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I have always loved the story of Aaron's rod. It was an ancient rod belonging to Aaron, the brother of Moses. Although the staff was over 100 years old, it supernaturally budded and produced fruit overnight. I always thought this was an amazing Bible story, but Aaron's rod also had prophetic implications. First of all, it was a symbol of Aaron's calling, position, and authority given to Him by God Himself. Secondly, his calling foreshadowed the coming of another High Priest, the Messiah.

Besides, one does not appropriate for himself the honor [of being high priest], but he is called by God and receives it of Him, just as Aaron did.

So too Christ (the Messiah) did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed and exalted by Him Who said to Him, You are My Son; today I have begotten You. Hebrews 5:4-5 (AMPC)

Let's look at verse 4. It says Aaron was appointed by God. He didn't decide he wanted the job. God called him and put him in that office.

The problem was that Korah was unhappy with Moses and what was going on. Instead of recognizing

that Moses and Aaron were called by God, Korah took it upon himself to form a government and have an election. He gathered together 250 leaders from among the people, and they rebelled against Moses.

Self-Appointed or God Appointed

They said, "We're God's children too. We're part of Israel. What right do you have to tell us what to do?" They acted in rebellion against those whom God had called and appointed and said, "We have just as much right as you do, so let's turn this into a democracy and have an election!" Instead of recognizing God's sovereignty to choose His own representative, they attempted to usurp God's authority and Moses' and Aaron's offices.

God spoke through Moses and said to the Israelites, "Here's how you are going to know if the Lord sent me. If these men die of old age, then you will know that I am not a prophet of God, and God didn't call me. But if their lives are shortened and the earth opens up and swallows them, then you'll know that God appointed me." (Numbers 16:28-30)

No sooner had Moses finished speaking and the earth opened up, swallowed them, and then closed back together again! That was a sign and a wonder! But not one I would want to participate in!

In order to answer the question of who was appointed and anointed, God gave explicit instructions to Moses to have the heads of the tribes bring their rods and write their names on their rod. Then Moses was to place the rods before the Ark of the Testimony in the tent where God met with Moses. (Numbers 17:2-8)

Jacob had 12 sons who became the 12 tribes of Israel. Each tribe had a head, or prince, and the symbol of their headship was their rod, which was passed down from father to son through the generations. The prince of each tribe was to write their name on their rod.

Levi was one of Jacob's 12 sons and was the head of the tribe of Levi. His rod, or staff—representing the headship of his tribe—passed down to his great-grandson Aaron. God had appointed the tribe of Levi to perform priestly duties. So God gave directions to the heads of each tribe to bring their rods!

You shall then lay them up in the Tent of Meeting

before [the ark of] the Testimony, where I meet with you.

And the rod of the man whom I choose shall bud, and I will make to cease from Me the murmurings of the Israelites, which they murmur against you.

And Moses spoke to the Israelites, and every one of their leaders gave him a rod or staff, one for each leader according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods, and the rod of Aaron was among their rods.

And Moses deposited the rods before the Lord in the Tent of the Testimony.

And the next day Moses went into the Tent of the Testimony, and behold the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and brought forth buds and produced blossoms and yielded [ripe] almonds. Numbers 17:4-8 (AMPC)

These rods were made from tree branches. Once a branch is cut off from its root, it's dead. Remember, these rods had been passed down from generation to generation and had been dead for a long time—maybe hundreds of years. Yet, the next morning, Aaron's dead rod had blossoms and edible fruit on it. That goes against the laws of nature! You could call it a resurrection.



And the Lord told Moses, Put Aaron's rod back before the Testimony [in the ark], to be kept as a [warning] sign for the rebels; and you shall make an end of their murmurings against Me, lest they die. Numbers 17:10 (AMPC)

Interestingly enough, within the ark were three things: the tablets that established God's covenant with Israel; a pot of manna; and Aaron's rod that budded. These three things were symbolic and important.

"It's time for the Body of Christ to experience resurrection power."

Think about this for a minute. Everything in the scripture speaks prophetically. The covenant that was established was very important, so it was placed in the ark.

Why was the manna in the ark? Because God didn't want the Israelites to ever forget that He provided supernatural food for them. Aaron's rod was in the ark as a symbolic reminder that the tribe of Levi, including Aaron and his descendants, was called to be the high priests.

The Rod Was Resurrected From Death

But Aaron's rod was symbolic of something else. It was a promise of resurrection. Not only the resurrection of Christ but also the resurrection of the saints, the dead in Christ. The dead will be brought to life.

But there is a much greater meaning here than just that. We have focused on the fact that Jesus died and after three days, He came forth from the dead. The evidence is undeniable.

The Apostle Peter said, "*We were eyewitnesses.*" (2 Peter 1:16 AMPC) He saw everything and testified that it truly happened. And because the resurrection of Jesus happened, we can jump to First Corinthians 15 where it talks about the resurrection of believers and to First Thessalonians 4:16 where it says the dead in Christ rise first.

