

The new kingdom. Prophetic - 1 of 4 - 20220101

Hi all,

I had a recent visitation with the Lord and I want to share part of it with you, because it is prophetic for the body of Christ. I'm going to take my time to walk you through part of it step by step in detail which I don't normally do (thus the 4 parts), because there are so many heart-lessons to learn along the way. I pray the Father will personalize the elements He wants for each each.

The Lord wanted to tell me what He is doing, but to be perfectly honest, my first questions to Him were about natural events like politics and economies and such. When He appears to me He sets the agenda, I only respond. But I was curious...

Let me insert here that heaven initiates the experience, not earth. Not man. When people do things to try to have an experience, or seek an experience rather than seek the Father or Lord, then error is likely to happen. Don't try to make something happen; heaven initiates the supernatural. He sets the agenda. I have never in all the times He has visited me, ever asked Him to appear to me.

And even though these times I have with Him are conversational, these are also things of the spirit and Spirit, so things I have thought I would like to ask Him, don't even come up in the conversation. Only things of the spirit and Spirit come up, and to try to bring the flesh into the experience is like what Peter did on the Mount of Transfiguration when he saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus in Luke 9:33:

"Let's build 3 tents; One for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah!" (Let's have a camp out). It becomes painfully apparent to all when a person is in the Spirit and tries to go back to the flesh. Luke comments on Peter: "He didn't know what he was saying."

The supernatural in the Spirit seems so normal, the transition without barrier, that when you speak of lower earthly things it stands out as not knowing what they are saying. Notice that Peter's suggestion went without comment from the Lord. He just ignored it.

Picking it up from there

The Lord was trying to move on from my questions and finally said: "I already told you nearly a year ago about difficulties in January and February, with a transition in March, and the importance of the mid-term elections for the United States, that's enough for now. I told you to watch France, and that when Merkel leaves office big changes will soon come to Germany and the EU, and to watch Italy as she rises in importance and influence. Why do you want to know more? I'll share more later, but for now I want to talk about what I'm doing."

Why do you want to know more?

His question asking why I wanted to know more meant I was on the edge of the flesh. It was similar to the visitation I had in very late January 2011 when I asked about the Arab Spring. I kept asking questions about 'end times' events related to the nations affected, as protests were then erupting in Egypt, while He was trying to talk to me of what He was going to be doing.

I was going nation by nation asking what would happen to them, and the last question (in context of end times) was; "Will Egypt would become like Iran at this point?", and He said: "No. Egypt will not become like Iran at this point. But what is this to you? What are these things to you? As for you, you must be about the Father's business." That was again, the last of January 2011.

So in the recent visitation when He asked: "Why do you want to know more?", I knew to back off and inwardly I repented, for He had said in Matthew 12:39 that an evil and adulterous generation looks for a sign. Me pressing Him to know more was on the edge of evil and adultery. The word 'evil' there is also translated as 'slothful', meaning someone slow to act, slow to perceive, slow to receive what the Spirit is saying.

Do we see it? Do we perceive what is happening?

In the context of Matthew 12:39 Jesus was doing healings, miracles, and casting demons out of people, and yet the people ignored all those signs and only wanted more, something bigger, larger, a final sign. It is like in our day, for anyone with any curiosity can research what the Lord is doing around

the world and become part of it, yet many waste hours and days chasing the irrelevant to tickle their itching ears, because becoming part of what He is doing is hard work. Besides all that, the larger work He is doing or attempting to do if we will cooperate with Him, is in our own hearts and lives. Doing what He wants is usually the hard decision, the one that challenges us to change.

The word 'generation' or sometimes 'age' means it was a large group of people who wanted a 'sign' from Him, not a literal generation, but rather a class of people. They had influence, they influenced others. Today you sometimes see people thinking a 'generation' of prophets are spot on because they are so many all saying the same thing. They are a generation of people, to use the word as Jesus used it. The word He used for 'seek' is 'epizetei' and means 'to crave, to intensely desire, to demand, to make strong inquiries.'

