



ENTERING THE PROPHETIC GATE OF DESTINY

(A Journey to The Apostolic
Revolution)

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INTRODUCTION

Comfort, comfort my people says the Lord. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way for the Lord make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hills made low, the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken," Isaiah 40:1-5.

Every nation as well as every individual has a prophetic destiny, and at least once in a life time every one comes to his or her prophetic gate of destiny. It is only at ones prophetic gate of destiny that one is honourably ushered into divine comfort or consolation. The hard services or struggles of life continue until the prophetic gate of destiny is opened for you. Only there

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and then is your life turned around for the best. Only there and then is every valley of your life filled up and those mountains of obstruction made low.

At the prophetic gate of destiny one encounters the glory of God, the grace of God, the wisdom of God and the power of God, which are able to deliver unto one all the glorious inheritance of the saints. Therein divine favour is guaranteed and ones life is translated from the pit to the pinnacle of glory. Then all the rough grounds shall become level, the rugged places a plain and the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all mankind together will see it.

The church of Christ as well as her individual members are set already at her prophetic gate, but it only takes the wisdom of God to access all the glorious wonders at this gate of destiny. This prophetic destiny of the church has always unfolded gradually throughout her history.

Moreover, an understanding of this power of ones prophetic gate of destiny is the most necessary factor in enforcing the kingdom of God upon ones life. It takes wisdom to reign in any area of life and a man of wisdom, is very strong (Prov. 24:5).

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Therefore, to enforce God's kingdom upon your life even at your prophetic gate of destiny demands a judicious application of both wisdom and warfare. Kingdoms rise or fall by conquest. Battle is the word; and unless you are ready to take the battle of this life to the gate of your destiny the yoke of slavery will never be broken.

The need of the hour is not just another denomination of the body of Christ with their "four walls" holding as many adherents as possible hostage with their own dozens of dogmas and/or unbiblical practices. Rather, it is the restoration of the Apostolic and prophetic ministry along side other ministerial gifts for equipping the saints for the work of the ministry especially in this end time, till we all attain the maturity, and the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the son of God, unto a perfect (complete) man, and unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, (Eph. 4:13).

Such kind of ministry that is devoted to the perfection of the saints, the restoration of the total man unto the fullness of Christ, and the completion of the diverse contributions of different ministries down the ages towards the preparation of the bride of Christ is the need of our time.

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It is only those few wise men who can stand at the prophetic gate of destiny that can see the star that has risen in our time leading the way to the full restoration of the Apostolic and prophetic ministry in the body of Christ. *The partakers of this recent wave of the Holy Spirit will "rebuild the ancient ruins and raise up the age-old foundations" of the church of Christ. They will be called Repairers of Broken Walls, Restorers of streets with Dwellings (Is. 58:12).*

These kind of Apostles and N.T. prophets are needed in all areas of life, in all careers, professions, and industries, where they shall shine as the light of the world to give direction and as the salt, to the decaying world. These end time prophets who stand at the prophetic gate are the only people on earth who can provide the much needed direction today to all men, families, towns, cities, nations, Governments, corporations, industries, to mention only these. They hold the key today "to the liberation of the world from all the oppressions of the devil."

Furthermore, it takes only such a timely encounter with such prophets at ones prophetic gate to turn around ones destiny from ashes and reproaches to praises and glory. Hopelessness is turned to jubilation and praise, whenever one encounters the prophetic word at the prophetic gate. But this is where wisdom is profitable to direct, because many people are languishing today in poverty, and shame because they



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carelessly neglected the prophets God sent to them to break their yokes of captivity.

There is a prophet you can't afford to miss in life if you must step into your prophetic destiny to fulfill God's purpose for your life. There is a prophet you can't afford to miss if you must break the yoke of poverty in your life. He is waiting for you there at the prophetic gate of your destiny. May the eyes of your understanding be enlightened so that you can recognize him today and plan for the encounter with your seed of faith.

All the same, there are prophets to the nations just as there are prophets to individuals. Alas, any nation that misses her God sent deliverer will remain in captivity forever. The economy of any nation needs only the appropriate God given prophets at the prophetic gate of Destiny to be turned around for better. Only these true prophets of Jehovah at the prophetic gate of any nation's economic destiny will be able to expose all the manipulations of witchcraft and occultism over the nation's economy and Government.

It is high time we joined the great wave of these prophetic wings, unless you are programmed to end up in this world as a grand failure. The prophetic gate is open for all who believe in *the progressive ministry* of the Holy Spirit. The last days have come and sons and daughters are prophesying, even the old men carry powerful dreams and slaves (those looked down upon

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before) are now seeing powerful visions of greatness and glory. Listen, you can't be otherwise, if you still claim you are born of God.

There is a spirit called "the Spirit of the Prophets," if you are born of God, that spirit is in you. Therefore, whenever you are ready to step into your prophetic destiny, the prophetic gate is open for you in Jesus Name. But, what is the prophetic gate?

CHAPTER ONE

WHAT IS THE PROPHETIC GATE?

“Now the day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed this to Samuel. About this time tomorrow I will send a man from the land of Benjamin, Anoint him leader over my people Israel; (1 Sam. 9:15-16). “The Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him saying, “Has not the Lord anointed you leader over his inheritance? As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul's heart... the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he joined in their prophesying: (1 Sam. 10:9,10).

The prophetic gate is that main entrance into all the treasured purposes, plans and programme of God for your destiny. It is the encounter that will usher you into your rightful place in life. It opens the doors of favour, increase and prosperity unto you and bring you into the realm of excellence and fulfillment in life. As the

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word gate connotes the main entrance into fenced city or compound, and the word prophetic means that which has to do with the prophets, the prophetic gate simply defined, is the main entrance into one's treasured possession, which has to do with the prophets. In other words, it is the act of entering into ones destiny through encounter with God's ordained prophets who carry the secret of God and unlocks divine purposes and programmes.

There is an encounter you cannot afford to miss in life. It is the encounter with the prophet at the prophetic gate of your destiny. What is the prophetic gate? It is the gate of your destiny, designed by the Almighty God to be unlocked unto you by these prophets. There are prophetic gates of man and the prophetic gate of the word. One is an encounter through human instruments, the other is an encounter through the written word. In other words, it can be the Rhema of the prophets or the written word of God.

“Saul approached Samuel in the Gateway and asked, “would you please tell me where the seer's house is? (1 Sam. 9:18) God positioned the prophet Samuel at the gateway to unlock the prophetic destiny of Saul, son of Kish, unto him. It was at the gateway (the prophetic gate) where Saul met Samuel that Saul was ushered into God's divine purpose, plan and programme for his life as

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the first king of Israel.

Many circumstances may bring one to ones prophetic gate, but the fact is that in all things God works together for good to those who love him. Whatever circumstance has made this book available to you is already God's design to bring you into your prophetic gate and to usher you into your prophetic destiny. As Saul was looking for his father's lost donkeys God was locating Saul's prophetic destiny. With all his strength and wisdom Saul was busy for many days searching for the lost treasures of his father, (the lost ass) while his heavenly father was busy preparing the prophetic gate that will reveal to Saul the hidden treasures of his destiny. When both Saul and his servant got fed up from their fruitless effort to find the ass they decided to look for help from the seer (God's prophets).

Until you stop all those rush and struggles for these so called treasures of the world and for a moment decided to seek direction from God your hard service and fruitless struggles may never end. The prophetic gate is that entrance unto which you turn when you are tired of chasing shadows in this world. If you are not ready to mean business with God this time around you may as well drop this book now because something great is about to explode inside you right now.

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"Look in this town there is a man of God, he is highly respected and everything he says comes true. Saul said unto his servant; if we go what can we give the man? The food in our sacks is gone. We have no gift to take to the man of God. What do we have? The servant answered him again. Look, I have a quarter of a shekel of silver. I will give it to the man of God so that he will tell us what way to take," (1 Sam. 9:6-8).

From a Wanderer to a Wonder

Those who do not recognize and respect the office of the prophets and the values of their ministries approach them casually. But those who neglect God's prophets at their prophetic gates not only miss their prophetic gates of destiny but also end up as casualties in this life. You can't be a casualty for you are already on the right part. Get set to encounter your prophet. Don't appear before him casually. God told Israel no man should appear before him empty handed, (Deut. 16:16). You must sow into the life and ministry of the prophet you recognize for an encounter with your prophetic destiny. It is those in need who desperately wants a change for the better that must provoke the encounter they desire with the seed of faith. None of your religious prose and poetry can nullify that divine principle. It is a custom among God's people and Saul himself recognized that. Thank God for such servants who are

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not ready to accept any excuses. Naaman's servant was one of such servants (2 Kgs. 5:13-14).

When Saul met Samuel at the gate the whole story of Saul's life was changed. The issue of the lost donkey was resolved and a higher-level issue of destiny was brought to focus. Friends, if you are ready, it is time to leave that level you are now, to focus on the real issues of your destiny. Saul was ushered into a prophetic banquet of destiny and released with the prophetic word of favour and excellence "in all his heart may tell him to do" (1 Sam. 10:7). From thenceforth; a wanderer was turned into a wonder. It is now your turn! That is what you need now. Stop wandering aimlessly and labouring tirelessly, yet with no worthy fruit to show. There is a portion of glory ahead set aside for you but until you enter your prophetic gate of destiny it may not be released to you. (1 Samuel 9:22-24).

In the midst of all these confusions and deception in the world what every serious soul needs now is divine direction, which is always available at the prophetic gate. The goal of Saul's trip to Samuel's house was "so that he may tell us what way to take," (1 Sam. 9:8). Whenever a man locates his placement at the prophetic gate of destiny of destiny his life gains a high speed.

Man of God, this is also a challenge on the practical relevance of your ministry to the existential needs of

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men. If the prophet cannot stand in the council of the Lord to obtain the prophetic word of destiny for his people, no amount of legislation against or criticism of the genuine frontline prophets will withhold the hungry souls from the pursuit of their prophetic destiny at the prophetic gate. You can't hold them. They must leave unto greener pastures. The prophetic gate can be located anywhere the Spirit of God is genuinely in operation. It can be located in a prophetic service, conference or a book like this or tapes as well as at any determined encounter with the desired prophet of your life. Who is your prophet? How can you locate your prophetic gate? We shall focus on that shortly. But first of all let us look at what a prophet is, generally. *For it is "by a prophet that the Lord delivered Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet he preserved them."* (Hosea 12:13). *Who is a prophet?*

CHAPTER TWO

WHO IS A PROPHET

"The Lord confides in those who fear him, he makes his covenant known to them," Ps. 25:14. "The sovereign Lord has spoken who can but prophesy." "The sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets." Amos 3:7, 8.

Anything that God does in all realms of his dominion is done by His Spoken word. It is the spoken word of God by his prophet that we refer to as the prophetic word. A prophet, therefore, is God's confidant. He is one entrusted with the mind of God over an issue at any particular point in time. Whenever the sovereign Lord has spoken the word into the mind of his prophets (his confidants), their sole duty is to proclaim it (i.e.) to prophesy. A prophet is a man of God who carries God's message to God's people. While a prophet carries a message from God to the people, a priest carries a message (prayers, offerings and sacrifices) from the

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people to God. Prophets are those who know and maintain the secrets of God and they minister unto men in accordance with such divine understanding they carry. And God sent His word to heal them (Ps. 107:20). His word it sent through is messengers. Bishop David Oyedepo rightly said, "Prophets are God's eagles instructed to carry the eaglets into their inheritance. At the prophet's word God converts whatever has been an obstacle to a miracle." And by a prophet God brought Israel out of Egypt and by a prophet he preserved them." Hosea 12:13, Ps. 107:20. Prophets are God's agents sent to deliver, God's people at every generation. Every time failure is pervading the earth, God sends his agents Called prophets as instruments of change to success. Prophets are divine agents for human fulfillment. Heaven honours their words as they speak and God backs up the thoughts of their hearts.

A prophet is a man sent by God for the deliverance or preservation of his people from the tensions, dangers and corruptions that are imminent in this world. Noah was given to his generation, Joseph was sent to his generation to preserve God's people, Elijah was sent to the widow of Zerephath, and Samuel was sent to anoint the first two kings of Israel. God's method is always to use man to reach man. When he wanted to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage he sent Moses. Joshua was sent to conquer and divide the Promised Land unto them.

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Above all, Jesus came to set all captives free. God has always sought for a man (a prophet) who will proclaim his purpose unto his people. And I sought for a man among them to stand in the gap, Ezk. 22:30. A prophet is God's spokesman, one who speaks on God's behalf to affect the state of well being of God's people. They are gifts to God's people. *"And he gave some apostles and some prophets and some evangelists and some pastors and teachers..." Eph. 4:11.* The prophetic office like other ministerial offices of the Evangelists, pastors, teachers, etc, is different from the general gift of prophecy. In the N.T. every believer filled in the Holy Spirit is entitled or qualified to prophesy via the gift of prophecy. *"To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one another is given through the spirit the message of wisdom ... to another prophecy," 1 Cor. 12: 7-11.* While the Holy Spirit gives to everyone these spiritual gifts including prophecy as he determines, the prophetic office is the exclusive reserve of those who are called into that office. *"In the church at Antioch, there were prophets and teachers," (Acts 13: 1).* The prophets and teachers occupied their ministerial offices in that category amidst other spirit filled believers who also could prophesy through the general manifestation of the spiritual gift of prophecy to the body of Christ. *"But every one who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort," (1 Cor. 14:3).* The Holy Spirit gives the gift of

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prophecy for the purpose of edification, exhortation and comfort of God's people. But the prophet speaking from the prophetic office can also foretell or predict, rebuke and/or proclaim God's mind to God's people as the Holy Spirit moves them.

