

Is A New Wave Of Visitation Coming?

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“Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month” (Joel 2: 23).

“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come faith the LORD of hosts” (Malachi 3: 1).

There is a sense in my spirit that the church of God in this country and indeed world-wide, is at the verge of another mighty awakening of the spirit. This move is going to be unprecedented, and it will break out in the most unusual circumstances. It is going to begin in an unusual, small and gradual way, but it will be strong, robust, and it will gain ground, and cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The Lord will visit, he will return and he will build again the tabernacle of David that is fallen down. The tabernacle of David indeed is fallen down, the ruins of it we see all around us. The glory indeed has departed from the church, and the ground has become fallow. The moderate rain that the Lord gave earlier is fizzling out, the depth of his presence has become a shadow, and the substance is lost. Fellowship has become largely artificial and superficial, and we see no more our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there any among us that can discern the times (Psalm 74: 9).

The word of the Lord has become unto us precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; and many have fallen backward, and are broken, and snared, and taken (Isaiah 28: 13). But the Lord is set to return to his house to rescue the

situation. He will build again the tabernacle of David that is fallen down, and he will build again the ruins thereof, and he will set it up so that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the gentiles shall return and call his name.

This Present Situation Shall Give Way For A Time Of Refreshing From The Presence Of The Lord

“And he shall send Jesus Christ unto you, whom the heaven has retained until the TIMES OF THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS, which God has spoken of by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began” (Acts 3: 20-21). Before the Lord’s second coming, there will be a mighty visitation. It shall be a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, a time of restoration of power, authority, and character in the church. Before He comes for the church, he will come in the church. He will return to his church in great power to rebuild the ruins in the church. Behold, I will send the messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD whom you seek, shall come suddenly into his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come saith the Lord of hosts (Malachi 3: 1).

The Lord is Coming IN us, TO us, FOR us, and WITH us

In the new testament Greek, the word ‘Coming’ is mainly represented by two Greek words ‘Parousia’ and ‘Erchomai’. *Parousia* means present presence, a being present, a coming to a place; presence, coming or arrival. The term *Parousia* refers to the Second Coming of the Lord, but the second coming in this case is not just one event taking place at a particular time. Rather it is made up of a series of event, it is the Lord coming in his people. **Thus, the coming of the Lord or His Parousia consists of several comings which are in reality stages of a continuous process.** *Erchomai* on the other hand means to come again, back, to return. *Erchomenon* is the noun form of *Erchomai*, is translated “Coming or Arrival”. The third meaning is *Phanero*, which means to make apparent, manifest, known, or to show openly. The *Parousia* of the Lord is the coming of the Lord in His church. The Lord will come in His church (*Parousia*) before He comes for the Church (*Erchomenon*).

Jesus is Coming IN Us

First of all, Christ is presently coming IN us. Christ IN us is a present reality – to form His character and likeness in us “*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory*” (Colossians 1: 27). There is a present reality of Christ working IN us, Christ living IN us, Christ dwelling IN our hearts by faith to perfect His image and likeness in us. “*Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man loves me, he will keep my words: and my father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him*” (John 14: 23). “*Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world*” (I John 4:4). “*My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you*” (Galatians 4: 19). Daily, as we fellowship with one another, and as we learn to yield and submit ourselves to Him, He is coming in us, He is being formed in us. As we speak the truth in love to one another, we are growing up to Him in all things, who is the head, even Christ (Ephesians 4: 15). This is the first phase of His coming.

Jesus is Coming TO Us

His coming IN us prepares us for His coming TO us. “*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began*” (Acts 3: 19-20). His coming to us is described in the scriptures as ... times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto us: whom the heaven will retain until the restoration of all things.

Hosea described it as *“Come, let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn us, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth shall be prepared as the morning; and He shall come un ‘TO’ us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unTo the earth”* (Hosea 6: 1-3). The Lord comes to us in times of refreshing in the form of revivals and visitations. *“Behold, I will send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me, and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in, behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner’s fire, and like a fuller’s soap. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness”* (Malachi 3: 1 – 3). So, the Lord comes IN us to prepare us for His coming TO us, which in turn prepares us for His coming FOR us.

Jesus is Coming FOR Us

He shall come for us. *“But I will not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so, shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words”* (I Thessalonians 4: 13-18). *“Behold I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality “(I Corinthians 15: 51-52). “If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come”* (Job 14:14).

