

2012 [5772] – The Year to Arise & Shine

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Happy New Year everyone!

Once a year, at the end of the year, we at Father’s House celebrate the beginning of the new year with worship, celebration, and a prophetic message as to what I believe the new year may hold for us; more specifically to Father’s House, but also for the greater body of Christ. Once again this year, I am glad to bring forth what I believe is an insight from the LORD for 2012.

Before I bring a prophetic message, I would like everyone to understand that there are certain principles to prophetic messages, and I would like to quickly go over a few of them so that all of us would apply tonight’s message (and any prophetic words that may be given) in a proper context. Tonight’s message is no different, whether you like me or not, whether you feel like the message really applies to you or not, and whether you believe the LORD spoke to you during the message or not, we must apply these principles and discern all prophetic messages and prophetic words.

1. The prophetic words, other than the Words of the Scriptures, are limited in revelation;
1 Corinthians 13:9
⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part...
2. The prophetic words, other than the Words of the Scriptures, are conditional;
 - The promises and blessings contained in the prophetic words are for those who discern, believe, take action, patient, persevere, and overcome.
 - The promises and blessings contained in the prophetic words are for those who abide in Him, following His ways.
3. The prophetic words are given as exhortations to encourage and to edify the body of Christ, and their interpretations must be received in that context. For example, if we suppose prophetic warnings were declared, then...
 - Prophetic warnings are to bring the body of Christ to unity in prayer so that we may avert defeat or avoid disasters, both in the natural and in the supernatural.
 - Prophetic warnings, even what sounds like harsh judgments, must be interpreted in the context of love, such as a call for repentance for the restoration of the relationship between God and the people.
4. The prophetic words given tonight are in a general context.
 - Everyone is at a different stage in life, and what the LORD might want to do with each of us will be different. Therefore, the application and the impact of the prophetic words will be different from a person to person, and it may not even apply to you.
 - I believe, however, there will be a general theme, and each of us should ask the LORD whether the word even apply to me, the timing of the events, how I should apply the word, and how I could become a blessing because of it.
 - No prophetic words are to replace your hearing the voice of the LORD personally.
5. At the end of or during the service, we will give a few prophetic words to some of you as we receive them. We wish we could prophetically minister to all of you, but we will most likely minister to only a few due to time.

- That does not mean the LORD favors anyone over any other person. You are all very precious to Him.
- In fact, when a word is given to someone else, however, if you discern the word and you believe that the LORD is speaking the same word to you, then you could receive the same word in faith, making it yours as well.
- So, pay attention to the words spoken over someone else, because the LORD may be speaking forth the same word to you. Even if the word is not for you, you should listen to the words, so that you may bless, pray for, and agree with the person receiving the word together.

The bottom line is that the prophetic words require discernment in the LORD, so that our walk with the LORD is based on our relationship with Him, rather than what others prophesy about Him or about His promises. Therefore, if you are willing to discern with me, allow me to bring forth the prophetic message for 2012.

I would like to start by going to Isaiah 60, verses 1 & 2.

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^{60:1} “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Yes, I believe God is calling us to rise & shine in 2012 for our light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon us. As we would partner with Him as we host His light, by being an expression of His light (that is, His love and righteousness), through worshiping Him and serving others, He will establish us as His signet ring so that we may represent Him in a greater capacity...so that this house may be a house of worship and a house to gather in a great harvest.

Haggai 2:23

“ ‘On that day,’ declares the LORD Almighty, ‘I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

With that, now let me expound on that statement.

Prelude

The world has been going through major transitions and will continue to go through major shakedowns; not only the shakedown in the financial sector as we all have been impacted in the last three years, but also in the government sector. And because these two sectors are over-compassing every sector of the society, I cannot think of any part of the society that has not been affected by them.

If you look back a few years, first the church was shaken. Great leaders in the body of Christ were shaken and unfortunately fallen or discredited. Now, the world is shaken and is still being shaken. With all these shakings, many of us were fearful of what might happen and might still be wondering when all this shaking would end. I can only say for certain, when His Kingdom is fully established, the shaking will stop. Otherwise, we are still a part of what is being shaken. But, I have good news to those who believe.