Agabus the prophet signified by the Spirit that there should be a great death throughout the entire world and it came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar (Act. 11:27-29). Again, Ananias of Damascus ministered to Saul (Paul) at his conversion experience and prophesied unto him how mighty he should be used of the Lord, (Act 9:15-18). These kind of predicative or directive prophecies were from the office of N.T. prophets. Today God is greatly restoring this prophetic office (ministry) to the body of Christ and you will do well to position your self at the prophetic gate for such a wonderful encounter of your life. Only prophetic mentors, or beget prophets, and only the prophetic gate

Divine Agent of Change

Whenever God wants to introduce a new era in his operations a prophet is sent. Prophets are divine agents for change, priests minister to maintain the status quo. In Israel all kings anointed by prophets were kings called to introduce a new order from the old, while others



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who continued the same line of dynasty were in most cases anointed by a priest. In other word, "Kings chosen by God to rule over his people who were not in a line of dynastic succession were anointed by prophets," (e.g. Saul, 1 Sam. 9:16, David, 1 Sam. 16:12, Jehu. 2 Kg. 9.), while kings who assumed office in line of dynastic succession were anointed by priests (e.g. Solomon, 1 Kg. 1:39, Joash, 2Kg. 11:12).

The prophets are those vested with the responsibility of introducing a new divine initiative into your life, while priests work within established order. The prophets can also be slightly distinguished from the Apostles even though they work together. While the prophets bring in-depth messages from God to the people, the Apostles break new grounds, new frontiers and carry an unction that goes on and on. The Apostolic and prophetic unction function hand in hand especially in the operations of laying the foundation of the church or the restoration of the lost grounds of the church in her history. Transferable unction is always connected with the prophetic and apostolic ministers. The Apostolic and prophetic ministry is a sin-qua-non to God's operations towards the perfection of the body of Christ in this last days. God is still enlisting the hungry soul into this end time army of Apostles and prophets; especially those who are ready for an encounter at their prophetic gate of destiny.



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The Marks of a True Prophet

- (a) He is a highly respected man of God who holds and genuinely proclaims the truth of God (1 Sam. 9:6).
- (b) He is a man of great integrity whom none of his clients or any one else can genuinely accuse of filthy lucre, or testify against for taking bribe, cheating and swindling peoples money or property or even for oppressing any soul, (1 Sam. 12:1-3).
- (c) He is a genuine advocate of holiness in words and character and an adent defender of God's name and integrity in the land, (1 Sam. 17:26, 45), cf. (1 Kgs. 18:22-24).
- (d) He stands constantly in the council of the Lord to see or to hear his word (Jer. 23:18,22).
- (e) He is a radical agent of positive changes, an opposer of evil traditions, a humble recipient of persecution and an advocate of righteousness (Jer.1:9,10). You can be a prophet to your generation if you understand the prophetic gate of the church.



CHAPTER THREE



THE CHURCH AT HER PROPHETIC GATE

"Surely the day is coming it will burn like furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble and that day that is coming will set them on fire... but for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall..." Malachi 4:1-3. in the last days, the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains, it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths..." Isaiah 2:1-3, Micah 4:1,2.

The prophetic gate of the church is that era in her history when the church is set to fulfill her divine mandate on earth. The church at her prophetic gate is that church which is speedily growing into maturity in the unity of knowledge and the fullness of Christ.

The prophetic gate of the church is positioned for that

era when the church will serve a similar purpose as the Noah's Ark. It is the period when the whole earth will burn like a furnace because of hardship, disaster, wickedness, terrorism, confusion, depression, and all forms of wickedness bedeviling both the leaders and the lead, the rich and the poor, the small and the great, everybody in the world and none knows which way to go. At that time all the arrogant men and women and every evil doer will be stubble and that day will set them on fire. However, the church has been prophetically positioned for a rescue operation by virtue of her position in the hand of God. The sun of righteousness will rise from the mountain of the Lord's temple (the church) for the healing of the decaying world especially these last days.

If you are a member of the end time church you must be ready to step into your prophetic destiny because the Lord is out to build up his church these days. But the truth is that judgment must first begin in the house of God. He will purge his church of all hypocrisy, immoralities, greed and corruption from the Altar to the pews. The church is God's sure foundation of righteousness (1 Pt. 4:17, 18; 2Tim. 2:19). "Now therefore you are no longer foreigners and aliens but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundations of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself (the chief apostles)

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as the chief cornerstone. In whom the whole building is joined and rises..." Eph. 2:19-21.

So, get ready to rise. When Egyptian economy failed Joseph (the seed of God) rose with healing on his wings. *It is high time the leaders of our nation turned to the star in the church for direction in all facets of our national life and industries. It is from the church of Christ, those filled in the Holy Spirit that the wisdom to heal any nation's economy will emerge.* They will do well to appreciate this truth early enough, God's prophets and apostles filled with the spirit of excellence are spread all over the divers professions, occupations and trade in order to bring healings and solutions in time of crisis.

Get set to Shine

Look, if you are not yet born-again and filled in the Spirit of God, your days will soon expire on earth, and your relevance in that your profession will soon fade away. Be wise today, and repent for it is your turn to shine. If you are born again already get set to march into your destiny and to fulfill your global mission by embracing a new and higher intimacy with the Holy Spirit and the word of God. As the arrogant and the evil doers will be burning, you will rather shine as the light of the world. Instead of retiring from your profession you will be re-firing all the more. For the mountains, that is, the church shall be in the lead above all other. For

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in the last days God will pour His Spirit upon all flesh and our sons and daughters will prophesy, Joel 2:28. They shall profess in all profession.

There is coming, a new wave of glory in the body of Christ, the like of which has never been experienced before. Meanwhile, those who have a good understanding of the history of the church will understand that one indisputable fact of church history is that divine revelation is positive and progressive. In other words, the Holy Ghost who is the architect building the church is a progressive developer. His mission is to teach the church until she comes to the maturity in the knowledge of Christ. He who has ears let him hear what the Spirit says to the church (Rev. 2:11, 17). The Spirit continuously speaks even today.

In reading this, (Paul wrote) you may able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the spirit to God's Holy apostles and prophets, (Eph. 3:4-5). Paul's emphasis here is that as an apostle he himself caught an insight into the mystery of Christ which the Holy Spirit exclusively reveals to all apostles and prophets of the N.T. The mystery was not only revealed to Paul the apostle. Other apostles and prophets also caught some insight into God's revelation of the N. T. church. It was

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only the O.T. prophet who couldn't understand what was being revealed to them about the glory of the church which shall emerge out of the finished work of Calvary.

“concerning this salvation, the prophets who spoke of the grace that was to come to you searched intently, and with greatest care trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicated the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow,” 1 Pet. 1:10, 11.

This is the glory era of the church, which comes from the revelations of God through His confidants, the prophets. Even till today the Holy Spirit is still at work teaching the church and restoring to her all the lost glories and mysteries so that we shall all grow into the fullness of the measure of Christ. The effective ministries of the early apostles were transferred to the early church fathers after them but the apostasy of the church in the dark ages led to the loss and to such havocs, which build up from the demolition of Jerusalem in A.D 70, the ascendancy of the Roman Catholic Church and the transformation of Christianity into a state religion by Constantine. “As a state religion the church or Christianity gradually lost every ounce of the “living faith” in the heart of people. The church became so dead

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to the extent that pious people began to theologize the era of the miraculous has ended with the early apostles. And the people also believed that miracles have died in the church with the death of the apostles and prophets of the early church because of the absence of any powerful demonstration of the early message. Thus salvation by faith was replaced with salvation by works or indulgence sold by the Pope, until such satanic deception and apostasy was exposed and vehemently challenged by the early reformers.

Through such men like Martin Luther, Calvin, Swingli etc God initiated the restoration of the apostolic and prophetic ministry to the church. God by the Holy Spirit quickened this simple but potent scripture in the heart of Martin Luther who himself was a monk in the monastery. “For therein (the Gospel) is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.” Rom. 1:17. On the basis of this scripture Martin Luther and his men challenged the sell of indulgences as a means of procuring forgiveness of sin and the righteousness of God.

God's Danger Man

In the face of vehement persecutions and oppositions to this truth recovered, Luther stood as a champion of the faith and the Reformation. The

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reformation, therefore gave birth to many other restorations of vital biblical truth in the body of Christ since then. Such breed of “Champions of the faith” led to the restoration of the charismatic and Pentecostal experiences in the church. I believe the manifestation of such biblical truths like the baptism in the Holy Spirit, Healing of the sick, casting out demons, prophecies, speaking in tongues etc, in the present day church is a sign that the restoration of the apostolic and prophetic ministry did not stop with the reformation. Such restoration is in its fullness today more than ever. The Holy Spirit is still operating with his progressive and positive revelational ministries. He is still enlisting end time apostles and prophets who will rise with vigour and vehemently challenge the strong waves of Satan induced worldliness, carnality, corruption and apostasy in today's church. Such are God's danger men needed to bit down the waves of Hell.

Ever since the days of the reformation God has led the church through various movements in order to preserve his glory in the church. We have had the holiness movement, the faith movement, the prayer movement, the prosperity movement, the healing movement, the power movement, to mention but a few. However, none of this single faced, emphasis by any ministry has been able to produce the bride of Christ that is without spot or wrinkle. It seems to me that there

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is a need for corporate operations of various ministries in order to realize that objective.

Unto Her Omega Point

“The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your need in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairers of Broken walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings,” Is. 58:11, 12.

In these last days the Lord is guiding the church to her “Omega point” (i.e) ultimate point of glory and power. *“The mountain of the Lord's temple (the church) will be established as the chief (highest) among all the mountains (institutions) on earth, and all nations will stream into it,” (Is. 2:2-4, Micah 4:1-4).* There is the need today for another reformation in the church, a reformation that will restore not only the kingdom consciousness but also the dominion mentality to the believers in Christ, so that they can influence their society with the kingdom principles of Jesus Christ. The church should regain her universal meaning and “walls” extending the influences and the frame of the church of Christ worldwide. You are highly blessed to be a part of

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this new wave of glory. You will be like a well-watered garden. The years of reproach, poverty, corruption and iniquity are over. It is the emergence of the glorious church. The rising of the unstoppable generation, *“they that shall be of (the church) shall build the old waste places, thou shall raise up the foundations of many generations, and thou shall be called, the repairers of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in,”* Is. 58:12.

Such is a graphic description of the apostolic and prophetic ministries for ages. For the church to effectively arrive at her prophetic gate of destiny the Lord is still restoring these twin ministries in our days. They function as the:

- Re-builders of old desolations
- Builders of the breaches of ancient foundations, and
- Restorers of the old paths of revival and the miraculous.

The restoration of these apostolic and prophetic ministries in our time is in line with the same process of transformation, which the Holy Spirit had led the church throughout her history. The church of today is still in the process of transformation until we all reach the unity of faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God. The church, in fact, must be built up, repaired, restored and

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transformed until she emerge an impeachable reflexion of the physical body of Christ while on earth. The body of Christ Jesus on earth was unquestionable healthy, holy, strong, powerful, wealthy, influential, etc. He was so holy that even the devil had nothing to lay hand and accuse Jesus. John 14:30-31,

Listen, the church is approaching her “Omega point,” when she will demonstrate the manifold wisdom of God unto the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, as she did in the days of the early Apostle (Eph. 3:10). At that time the church will take over every spare of life in the world and even the devil will be amazed. Ah! The world should get ready for the church is coming. The political, economic, educational, judicial, social and other sectors of the economy of nations of the world will be taken over by the church at her prophetic gate.

Ridding on Prophetic Wings

The need of the hour is not necessarily a new denomination but for such kind of ministries and ministers who will carry the prophetic and apostolic anointing to undue heavy burdens and break the yokes of the devil over lives and nations. Whenever you are ready to step into your destiny the prophetic gate will open for you in Jesus name. You are about to be ushered into your prophetic destiny as you tap into the unction

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you receive from this revelation of God's prophetic agenda for the world. Get ready to escape the coming holocaust.

We shall lead and others will follow for this is the church age, for she must shine in her time. The Lord has made everything beautiful in her time. And the Spirit said to me:

But it will take a strict adherence to this charge: "Raise me men of unfeigned faith who shall develop and maximize their potentials and professions, under the prophetic unction of the Holy Ghost for the purpose of enforcing the kingdom of God on earth," "The hour has come to lead men and nations into their prophetic destiny through the prophetic word, and I am sending you to under that task" says the Lord.

Such is the nature of the members of the church at her prophetic gate. Such is the nature of the bride of Christ, the kingdom of priests, on the prophetic wing. It is the "second reformation" or "the coming of the apostles" who will complete the work began in the book of Acts and also write with their exploits the last chapters of Acts of the Apostles; which stopped abruptly in the Bible as to leave out the next phase of discussion

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for the next group of Apostles. See Acts 28:30-31.

