



Is A New Wave Of Visitation Coming? [Part 2]

Blow the Trumpet in Zion

I believe very firmly that the Lord our God is making a proclamation throughout the body of Christ. God is speaking to his people in a very special way, and he is causing a proclamation to go forth. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, is presently speaking to us in these last days by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds" (**Hebrews 1: 1-2**). God is indeed speaking and making declarations to us by his Son through the ministry of the Holy spirit among us like he has not done in the recent past.

The Lord is stirring up the spirit of his servants as his word is being revealed to our hearts afresh by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord is making a strong proclamation to his body through the mouth of his servants. We need to listen to this proclamation and write it down, and prepare ourselves for the great outpouring of the spirit that is ahead of us. The Lord is blowing the trumpet in Zion, and sounding an alarm upon his holy mountain let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh and it is at hand (**Joel 2: 1**).

It is consistent with God's principles and patterns throughout scriptures to call the attention of his people to significant and important milestones and also give direction to the church through the blowing of the trumpets and or sounding of the alarm through holy spirit inspired proclamations among God's people by the mouth of his servants "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, make thee two trumpets of silver: of a whole piece shalt thou make them: **that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps**" (**Numbers 10: 1-2**).

It is important for us to discern and decipher properly the sound of the trumpet so that we can take actions that are consistent with the message that the Lord is sending from time to

time. We must correctly understand the sound of the trumpet. If you don't understand the meaning of the sound how can you respond appropriately to the sound.

When Moses blows both the trumpet and the alarm, all the assembly shall gather to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, but if he blows with one trumpet only the princes who are the heads of the thousand will gather. But when he blows with the alarm it is the camp that is on the east side that will rise and move forward first, and when he blows the alarm the second time, the camps that lie on the south will be the ones to take their journey and move first. In essence the alarm is blown when it is time for the camps to move forward, while the trumpet is blown when the congregation needs to gather together for instructions (**Numbers 10: 3-7**).

It is therefore extremely important to listen to the message that is being passed out and get it clearly each time a proclamation is made by the spirit otherwise there will be a wrong move which can be sometimes costly. "And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if a trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for battle?" (**1 Corinthians 14: 7-8**). And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way: and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light: to go by day and night: he took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor pillar of fire by night, from before the people (**Exodus 13: 21-22**).

The Midnight Cry

Matthew 25:1 (KJV Strong's) "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom". The time of the Lord's visitation is upon us as it was for the virgins at midnight.

*"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And **at midnight** there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him" (Mathew 25:5-6).*

While the bridegroom tarried, the ten virgins which took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom began to slumber and eventually they all slept off. The ten virgins started out with great zeal and excitement. They took their lamps and separated themselves from everything that was going on around them, and they went out to meet the bridegroom. They had no idea how long this will take, they had no idea what challenges they were likely to meet on this path that they have chosen, but the overriding desire in their hearts was to meet the bridegroom and be united with him.

The kingdom of God shall be likened to these ten virgins. The ten virgins presented to us in Mathew 25 is a type of the church and the plan of God for the church in these last days. Just like the ten virgins the zeal and the enthusiasm of the church began to wane as the bridegroom delayed in showing up. This decline was gradual. They began first to slumber and then they slept off completely. To slumber means to be in a state of very light state sleep, almost awake. To slumber is to sleep lightly or to doze off, sleep for a short time, nap, to be dull or half asleep.

The enemy takes advantage of our tiredness, exhaustion, and sometimes our carelessness and begins to creep into our lives and ministry in a gradual and innocuous manner. By the time we know it, we have lost all control and slept off completely. But God has a way of ushering in, a season of midnight, in our lives which ultimately brings a change and a transformation into our lives. **At midnight a cry was made.** There is usually a season of midnight in a man's life. Midnight is a dark season, but God sends us help in the middle of our midnight. God gives us an opportunity to hear the midnight cry and to wake up from our sleep. Our midnight season can be our season of transformation. Our midnight season can

be an opportunity for us to wake up and trim our lamps so that we can shine better for our Lord.

The shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

There is a midnight cry going on in this midnight season of the church. There is a midnight cry warning us about a new visitation that is just ahead of us. We need to wake up from our slumber, we need to get up and trim our lamps so that we can be part of this great visitation that is coming "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof" (**Romans 13: 11-14**).