The Sadducees believed there would be no resurrection. But they missed it! Not only will there be a resurrection, but Jesus Himself provided the means for that resurrection. What does that resurrection mean? Let's look at the prophetic implications that involved Aaron's rod and that pointed to Jesus.

"In that day the BRANCH of Lord will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel." (Isaiah 4:2, NASB 1995) What is a rod? It's a branch of a tree. Jesus is the BRANCH that is foretold in all these prophecies.

"Behold, the days are coming," declares Yahweh, "When I will raise up for David a righteous BRANCH." (Jeremiah 23:5, LSB) Who was Jesus' ancestor? David. Jesus was a descendent of David.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous BRANCH of David to spring forth; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. (Jeremiah 33:15, NASB 1995)

Now listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you—indeed they are men who are a symbol: for behold, I am going to bring in My servant the BRANCH." (Zechariah 3:8, NASB 1995)

Then say to him, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is BRANCH, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the Lord." (Zechariah 6:12, NASB 1995)

Was Jesus a Nazarite?

From these prophetic scriptures, do you see how Jesus is the root and the branch of David? A lot of people think Jesus was a Nazarite and that He took a Nazarite vow. Jesus came from Nazareth, which means branch, or shoot. He was not a Nazarite and did not take a Nazarite vow, but He fulfilled prophecy by coming from Nazareth. He literally and physically came from a town called "BRANCH"!

Aaron's rod foretold the resurrection of the Messiah!

Prophetic Implications

How does Aaron's rod relate to us, other than knowing we have hope of a resurrection? It has more prophetic implications than just the resurrection of our bodies. Our dead dreams, dead hopes, dead relationships, and dead ends can also be resurrected!

You fill in what comes behind dead. Whatever dead thing you have

in your life is subject to the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit. What does Romans 8:11 say? "If the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, He will quicken, make alive, and bring life to your mortal, physical body." (Annette's version) It would be good for all of us to have that verse memorized. Do you realize the same power that brought a three-day-old dead body back to life dwells in you?

If you have ever wondered if the prophecies about Jesus being the branch and being the Messiah were true or not, then read John 15:1. Jesus said, "I am the Vine." He didn't beat around the bush. Jesus told His disciples, "I am the Vine. Not only did I come from Nazareth—the shoot or branch—but I am the Vine."

Where did Jesus shoot forth from? The Father. Jesus goes on and says, "I came forth from the Father, and I don't do anything unless He tells me to do it. Everything the Father tells me to do, I do."

Do you realize when Jesus said, "I am the Vine, and you are the branches," the life force that flowed from the Father to Jesus for healing and miracles now flows through you? So let me ask this question. Why are we not living that? Why is it not happening? It's not something we have to do. It's something we are. But what do we focus on? Do we focus on who we are in Christ? Are we focusing on the power that dwells in us? Or do we think about how far we've come short? How

much trouble we have? How bad things are?

Here is a prophetic tie-in. The Spirit of God is ready to resurrect dead ideas, prophecies that appear to be dead, and inventions that appear to be dead. God is ready, by His Spirit, to begin a great resurrection of things that He has spoken to you but haven't yet come to pass. You've assumed they were dead, but it's time for a resurrection.

Like Aaron's dead, dry rod that budded, it's time for the Body of Christ to experience resurrection power. It's time for the Church to bloom from its connection with the Lord Jesus and with God.

Remember what Paul said in Romans 8:11? The Spirit of God that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us. A life force flows through us. To the degree we grasp God's resurrection power is the degree we will see manifestations in our bodies, in our minds, in our lives, and in everything that pertains to us.

It's a Matter of Perception

Many years ago, someone gave my dad a staff. It's a collector's item and something I would never hike with. It's a replica of the pole Moses made with a brass serpent on it.

When the Children of Israel were bitten by poisonous snakes and dying, God's medicine for them was to look at that brass serpent. When they looked upon the pole, they saw

something that was now rendered as nothing and couldn't harm them.

Moses' staff with the brass serpent was a type and shadow of Jesus on the cross. I'm not saying Jesus was a snake on the cross. But on that pole, Jesus took all sin, sickness, disease, and every evil thing Satan is. And it was on that pole that Jesus rendered Satan null, void, and without power.

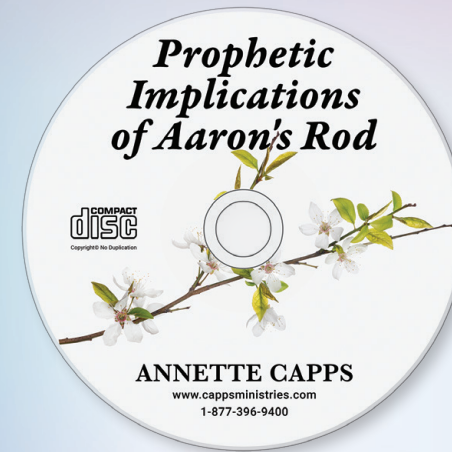
How we look at something is so important. Do you perceive that Jesus' took on Himself everything bad the devil tries to do? That the devil has no power?