"You are beautiful, my darling, as Tirzah, lovely as Jerusalem, majestic as troops with banners... who is this that appears like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, majestic as the stars in procession?" Song of Song 6:4, 10. It is the church in her prophetic gate that is as majestic as the stars in procession. Get ready to join the stars-the living church of Christ. And get ready to be the star that will guide your people, town or nation into their prophetic destiny. This is the glory era of the church and it is Christ in you the hope of glory. Are you born-again? It is a sin-qua-non to your glorious destiny. Yes, even nations must get ready for their glorious destiny. Such were the mysteries revealed unto Apostle Paul that you must understand as you read the Ephesians' Epistle; (Eph. 3:8-13). Do nations also have prophetic gates? What is the prophetic gate of Nations?

CHAPTER FOUR

THE PROPHETIC GATE OF NATIONS

"All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations," Ps. 22:27, 28. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth, and he determined the times set for them and exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him though he is not far from each one of us, "Acts 17:26, 27.

Nations rise and fall on earth according to their relationship with the God of prophecy. One of the paramount factors that determine the fate of nations is the prophetic gate over such nations. This truth is evident because the origin of every nation is God himself, who from one man formed every nation of the earth and also determined the time set for them through

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his prophetic word. To be precise, even the exact places where individual nations should occupy on earth are divinely determined. *"When the most high gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel. For the Lord's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance," Deut. 32:8,9.*

When the most high gave the nations their inheritance he also gave you your native land. You were not born there by accident. It was out of divine design that you came from that part of the earth, so that you can adequately fulfill the purpose of God for your life. It is therefore, left for you to look around you and study your background to find out why you were born there.

The exact bearing of all nations, cities, towns, and families are divinely drawn from the position of the nation or people of Israel. Whatever any nation or people of family shall amount to on earth is already prophetically determined according to the link or relationship such a people will maintain with the people of Israel. For he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel, (Deut. 32:8). But why must the boundaries of nations and peoples be set according to the number (relations) of the people of Israel? There is a hidden wisdom of God that rules the world and only a



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few of such mysteries are revealed to God's confidants from time to time (Deut. 29:29, cf. Amos 3:7).

In Genesis chapter ten for instance, we have the first table of nations according to the clans of the descendants of Noah. "From these the nations spread out over the earth after the flood" Gen. 10:32. Could you imagine that the 14 nations that come from Japheth plus the 30 from Ham and the 26 from Shem add up to 70, perhaps in anticipation of the 70 members of Jacob's family which formed the nation of Israel in Egypt. Hence, Moses wrote, "He sent up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel." In other words, at the cradle of nations one Israelite is equivalent to one nation on earth. Such mystical relationship between the Israel of God and the nations of the world is still effective till today. Every nation that recognize Israel always has their prophetic gate of destiny opened for greatness and longevity. As the nations grow and the people multiply, towns increases and cities as well as communities and families spring up on daily basis, yet the principle still remains the same. That is to say, the fate of your autonomous community, town or city is secretly tied to their regard or disregard of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the son of David, the son of Abraham-Jesus Christ our Lord. Any leader who desires to preserve his life and the destiny of his people must surrender himself and his town quickly to the king

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of kings and Lord of Lords. This is the secret wisdom abused by many through all the quest in many communities and families for land deliverance and ancient covenants breaking prayers. Even though there are some abuses and extremities in some of those prayers, the truth of the matter is that there is a heavy divine urge by many born-again Christians and every spiritually sensitive soul to raise a new altar unto the Lord Christ in their families, towns or Nations in order to usher in the king of kings to take over the throne of leadership among such people.

Kiss the King or Miss out Forever

Only such an official recognition of the Lord Jesus can give hope to the people or nation in order to maintain their *prophetic destiny in God*. Therefore, it is categorically stated that, "all the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him...", Ps. 22:27. There is no exception, the day will soon come when those who missed the king of kings in this life will miss out eternally from his presence; and all nations, towns and people who refused to welcome him into their land will lose their position and identity on earth and disappear into oblivion. Therefore, kiss the king or miss out forever.

Don't Loose Your Destiny

"Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you; it will be more bearable for Trye and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. And you Capernaum will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depth. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom it would have remained till this day. But, I tell you that if will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you; Matt. 11:21-24.

It is interesting to note that all of those cities who did not receive Jesus ministry by faith and were denounced prophetically by the Lord has for long met their Waterloo. Korazin is mentioned only in the woes Christ pronounced on it (Mtt. 11:21; Lk. 10:13). His condemnation of this town indicates that it must have been an important centre. It was no longer inhabited by the time of Eusebius, and only a few carved stones remain there today.³ Korazin is today actually doomed as Jesus prophetically denounced it.

In the same vein, Bethsaida, the city of such great Apostles as Peter and Andrew (John 1:44) has also been ruined and its place wiped out of history and geography to the extent that its site is uncertain, today. But some identify it with ET Tel, east of the Jordan.⁴ Again, in spite of Jesus' remarkable works and teachings, the people of Capernaum (a city near Bethsaida) refused to repent, and Jesus predicted the complete ruin of the town. His prophecy was so completely fulfilled that the town has completely disappeared and its very site is now a matter of debate.⁵

Jesus also required his disciples to stamp out the very sand of any town that rejected the gospel out of their shoes as a testimony against such towns on the day of judgment (Mtt. 10:14,15). Such is a prophetic action. Only the prophetic gate rules or ruins the destiny of nations. Your response to the prophets of God sent into your life or town goes to a large extent to determine God's reactions unto you, whether favourably or otherwise, (Mtt. 10:40-41). Thus the destiny of nations is tied of their relationship with the sons of God or the prophets of God. In other words, your relationship with Jesus Christ and his church today determines the prophetic gate of your destiny.

Nations and Biblical Prophecy

Some other great cities of interest that were ruined by prophecy were Tyre and Sidon, Babylon, to mention only a few. A Phoenician port south of Zidon and north of Carmel was a coastal strip backed by mountains and built upon a rock. Tyre in those days was colony of Sidon and both were wealthy commercial territories. The trade of Tyre then included the exploitation of the Cedar forest of Lebanon range.

Tyre's wealth and glory were so great but they became arrogant and defied the most High God. The economic pride of Tyre attracted the attention of God who spoke of the doom of Tyre and Sidon through at least three prophets of O.T. namely Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. "An oracle concerning Tyre: wail, O ships of Tarshish, for Tyre is destroyed and left without house or harbour. From the land of Cyprus word has come to them. Be silent, you people of the Island and you Merchants of Siden whom the seafarers have enriched," (Isaiah 23:1-2).

The prophet Jeremiah in his symbolic description of divine judgment against the nation wrote: "I took the cup from the Lord's hand and made all the nations to whom he sent me drink it. Jerusalem and the towns of

Judah, its kings and princes ...kings of Tyre and Sidon..." Jer. 25:17-28. infact Jeremiah was commissioned as a prophet to the nations, to pull down, to root out, to build and to plant as the case may be (Jer. 1:10). You can understand that Tyre and Sidon were among those lists of nations to be ruined.

Again the prophet Ezekiel in chapter 26-28 extensively discussed prophetically the glory and doom of the nations of Tyre and Sidon. He wrote: "This is what the sovereign Lord says: I am against you O' Tyre, and I will bring many nations against you... they will destroy the walls of Tyre, and pull down her towers, I will scrape away her rubble and make her a bare rock. Out in the sea, she will become a place to spread fishnets, for I have spoken declares the sovereign Lord," Ezekiel 26:3-6. At the time of this prophecy the glory and wealth of Tyre were so great that she was the commercial centre for almost all merchant of all nations. Situated at the gate way to the sea, she was merchant of peoples on many coats. however, because of her disregard of Israel, the people of God, (Ezk. 26:1), her prophetic destiny was turned to ruins, her wealth glory was prophetically transferred to another and her position of honour another took from her

In 332 B.C. in the course of his conquest of the

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East, Alexander the great appeared before Tyre; the Island stronghold closed her gates, and Alexander was forced to build a cause way. After long months of frustration, he took the city by costly storming. Tyre was broken and the causeway still remains, now as a place, as Ezekiel foretold, on which fishermen dry their net⁶, (Ezk. 26:5, 14, 47:10). Thus was the fall of Tyre to the extent that in the N.T. times the once upon a time wealthy nation and commercial centre of the world was so impoverished that her citizens helplessly depended on another country for their food supply (Acts 12:20). Even the prophetic visit of prophet Elijah to Zerephath in Sidon in those days could not help matters for those doomed cities of Tyre and Sidon. Elijah's prophetic action, perhaps, was even more judgmental than redemptive to the nations involved, Luke 4:25, 26. Probably only the widow of Zerepheth was blessed by Elijah because of her faith, while the whole cities of Tyre and Sidon remained an example of stubborn and unrepentant people, Mtt. 11:21, 22. Hence Tyre and Sidon were destroyed and their remaining history up till today is without significance.

Babylon in Prophecy

Babylon was another nation prophetically doomed because of her ruthless dealings with the people of God. Towards the end of his ministry Jeremiah

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revealed that even though God used Babylon to punish his people Israel for their sins Babylon herself was already caught in the trap of the Lord for she was no better than her victims, and she never gave glory to God for all her exploits. While Isaiah declared God's mind "my glory will I not share with any other," Jeremiah wrote: "I set a trap for you, O' Babylon, and you were caught before you knew it: you were found and captured because you opposed the Lord," Jer. 52:4. Authoritatively speaking, it is hereby declared that the prophetic gate of destiny is already closed against any city, town or nation that oppose God or his people. The bearing of all nations are prophetically drawn from the same source, only the wise shall understand.

During the course of his ministry, Jeremiah had written on a scroll all the disaster that would come upon Babylon (see Jer. 50:2-51:59). So when Seriah son of Neriah went to Babylon with Zedekiah king of Judah, Jeremiah sent Seriah with the scroll on a prophetic action to the River Euphrates.

He said to seriah, when you get to Babylon, see that you read all these words aloud. Then say, O Lord, you have said you will destroy this place, so that neither man nor animal will live in it, it will be desolate forever, when you finish, reading this scroll, tie a stone to it

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and throw it into the Euphrates. Then say, so will Babylon sink to rise no more because of the disaster I will bring upon her and her people in fulfillment, Jer. 51:60-64.

Exactly in fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy the city Babylon had been reduced to only ruins. At the present time the Baghdad-to-Bassorah (Iraq) railway lines passes within a few yards of the mound that was once the most splendid city of the world. That give credence to the power of the prophetic word, but above all it buttresses the fact that the faith of nations, towns, cities and families are tied to their relationship with the sons of God especially the lion of the tribe of Judah.

The Gospel and the End of Nations

In the gospels, precisely in Mtt. 25:31-46 Jesus taught about the judgment of the nations in the end of ages and he said: "when the son of man comes in his glory, and all angles with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as shepherd separates the sheep from the goats... then the righteous will answer him, Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink...? The king will reply, I tell you the truth whatever you did to one of the least of these my brothers you did to me." From these words of the Lord himself, the

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judgment of the nations in the end of ages depends on their dealings with Israel (the people of God). That same principle underlines Jesus instruction to his disciples when he said: "Whatever town or village you enter search for some worthy person there and stay at his house...if anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words shake the dust off your feet when you leave, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of Judgment than for that town," Mtt. 10:11-15. and "this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come (Mtt. 24:14). Thus the hope of the nations is tied to the gospel of God's kingdom.

African Nations in Prophecy

Meanwhile the names and destinies of some nations like Egypt and Ethiopia (African nations) are preserved till date because of the role they played in aiding the fulfillment of God's agenda for his people (Israel).

Egypt, for instance, remains a nursery bed for almost every element of providence in divine agenda. It was the place God prepared the nation Israel in their early days as a nation Egypt (Mizraim) was a refuge for the child Jesus when his enemies were chasing him. It afforded food for many hungry Palestinians and heat

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smitten wandering tribes who were permitted to cross its borders to graze their animals in the Nile Delta. In fact, Egypt, inspite all other contrary arguments has been a city of refuge for God's people and programmes on earth. No wonder, it remains today as one of the ancient nations in African and the world, which has not lost its name, culture or identity in the midst of all upheavals of world history. The scripture cannot be broken, hence Isaiah prophesied that in the last days the Lord will reveal himself to the Egyptians and they will acknowledge and worship him, (Isaiah 19:21). In other words, Egypt has a better future in the hands of the Lord, rather Africa has a better future in divine calendar. Praise God.

“In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the heart of Egypt (Africa) and a monument to the Lord at its border, (all the cities and towns in Africa). It will be a sign and witness to the Lord Almighty in the land of Egypt. When they cry out to the Lord because of their oppressors, he will send them a saviour and defender, who will rescue them. So the Lord will make himself known to the Egyptians, and in that day they will acknowledge the Lord. They will worship with sacrifices and grain offerings; they will make vows to the Lord and keep them...,” Isaiah 19:19-25.

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Thus, the future of Egypt is guaranteed, and her prophetic gate of destiny can easily be unlocked by exercising faith on the Lord Jesus Christ, based on the power of the above prophetic word of Isaiah.

Ethiopia

Another African nation whose destiny has been always miraculously preserved by the Lord is Ethiopia (Cush). Moses married an Ethiopian woman (Num. 12:1) and she was highly instrumental in the preservation of Moses' life (Exd. 4:24-26) and in the success of his ministry. Hence, God rebuked Aaron and Miriam when they murmured against Moses marriage (Num. 12:9, 10).