A Time of Refreshing from the Presence of the Lord is Imminent

*"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" (**Acts 3:19**).*

We are enjoined by the Lord to repent and be converted because a time of refreshing is coming so that the time of refreshing can come from the presence of the Lord.

It is the Lord that is bringing this time of refreshing. The time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. It is the Lord that will trigger it, and cause it to come to his people. The time of refreshing will not be staged managed by man, it will not be orchestrated or managed by any organization or denomination. The Lord alone is the source of this time of refreshing. It is called a time of refreshing because it is a time when the Lord will visit his people to rejuvenate, renew, renovate, and restore his people.

The Lord will restore the lost strength of the church. He will invigorate the church and bring back the lost glory to his house. This time of refreshing spent is coming. It is coming in the midnight hour. It is coming in the evening time. In the evening time there shall be light. The Lord will cause the weary to rest, and heirs at hand will bring refreshing to his people "To whom he said, this is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest, and this is the refreshing: yet ye would not hear" (**Isaiah 28: 12**). "After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord...." (**Acts 15: 16-17**).

We must return to the Lord in repentance and true conversion of the heart, and then the refreshing shall come unto us. "... In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength, and ye would not" (**Isaiah 30: 15**). We have removed the old landmarks which our fathers in the faith have set (**Proverbs 22: 28**). The denominations as we have them today especially the Pentecostal churches have oppressed the people of God, and have totally abandoned the old landmarks. My people have committed two evils, they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water (**Jeremiah 2:13**).

The book of Job Chapter 24 brings this out very clearly, "Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days? Some have removed the landmarks, they violently take away flocks, and feed thereof. They drive away the ass of

the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge. They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together. Behold as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work, rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness yielded food for them and their children. They reap everyone his corn in the field. They gather the vintage of the wicked. They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold. They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter. They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor. They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry...` (Job 24: 1-10).

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 fullers' soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and a 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. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, as in former years (Malachi 3:1-4).

The Lord will visit us, he will come suddenly into our midst, he will come at a time we least expect him to. The Lord God Almighty will show up with his glory and power in settings that we least expect him to. And when he shows up, he will sit as a refiner's fire, and he will take his time to do a deep and a lasting work in his people. He will do a work in his people similar to what a purifier of silver does, he will purge his people as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the people of God shall offer unto the Lord a pleasant offering as in the days of old. Indeed, this visitation of the Lord is upon us.

Signs of His Visitation

The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and testing him, desired that he would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, when it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky, but can ye not discern the signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed (Mathew 16: 1-4).

Jesus asked the Pharisees and the Sadducees "can you not discern the signs of the times?" this question implies that God gives to every generation a sign which indicates what He is getting ready to do. Men and women of spiritual perception should be able to read those signs, and understand God's plan for their time. The Apostle Paul spoke about "... having your senses exercised to discern..." (Hebrews 5:14). With spiritual maturity comes the ability to discern. As we grow in the Lord, we begin to develop spiritual senses that cause us to know God's purpose and plans so we can fit in and cooperate with them and also help the children of God all over fit in as well. As we learn to read God's signs, and as our spiritual senses mature, we are able not only to know God's seasons, but to work in proper relationship with them.

A farmer for instance knows that there are specific times of the year when the fields need to be plowed, there is a specific time when you as a farmer starts planting, if you are late in planting you might miss the harvest for that year. If you do not break your fallow grounds in tandem with the seasons that the Almighty God has established, you are not likely to be a successful farmer. So, it is with the Lord's work. We need to know what God's seasons are so we can line up and cooperate with His plowing, sowing, and reaping times and seasons. In this way, we become labourers together with God.

Concerning the Thessalonica church Paul wrote “As to the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you” (1 Thessalonians 5:1). The Thessalonica church was full of mature believers. Paul remarked about this church in 1 Thessalonians Chapter 1 Verse 8 that “From you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad, so that we need not to speak anything. What an amazing church. This church was actively spreading the gospel, sharing their faith in Christ everywhere. All the evidence of maturity can be seen in them. They already had an idea of God’s times and seasons. They were in touch with the evidence around them of what the Lord wanted to do, and were flowing in cooperation with them. This way it was no problem at all for them to discern God’s times and seasons.

In the book of 1 Chronicles we read: “The sons of Issachar were men that had understanding of the times (seasons) to know what Israel ought to do”. May this be our prayer that the Lord in his mercies will raise among us mature men and women who are like the sons of Issachar. May the Lord raise men and women who will have an understanding of what the Lord is doing, and also recognize His times and seasons, and cooperate with it. This is crucial for the visitation that is coming.