Or are you tapping into the resurrection power that is available to you? As you grab hold of it and reach into the realm of the Spirit, you can pull to yourself the already accomplished fact that you are well and whole and that the life of God quickens you and makes you alive. The more you pump the resurrection life of God into your physical body, the more it will produce.

I encourage you not to reduce the account of Aaron's rod to a Sunday school story or a religious myth. Make it personal. The prophetic implications go from Aaron's rod to the prophecies of the Messiah, and then to you and me as the branches on the Vine. As you take this message to heart, you will begin living in a way you haven't experienced before. ■

I am infusing new light into old things. I am infusing new life into things that have been hidden and perceived as dead. I am resurrecting things on a national scale that will be infused with life and shall affect many, many people. Healing shall come, and health shall come, and wholeness shall come to all those who look and attend to that which I am infusing with life. So pay attention. Pay attention and know that the things that look dead aren't really dead. They will come to life.

(Editor's Note: The above prophecy was given by Annette during staff chapel April 3rd, 2023)

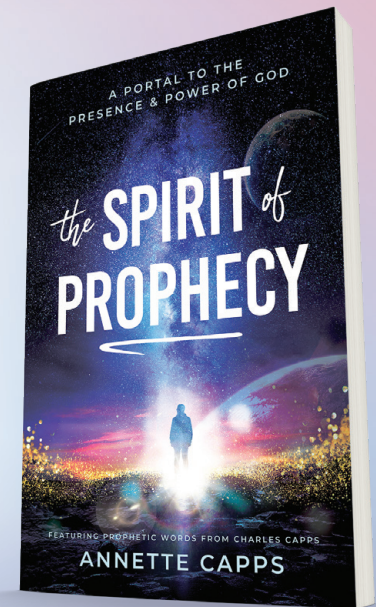


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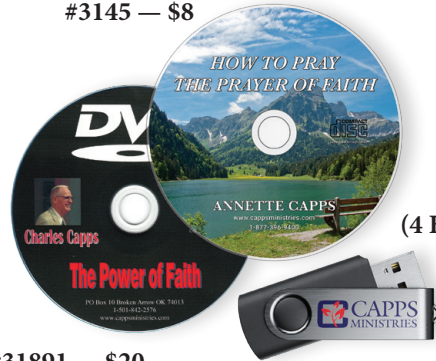
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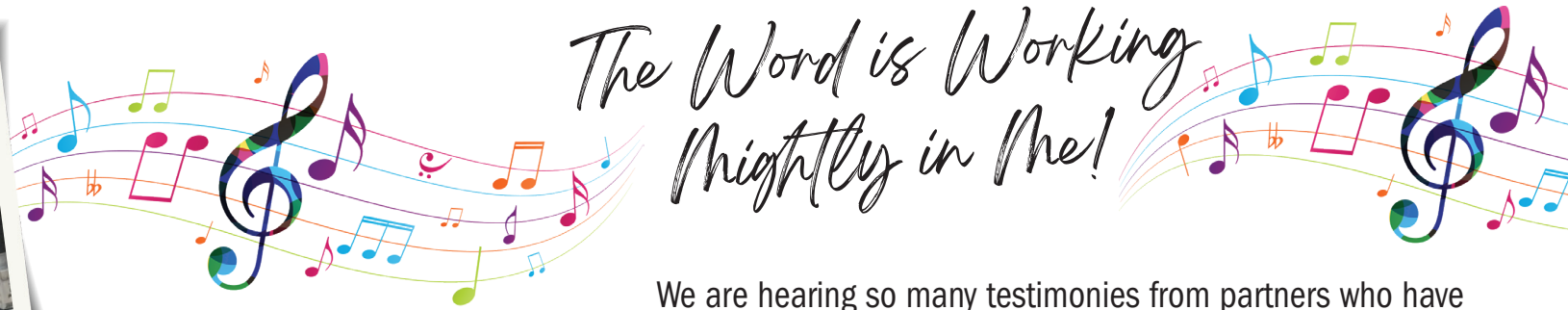
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"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
John 8:31-32



"... even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were."
Romans 4:17

J. watches us on Daystar in France. She wanted Annette to know she is thankful for her and prays for her all the time. God has a blessing on her and she is a blessing. What Annette is doing is going far and wide to English speaking people even all the way to FRANCE!
(reported by phone to a Capps Staff Member)



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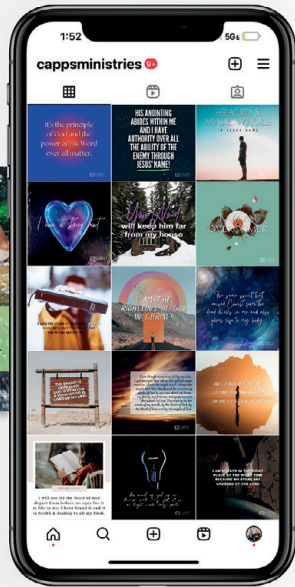
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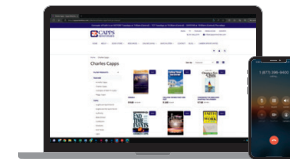
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