Inspite of some aggressive moves against Judah by some selfish leaders of Ethiopia then (e.g. 2Chr. 12:3; 14:9-13; 16:7-9), which also led to some of the few prophetic judgment against Ethiopia (e.g. Is. 11:11; 18:1; 20:3-5; Jer. 46:9; Ezk. 29:10; 30:4-5), some Ethiopians had maintained a favourable relationship with Israelites. Some of them had been devoted to the worship of the God of Israel; for instance, it was Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian who rescued Jeremiah, the prophet when his fellow Jews cast him into a deep pit to die there. “Ebed-Melech, the Cushite (African said to Jeremiah: put these rags and worn-out clothes under

your arms to pad the ropes. "Jeremiah did so, and they pulled him up with the ropes and lifted him out of the Cistern", Jer. 38:12, 13.

Others include the Eunuch and minister of finance to the Government of Queen Candace of Ethiopia who traveled to Jerusalem for a religious pilgrimage. Being a devoted to Jehovah and a lover of the scripture the Lord suspended a mighty revival Philip was holding at Samaria in order to rescue a devoted African from Ethiopia with the message of salvation, (Act 8:26-39). Perhaps, in a bid to send the gospel message early enough to Africa through his beloved people of Ethiopia. **Can the Ethiopian change his skin?"** Jere. 13:23. this rhetorical question became a saying in the days of Jeremiah, and it reveals not only the mixed race of the Ethiopians but also the permanent nature of their prophetic destiny. Thus Ethiopia is still relevant in history and prophecy, because of the relationship of some of her sons with the God of Israel.

You're the Prophet of your People

You may be the prophet on whose shoulder is the salvation of your people, for the prophetic gate of families, towns, cities and nations highly depends on the peoples relationship with the God of Israel and the church of Christ on earth today.

"May the peoples praise you, O' God, may all the people praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for you, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. May the people praise you, O' God, may all the peoples praise you. Then the land will yield its harvest and God, our God will bless us. God will bless us and all the ends of the earth will fear him," (Ps. 67:3-7).

That is God's prophetic agenda in a nutshell, and your duty simply is to make all the people (your people) remember and turn to praise the Lord (Ps. 22:27). Then and only then will your land yield her increase or release her blessings unto you (Ps. 67:5-7). You have a prophetic destiny in God's kingdom. But where is the prophetic gate of God's kingdom?

CHAPTER FIVE

THE PROPHETIC GATE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gate of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loose in heaven," (Mtt. 16:17-19).

The kingdom of God is the rulership of God; it is the reign of God in any place among any people. *The kingdom of God is only accessible through revelations from God.* Hence the prophetic gate of God's kingdom is located in the revelation or insight into God's mysteries through the Holy Spirit.

The ministry of Jesus was identified by the Apostle John as the ministry of releasing the light of the world, when Jesus spoke again, John wrote, he said *"I am*

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the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12.

The kingdom of God is the kingdom of light and insight. It is the kingdom of revelations or illumination. There in alone you have a direct access to divine mysteries. *The prophetic gate of the kingdom is located at the entrance of the prophetic word into your spirit man.*

When Peter cut that revelation of Jesus the son of the living God, He was automatically ushered into the realm of the blessed. "Blessed are you Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you but my father in heaven." In fact, through such revelation or insight Peter collected the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Look, you will soon collect your own keys before you finish reading this book.

Whenever the prophetic gate of God's kingdom opens to any believer, the church of God gains an added advantage over the gates of hell, and all ready and hungry souls are blessed as the foundation of God's church rises as a threat to the gates of hell through revelations of God's word.

The truth remains that it is upon the revelation Peter got that the church is built, for revelations make an apostle or a prophet. Thus Paul wrote that the *church*

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of Christ is "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone," Eph. 2:20. Only such revelations make the gates of hell tremble before the gates of heaven in any land. Apostles and prophets are not made by titles and appellations claimed indiscriminately. They are people made under God's secret "quiver" and entrusted with the mysteries of God for their proven integrity. They are men who knew the Lord "face to face" by insight and revelations. They are not those who steal the word from their neighbours and shout as if it were theirs.

This same Peter wrote, later in his life.

"We did not follow clearly invented stories when we told you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ but we were eye witnesses of his majesty... we ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain," 2 Peter 1:16-18. Another Apostle put it this way: "That which was from the beginning which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes which we have looked at and our hands have touched this we proclaim concerning the word of life," (1 John 1:1).

The prophetic gate of God's kingdom is open to any people at the entrance of the word of life. It is such

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an encounter with the prophetic word as described by these two eminent apostles that opens the gate of heaven and dismantles all the forces of hell at the gate of hell. Spiritual blindness or willful ignorance is the greatest problem the apostles tried to solve throughout their writings and in the Acts of the Apostles. Unbelief and lack of insight into the plans and purposes of God revealed in his word are the two major chains of hell holding down not a few believers today. This problem of darkness in the mind has only but one answer: light.

In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God and the was God... All things were made by him: and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not... That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," (John 1:1-9).

Until this light shines in the darkness of ones heart no true life is possible. Life is a product of the incomprehensible light God released in your heart. Every greatness is a product of enlightenment, so it was from the beginning of things. You are where you are today in the race of life because that is the level of the light you carry. You are expected to grow in this grace

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until the morning star rises in your heart and you are fully transformed to the image and glory of the son of God.

Under Spiritual Construction

All those who are complacent in Zion, who sit down only to envy and criticize the efforts of other who are struggling to rise in the light of God, should do well to heed Apostle Peter's warning. *"we have the word of the prophets made more certain and you will do well to pay attention to it as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts," 2 Peter 1:19*

The prophetic word encountered through the Holy Spirit in the heart of man is the greatest key that unlocks or unbound the immeasurable treasures of the kingdom of God. It brings the dawning of a new into one's life. It leads the church into the dawning of a new era of her pilgrimage on earth. The history of the church of Christ has been a progressive history which leaves behind all the non progressive elements, and all those who delight mostly in emphasizing where God has been, instead of where he is today and where he is going. The basic features of those non-progressive elements are fear of innovations, fear of new revelations, criticisms of all progressive elements and despising or total rejection of prophecies or the prophetic and apostolic ministry.

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Above all, they are always satisfied with the status quo. They always believe that God is in their pocket and, He cannot leave them to talk to others or through others without true permission, 1Kings 22:24.

No wonder Jesus said that he will build his church (Mtt. 16:18) not that it had been built. Paul also understood that *the church of Christ is still under spiritual construction* "until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ," Eph. 4:11-13, cf. 1Thess. 5:19-21. The guide is simple. Everyone who has not the spirit of Christ is not of His, (Rom. 8:9) and you cannot even test effectively the spirit of prophecy if you are not opened to the Holy Spirit's ministrations in your own life. No one can be a good examiner in a course he does not understand. *"When He the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth," John 16:13.* So, you're not yet there! He will lead you into it when He comes, and if you allow him to lead.

The Key of Understanding

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven," (Mtt. 16:19). *It is pertinent to repeat the basic idea of this chapter here: The prophetic gate of God's kingdom opens to any man whenever he encounters the*

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living word of God through insight and understanding in his own spirit under the power of the Holy Spirit. That is one of the keys of the kingdom of heaven given to the church for her operations here on earth.

But what is insight? What is this understanding? In a simple answer, insight and understanding are basic components of wisdom. "Understanding as an offshoot of wisdom it is the light essence of the word of God. Understanding is hidden in the voice of God, which is behind the word of God."⁷ It is the entrance (understanding) of God's word that gives light, which is the life of men, (Ps. 119:130; John 1:4-5).

"Give me understanding that I may live" (Ps. 119:34, 114). Without understanding there is no life. "The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding, shall remain in the congregation of the dead," Prov. 21:16. wisdom is a defence, the foundation and strength of life. But it takes understanding to live. Thus understanding can be defined as comprehending God's word and walking by it⁸. It is the unfolding of God's word to your spirit through meditations (Ps. 119:130 NIV). Moreover, understanding is the ability to grasp the essence of things by "standing under" that phenomenon. If you can bend low enough to behold from beneath or to "stand under" the word of God so as to grasp the essence of such instruction you will arrive

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at the gate of understanding. Don't be too fast to read through, be thorough in your reading instead. And learn to meditate on every statement, phrase or striking words. It pays much to ask "why of things? Understanding is the secret eyes of the mind; it is the ability to discern the will of God.

It takes understanding to see the Lord in the word as Peter did, and others too on their way of Emmaus (Lk. 24:30-31). You cannot flow in the realm of revelations and mysteries unless you have the gift of understanding. It resembles the gifts of the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom, (1Cor. 12:8). *But it is this understanding that gives faith the force of manifestation.* There in, is the spirit of faith released. Hence, if you can't see it, you can't access it or obtain it. *Understanding is the principal weapon for exploit in the kingdom of God. "They that do know their God shall be strong and do exploit" (Dan. 11:34).* "And we know that the son of God is come and has given us understanding that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true even in his son Jesus Christ, 1John 5:20.

In realizing this principal position of the spirit of understanding in the life of all saints, the Psalmist vowed to mediate in His word and never to neglect God's word, the Ps. 199:15, 16. He also prayed: "let me understand the teaching of your precepts, then I will mediate on

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your wonders," Ps. 199:27. *"Give me understanding and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart," Ps. 199:34.* Anytime you see somebody disobeying God's law or living carelessly under God's precepts, pity that man for he lacks understanding. So his abode is in the congregation of the dead, Prov. 21:16. *Beloved, from everlasting to everlasting God is serious, therefore mean business with him.* Beloved let this be your cry for understanding, Ps. 119:169. "Your status are forever right, give me understanding that I may live, Ps. 119:144." "I gain understanding from precepts; therefore, I hate every wrong path," Ps. 199:104. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, all who follow his precepts have good understanding," Ps. 111:10, Deut. 4:6. *"Good understanding wins favour, but the way of the unfaithful is hard," Prov. 13:15.* Such favour grants the saint open doors wherever he turns.

Open Doors for Open Minds

In no small measure, the Philadelphia church enjoyed such favour. *"See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name," Rev. 3:8.* That was how Jesus who holds the key of David addressed the church. But why did he open the doors for them? They kept his word despite all their persecutions. They had a good understanding of his precepts, Ps. 199:34. In other words, the keys to the

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kingdom of God are granted unto all those who have a good understanding of the word of God and keep it. Open doors are products of open minds, and when he opens no man can close. I command your mind to open and receive light today in Jesus name!

Insight from Inside

The second component of wisdom is insight. *"May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of the Lord," 1Thess. 5:23.* The scripture rightly teaches that man is a spirit, has a soul and lives in a body. The mission of the gospel is the total redemption of man: spirit, soul and body. Through his death on the cross Jesus Christ provided complete healing to the mortal body afflicted, healing to the mind corrupted and healing to the captive and enslaved spirit of man. *The body is healed by the prayer of faith said by the saints, the mind is healed by the spirit of wisdom and revelation (understanding) which makes for light; and the spirit is healed by the spirit of insight which makes for power.* What is insight? Insight simply means an in-depth understanding of the will of God. It is rather a conscious awareness or discovery of God's intent and purposes for man. "A deeper perception of the secret will of God". Insight is from inside, from the components of wisdom and ordinarily they seem to perform the same function, but we can slightly distinguish them thus: *understanding sanctifies the mind through the word,*

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whereas insight purifies the spirit hence empowering him for exploits on earth through the Holy Ghost. This spiritual empowerment is what we call anointing. Whenever the human spirit is empowered or anointed by Holy Ghost the man is made a part of divinity by fellowship and experience. On the basis of this fact Jesus commanded His disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they receive the power from on high, Lk. 24:19 cf. Acts. 1:8.

It is this endowment of power from on high that energizes every believer to carry out assignment on earth. And such divine assignment (purpose) is what we call destiny. *Every child of God is a child of destiny. "Thou has loved righteousness and hated iniquity, therefore God, even they God, has anointed thee with oil of gladness above your fellow," Heb. 1:9.* The anointed of God is naturally commissioned to rule or have dominion on earth through the word of God.

Therefore the prophetic gate of God's kingdom answers only to the key of wisdom. Wisdom is the principal thing, but the two major components of divine wisdom are understanding and insight. Only the redeemed of the Lord can receive this kind of wisdom as far as he remains a reservoir of the word of God and the holy temple of the Holy Ghost.

Sequel to these facts, His divine power has

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given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness and to goodness knowledge...Peter 1:3-5.

How can one access all those provisions he has made for our life and godliness? It is through insight into, and proper understanding of His precious promises procured via meditations. Infact, what God had loaded for you in his word, eyes have not seen nor has the hearts of men ever imagined them. This prophetic wealth is also accessible through prophetic gates. Now to the prophetic wealth we turn.

CHAPTER SIX



PROPHETIC WEALTH TRANSFER

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who dwell in it, for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the water" Ps. 24:1. "Our God is in Heaven, he does whatever pleases him, but their idols are silver and gold made by the hands of men," Ps. 115:3, 4. "The highest heaven belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to men," Ps. 115:16.

The dominion of the earth and all its riches was man's first responsibility assigned unto him by God, Gen. 1:28. It was the loss of that dominion through sin that became the genesis of all forms of satanic manipulations on earth. Such manipulations of the devil on earth today includes among other things what we call demonic wealth transfer.

WEALTH: What is it?