Psalm 23:4

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

So, at this time, I would like to look into 2012.

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5 – Grace; 50 - Jubilee

7 – Spiritual Perfection

57 – Everything will have double significance

WW2 started September 1939, start of 5700

3X12X2 = 72

3 – Divine perfection; Sign Post; Wake Up Call

12 - Government

2 – Double Portion; Double Edge [one or the other]

72 – Divine Sign Post to Wake Up to Establish His Kingdom government, a Kairos moment, to either make it or go around the mountain again.

Examples:

- Government Transitions and New Government Establishments
 - As of December 2011, governments have been overthrown in three countries.
 - In Tunisia, President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali fled to Saudi Arabia on the 14th of January, 2011, following the Tunisian revolution protests.
 - In Egypt, President Hosni Mubarak resigned on the 11th of February, 2011, after 18 days of massive protests, ending his 30-year presidency.
 - In Libya, Muammar Gaddafi was overthrown on the 23rd of August, 2011, after the National Transitional Council (NTC) took control.
 - Another government is in a major transition
 - In Yemen, President Ali Abdullah Saleh is injured in an attack on his compound in the Yemeni capital, and on the 23rd of November, 2011, he signed a power-transfer agreement, ending his 33-year reign.
 - Another government is in a major transition
 - In North Korea, Kim Jung Il suddenly died, and the power is transferred to his young son Kim Jung Eun, but the stability of the government is in question.
- Although it is not a governmental system, another major system has been going through great upheaval is the financial system.
 - It threatens the way we lived and will impact the way we will live.
 - In addition, it is threatening to undo great governmental systems, like the European Union.
- I would like to say that the shaking is over, but I believe it will continue until all that could be shaken will be shaken, so that new governments – both in the world and in the church – are established.
 - For the world, there will be new leaders, called to be more righteous than the former, taking over so the new government established will reflect more of its people.
 - For the Catholic Church, there will be new leaders, called to be more in tune with God than the former, raised up so the new apostolic and prophetic leaders thus established will lead the churches to reflect more of Jesus.

Haggai 2:22-23

²² I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms...²³ “ ‘On that day,’ declares the LORD Almighty, ‘I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

As God wants to establish something new, He is shaking the old. As He is shaking the old, He is calling forth His people to arise and shine to establish His Kingdom government; coming together in greater alignment under the Word of God and His Ways, knowing His covenant and His desires.

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He is looking for the worshippers who will make the sacrifice in seeking His face and taking care of His people (including those who are His people and those who are not yet His people), because He will start a new move to call forth the harvest. In response and preparation to accomplish His will towards these two prongs (worshippers and social gospel), those who are ready to follow His lead will grow and prosper, not only in the spiritual matters, but also in the social matters, including and not limited to the financial wealth.

Also, as a sign and to ignite His people back to passionate love-hunger for Him, He desires to release His revival fire to many places in the world, especially in the Los Angeles area. Upon a season of revival, the people will be equipped with greater wisdom (in all matters, including and not limited to the Word & the spiritual understanding, of leadership, stewardship, finances, economics, education, creativity) and compassion for the poor and needy. The revival will continue so long as the revived church will continue to take care of the poor and needy. As the poor and the needy are cared for, they will be called forth and gathered into the Kingdom. This is a kairos moment and the starting moment for His harvest and revivals.

Likewise, the world will try to establish a new governmental system, first it will try to pacify more unstable nations with token gifts and temporary measures, but its effort will break down and a panic may set in. It is time for the world to find a righteous leader with a righteous plan, but it will not find the person or the plan, because its root system is not based on God's Word and has gone away, embracing the spirit of Mamon. Because of the inadequacy of the plan, the confusion among the nations will continue.

