- A Marriage Supper
- A Marriage ceremony
- A Marriage Feast
- A Grafting in of the 'Wild Olive' into the Olive tree of Rom 11:17
- All Israel will be saved Rom 11:26

### **Mourning for the Pierced One**

*"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*

*Zechariah 12:10*

So, when does this happen? For there is a period of time coming, when we who are on the earth, at the arrival of Jesus, will go into a day of 'Rest'.

On the seventh day what did God do as recorded in the Book of Genesis? He Rested.

So will we enter a day of rest at His return. It'll last for 1000 years.



"A thousand days is like a day."

We are even told that the land of Israel will look like the Garden of Eden again.

*So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.'*

Ezekiel 36:35

And we are told what this period of restoration will look like. I wish this was preached more from the front of churches to give hope to the youth who are not wanting the end of things to come because they have aspiration to marry and have children. They can do this in the thousand-year reign of Christ, at His return. And guess what ladies, there will be no pain in childbirth and no more diseases to kill your children. You can only imagine what that might look like when you read and study the scriptures. Here are a few. So come on Pastors and Teachers, tell the people what to expect at the Lord's return and put the Maranatha cry in to the hearts and mouths of your people.

*"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.*

Isaiah 11:6-9

### **And the regathering of a remnant of Israel**

*"And in that day there shall be a Root*

*of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."*

*It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea. He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.*

Isaiah 11:10-12

*For the LORD will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in it, Thanksgiving and the voice of melody.*

Isaiah 51:3

*"It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear.*

Isaiah 65:24

*The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the LORD.*

Isaiah 65:25

*"And it shall be, in that day," Says the LORD, "That you will call Me 'My Husband,' - I shie And no longer call Me 'My Master,' for I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals, and they shall be remembered by their name no more. In that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, with the birds of the air, and with the creeping things of the ground. Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth, to make them*



lie down safely. "I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy; I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the LORD.

Hosea 2:16-20

What about the Reign of Jesus?

Isaiah 11:4 +6+9

Isaiah 2:2-4

Isaiah 19:24

Isaiah 25:7-8

Isaiah 46:8-9

Psalms 46:8-9

Psalms 68:31-32

### Fourteen Month Timeline

At this point I want to give a timeline of about fourteen months. What do I mean by that. If I were to give a timeline concerning the next fourteen months, it could start at the end of 2024 and go into the beginning of 2026. A fourteen-month timeline.

Let me give an example with a couple of questions:

- 1) When was Jesus born? The Bible gives us a clear idea of when this might have been. Jesus' birth happened mid to late September 5-4 BC. How can I say that?
  - Herod died March/April 4BC
  - Shepherds out with their flocks – May to Oct
  - Zacharias – priest of the division of Abijah – served in the Temple between May and June.
  - Elizabeth gets pregnant in say late June/early July
  - Hides herself for 5 Months Luke 1:24 – now we are in the month of November.
  - In the 6<sup>th</sup> Month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, Mary is visited by Gabriel – Luke 1:26, and she visits Elizabeth in the 6<sup>th</sup> month – Luke 1:36
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Month Baby leaps in Elizabeth's womb – Luke 1:41 about December

time

- 9/10 months brings us to September.
  - Pontius Pilate, was the Roman Governor of Judea from 26-36AD
- 2) When did Jesus start His ministry? The Bible says that Jesus was "About 30 years old"
    - Luke 3:1 States that Pontius Pilate became governor in Tiberius' 15<sup>th</sup> year of rule between 14-37AD
    - Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist and went into the desert 40 days and 40 nights and started His ministry.
    - 15<sup>th</sup> year -26/27AD Jesus started his ministry
    - Died 30AD
    - Let's say, using my fourteen-month timeline between 29-31AD – 14 month's time span.

The fifteenth year of Pontius Pilate's actual rule was therefore the year of AD 26, the same year of Jesus' baptism. This was also the year that Pontius Pilate began his rule as governor of Judea. Tiberius' rule was from 14-37 AD.

Jesus was almost 31 ½ years old when he was baptized. While Luke says that Jesus was baptized in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, which would be AD 29 since Augustus died in AD 14, it should be recalled that Tiberius was co-emperor with Augustus for 2 ½ years before the death of Augustus, having had coins struck in his honor in October, AD 11. The fifteenth year of his actual rule was therefore the year of AD 26, that of Jesus' baptism. And this was also the year that Pontius Pilate began his rule as governor of Judea.

Jesus' baptism was around 26AD when he was around 31 ½ years old in meaning he was born somewhere in 6-5BC. Also meaning He died in around 30AD. Using History and the



Bible we can work that out.

Very important that we can allow 14 months in our dates using my timeline like 29-31AD lets say. Keep this in mind as we know look at the Ezekiel 4 prophecy.