Wealth is a family word, which is highly relative. Wealth embraces everything we know and regard as items of value, treasure or riches. It can also include *the*

possession of some spiritual qualities as well as the acquisition of a great amount of property, money and other valuable. Wealth is very vital to human existence and for the advancement of any kingdom. Hence the battle for the possession and control of wealth on earth greatly attracts the attention of both God and Satan. But praise to God for the earth is the Lord's and the fullness there of. There is no genuine contender over the earth before God. So money and wealth have spiritual roots. Heb. 11:3.

However, the devil through deceit, and manipulations has stolen the bona fide rights of not a few individuals on earth by the means of demonic wealth transfer. What is demonic wealth transfer?

Mysterious Transactions

Demonic wealth transfer is the mysterious exchange of riches or wealth in a transaction with the agents of the kingdom of darkness. It could be the draining of the finances, riches or wealth of the unsuspecting victim by the agents of darkness, or the sudden enrichment of some wicked persons after some specific rituals or transaction with the devil.

Some instances include: sudden disappearance of some people's wealth. Why is it that some peoples'

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wealth does not last beyond some stipulated period of time? What is the secret of some poor wicked men who suddenly become rich overnight without any genuine occupations? Why do some believers give and yet remain impoverished than ever?

Some people have complained of the loss of a lot of money after exchanging some currency notes with unknown demonic persons. Some got bound to occultic creditors and became slaves because of some unrepayable debts. (Prov. 22:7). Others even lost their valuable or collaterals because they could not pay up within the stipulated period. Some lost their business because some occultist bought from them and paid them with demonic money, which later on missed mysteriously from the victim. All these sound incredible but they happen. Even in the scriptures instances of demonic wealth transfer abound.

Gehazi's Property

In 2 King 5:25-27, Gehazi, the young minister suddenly became physically wealthy but spiritually impoverished when he dubiously acquired the Syrian Leper's wealth. *"was not my spirit with you... Is this the time to take money...Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and your descendants forever."* The fundamental truth about wealth is that every wealth like every kingdom has

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a spiritual undertone. As kingdoms or thrones are built on altars, so are wealth raised on spiritual foundations too.

Again, it will interest you to know also that there is no kingdom without its own wealth reserved for her committed adherents. The wealth of nations are more than their physical currencies or silver and gold. Both the kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness have great influences on the economy of both individuals and nations. *The basic issue is that you are liable to receive the wealth of any kingdom you faithfully subscribe to. "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you," (Mtt. 6:33).* But why such admonition? "For the pagans run after these things and your heavenly father knows that you need them," (Mtt. 6:32). If he knows, then determine to follow the rules.

Gehazi must have forgotten this truth that every wealth has a spiritual undertone. So he learnt the lesson bitterly. *"If you must carry Naaman's wealth you shall also carry his leprosy, for that probably was the price he paid for it."* Of course, the prophet Elisha knew better. After all, why did Naaman himself demand for another inheritance in Israel? When Naaman saw that his leprosy was over, he also knew that his wealth would suddenly return to the demonic source, 2Kings 5:17. Many young and anointed men of God have dubiously

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lost their anointing or rather sold their anointing to some rich sorcerers because of the incessant quest for riches among ministers. Even Apostles like Peter and John could have fallen victims of such fabulous donations or seed faith, but for their obedience to the Holy Spirit, Acts 8:18-20. Look, don't barter your true riches with the devil's (Lk. 16:11).

The Wealth of Ancient kingdoms

In the same development, many ancient kingdoms and nations also enjoyed such demonic wealth and worshiped the gods of mammon as their national deities. Hence some people today still pay allegiance to such ancient powers of Egypt, Babylon, Assyria, Persia, Tyre and others, for drawing such diabolic wealth from these kingdoms of the cult. Today some secret societies still parade themselves as the adherents of king Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, etc. for the same reasons. Such high level satanic manipulations have led so many souls to hell. Nothing of real value is obtained from the devil. *"A man shall receive nothing, unless it is given him from above," John 3:2, 31.*

Ezekiel prophesied against the spirit of Tyre who enriched the kings of the earth, Ezk. 27:32-33. It was revealed to John the Apostles even the fall of the spirit of Babylon who lead nations into adultery and enriched the

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merchants of the earth with her excessive luxuries, Rev. 18:3. Thus many people dubiously enriched themselves by connecting with the gods of such kingdoms as well as offering many unthinkable sacrifices to such gods/Satan for a transfer of demonic wealth from the spirit world. *"Our God is in heaven, he does whatever pleases him. But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men... Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them," Ps. 115:3-8.*

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Moreover, all those Gentiles nations were highly enriched in their economies but none of them honoured the Almighty God who gave the earth to the sons of men, Ps. 115:16. Instead, they worshipped the gods of silver and gold, the creature instead of the creator. Therefore, God decreed by prophesy that the wealth of the Gentiles will be transferred to the righteous. *"The wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Median and Ephra..." Isa. 60:5-7.* "You will feed on the wealth of nations and in their riches you will boast," Is. 61:6. "I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel who summons you by name," Is. 45:3.

Prophetic wealth transfer is the opposite of

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demonic wealth transfer: It is God's divine programme for the restoration of the wealth of the earth to his children for the purpose of advancing God's kingdom. It is God's plan to force the enemy to vomit all the treasures he had swallowed from you and from your country. "He will spit out the riches he swallowed, God will make his stomach vomit them up," Job. 20:15. "And the Lord commanded the fish and it vomited Jonah onto dry land," Jonah 2:10. Every ocean that had swallowed up your life and wealth and every fish or aquatic entity that had swallowed you up all these years must vomit you unto dry land of success right now in Jesus Name. Everything that swallows must get ready to vomit for it is high time they vomited all.

The Heritage of the Ruthless:

How is prophetic wealth transfer possible? Is this not just another deceit? God had already designed it scripturally thus:

"Here is the fate God allots to the wicked, the heritage a ruthless man receives from the Almighty...though he heaps up silver like dust and clothes like piles of clay, what he lay up the righteous will wear and the innocent will divide his silver..." Job 27:13-19. "To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over

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to the one who pleases God," Eccl. 2:26.

Take note of this prophetic leap God has already designed a programme through which he will retrieve and transfer all those dubiously immersed wealth by dubious men of many nations of the world into His few saints in those nations whose lives please Him. That programme is on already even in your own nation, town or family. It is now your turn to receive the wealth of the Gentiles. You must be wise enough to understand.

God's Leeway for Wealth Transfer

For instance, after much labour and faithful service unto Laban for several years, while Laban kept on exploiting him and appropriating Jacob's labour, God finally transferred Laban's wealth to Jacob to the extent that Laban's son complained about it. But note that it was not without Jacob's demand and ingenuity. *It is time to put a demand on your inheritance and to use your mind,* Gen.30:25-43; 31:1-3. Look, the economy of many wicked people and nations will soon fall and that is only a leeway for the transfer of such wealth to the righteous. Only the wise shall understand this and take advantage of it. Mordecai was wise, Esther 8:1-3.

Egypt was one of those ancient Gentile nations that were so wealthy because of her natural resources.

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Historitcally, she became the cradle of human civilization. But because of her idolatrous character and wickedness God once upon a time Egyptian economy and pride, Gen. 41. In essence, God was only preparing a leeway for the transfer of the wealth of that wicked nation to his righteous son who pleases him (i.e) Joseph, Gen. 41:14;25,33,37-40.

Eventually, Joseph simply collected all the money, property and valuables in Egypt and the neighbouring Canaanite nations by God's Grace and the power of his mind, Gen. 47:14-26. He reformed the whole economic policy of the Egyptian Government and changed their constitution to his desires. Look, God is about to humble His enemies before you through the prophetic wealth transfer. Prepare your mind for action. Oh' I wonder why Joseph did not demand a national tithe to the God of heaven as he fixed 20% land tribute to Pharaoh, Gen. 47:24. Who knows why the same economy turned wild against Joseph's people after his death? Never forget to use your opportunities of prophetic wealth transfer to serve God's purpose. Nevertheless, God still transferred the Egyptian economy to the Israelites they oppressed, for the purpose of building God's tabernacle in the wilderness, Exd. 11:2, 3, Exd. 25. Therefore, every wealth transfer is for a purpose.

At Babylon, another Gentile nation, God suddenly

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transferred the economy of the kingdom into the hands of his few faithfuls Daniel and his friends, Dan. 3:28-30; 5:29. In the same vein in Medo Persian empire, God turned both the government and the economy of the people into the hands of his righteous servant Daniel, (Dan 6:25- 28). God has given the wicked the task of gathering (so don't worry as they struggle and huzzle up and down), it is only to hand it over to you at God's command, if you live righteously to please God. God has decreed it. Watch for the leeway.

Get more committed unto God now, so that you will be able to defy the obnoxious decrees of heathen kings and sorcerers and take over their economy by the power of righteousness. *Yes, the greatest power of promotion lies in righteousness, (Prov. 14:34) and that is the foundation of genuine prophetic wealth transfer, Eccl. 2:26; Prov. 13:22, Esther 8:1-3.*

Key to Prophetic Wealth Transfer

The greatest key to the world of increase is the conscious application of the principle of seed time and harvest, Gen. 8:22. As long as life endures on earth and one desires a continuous harvest, seed planting must never cease. Sowing must become a covenant walk with God, if reaping must not cease in your life. Only those who throw in their line catch the fish. Your seed include

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every good thing that can proceed from your life to make other lives better, plant them bountifully and consistently and your prophetic wealth transfer will never fail.

“Go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours,” Mtt. 17:27.

All the miraculous provisions of God for his people in both the old and the N.T. were all different kinds of prophetic transfer of resource. Heaven cooked the “manna” for Israel in the wilderness. Somebody lost that coin that Peter’s fish swallowed. Jesus drew from heaven’s account to feed the multitude. **There are two major vehicles that convey this prophetic wealth to people.** They are what we call the keys to the prophetic wealth. They are (a) The vehicle of God’s word, (b) The vehicle of God’s prophet. In the above scripture, we can see how Peter received the word of God and was carried by faith in that word to the lake. We can see also that he believed Jesus, the greatest prophet and messenger of God by receiving the word at his mouth. *No body that neglects either the word of the Lord or his prophets is a candidate of prophetic wealth transfer. The rule is simple: “Believe in the Lord your God so shall you be established,*

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believe also his prophets so shall you prosper.” 2 Chr. 20:20. Jesus also told his disciples this truth “Believe in God, believe also in me..” (John 14:1,2)

In the same vein, Paul the Apostle, told Timothy to continue in what he has learned and have been convinced and never to neglect those he heard it from. In other words, he said, know the word of the Lord as well as the prophetic agents of the word, and you shall be thoroughly equipped into all good works, 2 Tim. 3:14-17. The indubitable truth is that, hanging on the neck of every genuine man of God is the prophetic reward of his people. The part of the flock is to receive and appreciate him either as a righteous man or as a prophet, Mtt. 10:40-42. Now ***I put it to you: There is a prophet you must never miss in this life because your prophetic wealth transfer hangs upon him. Strive to sow worthy seeds into his life.*** Imagine if the woman of Zerephath had missed Elijah the prophet, 1Kgs. 17:7-16. Whenever God wants to deliver his people from all forms of satanic bondage, his method is to send them a prophet, Hosea 12:13. Your duty is to harken unto God’s prophet sent unto your deliverance no matter the disguise, (Malachi. 4:5, 6).

Remember, it takes faith not to despise God’s messengers for they sometimes appear awkwardly and

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disguised. God transferred the wealth of the Syrian army to ordinary four-lepers who dared to move forward by faith according to the word of God's prophet Elisha, while the unbelief of the government official who ridiculed God's servant killed him (2Kings 6:25 to 2 Kings 7:1-8)

Mind you, wealth is not transferred to idle hands; (2 Thess. 3:10,11) you must arise and take bold steps of faith to find something to do no matter how small. **Peter has to find the hook and to move to the lake.** Joseph had to file in his application by suggesting the need of a wise economic adviser to the Government of Egypt. Don't be afraid to submit your C.V. (application) or to accept any political post as the Lord will open the door for you soonest. He can transfer the wealth of this nation to his church through you. Politics is not a dirty game except the one played by dirty people.

In this last days God is seriously shaking all the heavens, the earth the seas, the dry land with all nations, so that he will turn all their wealth and glory unto his house (the church) Haggai 2:6-9. Yes, another prophetic leap you must see through is that the whole earth is already boiling and solution to such massive economic trouble is no where to be found, but unto you who fear the Lord, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. Malachi 4:1, 2. In those days when all nations

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shall be in gross darkness the Lord shall rise upon thee and his glory shall be seen upon thee and the forces of the Gentile shall come to thee, Is. 6:5. The is the prophetic age of the church and prophetic wealth transfer is to establish the mountain of the Lord's temple (the church) above all hills, and all nations shall flow unto it, Is. 2:1-3.

The church of Christ is the only salvaging Ark of our time, she is the only hope for all people, nations, governments and all individuals and national economics. Thus says the Lord," come unto me all you that labour and are heavy laddened and I will give you rest (Mtt. 11:23). If wealth is not transferred to idle hands how shall one maximize this opportunity? You must turn to the prophetic gate of your potentials. How then can my potentials be prophetically released?

CHAPTER SEVEN

THE PROPHETIC GATE OF YOUR POTENTIALS

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbyter," 1 Tim 10, 4:14. This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which I went before on thee, that thou by them may war a good warfare," 1Tim. 1:18, (KJV).

Your potentials are the talents and innate gifts that lie dormant within you. God has designed it colourfully so that one of the greatest point of unlocking the cocked potentials of your life is at a unique encounter with God sent prophet. Through such personal prophecies God give direction, correction and power to fulfill your potentials.

