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(An Invitation to The Apostolic and Prophetic 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 and then is your life turned around for the best. Only there and then is every valley of

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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).

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 offour wallso 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.

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 õto the liberation of the world from all the oppressions of the devil.ö

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 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 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 othe Spirit of the Prophets, of 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?

# 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 tuned 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 brings you into the realm of excellence and fulfillment in life. As the word gate connotes the main entrance into a 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 an encounter with God's ordained prophets who carry the secrets 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, one can Rhema of the prophets or the written word of God.

õSaul approached Samuel in the *Gateway* and asked, õwould you please tell me where the seer's house is?ö (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, me Samuel that Saul was ushered into God's divine purpose, plan and programme for his life as 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 helplessly for the lost treasures of his father,

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 efforts 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.

"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 or 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", (I 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

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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 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 õin all his heart may tell him to doö (1 Sam. 10:7). Form 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.

In the midst of all these confusions and deceptions in the

world what every serious soul needs now is divine direction, which is only available at the prophetic gate. The goal of Saul's trip to Samuel's house was õso tat he may tell us what way to takeö, (1 Sam. 9:8). Whenever a man locates his placement at the prophetic gate of destiny his life gains a high speed.

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

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## 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 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 is (his confidants) their sole duty is to proclaim it (i.e.) to prophesy. A prophets 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 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.

Bishop David Oyedepo rightly said, õProphets 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.ö<sup>1</sup> *And by a prophet the Lord brought* 

Israel out of Egypt and by a prophet was he preserved them." Hosea 12:13, Ps. 103. 20; 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 human 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 Egyptain bondage he sent Moses. Joshua was sent to conquer and divide the Promised Land unto them. 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.

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 district 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 there is given through the spirit the message of wisdom... to another prophecy," 1 Cor. 12:7-11. While the Holy Spirit gives to every one these spiritual gifts including prophecy as he determines, the prophetic office is the exclusive reserve of those who are called into that office. õIn the church at Antioch, there were prophets and teachers": Acts 13:1. The prophets and teachers occupied their ministerial offices in that category amidst of other spirit filled believers who also could prophesy through the general manifestation of the spiritual gift of prophecy to the body of Christ. õBut every one who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort," 1 Cor. 13:3. The Holy Spirit gives the gift of prophecy for the purpose of edification, exhortation and comfort of God's people. But the prophet speaking form 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 prophetic 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 prophesized unto him how mighty he should be used of the Lord, (Acts 9:15-18).

These kind of predictive or directive prophecies were from the office of N.T. prophets. Today God is great by 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 prophets mentor or beget prophets, and only the prophetic gate transforms destinies of men.

#### **DIVINE AGENTS OF CHANGE**

Whenever God wants to introduce a new era in his operations a prophet is sent. Prophets are divine agents for change, priest 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 who continued the same line of dynasty were in most cases anointed by a priest. In other word, õKings chosen by God to rule over his people who were not in a line a dynastic

succession were anointed by prophets<sup>2</sup>, (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, 2 Kgs. 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 indepth 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 sinqua-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

#### 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).

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- (b) He is a man of great integrity whom none of his clients or any one else can genuinely accuse of filty 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.

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a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble and that day that is coming will set them in 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 speedingly 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, tenorism, confusion, depression, and all forms of evil 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 he 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 of the twin ministries of the apostles and the prophets. 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; 2 Tim. 2:19). õNow 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 apostle) as the Chief cornerstone. In whom the whole building is joined and risesí öEph. 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 OF 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 mountain of the Lord will be established as chief among all the mountains. That is, the church shall be in the lead above all others.

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 be 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 sprit to God's Holy apostles and prophets, (Eph. 3:44,5).

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 apostles. Other apostles and prophets also caught some insight into God's revelation of the N.T. church. It was only the O.T. prophets 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.

õConcerning 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 world followö, 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 lost of

those apostolic and prophetic ministries in the church.

Such havoes, which resulted 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 cannot be qualified.

õAs a state religion the church or Christianity gradually lost every ounce of the õliving faithö in the heart of people. The church became so dead to the extent that pious people began to theologize that 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 work or indulgence sold by the pope, until such satanic deception and apostasy was exposed and vehemently challenged by the early reformers.

Through such men 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 Marin 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 reformation, therefore, gave birth to many other restorations of vital biblical truth in the body of Christ since then. Such breed of õChampions of the faithö 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 wave of Satan induced worldliness, carnality, corruption and apostasy in today's church. Such are God's danger men needed to bit down the wave 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 these 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 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. Your 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 õOmega pointö (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. 2:1-3. God himself is restoring and strengthening the frame of the church of Christ worldwide. You are highly blessed to be a part of 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 emergency of the glorious church. The rising of the unstoppable generation, õthey that shall be of the (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 are the:

- Builders of old waste places,
- Repairers 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 out 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 transformed until she emerges an impeccable reflexion of the physical

body of Christ while on earth. The body of Christ Jesus on earth was unquestionably 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 õOmega pointö, when she will demonstrate the manifold wisdom of God unto the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, (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 national life 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 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 you prophetic destiny as you tap into the unction 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.

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 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 for the next group of Apostles.

"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 set 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, "Act 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 times set for them through 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 your 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 or 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 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. õFrom these the nations spread out over the earth after the floodö Gen. 10:32. could you imagine that the 14 nations, that came from Japheth plus the 30 from Ham