### **The Ezekiel 4 Prophecy**

The Ezekiel 4 prophecy concerns the two divided kingdoms of the Northern and the Southern Kingdoms coming back together after a time of repentance for each of their iniquities fulfilling the Covenant that God made with Moses, which is conditional and the unconditional covenant that God made with Abraham.

Does the Bible give us sign posts when this might happen?

Does the Bible give us sign posts when Daniels 70<sup>th</sup> Week happen?

Yes, it does, and I want to use one today.

I believe that Ezekiel 4 can give us a massive prophetic timeline of when this might happen, but as a good Berean, please study it for yourselves. I feel the Ezekiel 4 prophecy gives us another clue of the Lord's return.

*"You also, son of man, take a clay tablet and lay it before you, and portray on it a city, Jerusalem. Lay siege against it, build a siege wall against it, and heap up a mound against it; set camps against it also, and place battering rams against it all around. Moreover take for yourself an iron plate, and set it as an iron wall between you and the city. Set your face against it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel.*

*"Lie also on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it. According to the number of the days that you lie on it, you shall bear their*

*iniquity. For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year.*

*"Therefore you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem; your arm shall be uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it. And surely I will restrain you so that you cannot turn from one side to another till you have ended the days of your siege.*

*Ezekiel 4: 1-8*

Now let me explain here. No one knows the day or the hour. Right?

Jesus tells us right after saying this that it is *imperative* that we do know the time and season. He wouldn't say this if we had no way of knowing! Indeed, we must know!

### **Daniels 70<sup>th</sup> Week**

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

*Daniel 9:24*

*"Know therefore and understand,  
That from the going forth of the command  
To restore and build Jerusalem  
Until Messiah the Prince,  
There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;  
The street shall be built again, and the wall,  
Even in troublesome times.*

*Daniel 9:25*

*"And after the sixty-two weeks*





Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;  
 And the people of the prince who is to come  
 Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.  
 The end of it shall be with a flood,  
 And till the end of the war desolations  
 are determined.

Daniel 9:27

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;  
 But in the middle of the week  
 He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.  
 And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,  
 Even until the consummation, which is determined,  
 Is poured out on the desolate."

Daniel 9:26

### Overview on these 4 verses

1. In the 70th week it is time for Israel to put an end of sins v24
2. Restore and build Jerusalem
3. 7+62 weeks = 69 weeks
4. 62 weeks Jesus (1<sup>st</sup> coming) Crucified
5. People of the AntiChrist will destroy sanctuary
6. Desolations, to the end of the war with the AC
7. He, the Antichrist, confirms a covenant for 1 week – start of a 7-year period
8. Breaks it middle of the week – middle of the seven year period at the 3 ½ year period
9. Ends sacrifices and offerings – see prophesy of Daniel 8:13-14. – 2,300 days
10. Abomination and Desolation – Jesus quoted this in Olivet Discourse, as He gave it on the Mt of Olives

These are 4 verses containing some of the most important prophecies relating to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of the Lord; the return of the King of Kings.

Ezekiel 4:1-7. Concerning several things here.

1. House of Israel - Northern Kingdom – v4+5
2. House of Judah - Southern Kingdom – v 6
3. 390 days of iniquity for the Northern Kingdom
4. 40 days of iniquity for the Southern Kingdom
5. 2 sieges of Jerusalem v1-2 and v7
6. One siege has an iron wall around Jerusalem, the House of Israel, the other does not, the House of Judah
7. A Year for each day v 6
8. A sign

So what is it telling us here?

### Let's Look at the House of Israel – Northern Kingdom

- Siege of Jerusalem
- Period of Iniquity – 390 days/years
- Iniquity – A Time, or period, of punishment then after that time is finished, is the opportunity for repentance
- Who attacked them? The Assyrians
- When did this period of time begin?
- Assyrians attacked Jerusalem in 701BC
- Iron Wall between Ezekiel and Jerusalem – meaning the siege was not successful
- Isaiah warned Hezekiah about the Assyrian attack would come
- And told him that the siege would fail

Now we have a date – 701BC

Add 390 years to 701BC = 311BC –



Did the Northern Kingdom repent and turn back to the Lord? NO!!!! So the question to ask here is, 'when is the next opportunity for the Northern Kingdom to repent of their iniquities?'

So now we must apply another principle set out by God.

*'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.*

*Leviticus 26:18*

*'Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins.*

*Leviticus 26:21*

*then I also will walk contrary to you, and I will punish you yet seven times for your sins.*

*Leviticus 26:24*

*then I also will walk contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.*

*Leviticus 26:28*

Four times it states that if there is no repentance then that number of iniquity is multiplied 7 times more before another chance to repent.

Let's apply this principle now.

390 years x 7 = 2730 years

2730 years minus 701/700BC = 2029/30AD

So applying my fourteen month timeline the next time the Northern Kingdom has the opportunity to repent of their iniquity is between 2029- 2031.

This is the next opportunity for Northern Kingdom to repent of their iniquities.