Jesus used the word 'sign' here, not wonder. I define the differences this way: A sign appeals to the intellect, a wonder appeals to the imagination. Jesus used the word sign, meaning people were thinking, but their thinking was wrong. An evil and adulterous group seeks something more to appeal to their intellect - just 1 more 'sign' to think on. Evil. These are people who spend time intensely craving something to appeal to their mind, their soul, while ignoring what God is really doing all around and in them.

The fantasy

Jesus linked seeking a sign (appeals to the intellect) with adultery, which is imagination. Jesus defined adultery in Matthew 5:28 as an imagination, a lustful focus on fantasy with someone else, and an adulterous generation (group of people) that looks for a sign is one where Christians develop a 'thinking lust' for the latest prophetic word, they search for what an alleged prophet has said, turning their attention away from their 'spouse', the Lord.

By all means we need to be aware, but there is a line many step over to where that becomes a preoccupation, causing the important things in their heart and life to be lower down the list of priorities than lusting after the latest 'word'. Keep it in balance. In the same way a person can acknowledge a handsome man or pretty woman, but then the imagination stops. To go beyond would be error - the same with balancing the prophetic as a priority in our lives.

An adulterous spouse is no longer focused where they should be, on their spouse. They are thinking about another. In the same way an adulterous believer having a thinking lust (a desire/imagination they don't control and give in to repeatedly) for signs of this or that is no longer focused on their 'spouse', Christ in us, the hope of glory.

They are focused on 'outside' things when they should be focused on 'inside their heart' things.

When He asked "Why do you want to know more?", I knew I was stepping close to the line, and needed to be quiet and go with where He wanted to go in the conversation.

His focus is on what He is doing not what the devil is doing or what the processes of politics and economics will effect upon this world. That is where our focus should be. Also, some of the things He mentioned nearly a year ago about these things in the first quarter of the year may have changed due to prayer, or perhaps lessened to some degree, or delayed.

Next week I'll share what He said He will be doing in the coming year, and then start to define what that will look like. We'll pick it up there next week, until then, blessings,

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The new Kingdom, 2 of 4, What He is doing - 20220108

Hi all,

I ended last week sharing about the condition of some in the body of Christ, adulterers spiritually speaking, because this is the season the Lord is calling the unfaithful believers back to Him. He is doing that by stirring a spiritual hunger in many believers as they see the world falling apart.

Picking it up from there...

He is extending an invitation by the Spirit, in the spirit-man to hear what He is doing. It feels like something deep resonates within, though the mind is trying to figure out what it means. But it is perceived deep inside a person.

He is emphasizing His inner working in the hearts of many, in part by showing the body of Christ the increasing gap between His culture and the world's culture. It's interesting that in James 4: 4 he calls some 'adulterers and adulteresses' for their love of the world, stating whoever loves the world is an enemy of God.

The Greek uses the word 'adulteresses' only, while the King James Version inserts 'adulterers' as well. Perhaps the translators wanted to make sure readers understood James was talking about men and women, we don't know. But the way James wrote in the Greek is doctrinally correct. Here is the literal Greek of James 4:4:

"Adulteresses. Do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility with God? Therefore whoever has chosen to be a friend of the world constitutes (makes themselves) an enemy of God."

Calling the unfaithful home

The word 'adulteresses' references Jesus' definition of adultery in Matthew 5 as stated last week, as an affair of the heart, of the imagination. The word used here for 'friendship' is the root 'phileo' which is the love best friends have for each other, and the word 'world' here is 'kosmos', meaning world's system and culture.

And as you can read in the Greek, it very clearly states "whoever has chosen to be a friend of the world" - it is on us. We are where we are now because of decisions we have made. Reorganizing our lives for Him starts with reordering the heart, reorganizing our priorities and then doing it.