Jesus is Coming WITH Us

His coming FOR us is to prepare us for His coming WITH us when we shall execute judgement on the earth. *“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints, to execute judgement upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him”* (Jude 14). *“The LORD said unto my Lord, sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth”* (Psalm 110: 1-3). *“But the saints of the most high shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever”* (Daniel 7: 18).

His COMING To Us In A Mighty Visitation Is Imminent

“Oh Lord, I have heard thy speech and was afraid. Oh Lord, REVIVE thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make it known. In wrath remember mercy” (Habakkuk 3:2). In response to this prayer, *“GOD CAME..... His glory covered the heavens and the earth was full of his praise. And his brightness was as light, he had horns coming out of his hand. And there was the hiding of his power”* (Habakkuk 3:3-4). God is coming, are we ready for his coming? Isaiah 64: 1-2 speaks of God coming: *“Oh that thou wouldst rend the heavens and COME DOWN, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence.... That the nations might tremble at thy presence”* when God COMES, fearful, wonderful things happen. We see an example of this in Acts 2:1-2 *“when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all in one accord in one place and suddenly there*

came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting” GOD CAME on the day of Pentecost.

The church has been with child, and have been in pain, but have instead brought forth wind; and have not wrought any deliverance in the earth ([Isaiah 26:18](#)). This narrative is about to change, and we shall see the Lord whom we have been waiting for, come suddenly back into the church ([Malachi 3:1](#)). The season that we are in are seasons of great pain and great distress. The entire world has been reeling back and forth under the deadly attack of an unseen enemy. Virtually every nation of the earth has felt the pangs of this evil and devastating enemy. The whole of creation is groaning and travailing in pain as it were. Nations of the world are greatly troubled on virtually every side.

Nations are rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: we see famines, earthquakes, and pestilences (pandemics) all over the places ([Mathew 24:7](#)). Yet all of these are the beginning of sorrow. The nations of the world Nigeria inclusive have witnessed wanton, unrestrained and vicious destruction of innocent lives and property in the recent times. *“And many false prophets shall rise, and deceive many. Iniquity will abound, and the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved,for then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days be shortened, there shall no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened”* ([Mathew 24: 8-13, 21-22](#)). Darkness indeed shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people, but God shall make a way for his people *“Arise and shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and the glory of the Lord shall be seen upon the people of the Lord”* ([Isaiah 60:1-2](#)).

God has promised that because of the elect the days shall be shortened, the Lord surely will make a way for the elect of God to be saved and delivered. The true church of God is with a child travailing in birth waiting to be delivered. It would appear that in the midst of this tremendous stress that we may be going through as a people at the moment, God shall step in to renew our strength, and realign his own people to his purpose. The Lord shall bring forth a people who shall be caught up to the throne of God. A time of refreshing shall come forth from the presence of the Lord to his people in this evening time. And it shall be a mighty visitation. *“for I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God”* ([Romans 8: 18-19](#)).

We must prepare our hearts, and return to the Lord in repentance, so that this time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord will come to us ([Acts 3: 19-20](#)). As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth. The creations are troubled and are in deep groaning waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. *“As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise”* ([Proverbs 27:21](#)). *“The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts”* ([Proverbs 17:3](#)). It is only in the fining pot that the silver is purified, so also the gold is only purified when subjected to the fiery furnace. God’s people shall be tried with fire and only after then shall they be in a position to offer true praise to God Almighty. David declared *“Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer”* ([Psalm 4:1](#)).

These are trying times but we shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, and the Lord shall prepare us and get us ready to reveal Himself in us in these last days. Though now for a season, things might be difficult, and we may be in heaviness through manifold trials and temptations. The wicked, even our enemies have encamped against us to eat up our flesh. The pressure all around us is palpable and intense, and the pressure of the battle is daily rising against

us in our minds and in our physical bodies, but our hearts shall not fear. The Lord shall lift up my head above mine enemies. In this troublous times, he shall hide me in his pavilion, and in the secret place of his tabernacle, and he shall set me up upon the rock (**Psalm 27**). *“The trial of our faith is much more precious than gold that perisheth, though we may be tried with fire, we shall be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of our Lord” (I Peter 1:5-7).*

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pain to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven, and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, and for devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God, and his throne” (Revelation 12: 1-5).