Now let's look at the House of Judah – The Southern Kingdom. The other half of this prophecy

## **Daniels 70<sup>th</sup> Week**

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

*Daniel 9:24*

70 weeks are determined for your people Daniel, to finish the transgressions,

To make an end of sin. In, and during the Last 7 years.

What sins and what transgressions?

In essence, Jesus is saying to Daniel:-

"In other words, Daniel, when they rejected Me at my first coming, they rejected me as their Messiah, they went into sin. However, at my Second Coming, I will reveal Myself and they won't reject me a second time."

## **Fulfilling**

*For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

*Romans 11:25*

*And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:*

*"The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;*

*Romans 11:26*

And fulfilling the prophecy in Zechariah.

Mourning for the Pierced One

*"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him*



as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

*Zechariah 12:10*

This will be fulfilled at the Return of Jesus to the 2 houses of Israel.

Isaiah 46 promises He, Jesus, will bring back a remnant to "the Glory of Zion" at His return.

So when did they reject Jesus? We have a start date, which also points at the death of Jesus, 30AD.

*And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year.*

*Ezekiel 4:6*

### **Southern Kingdom – House of Judah**

These 40 days/years cannot be the Babylonian conquest, under Nebuchadnezzar II, the siege on Israel in 586/7 BC. They destroyed the city and the Temple.

Jeremiah prophesied this in Jeremiah 25:10 and 29:10

However it was 70 Years, not 40 years, that would see the Jews return to their homeland. So when was this forty-time period?

The only starting point we have of this forty-year time period is from 30AD to 70AD = 40 years. The attack and destruction of the Temple also happened on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av.

- Both Temples fell on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av
- First World War also happened on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av August 1<sup>st</sup> 1914.
- First deportations to Treblinka Concentration Camp 9<sup>th</sup> AV.
- Expulsion of Jews from Spain July 1490 on the 9<sup>th</sup> AV
- Expulsion of Jews from England by Edward 1 in July 1290 on the 9<sup>th</sup> of AV

- 12 Spies returned with a bad report from the promised land on the 9<sup>th</sup> AV

40 years of iniquity – Did Israel repent in 70AD? No clearly not.

Remember Leviticus 26 principle of 7 times! Maths time!

$40 \times 7 = 280AD$

Did the Southern Kingdom repent in 280AD? No.

$280 \times 7 = 1960$

Did the Southern Kingdom repent in 1960 AD? No.

So when will the next opportunity be for the Southern Kingdom to repent?

$70 + 280 + 1680 = 2030/1 AD$

(14-month time frame)

So we see both Kingdoms receiving the opportunity to repent and recognise Jesus as their Messiah between 2029 to 2031/2.

Here's another coincidence. I'm having a bit of fun here.

Jewish scholars put the date of Adam and Eve's fall at around 3970/71 BC. Don't ask me how they come up with this, but they do. It means that they were not long in the Garden, walking with God. Genesis 5:4-5 tells us that after Seth was born, Adam lived another 800 years and then aged 930 years, he died.

Just for fun let's use these dates and put them into a timeline.

God's dispensational timeline of 6000 years (6 days of man) before the 7<sup>th</sup> thousand years (7<sup>th</sup> Sabbath day of rest) points towards sin coming to an end at the Lord's Return, namely at the beginning of the 7<sup>th</sup> thousand years.

3970/71 BC



3970 + 2024 = 5994 + 7 years of Daniels  
70<sup>th</sup> Week = 6001, 6000 years after the  
beginning of time.

5994 – 3970 = 2024 + 7 = 2031.

Is this a coincidence? I think the Lord is  
trying to get our attention. It's the time  
and season to get ready.

So to Recap

Northern Kingdom – 390 x 7 = 2730  
years

2730 years minus 701/700BC =  
2029/30AD the next opportunity for  
Northern Kingdom to repent of their  
iniquities.

Southern Kingdom – Add 70 (AD)  
+ 280 (AD) + 1680 = 2030/2031 AD  
(14-month time frame)

I am sure that God is pointing to a time  
period that will be soon upon us. Food  
for thought and deep prayer. We  
should now be crying out for His return.

*Therefore, since all these things will be*

*dissolved, what manner of persons  
ought you to be in holy conduct and  
godliness, looking for and hastening  
the coming of the day of God,  
because of which the heavens will  
be dissolved, being on fire, and the  
elements will melt with fervent heat?  
Nevertheless we, according to His  
promise, look for new heavens and  
a new earth in which righteousness  
dwells.*

*2 Peter 3: 11-13*

*For the grace of God has appeared  
that offers salvation to all people. It  
teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness  
and worldly passions, and to live self-  
controlled, upright and godly lives in  
this present age, while we wait for the  
blessed hope—the appearing of the  
glory of our great God and Savior,  
Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to  
redeem us from all wickedness and to  
purify for himself a people that are his  
very own, eager to do what is good.*

*Titus 2: 11-14*

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