Spiritual adultery is one who considers themselves part of the bride of Christ, yet has chosen to love the culture of the world. They have entered into an affair of the heart with the world's system, thus positioning themselves against what God is doing in the world, and what He is trying to do in their hearts. This is the person who doesn't want the Lord to come because they love the world and all that is in it. That reveals their first love.

The coming time we will start to see next year, involves calling spiritually adulterous believers out of love with the world and returning to their first love. This judgement that begins at the house of God, which is the Lord asking them to judge themselves, for these people, comes at a rate proportional to the world's descent into further darkness.

This is the first 'take away' from the visitation, and that the Lord will do it by bringing awareness of His culture set in contrast to the failing culture of the world. Many will seek true friendships in a home-based community of believers, and more than believers; disciples. Discipleship is about to take a giant step forward as more and more believers will decide to become disciples (learners, people who endeavor to live out what they believe.)

The visitation continues: What He said about what He is doing

"What you'll see in the coming year is my body becoming more aware of the culture of the Kingdom: Of the ways of the Father. Of my ways. For those who have an ear to hear, it will be sensed as a strong inner urge coming from their spirits, welling up, a desire that won't be satisfied with anything else."

"As the world continues in its way, many will see a chasm* growing between themselves and the way the world is going. Even now what they thought was stable and dependable in the world is no longer, and they see that, and many are afraid. As that culture crumbles and rearranges itself around them, they will seek Me and My culture, and they will find it, for I never change. I will abundantly pardon."

*(chasm: A deep canyon, like the ground open up between people, increasingly separating them as the chasm grows)

At that point my mind was racing, examining He 'will abundantly pardon' against the fact all sins were legally pardoned on the cross, though not vitality (Vitality means 'a living reality' -

we have to exercise our will to access or 'make alive' what was done for us on the cross.) So I was examining what He said oddly enough, for doctrinal error and thinking about all the possibilities so I could gain the fullness of His words.

He interrupted my silent cross-examination for He knew my thoughts: "You know what I said to the 7 churches; "He that has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches." So it is now. It is an invitation to participate in what I am doing. I AM."

What He said to them, and the way He said it, is the same

By using "I AM" to describe Himself I understood He was saying He never changes. I immediately understood what is happening now is the same way He acted and spoke to each of the 7 churches in The Revelation chapters 2 and 3. He is looking for the same singleness of heart He asked of them.

His messages were invitations to hear. I should note the phrase 'has an ear to hear' is deeper than it first sounds.

The words used are 'echo ous akousato' or 'ears to hear'. You can see the root words 'echo' and 'acoustic' in the phrase. It is the difference between hearing the sound versus hearing the message. There are many in the body of Christ who hear the sound, but fewer will hear the message and implement that message into their lives. "He who has an ear to hear, let him hear", implies not just hearing the sound but understanding and doing what Jesus said.

Notice too, how our free will factors in. "He who has ears to hear" means it isn't predetermined - it is 100% our responsibility. The Lord is very much the same as when He appeared to Joshua with sword drawn, as the Captain of the Armies, outside Jericho, found in Joshua 5: 13-15. Joshua immediately fell to his knees and worshipped, and was told to remove his shoes for he was on holy ground, which is only done before God, never an angel.

(If you have any book or testimony from someone who teaches that was an angel appearing to Joshua, you need to seriously question the legitimacy of their experience and/or teaching, for they reveal they don't know their theology nor their Lord very well, for understanding Who it was is Bible 101.)

(The reason OT people had to remove their shoes before God (never an angel) is that shoes are man-made, and no one can come to God of their own efforts, of their own design. It is the same reason when they built an altar to God they could not shape the rocks in any way, they had to use them as they found them in nature. Taking a tool to a rock to build an altar to God would be coming to God on their own efforts, their own design.)

Are you for us or against us?