He Shall Restore The Church

“..... the floors shall be full of wheat and the wine and oil vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm.” (Joel 2: 24-25).

The Lord made very clear what he meant by restoration. The cankerworm, caterpillar, palmerworm and locusts are four grubs – one attacks the fruit, one attacks the leaf, one attacks the branch, and the last attacks the root. When those four grubs have worked their havoc on a tree or a plant, the life would have been sapped away. It is a situation that is pretty hopeless.

Much of what is going on in the denominations today are expressions of the cankerworm, caterpillar, palmerworm and locust. The glory has departed from the church. ICHABOD is written on the doorstep of our churches today. The four grubs have sapped out spiritual life out of the churches. The Lord is promising that all the lost years – when there was no harvest, no life, no fruitfulness will be recovered. He is coming to give a harvest that equals the sum total of all the years of lost harvest. He will make up and restore all that was lost. This is going to be a tremendous harvest. There aren't going to be enough churches to hold the harvest that is coming, to contain all the souls that the Lord will recover and save. Joel went on to prophesy *“And it shall come to pass, (In the last days) that WHOSOEVER shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered...” (Joel 2: 32).*

That is what we are expecting, great universal movings of God's spirit around the world. Zechariah prophesied that *“many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day” (Zechariah 2: 11).* Think of it, nations turning to God with short time frame – God can do it. God changed the whole of the British Empire through the ministry of one man, John Wesley. When God's time comes for seasons of refreshing of refreshing He looks for obedient people who are moving in synchronous relationship with His seasons, who can discern his times, who know and follow His leadings. With such persons God can produce unbelievable results, very fast and beyond human reasonings.

I believe the finest moments of the church is still ahead of us. I am convinced, and I believe that the Acts of the Apostles will be kindergarten when compared to what is coming. The promised rain shall be an unprecedented rain. There will be nothing like it in the history of man. *“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert” (Isaiah 43: 19), “Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth, I tell you of them” (Isaiah 42: 9). “And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both ears of everyone that heareth it shall tingle” (I Samuel 3: 11).*

The Later Rain

What's the scope of this great visitation that we are praying and looking forward to? *"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the FORMER rain MODERATELY...."* (Joel 2:23).

In Israel the FORMER or early rain comes in autumn (October - November), it is the first or early rain that comes each year. This rain prepares the fields for plowing and planting. What we saw in the revivals that swept through the world including the one that swept through this country after the civil war in the late sixties to the early eighties was a moderate rain. It was not a torrential rain. We did not see *"bright clouds"*, filled with lightening and thunder. It was a moderate rain. The more powerful rain is yet to come

We have enjoyed this former rain moderately, but *"..... he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the later rain in the first (same) month"* (Joel 2:23). Joel promised the latter rain, WHICH IS SEVEN TIMES GREATER than the former (early) rain. He also said that both the former and later rains would come together – this is supernatural, this is unprecedented. This is a spiritual storm that is coming in unprecedented proportions. No single individual or denomination will be able to control this great move unlike previous moves of the spirit. It will not carry the label of any individual or denomination. It will be too big to be domiciled in one single denomination or controlled by one individual or group of individuals. It is going to be a deluge. What is coming is the sowing rain and the harvest rain (early and latter rain) all at once. This is unprecedented. May we be ready for this great move.

Nothing short of this deluge will bring down the spiritual wickedness that exist in the heavenly places at this time. It is going to take the strong manifestation of God's power to topple the massive demonic principalities that control the new age order, the occult powers, and the spirit of the bond woman that exists in and around our governments and nations around the world. To dethrone the demonic principalities that restrain the penetration of the gospel across the world, God is going to have to come forth with tremendous power. There is going to be confrontation and conflict in the heavens as never has been seen in the history of man.

As God comes forth and starts shaking the heavens and the earth in a mighty, mighty outpouring of His power and His spirit, we can expect an overflowing harvest. Joel 2: 24-25 describes what is going to happen when this great outpouring begins *"..... the floors shall be full of wheat and wine and oil vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm..."*. Truly Jesus pointed out that *"...the harvest is the end of the age"* (Mathew 13:39). It will indeed be a great harvest of unimaginable proportions and scope. May God grant us the faith to help gather in this great harvest.

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