Prophetic Impartation

The prophetic gate of your potentials come to the lime light any day you come across such a man of God, or tap his virtues through any contact with his works. In the early church God revealed his will in various matters through prophets (Acts 13:1-3). Prophets had

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an active role in the sending of Paul and Barnabas on their mission to the Gentiles. In the case of Timothy the prophecy occurred during his ordination (1Tim 4:14; Acts 16:1-3) on Paul's second missionary journey where the elders of Lystra and Iconium with Paul laid hands on him and made some prophetic utterances relating to Timothy's future life and ministry. Such an encounter was a divine contact point for the prophetic release of all the great treasures that God has loaded in the young Timothy. Such was a landmark experience in Timothy's life and Paul warns him severely never to neglect those gifts received on that day. By that it also implies that gifts, even those that were not potentially innate within you can be deposited at the prophetic gate through prophetic utterance, and personal prophecies.

Again, that was also the basis of Paul's charge to Timothy that through those prophetic utterances Timothy might war a good warfare for his life and ministry (1 Tim. 1:18). Prophetic utterances at ones prophetic gate not only releases ones potentials but also equips one for effective spiritual warfare. Never treat prophecies with contempt (1Thess. 5:19). Remember the major purposes of New Testament prophecies: to exhort, edify or encourage and comfort (1 Cor. 14:3) believers in righteousness, anything otherwise automatically stands questionable. Put a demand on your destiny through the personal prophesy you

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received.

“And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him and the children of Israel hearkened unto him and did as the Lord commanded Moses. And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses whom the Lord knew face to face,” Deut. 34:9, 10.

The impartation of extra-ordinary wisdom into Joshua the son of Nun is hereby attributed to the prophetic transfer of gifts or the spirit of wisdom from the greatest prophet of Israel (Moses) whom the Lord knew face to face. *Beware of the kind of men who lay hands on you, and mind the kind of prophetic conference you attend*, for as the spirit of wisdom is prophetically transmitted so also evil spirits are prophetically transmitted by agents of darkness.

The point of emphasis here is that God's prophets are great vehicles in unlocking your potentials. “Everything that had been stagnant or crawled in your life must receive life today in Jesus Name. I release all your talents that have been dormant for years waiting for opportunity to manifest. Now the opportunities will jump to your face. **I can see you rise to your right position in life, for the wisdom you need is released to you today through this book,” in Jesus Name.**

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This principle of prophetic release of potentials calls for wisdom on your part to locate the genuine prophets of your life and to pursue the spirit of wisdom through him as your trusted mentor. Elisha located Elijah and followed him conscientiously until he received a double portion of his anointing. It is a following motivated by the desire to serve and learn. “So he departed from thence and found Elisha...and cast his mantle upon him...**Then he arose and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.” 1kgs. 19:19-21.** Thus the mantle of service precedes the mantle of power (anointing). 2king 2:13-14.

Prophecy to Your Bones

In the same vein one can as well prophesy to the dormant gifts in ones life by speaking forth the word of faith unto ones latent gifts. Begin to call forth to manifestation according to the word of God of all these great bones that have been lying dead and dry in your life. Address from the prophetic word and call forth the giant within you to emerge on the stage of life, it is the quickening of the dead and the calling of those things that are not as though they are, (Rom. 4:17). That exactly is God's method both in creation and in redemption. “He sent his word, and healed them and delivered them from their destructions,” Ps. 107:20. How did he send his word? Through prophetic utterances

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(Hosea 12:13), and personal prophecies, Ps. 103:10, 1Tim. 1:16-18.

Prophetic Enthronement

Your entrance, performance and position in God's kingdom depend greatly on the prophetic release or anointing of your potentials. Just as no king ascends the throne without the anointing, so no man adequately fulfills his potential on earth without this prophetic release of potentials. It may be in form of parental blessings, sudden but significant utterances of some holy servants of God, certain divine utterances directly released by the Holy Ghost into your spirit or it may be at prepared encounter with ones desired mentor. Your prophetic enthronement is at hand, so get set for the encounter.

"Therefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God which is in thee by the putting on of my hand; 2Tim. 1:16. Why so that by them you can fight the good fight of faith, (1Tim. 1:18). That is to say, you can easily locate yourself by the prophetic word, which the Holy Ghost can release, into your spirit even while on your personal meditation on the word of God or during the ministration of some anointed men of God. But how can one locate ones own prophets or mentor?

CHAPTER EIGHT



LOCATING YOUR OWN PROPHET

"The Lord by God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me, unto him ye shall hearken," Deut. 18:15.

The true prophet of your life is only raised by God and your access to him is only by discovery. In these days when many false preachers and prophets abound, it calls for caution in accessing ones prophet (s), yet the truth remains that there is a prophet you cannot afford to miss if you must fulfill God's purpose for your life on earth. Even the Jews of Moses generation needed such a prophet after Moses.

The common parameter of determining whether a prophet is of the Lord then was the fulfillment or not of the prophet's predictions, (Deut. 18:21-22). However, such a guide today, though still relevant may be inadequate because the N.T. prophets may not predict some future events but may only speak forth God's words for edification, exhortation and comfort (1Cor. 14:3). How can one understand the source of such kind of exhortation?

The Three Keys to test Prophets



Locating your own prophet

Three keys may be useful here which are also attested to by the scriptures, namely:

- (a) The integrity of the prophet (s)
- (b) The authenticity of the prophesy
- (e) The teleology of the prophecy.

"For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye witnesses of his majesty., this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the sacred mount. We have also a more sure word of prophesy," II Peter 1:16-19.

"That which was from the beginning which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the word of life...that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the father and with his son Jesus Christ," 1John 1:1-3.

It is very useful to question the integrity of any prophet you come across in life before you subscribe to his ministrations, so that you do not partake in another man's sins. Those who are capable of imparting spiritual gifts can also do otherwise, whenever their centre of

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operations cannot hold any longer. The first key test is what is the integrity of the man of God? How sincere is the so called man of God? Does he possess a clear identity or is he a freelance prophet, just for hire (Judges 17:10; 18:19). How committed is he to his vision? How clear in the first place is his vision? Is he truly devoted to the Lord, to those things he claims to have seen and heard?

Another key test is that of authenticity of the prophecy he gives in the name of the Lord. How real is the prophesy (in accordance with the word of God)? It is a genuine N.T. prophetic utterance or cunningly devised fables? The third key test is concerned with the goal of his prophecy. Is it a selfish, carnal prophecy issuing out of a covetous mind (Num 22:7,12) or is it an utterance declared unto you so that you have fellowship with the father and his son Jesus Chris? *"Every prophecy whose goal is merely to gratify the fleshly ego of either the prophet or the recipient or both, stands to be questioned, (Phil. 3:19,21).* By their fruits you shall know them, says the Lord. So don't be so much in haste for any man to lay hand on you or to impart spiritual gifts to you until your spirit is convinced that he is of the Lord.

How can I locate my Prophet?

1. The prophet of your life is always that which is genuinely interested in you becoming and

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fulfilling God's purpose for your life, like Samuel unto Saul (the king). Even when Saul failed, Samuel still wept and interceded for him. Again, Saul's fall is only a product of his negligence of the words of Samuel (the prophet of his life).

2. The prophet of your life is that which is ever willing to impact unto you the spirit of wisdom, faith and power, so that you can also fulfill in life. He is always a plus factor unto your life like Paul to Timothy. In fact, he speaks direction into your life. (Gen. 37:15-17).
3. The prophet of your life may be someone very close to you as Abraham was to lot, but he is ever willing to rescue you from any spiritual shipwreck or captivity.
4. In some cases such prophets are always disguised so that it will only take your humility and understanding to discover and respect them, (e.g) your Local church pastor, or your close relative who is a faithful servant of God, like Jesus to his Jewish brethren, (the Apostle).
5. The prophet of your life is he who sees your potentials, gifts and abilities instead of your present limitations. He is the one who sees your

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future and relates with you on that basis, calling those things that are not yet in your life as though they were. *Remember it is not every man of God that is your prophet.* Some believers have been reduced to mere slaves or sycophants to a man who has no iota of interest in their individual destinies. They have been reduced to eagles raised by local fowls: no vision of heights, no training for flight, with compromised identity, total dissatisfaction and fear of information.

You're an Eagle, get set to fly

"Friend, you are an eagle, you belong to the sky. Don't die with the fowls below. I loose your prophetic wings today to fly into your destiny above, in Jesus Name," *Do you still wonder, why some major, things have not started happening to you why the few that is happening is too minor compared to some other people you know, even those you seem better off? Friend, such things don't happen until you locate you prophet and tap into the virtue of his life and ministry.*

One day God lead me to a man of God, a close friend whom he told me is one of my prophets and I requested that he anoint me. After some hesitation he accepted to do that and he prophesied greatly upon my life. After that I planted a worthy seed of faith into his life and ministry.

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On the same day I received a gift (seed) that amounted to double of the seed I sowed on the man of God, and above all, I carried an unprecedented favour that my life has never remained the same. Even this book in your hand can be attributed to that encounter. I see you stepping into your destiny through this work. Note that your prophet is not just any prayer contractor, (so don't make yourself a prayer project).

6. Your prophet is a man sent into your life by the conviction of the Holy Ghost to make a positive difference. Beloved you need him, **those who don't need others are hardly needed anywhere**. Those who have no fathers, have no feathers, therefore, they can't fly.
7. He is called to invest into your future, not to exploit you, but to bless you.
8. He is a man you sincerely and dearly cherish to humble yourself and serve him as you serve God, John 12:26. Service is the secret, don't be ashamed to become a servant to such a master you desire, Exodus 24:12-14.
9. They will hear God on major issues of your life and give you a worthy heart to heart counsel by the spirit of God. If you are patient enough to

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locate such a man, he is your prophet. Some of them you can only meet indirectly through their tapes, VCD, books and other works, but the same virtue is released unto you by faith as unto those who were present in the conference. Today the electronic communication system of your world provides a very potent "helm of his garment" through which any one can tap his virtue by faith, (Mark. 5:28).

Whatever you Respect

In fact, what makes the difference anywhere at the prophetic gate is the attitude of the persons involved. Whatever you respect you will attract and whatever you despise, your life will repel. The Bible taught that *he who receives or respects a prophet as a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward Matt. 10:41*. Some believers a totally robbed of the grace because of envy, artificial spirits, and carnal attitude forward spiritual gifts. *What is this prophet's reward? It is all round prosperity in life and business. Believe the Lord your God and you will be established, believe also his prophets and you will prosper; 2Chor. 20-20*. The establishment of your faith is a product of your belief in the Lord your God. But any form of success or prosperity you will experience is a function of your belief in the prophetic utterances of God's prophets sent unto you. That was why Jesus said "believe in God, believe also in

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me," (or else forget about the mansions in my fathers house, John 14:1,2).

The Mystery of God and His prophets

The evidence is very clear before us. All those brethren or Christian groups who give **appropriate honour and respect** to their Pastor/Ministers seem to enjoy this scriptural advantage over others. Yes, criticize them, that they almost worship their Bishops, but they know the truth **better: respect the prophet and collect his rewards**. Others who despise their minister and neglect all his words or rather call him pet names (or that pastor) disdainfully because he was raised among them only succeed in freezing the prophetic unction within the spirit of the prophet, so that nothing flows from him to bless the people. Come among such an ignorant and stubborn deacons and congregation and you will see where sickness, poverty, hatred, strife and wickedness have a field day. Nothing moves, nothing works, no success, no prosperity. And Apostle Paul would say "from such turn away..," (2Tim.3:5). It is the same reason why Jesus couldn't do much miracles in his hometown, because they ever believed in or respected him as a prophet. To the Jews at Jerusalem who had the same wicked heart he said. "Your house is left unto you desolate. Why is your life and career bereft of success, and prosperity like a desolate place? Why is your life and business so dry? Do you respect your pastor? Who is

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your prophet? Remember that God has locked up in the heart of all true prophets great wealth of blessings, prosperity and success but only due respect and responses towards the prophets will stir up their hearts and provoke the prophetic utterances that will unleash such blessings (Gen. 27:3,4). Only those that are wise can understand this mystery of God and his prophets (Mtt. 10:40). It is all a matter of your attitude to God and his prophet ministers.

You can't be Empty

God commanded that men should not come before him empty handed because he had already provided the means of their prosperity through his prophet, (Deut. 16:16, Mtt. 10:41). So, he makes sure you can't be empty. *Saul said to his servant, if we go, what shall we bring the man of God? (1 Sam. 9:7)* Why such question? He believed in the ministry of that prophet. It is scriptural to give to God's servants bearing in mind that it is not unto man but unto God through his anointed servants. Your attitude to God's genuine servants from today will open up to you the prophetic gate of our destiny and release unto you those long expected blessing of your life in Jesus Name.

As the word of the Lord came unto David through prophet Gad (his seer), so the Lord will release his word into your life through this book and your life will never

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remain the same, (2 Sam. 24:11). As you patiently search for the prophets of your life, you must beware of many prophets for hire.

In all, the prophetic office carries transferable unction. "Prophets are conductors of the gift, unction and power of God. When they step into a place, there is availability of unction, just waiting for whosoever wants to draw from it.¹⁰" The prophetic ministry is not just for expounding the word as the teaching ministry; it is not just for reaching out to the lost as the evangelistic ministry, it is not just for caring for the sheep like the pastoral ministry, neither is it only for breaking new grounds like the apostolic ministry. It is unique, it is special, and it is for impartation of transferable unctions, as it is for rebukes, correction and reconstruction of God's people, plan and purposes.