Joshua asks the Lord if He is 'for us or for our enemies?', and the Lord replied: "Neither" or "No" depending on your translation, "But as Captain of the Armies of the Lord have I come." We might say it this way: "No, you miss the point. I'm here representing neither the Israelite nor the Canaanite armies, but as Captain of the Armies of the Lord."

The point is that the Lord's allegiance is to the Father, to Himself, to heaven's culture and Kingdom. He wants us to have that same singleness of heart and purpose. It is the same today - he who has ears to hear let him hear.

But if not, the Lord will still do what the Lord will do, and the Spirit is speaking to the churches whether anyone pays attention or not. He is from heaven, not earth, so we are welcome to join Him and what He is doing, but if not, that is up to us. That is the invitation extended to the body of Christ right now. Believers become disciples. Please.

But if not, the Lord marches on, doing what He will do in the earth. He isn't expecting perfection, just growth, and that starts in the heart, followed by the backbone to make strong and often difficult decisions in Him.

Next week I'll cover what He meant by His culture, the culture of the Kingdom of God. Until then, blessings,

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The new Kingdom. Contrasting kingdoms. #3 of 4 - 20220115

Hi all,

What did the Lord mean when He said to me that He is working a desire in the hearts of disciples for His kingdom and His culture? What is the contrast between His culture and the culture of the world?

Jesus referred to Satan's domain as a kingdom in Matthew 12:26: "If Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself. How shall his kingdom stand?" So what is the culture of Satan's kingdom?

Satan's kingdom

A brief scan of the New Testament reveals Satan's kingdom is darkness, alienated from the light and life of God, which means blindness to the reality of things. In Ephesians 4:18 it says those of darkness are 'past feeling' (no longer grieved in their spirit, nor do they feel impressions from God in their spirit, and therefore their soul is seared to no longer feel spiritual input) and spiritually blind.

These qualities include that blindness, fear, confusion as listed in James 3:15-16, and includes those things that are 'sensual'. The Greek word translated 'sensual' here is 'psychike' and is combined with 'earthly' just before it and 'demonic' after it, reads this way: "is earthly unfeeling demonic thinking."

How is the culture of darkness, spiritual blindness, fear, confusion, earthly unfeeling demonic thinking expressed?

The 'works (literally 'acts') of the flesh' of Galatians 5:19-21

Don't read these just as acts of the flesh, but also think of them as acts rooted in the the cultural of the kingdom of darkness. Paul lists the following, in the Greek.

Verse 19: "porneia" (fornication, harlotry, idolatry (elevating someone else sexually in 'worship' for what they provide sexually), "akatharsia" (sexual impurity, perversion), "aseigeia" (uncontrolled sexual desire, promiscuity).

Verse 20: "Idolatry (literal idolatry, but including anything elevated in one's heart to stand or that stands between a person and God.) "sorcery" which includes magic, spells and such.

Verse 20 continues: "enmities" (hostility towards others, when someone is angry with or hates another without just cause), "strife" (quarrel, wrestling over words, contentions), "jealousy" (literally, 'heat' towards another in possessiveness and control), "outbursts of anger, wrath" (an explosive outburst here is contrast to a slow burning anger beneath the surface. Wrath is a violent outburst of anger without righteous justification towards another), "contentions" (contentions demonstrated by picking sides one against another).

"dissension" (standing apart, dis-union, breaking relationship due to one's opinion, breaking off a relationship for those reasons), "factions" (literally, 'heresies' meaning 'making a choice for disunion', meaning a person making a choice not to fellowship with another because they believe one thing while their now former friend believes another).

Verse 21: "envyings", (ill-will towards another), "drunkenness" (literally: 'intoxication'), "carousing" (literally a 'feasting' with drinking and sexual immorality. Then as now, it describes the party scene and culture).

V21 continues: "and things like these". So this is a partial list Paul calls 'the works of the flesh' and we can see are part of that culture of the kingdom of darkness.