God’s People are His Signs

“Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given to me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion” (Isaiah 8:18). This verse gives an indication that the Lord’s people are His signboard. What the Lord is doing among His people and through his people is a sign that we can pay attention to in order to gain understanding into what the Lord is doing or about to do. This is also true of the natural Israel.

In Mathew Chapter 5 the Lord declared that his people shall be the compass by which the rest of the world will be measured. God’s people are the radar through which the rest of the world are detected and located. Jesus said ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven (Mathew 5: 13-16).

God’s people determine the extent of God’s visitation in the earth. They are the barometers of God’s outpouring and visitation in the earth. The church therefore needs to seek the Lord in repentance and bring forth fruit worthy of repentance so that the Lord can visit his people in a mighty way. The Lord’s people are the gateway to revival. The church is the vehicle of God’s expression in the earth. The heavens will continue to withhold divine visitations until the church is restored, until the church has made herself ready. Only those who were ready went in with him to the marriage (natural Israel Mathew 5:10), “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 3:21).

The Church needs to break up her fallow grounds so that the imminent visitation can come quickly. We need to sow to ourselves in righteousness, build strong relationships among ourselves and relate to one another in love and kindness; we need to reap in mercy and understand that it is all by the mercies of God alone and not by our own strength. We need to also break our fallow grounds, forgive one another and humble ourselves under the mighty hands of God: for it is time for us to seek the LORD in sincerity and truth, so that He can come down in a great visitation, and rain righteousness upon us as never before (Hosea 3:12). The Lord has promised that he will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and

floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring (**Isaiah 44: 3**). Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled (**Mathew 5: 6**).

Leadership Change as a Sign

All through scriptures when God is getting ready to visit his people or to do a fresh work there is usually a leadership change. "Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses" (**Joshua 1: 1-3**). At this critical point in Israel Moses had to be removed and taken out of the way. Moses had to die and be taken out of the way before the people of God could arise and begin to take possession of the land of promise. There was a change of leadership before the people of God could be ushered into this new day in God.

"In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple" (**Isaiah 6:1**). It took the removal of Uzziah the king for Isaiah the prophet to be ushered into a new dimension of glory. In the year that king Uzziah died Isaiah saw and experienced a new visitation of the Lord. Leadership had to change at this point for there to be a new awakening and a new visitation of the Lord in the midst of his people. For there to be a new visitation the Lord will have to remove the head and shoulder government of Saul. Saul was from his shoulders and upward higher than anyone else in the whole of Israel. Saul was larger than life, he had the rule over the people and he oppressed them. But the lord had to take Saul out of the way so that his eternal purpose for Israel can be fulfilled "And the Lord said unto Samuel, how long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons" (**1 Samuel 16:1**).

John the Baptist had to be taken completely out of the scene before the full unfolding of Jesus ministry could take place. The disciples of John came to him complaining that Jesus and his disciples were getting more recognition than they "And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven, ye yourself bear me witness, that I said, I am not Christ, but that I am sent before him, he must increase, but I must decrease" (**John 3: 26-30**). We must decrease so that he can increase. Everything that exalts man must give way so that the divine can come in. The Lord will take away carnal leadership so that he may establish a leadership that is divine.

In the coming months and years there is definitely going to be a change of guards in the leadership of the church. The head and shoulders government of Saul will give way for a Davidic company of leadership. The new leadership will be relatively unknown with virtually no titles but the hand of the Almighty will be on them. Like David they are men and women that God has raised and trained in the secret. These are men and women who will not require the huge armor of Saul to go against Goliath, they will not require the huge sword of Saul to take on Goliath either. They will be men and women with slings in their hands. They will be simple, humble in their approach. They will not seek to build kingdoms around themselves or to project themselves, but they will be filled with so much glory and power. The Lord will take away what we know as the old so that he can establish the new.

The Lord will send the rod of his strength out of Zion to rule in the midst of his enemies (He will raise a new leadership), The Lord's people will be willing in the day of His power. The Lord will cause saviours (a new generation of leaders) to come up upon mount Zion to

judge the mount of Esau (the carnal life style of his people): and the kingdom shall be the Lord's (**Psalm 110:3; Obadiah 1:21**).

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