A restoration force

The prophetic ministry is peculiar because it is a restoration of diverse sorts wherever it operates. It can raise the dead, rebuild ancient ruins, restore broken homes, raise bankrupt businesses, release the spirit of excellence upon the dull minds, heal sick bodies, restore backsliders to the faith and lots more. Therefore, it is disastrous to neglect or despise God's prophets.

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Dangers of despising God's Prophets

- (a) They carry your blessing on their neck: Mtt. 10:41; John 14:12; 2 Chro. 20:20.
- (b) Receiving them is tantamount to receiving God and vice versa; (Mtt. 10:11-15).
- (c) Neglecting them is an insult on God's intelligence; Num. 16:28-34; Ps. 105; 12-15; Nehemiah 13:10,11.
- (d) No one can lay wicked hands on the Lord's anointed and be guiltless; (1 Sam. 26:7-10, Ps. 105:14,15).
- (e) God's prophets are both agents of blessings and curses, increase and decrease, as the case may be, Number 16:28-34.

Get set for an encounter with destiny. The Lord your God will raise unto you a prophet and unto him you must hearken. *You will surely locate your prophet this year and tap into his virtue for your greatness. There is a spirit called "the spirit of the prophets," (1 Cor. 14:32) I release him to you now, in Jesus Name.* Every man that had amounted to anything worthwhile in the kingdom of God fell in love with that spirit as a trusted companion, comforter and mentor. You can begin a new courtship with the Holy Spirit today. But, how can I do this?

CHAPTER NINE



RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

“follow after charity and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that you may prophesy... Greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with other tongues... 1 Cor. 14:1,5, “Your may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be comforted. All the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets, 1Cor. 14:31,32.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs making melody with grace in your hearts to the Lord,” Colossians 3:16. The prophetic ministry of the N.T. is not reserved to few devoted servants as in the O.T. era. *The major problem believers' encounter is the ability to always create and dwell consciously in an atmosphere for the prophetic flow.* In the N.T unlike in the O.T. the spirit of God, which is the spirit of prophecy, is now resident in the heart of all genuine believers, “And your sons and daughters shall prophecy,” Acts 2:17.

With the spirit of prophecy resident in all serious and sincere believer, Apostle Paul urged the believers to desire such spiritual gifts like prophecy because it is

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possible for them to prophesy one by one, hence the spirits of the prophets are not only resident in the prophet (any desirous believer) but also subject to the prophet. The Holy Spirit in you is the spirit of the prophets, release yourself unto him in love.

How can one Prophecy

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Rev. 19:10) and only he who has ears hear what the spirit says to the churches. The volume of the testimony of Jesus (the word of God) in your soul determines to a large extent the level you can flow in the prophetic ministry of the N.T. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly so that you can prophesy and even minister in spiritual songs according to the melody of the spirit of God in your heart unto the Lord. The spirit of prophecy flows always in an atmosphere of worship, joy and spiritual songs unto the Lord. *“As they ministered to the Lord and fasted the Holy Spirit said”...Acts 13:2. In other words, in the midst of the spiritual atmosphere of worship, adoration and joyous praises mixed with fasting the church at Antioch flowed in the prophetic ministry of the Holy Spirit in almost all their services. Infact, the Holy Spirit loves singing.*

Spiritual song or music is one of the greatest channels of provoking the prophetic flow in your life or in the church. *“But thou art holy, O' thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel,” Ps. 22:3.* Wherever God inhabits the

spirit of prophecy flows.

Music and Prophetic Utterances

Music is a powerful weapon of offence in spiritual warfare. The spirit of prophecy is released under a powerful spiritual worship (whether with or without instruments). When David played the harp under the Holy Spirit, evil spirits left Saul because of the anointing (1 Sam. 18:10-11). Joyful atmosphere releases strength (Neh. 8:10). And the Holy Spirit is the sole producer of love, Joy, Peace, etc in the heart of man (Gal 5:22). Any day the believer permits, unbelief, heaviness of heart, strife, anger, bitterness in his heart, the Holy Spirit is stifled and the spirit of prophecy is silenced. When we praise God enough in any service he shows up as the Lion of the tribe of Judah and when the Lion has roared who can but prophesy? (Amos 3:8).

In addition to proper word-level, and spiritual worship a deep desire and consciousness of the prophetic flow in any service or personal devotion. *Whatever you desire has a way of drawing near to you, and what you are conscious of you always collect.* Another thing you must be conscious of is the purpose of N.T. prophecy: edification, exhortation and comfort of the saint, and above all, for the perfecting of the saints...(1Cor. 14:3; Eph.. 4:11-12).

Again, serious habits of personal meditation on the word and/or meditating upon the prophetic utterance of a servant of God ministering under the prophetic unction or expounding the mysteries of the word of God, are all positive steps in the right direction. Remember that without faith it is impossible to receive anything from God. So arm yourself with confidence in God's faithfulness because He is willing to reveal his mind into you through His spirit that dwells in your life. Be bold enough and appreciate him for such a privilege as you worship and listen in your spirit man.

Welcome to the School of the Spirit as Vessels of Honour:

In most case, it may appear as a sudden awareness of an idea or object or person or image in your spirit. You spiritual eyes may be seeing it, while your spiritual ears may hear some words concerning what it shown. The key is that you cultivate the habits of listening with your spirit while praying, singing or preaching.

Sometimes you may not hear any word in your heart, but you may have the urge to speak forth what you perceived in the spirit with your own words. It may also come as the quickening of a particular scripture to your spirit with a heavy urge to declare it unto the prevailing circumstances.



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Receive the Spirit of Prophecy

The level of accuracy, details and efficiency also grow as one grows in relationship with the Holy Spirit and in the understanding of the word of God. But *constant practice of prophetic ministrations enhances ones faith and rapid growth in this school of the spirit.* Welcome to the school of the prophets, and be ready for your creative miracles.

In any case, we will like to point out that even though the gift of prophecy is available to all believers, it was not all believers that occupied the office of the prophetic ministry of the early church. But you need not a ministerial call or office before you can prophesy to your family, business, career and destiny.

Crowns must leave Unworthy Heads for you now

As a prophet of the Lord I am moved to declare unto you that this year you must be released unto your rightful position in life. Crowns must leave unworthy heads to locate you, "for he puteth down one and setteth up another." *You have encountered the right revelation that will lift you to your next level of promotion, therefore, right now something better is moving towards you in the spirit to effect your anointing to new heights.* With this consciousness, unprecedented favour will soon flow unto you. The worthy seed you need to unlock your worthy harvest is already released into your hands. Get set for an unforgettable encounter with the prophet God

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sent into your life. When this happens whatsoever your mind tells you to do, do it for the Lord is with you. Prayer is the spiritual breath of true prophets. Get set to enter your prophetic gate of destiny through the prophetic power of intercession. Receive the spirit and power of Elijah. *Receive now the excellent spirit! Receive now the spirit of the prophets! Arise unto the prophetic gate of your destiny! Pray in the spirit now!*

CHAPTER TEN



THE SPIRIT AND POWER OF ELIJAH

Prayer is the spiritual breath of true prophets. *“Elijah was as human as we are and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for the next three and a half years,” James 5:17 NLT (cf) Luke 1:17, 18. “And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit,” James 5:18*

It is a great honour the Almighty has given to man, even the power to influence the heavens, the elements, divine calendar, seasons and programmes of God and Satan by the power of earnest prayers. It is now scripturally evident that heaven does not respond to the earth, heaven does not give its rain of various blessings, neither does any spirit or supernatural being intervene in the affairs of men on earth except by the invitation of men through prayers, incantations or by sacrifices.

Prayers, earnest prayers, heart-felt prayers of intercession are the legitimate means ordained by God to birth and develop his purpose and programmes on

earth. Elijah the prophet like Moses the man of God was one of those men who walked with God with a great insight and understanding into the power of prophetic intercession. *The thesis this work is designed to demonstrate is that prophetic intercession is the basic means ordained by God to birth, develop and enforce his kingdom and purpose on earth.* That implies that prophetic intercession is the only means of realizing all the benefits of our year of jubilee. Every release from heaven to earth answers to the intercession of saints. Intercessory prayers of a righteous man avails much before God, and that is the legal basis of all God's intervention in the affairs of men. In other words, no spirit or demon, God or Satan has the legal right to come into the affairs of men except by the invitation of man through prayers or sacrifices. Blood sacrifices and prophetic intercessory prayers even incantations of the occult are all potent means of inviting spiritual entities to the aids of men on earth. If we didn't invite them directly or indirectly they will not come because the heaven of heavens belong to God (and the spirits) but the earth he has given unto men (Ps. 115:16). The government of the earth is in the hands of men and in the power of whomsoever men invited.

Elijah prayed and controlled all heaven's rain. He locked up the heavens by his word and pocketed the keys for three and a half years, then he prayed again

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when he had proven his point and reversed the order and then, and only then could the heavens give rain to the earth. Have you prayed for a blessing of the Lord and it is yet to come? Then pray again. Have you prayed for the expected promotion, admission or marriage blessings? Pray again. Pray earnestly. Pray with a heart felt desperation with confidence in the Lord. *Your intercession like Elijah will birth the purpose of God for your life, people and place. Ask for the spirit of Grace and supplication to be poured into your soul from today.* If you can pray earnestly, and scripturally as a righteous man (prophet) your destiny will surely shine forth like a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden. Pray and read on to contact the spirit and the power of Elijah.

The Person of Elijah

Elijah was not a spirit personage, he was an ordinary human person like all of us. But He prayed. Elijah was a simple man who determined and service of his God, like any sincere child of God does when he receives Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The only difference may be, is that Elijah determined to live out his belief in God through practical prophetic life of prayer and faith.

The name Elijah is the name of about four men in the Bible but only that of prophet Elijah of (a) Tishbe became so popular because he lived out his great name

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by a great faith in his God, 1 Kings 17:1-2. Other Elijahs in the scripture include: (b) A Benjamite and son of Jeroham resident at Jerusalem, 1 Chron. 8:27. (c) A descendant of Harma who married a foreign wife during the exile. (Ezra 10:21). (d) An Israelite induced to put away his foreign wife, Ezra 10:26.

The name Elijah simply means Jehovah is God or the Lord, he is God. That was the literal meaning of what the people cried out when Elijah prayed down fire from heaven to prove that Jehovah alone, he is God, 1 Kgs. 18:37-39. Put the other way, when the people saw the fire of God come down they cried out Elijah, Elijah, Elijah. It is one thing to bear a great name and another thing to live out that great name by faith in God. You can as well birth or abort the purpose of that name you bear through your relationship to the power of intercession. Names are not ordinary especially in Israel and some tribes in Africa. What is your name, and what purpose does it serve for God or Satan? It is the prophetic power of intercession, the effective fervent prayer of a righteous man than refines or purifies a man, not the mere change of nomenclature. It is also the effective fervent prayer of intercession that birth the purposes of divine names as well as abort the purposes of evil names. Challenge your name by fire today in Jesus name.

Moreover, the prophet Elijah whose ministry was

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set in the days of king Ahab of the Northern Kingdom (c. 874- 852 BC) was born in Tishbe in Gilead, east of Jordan. Elijah was like an isolated prophet from the trans Jordan tribes, prepared by God in such a distant place through the wilderness of Horeb only to be dispatched by God across the Jordan to the land of Samaria (the Northern kingdom) to arrest the apostate madness of king Ahab and his wife.

Most of the great prophets that arrested the near state of anarchy throughout Israel's history and even in our church history have been lonely men of prayers, men of the wilderness, village pastors, controlling the world from a corner, waiting patiently for the day of their "manifestation to Israel". You may be one of such minor prophets today, but the days are yet to come when you will be the only suitably qualified candidate that heaven will look for to man such enviable divine responsibility. No man could believe it was preserved for you, because they will be surprised.

May you not be found unprepared when your expected time will arrive. So, sit down now in that distant wilderness and develop yourself like Elijah or John the Baptist. The whole world is waiting to eat the fruit of your glorious ministry and to see the fire and cry out to God: Jehovah is God, Jehovah is God. Elijah secretly prepare himself for such great day of

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manifestation.

The Days of Elijah

Merrill C. Jenney wrote: "In our ears his first message sounds like no more than a weather forecast, a drought (1Kgs 17:1,2) that would last over three years (18:1), but Ahab and all who heard knew that more was involved than a prediction of climatic hardship."¹²

The days of Elijah were not sweet, sweet, good old days for the prophets or the people of God. The days of Elijah were the days when all were not well between the Lord and his people, and they were about to suffer divine judgements on their idolatry and general disobedience.

Elijah's commission was, therefore, to convey such a stern message, and he began by employing the forces of nature. The forces of nature are in the Lord's hand, He uses them to bless, to judge, and to warn his people (Deut. 28:1-2, 21-24). The days of Elijah were the days of divine visitation of judgement upon the occult worship of Baal and apostasy of Israel the covenant people. The days of Elijah were the days of spiritual eclipse in Israel when the people were in between opinions as to which god is the true God-Baal or Jehovah?