I should point out there is no demonic influence listed. These are just acts of the flesh. For instance, sorcery is listed as an act of the flesh. The point isn't that demons become involved, but that a person willfully takes part in sorcery/witchcraft/spells/magic. It initiates as an act of one's will to participate, to justify that participation.

The culture of the kingdom of God

In II Peter 1:5-8 he lists character qualities of a maturing believer: "Besides these things, with diligence add to your faith, moral excellence, and knowledge, and self control, endurance (consistency) and godliness (a lifestyle of God and His goodness), and to that brotherly love and unconditional love. If these things are in you and abounding, they will make you so that you are not idle nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Faith, moral excellence, knowledge, self control, consistency, godliness, brotherly love, unconditional love. These are qualities of one's character who is living and maturing in the kingdom of heaven's culture.

Those are a big contrast to the character destroying culture of the kingdom of darkness

How are these godly character qualities of kingdom culture expressed in daily life? Let's look at the Fruit of the spirit (Spirit) from Galatians 5:22-23.

I would make the point the context is the acts of the human flesh, so Paul immediately contrasts that with the fruit of the human spirit. Translators often capitalize the 'S' to make it 'fruit of the (Holy) Spirit', but to me, that misses Paul's point, for he was purposely contrasting elements of the kingdom of darkness as expressed in the lives of people with the elements of the kingdom of God expressed in the lives of people.

I would also point out that fruit is a product of a tree. As I read it, the Holy Spirit IS that tree, and the fruit of it would be the qualities of God coming forth from the human spirit as an apple is a product of an apple tree. The fruit is connected to the tree and from that tree gets its life. So these are fruit of the human spirit. The further point is that fruit is meant to be consumed, it carries seed that any may eat and produce more of that fruit, all of which point to these being qualities of the human spirit. Part of our witness is that we live these cultural elements of the kingdom of God and they are meant to be planted in someone's life, so that they may partake of the culture and life of God.

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness (benevolent), faithfulness, gentleness (mildness, humility), self control. Against such there is no law."

When we contrast the culture of Satan's kingdom with the culture of God's kingdom, we see a huge difference. The time is coming and now is when the body of Christ will stand out in stark contrast in God's culture, because it is so different from the world's culture. THAT awareness of the kingdom of God is growing in the spirits of Christians all over the world, who now from deep down inside, want to see the Father's will and kingdom done on the earth - but is first manifest in our own lives and in the relationships we have. And we'll pick it up there next week, until then, blessings,

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The Kingdom coming, How it is expressed 4 of 4 - 20220122

Hi all,

We had been in the UK about a week, surrounded by accents other than American English, when suddenly out of the crowd we heard an American couple. Immediately we struck up a conversation like we were long lost friends who hadn't seen each other in years. There was an instant connection to back home.

That's how it should be when Christians get together: "WOW, someone from my own country!" with that instant connection. No matter what nation we are from, our real home country is the kingdom of heaven. We have dual citizenship; one of this earth, the other is our forever address.

"God...has delivered us from the authority of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son."

"For our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await our Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

"We then as Ambassadors for Christ, as though the Father is asking you through us, be reconciled to God (Father)."

Colossians 1:12-13, Philipians 3:20, II Corinthians 5:20

An Ambassador lives in a country other than their own, representing their home country and its interests, as well as the interests of its citizens visiting or living in that foreign country.

The Greek word for 'citizen' or 'citizenship' is 'politeuomai' and means a law-abiding citizen. Specifically "to behave as a citizen; to avail oneself of, or recognize the laws of (the kingdom). Citizenship means to pledge one's life to the laws of life, to let your manner of life be worthy of your citizenship." (Thayer's commentary)

Do we behave like we are citizens of heaven? Our culture is different than the culture of the world around us. It is that awareness the Lord spoke to me about. Working deep in the hearts of millions, He is stirring by the Father's Spirit, a yearning to be part of the culture of God.