Among this confusion, God's people are called to rise and shine to show what God has done for them. They will move in love for God and love for the people, expressing true worship unto God and expressing God's compassion to the world. They will, even though they may not be greatly affluent, they will be able to accomplish much and the world will notice the importance of the church in the society – no longer ridiculed, but truly honored for who we are and what we could do. When honored, all their testimonies will be in unison in giving glory to God for what He has done for them, for they will say “I saw the need, but I was helpless...but when I cried for help, He was there to answer me!”

Isaiah 58:6-9

⁶“Is not this the kind of [praying and] fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? ⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

I wish I could tell you that 2012 will be simply wonderful and everything will go smoothly for everyone. I wish I could tell you that each and every one of us will prosper and have the breakthroughs we all are waiting for. However, I can tell you that His love for us and His plans in our lives have not changed. Therefore, if we change our attitude from being fearful to that of faith, if we change our attitude from relying on ourselves to relying on God, if we change our attitude from being comfortable to serve others, I believe we will make the best of 2012, and God will accomplish all He desires for us in 2012.

With that I want to conclude the message by giving you some Scriptures for 2012, explaining how God’s plans for us in 2012 may be fulfilled in our lives.

1. Believe that His Plans for us is to Prosper us! Jeremiah 29:11

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¹¹For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

- His plans for us never changed, even though we may not understand or see it.

Isaiah 55:8-9

⁸“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. ⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

2. Awake, Awake! Isaiah 52:1

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^{52:1} Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city.

- It has been a period of difficulties, but we need to get up and be strengthened.
 - The world will also try to awake from its intoxicating wine of Mamon, but it will have great difficulties because it has walked away from God.
 - Therefore, the world will continue to be in darkness, and it will continue to search for a righteous leader, but will not easily find one.
 - Therefore, it will cry out to the LORD they have abandoned, but they cannot do it alone.

3. Deep Calls to Deep!; Psalm 42:7

- So, the people of God will cry out on their behalf, and the cries of His people will be heard by God;

2 Chronicles 7:14

¹⁴if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

- Also of those who turn to God and repent; [Isaiah 59:19](#)
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¹⁹ From the west, men will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory.
 - And, God will raise up His people in the midst; [Isaiah 59:20](#)
[Isaiah 59:20](#)
²⁰ “The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares the LORD.
4. As our response, We will Arise, Shine! [Isaiah 60:1](#)
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^{60:1} “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
5. His Glory appears over you! [Isaiah 60:2](#)
[Isaiah 60:2](#)
² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
- The people will gather around those who walk in His covenant; [Isaiah 60:4](#)
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⁴ “Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm.
 - Favor of the LORD will be released to those walk in His covenant; [Isaiah 60:5-6](#)
[Isaiah 60:5](#)
⁵ Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.
 - Exceptional Favor & Open Doors
 - Financial Prosperity; [Isaiah 60:5-6](#)
 - Humble Beginning, Prosperous Future! [Job 8:7](#)
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⁷ Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be.
6. How – Believe & Partner with God.
- Repent
 - Embrace His Word and His Covenant
 - It is a call to be holy
 - Be different from the world and be His light – come out from darkness
 - Purity of the heart; Ex: the story of Dave Tally, USA Today
 - Godly Character
 - Be Fair: Do to the others what you would want them to do for you, and take an extra step.
 - Know His Word and Revisit His covenant
 - Are you in alignment with Him?
 - Prayer – Seek His Face
 - It is especially important to know and follow His leading
 - Put action behind your prayer – This is the key to shine! [Isaiah 58:6-9](#)
 - Believe & Stand
 - Serve those around you, and serve your church.

7. Be Aligned

- Do not be a wanderer – choose your alignment
 - Wandering churches is like having different substitute teacher come in every other week
 - No chance for systematic development
 - Each pastor is like a master builder, with Jesus as the Master Builder
 - No one to pastor you
- The anointing is put on the head, and from there it flows down...
[Psalm 133:2](#)
It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes.

So, let us believe great things in the LORD for 2012.
Let us stand with Him through thick and thin.
Let us worship Him and serve His people.