The days of Elijah were the days of urgent need for

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revival of the supernatural evidence of the kingdom of God among the people. If there is any thing the world needs today. It is the fire of God, to destroy the eroding and corrupting influences of baalism. What happened in the days of Elijah is happening today. The overwhelming presence and manifestation of cultism, occult practices, witchcraft, black and white magic arts, voodism in the higher institutions and in every sphere of our society, is nothing but the influence of Baal worship.

Sequel to these obvious facts Paul Emeka opined that, “when such is the case, then, the church needs another Elijah, another fire from heaven, infact, nothing less than a repeat of the episode at Mount Carmel will be formidable enough to combat such high degree of Satanism. We need the fire now, we need the fire again,”¹³ he concluded.

In other words, the darker the night, the brighter the light shines. God's method is always marvelous, in most cases some of the greatest vessels in the hand of the Lord are like stones cut from the hardest rock in the darkest parts of the land. They are men from deep pits of darkness, men from various satanic strongholds delivered by the sovereignty of the Almighty God and prepared to save others, Col. 1:13.

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These are the days when the last shall become the first. In these days of apostasy in the church the Lord God will raise men of fire to ignite the gospel flame and hand over the baton to the next generation by the flames. In the days of your power the people shall be willing.

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“And he shall 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,” Luke 1:17; Mtt. 11:11, 12.

The spirit of Elijah is the spirit God promised will always precede all his great moves on earth. The scripture reveals about three advents of the Lord Jesus on earth in order to perfect the works of our redemption. All those comings of the Messiah were to be proceeded or prepared for or birthed by what the scripture referred to as the spirit of Elijah, (Luke 1:17).

The first advent was when Jesus was born as a baby in the manger by the Virgin Mary. Before his birth it has been prophesied that the Lord God will send again Elijah the prophet. *“See I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the*

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hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse; (Malachi 4:5, 6 NIV)

This prophesy was confirmed to Zechariah the priest in Luke 1:17 and it was fulfilled in the birth and life of John the Baptist who became the forerunner of the Messiah. *"From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing and forceful men lay hold of it. For all the prophets prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who was to come," Mtt. 11:12-14 NIV.*

What did John the Baptist do as a forerunner of the Messiah? He lived a solitary life of prophetic intercession in the wilderness. His ministry was devoted to "prepare the way of the Lord, making a straight path for him". He leveled every mountain and filled up every valley by his intercessory prayers for Israel. He also turn the heart of the children of Israel to their father by his preaching of repentance for "the kingdom of heaven is at hand".

Through his prayers John was able to turn the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just (Luke 1:17). The second advent of the Messiah which will be preceded also by the spirit of Elijah is the coming of the rapture. Elijah preceded Christ first coming through the ministry of John the Baptist so also the spirit of Elijah

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will precede Christ's second coming for the rapture of the saint through the outpouring of the spirit of grace and supplication¹⁴.

"And I will pout out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have perced and they will mourn..," Zech. 12:10. The spirit of grace and supplication is the spirit of prayers. It is the grace of intercessory prayer for the purpose of God to be fulfilled upon his people. It is the spirit of mourning and wailing, the spirit of repentance and submission to the will of God. Whenever God wants to accomplish his purpose in a man's life, among a people or a town or nation he prepares the way by pouring upon them the spirit of prayer, the spirit of Elijah. Is there any thing you are expecting from the Lord? Is there any divine prophesy over your life yet to be fulfilled? Do you believe the prophesy of our National Jubilee? Ask the Lord to pour on you the spirit of prayer to birth that purpose of God by intercession. The heavens give no rain to the earth until the earth gives earnest prayers to heaven. This is a spiritual principle operated by Elijah the prophet.

The third advent of the Messiah will be when he will fight the final battle against Satan and its host of darkness which will also be preceded by the

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intercessory ministry of the two witnesses Rev. 11:3-5. The two witnesses are supposed to be the great intercessors (Moses and Elijah)⁴. They are the two olive trees and the two lampstands, cf. Zechariah 4:3, 11, 14. These intercessors will still be on earth then ensuring that the purpose of God over His enemies comes to pass as divinely planned. *The secret power holding Nigeria as a nation, and withholding all the wicked plots of evil men in this country is the intercession of sincere saints in the land. If those saints relent today evil will prevail.*

Intercession is the key to all divine fulfillment and where intercession fails the enemy of the saints prevails. In Luke 23:20-23, the scripture recorded that when Pilate was willing to release Jesus he could not, even though he had the government authority to save or crucify Him. He could not because there was no intercessor pleading for Jesus in that courtroom while the voices of the accusers echoed louder and louder—crucify him, crucify him. *When there is no intercessor, the voices of the accuser prevails (Luke 23:23), and when the voice of the accuser prevails even the most innocent can be condemned, Luke 23:23-24, cf. 1 Tim. 1:18.*

What is the Spirit of Elijah?

- (a) In a nutshell, the spirit of Elijah is the spirit of prayer and intercession. It is the womb that births divine purposes on earth through kingdom

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minded prayers. *Who has ever heard such a thing? Who has ever seen such thing? Can a country be born in a day... Yet no sooner is Zion in labour than she gives birth to her children. Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give delivery? Says the Lord" Isaiah 66:7-9.*

- (b) Note also that there are also satanic wombs and satanic breasts the birth and nurse all satanic purposes on earth against people's destinies and nations. Such men spend time in satanic altars making incantations, all kinds of sacrifices and rituals to enforce satanic wickedness in frustrating peoples' destinies. *Pray now that God may give such wicked men around you miscarrying wombs and dry breasts so that all evil intents they are pregnant with shall be aborted in Jesus name, see Hosea 9:14,16.*
- (c) could you imagine that even though Elijah had defeated all the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel that day and he had announced the coming of rain to the king and the nation of Israel that day, yet no rain could come until the prophet climbed up the Mount Carmel again and prayed earnestly "seven dimensions of prayer", 1 kings 18:41-46. Heaven does not give rain until the earth give prayers enough and rain signifies all kinds of blessings

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from above, cf Lu. 1:8-10.

- (d) In Revelation 8:3-6, we discovered that even though heaven was ready to pour out her judgement upon the earth against the enemies of God, heaven could not and none of the angels could blow its judgmental trumpet until incense was mixed with the prayers of the saints and offered on the golden altar before the throne in heaven. Then and only then could heaven respond with voices, thunder, lightening and earthquake. Whatever it will take to effect your freedom now must be released as you pray in Jesus name. Remember, *the spirit of intercession or supplication we refer to here is no other spirit but the Holy Spirit helping us in prayers with groaning, Roms. 8:16.*

- (e) Full salvation, total salvation or real deliverance does not come until the enemy, your accuser is cast off from your territory, Rev. 12:10. *"Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God...."* As long as the accuser is around, the kingdom is far, there is no strength even and salvation looks like slavery. *Intercessory prayer, earnest, heartfelt cry of anguish unto God, and a deadly determination to resist the enemy by the blood of Jesus even to the point of death is the only way of enforcing God's kingdom upon your life. No*

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wonder Jesus taught his disciples to pray "thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," Lk. 11:1-3.

In the land of Babylon and Persia Daniel and his friends enforced God's kingdoms through prayers and thereby prevailed over all the accusers, enemies of righteousness, lions and deadly beasts of the land, princes and powers of the air, and all spiritual wickedness that made war against the saints. *"...I behold and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them, until the ancient of days came and judgment was given (in favour of) the saints of the Most High: and the time came that the saints, possessed the kingdom," Daniel 17:19-22.* From the above scripture we saw the kind of kings that war against the saints in different towns and cities: Diverse kinds of dreadful and deadly beasts, and horns that have eyes. Wicked spiritual giants that are invisible. Notice that when Daniel beheld it they were fighting and prevailing against the saints. The saints could not lay hold on anything to demonstrate the presence of God's kingdom among them (ct. Rev. 12:10). So, Daniel was not comfortable with such pitiable condition of the saints, so he gave himself to prayers and intercession until the Ancient of Days arose and passed judgement in favour of the saints. *Why was the Ancient of days watching his saints being fought and prevailed against by the beasts*

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and he did nothing until somebody prayed? Remember, heaven does not give rain or intervene on the affairs of the earth until the earth send prayers to heaven. No angel, demon, Satan or even God has the legal right to operate on earth until his is invited by man. All those gods and idols of the people were demons invited by people to assist them in those days. However, whatever one man brought upon the earth another man can destroy or dismiss it. *"the heaven, even the heavens are the Lords; but the earth has she given to the children of men," Ps. 115:16.* "what is man that thou are mindful of him?... Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands...," Psalm 8:5-9, KJV. That is the ontological foundation of prayers as the catalyst of all divine operations on earth. We have thus seen that the spirit of Elijah is the spirit of supplication, prayers, and intercession, what then is the power of Elijah?

The Power of Elijah

"He shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah..."

- (a) If the spirit of Elijah is the spirit of intercession which means the ability to birth divine purposes and plans, the power of Elijah is the ability to create a change of heart to accept divine purpose and plans. Thro'the spirit of Elijah divine purpose are born and by the power of Elijah divine purposes are enforced upon human hearts.

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- (b) The power of Elijah is the power to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers. This implies reconciliation of relationships and restoration of family values which the enemy is deadly determined to abolish in the last days, II Tim. 3:1-5.
- (c) The power of Elijah is the power to deliver people from a state of indecision or double mindedness. It is the ability to turn the disobedient to the wisdom of the just as Elijah did at Mt. Carmel and all Israel understood that Jehovah is God.
- (d) The power of Elijah is the power to open and close heaven by the prophetic word. He brought down both fire and rain from heaven as the occasion demanded.
- (e) The power of Elijah is the power to overthrow apostasy anywhere anytime. It is the power to stand for God even when all others are hiding for their lives.
- (f) The power of Elijah is the power of divine impartation and "mantle transfer." All Elijah's have the ability to transfer their anointing to the next generation which is the true proof of greatness.

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- (g). The power of Elijah is the power of overtaking anointing. It doesn't matter how many people have gone ahead of you. It doesn't matter the kind of chariot they rode on, when the power of Elijah comes upon you, you shall overtake them all even if they have reached "the gate of Jezerel." You shall enter the city before them, 1king 18:46. How then can you receive the spirit the power of Elijah?

The Mantle of Elijah

The spirit and the power of Elijah is transferable from generation to generation; and it is still available today. When Elisha and the other sons of the prophets understood by revelation that Elijah was to be translated into heaven everyone made his choice.

In the first place the spirit and power of Elijah is not imposed on any one. Nothing from God is an imposition on any man. *To receive the spirit and power of Elijah you must have a strong desire for it. You must determine to pursue it by locating your Elijah today and submitting to his mentorship.* You must be convinced beyond any persuasion to the contrary, that you will receive what you are looking for. And above all, you must be focused to ask for what you need and to need what you asked for without distractions whatsoever. All these helped Elisha receive a double portion of Elijah's spirit

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and the mantle of Elijah, 2kings 2.

In a sentence the spirit and power of Elijah can be received through humble mentorship in the school of prayer. Everything about prayer is received by praying. The only way to learn prayer is to pray and join others who know better than us to pray. The spirit of prayer is contiguous, when you spend time always in prayer with the Holy Ghost or in an environment of praying people you will begin to contact that spirit if you have the desire. You can't love praying and see praying environment without something jerking inside you. That is a sign to you that the same spirit of Elijah is within you waiting to be aloud to manifest through a habit of constant earnest prayers.

In the same vein, all prophetic and Apostolic anointing are transferable. Therefore, if you must fulfill your ministry gloriously like others you must connect to that foundation through mentorship. If you are not going to remain a stranger and a foreigner to the mysteries of the kingdom, you must also be built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone in whom the whole building fitly framed together growth..., Eph. 2:19-22.

Conclusion

When you grow restless



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The Spirit and Power of Elijah

Many people today even some believers in Christ or ministers of the Gospel are like Issachar. Though prophetically strong but like an ass they are bowed down between two burdens. *In order to feed in the land where he found bread he accepted to become a slave unto tribute, Genesis 49:14,15.* How long shall Zion remain a reproach and by word among the people? Isaiah 66:7-9.

The church has become like Esau, living without the bounties of her inheritance, kings they are but their slaves are riding on horses while they crawl around begging for bread. These abnormalities must be redressed now as you become restless. *Yes, this error must be corrected now or never!! "You will live by the sword and you will serve your brother. But when you grow restless you will throw his yoke from off your neck," Gen, 27:40, NIV.* Whenever you grow restless you will wrestle with destiny and prevail like Jacob, Gen. 32:23-28. until you wrestle with destiny out of anguish and restlessness you will not find rest at all.

The spirit of Elijah only rests upon restless people. The power of Elijah is for restless travellers. Until you grow uncomfortable, unhappy with your life, and the seemingly bleak future of your posterity, until you become unsatisfied with the status quo you may not receive the spirit of Elijah. *How do you know, you are about to contact the power of Elijah?* It is when

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everything around you is becoming uncomfortable, unsatisfactory, restless and uneasy. It is when your spirit within is about to burn out and you are angry with your status quo and the state of affairs around you and the church of Christ.

How do you know the time is set?

When you are ready to determine who is who in the affairs of your life, family, church of God and your nation. It is when you are willing to give up everything for some time to seek the face of God. Then and only then will the mantle of Elijah be released unto you from the heavens. Are you restless now? Begin to pray, wrestle and wait for the mantle shall come. Receive today the spirit of Elijah. Travail today and break the yoke off your neck. Enough is enough! Pray now.

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