Christians should therefore live life as a process of recognizing we are in the world but not of it, meaning the kingdom of God and His culture which is in our spirit-man, flows to our mind so that we as a matter of life-long process learn to think and feel as God thinks and feels. While this is happening we are implementing these things in the natural so that our body and life are obedient to Life.

We need to celebrate Christ in us with other citizens of the kingdom of heaven. Leaving our differences at the door, we enter into fellowship with fellow-citizens, celebrating the kingdom of heaven as mutual citizens gathering while visiting a foreign land.

The gathering of ourselves

God invented the home and family when He planted a garden then created Adam and put him in it. Then Eve was created and together they met with God in their home. The Lord has never left the home. Whatever structures have come after it, He invented the home and family. He will fill to the fullest extent that any structure allows him, like a workplace, but the home and family is what He created.

Therefore the family and home and the relationships that flow from there are the highest expression of the kingdom of heaven on earth - best case scenario. In the NT we see family, friends, neighbors, co-workers in relationships in Christ. There is also the 'person of peace' who doesn't know Jesus yet, but knows you and likes you and a relationship is built.

That's why Acts 2:42 says they kept it simple, with home meetings centered around family: "They were in the apostles teaching, fellowship, food, and prayer." Those 4 elements. Very simple. Very comfortable and safe. Secure. Balanced. Like a family reunion each week - a family that loves and supports one another as a safety net in life.

When a Christian understands the whole of the New Testament was written by men doing church in the home to people doing church in the home, there is a sense of security that arises. There is an assurance that the resonance felt in their spirit is right.

I was horrified when in early 2001 I realized for the whole 25 years of my life and ministry I had lifted the NT I loved so much from the home and tried to squeeze it into an auditorium. I

hate it when my words are taken out of context by someone and twisted by their own filters, baggage, history and bias. Yet I had done that very thing to the New Testament!

What is a person to do?

Do you know others on your same spiritual page? Maybe old friends from x church who are 'floating' or 'between churches now', or are seeking real relationships without the games and politics so commonly found in 'church'.

Meet for coffee/tea or a meal. Share each other's journeys. Is there commonality?

House church is first a commitment to grow, but also to grow within a frame work of relationships. Relationship based faith is living intentionally towards one another. In a biblical house church you don't just come and go at will like a butterfly entering the field for a while then moving on. It's being willing to stay, work through any issues, to value relationships in Christ. Gone are the days of throw away Christian relationships.

When in this recent visitation the Lord said He is causing His people to be aware of His culture within them, which will cause them to seek others who have that same understanding, we must realize this is an internal work. When the Lord told the 7 churches of Asia: He that has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches", we must realize that is an internal hearing. Whatever was going on in the Roman world outside of the body of Christ, the Lord was speaking to their 'inner ears' of the heart.

The world is still shouting loudly to get our attention. If you aren't aware of your spirit man you may miss what the Spirit is saying to the churches. In Acts 5:12-13 we find an interesting statement of opposites:

"And many signs and wonders we done by the apostles, and they were with one accord in Solomon's porch, and of the rest no one dared join them but they spoke highly of them. More believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women."

The Lord brought up the above passage from Acts 5:12-14 in this visitation, bringing up what He had told me earlier; That home based churches and meetings would become noted by those on the outside as the place to go to receive healings, miracles, and provision. But in this visitation He also added to that, saying we would see people both not daring to join themselves, and those who would be bold enough to believe on Him. The difference between the two was notable to Luke to record that observation in Acts 5, and we will see that same thing.

It is this contrast between the world's culture and the Lord's culture that we will see grow, until it will be very clear to see the difference. The question is - who has ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches? This is a process, a gradual work because it deals with the human will, but watch for it, first within yourself, and then in others who are spiritually dissatisfied, but can't quite perceive yet why or what they are looking for. Be there for them. Have a meal, talk, pray, share....

New subject next week, until then, blessings,

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