

God’s Strategy for The End-Time Church

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. We just returned from an amazing trip to Dallas where we joined close to 250 by-invitation-only leaders and individuals from 15 nations around the world, to seek the Lord and to hear what He is saying to His Church in this crucial hour! It was an amazing time! Many had trouble getting there because of the winter storm that hit right as we were gathering, but most finally made it!
- B. We are living in very trying times and it is important that we know what God’s purpose and strategy is for us, His church at this crucial hour. We are not to pull back in fear—but we are to advance as God’s prophetic church to lead the way like, **“...The sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...” (1Chr. 12:32)**

II. GOD IS FIERCELY COMMITTED TO HIS HOUSE

- A. **It is important that we realize that God’s House shall be called, a house of prayer.** We are not just to be called a church, or God’s people—but we are called to be a house of prayer. Jesus is fiercely committed to this idea and we cannot escape this reality!
- “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for My salvation is about to come, and My righteousness to be revealed...even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer... For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations!” (Isa. 56:1,7).***
- B. **Jesus is fiercely committed to building His Father’s house of prayer in all nations for the sake of all nations** (Isa. 56:7; Mt. 16:18-19; Jn. 2:17). This “house” is characterized by worship-driven prayer, fueled by the beauty of Jesus. It is ***for missions, with worship, from intimacy.***
- C. One of the most surprising and offensive realities to the natural mind is that God’s means of changing the understanding and expression of Christianity is through shaking (Hag. 2:6-9).

III. THE PRIMARY CATALYST FOR AWAKENING IS GLOBAL SHAKING

- A. **Amid the saber rattling of dictators like communist Russia and China,** we need to remember that God promised to **shake everything** that can be shaken to bring forth an unshakable kingdom in the earth. ***“Ask of Me and I will give you the nations for Your inheritance and then ends of the earth for Your possession” (Psa. 2:8)***
- B. **It will purify His people, bring in the great harvest of souls, including the salvation of Israel, and remove everything that hinders our love for Him.** Without fail, **every nation** will be impacted by this shaking, thus bringing forth Jesus’ inheritance (Ps. 2:8).
- “I will shake heaven...earth, the sea and dry land; ⁷...I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations [Jesus]...*” says the LORD. (Hag. 2:6; and Heb. 12:25-29)**
- C. **The Lord is creating a global crisis with no solution apart from Him.** Make no mistake, He is the **primary source** of this shaking (Hag. 2:6-9, 21), although creation’s groan (Rom. 8:22), the sin of man (Dan. 8:23), and Satan’s rage (Rev. 12:12) will all be dynamically involved.

¹¹The LORD will... reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth [materialism—things we vainly put our trust in]; people shall worship Him, each one from his place, indeed all the shores of the nations. (Zeph. 2:11)

IV. OUR DYNAMIC ROLE IN CHANGING HISTORY THROUGH PRAYER

- A. **Here is an amazing reality in the midst of it all: God is bringing forth the shaking through prayer!** Both dimensions of God’s glory—revival (Acts 16:25-26; Rev. 12:10) and judgment (Rev. 6; 8-9; 15-16)—will shake the earth through intensely committed prayer (and fasting).

*¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; ¹⁶Gather the people...
²⁸And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions....
³²...it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. (Joel 2:15–32; and Acts 2:17-19)*

- B. **The praying Church are the only ones on earth that have been given the authority to bind the kingdom of darkness and loose the glory of God** (Mt. 16:18-19). Therefore, we have a dynamic intercessory responsibility that will change history forever, releasing victory over Satan (Dan. 10; 12:1; Rev. 20:1-3), and the greatest global revival (Jn. 14:12; Acts 2:17-19; Rev. 12:10).

- C. **The measure of God’s glory hangs on the response of the praying Church in a geographic region** (2 Chr. 7:14; Jer. 29:7; Ezek. 22:30; Num. 14:21; Ps. 72:19; Isa. 11:9; Hab. 2:14; Acts 17:26). Case and point: **“Something supernatural happens when you pray an hour a day!” (Dr. Yonggi Cho)**

“And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the Word of God with boldness.” (Acts 4:31).

- D. **It is amazing that the eternal, uncreated, and infinite God has it in His heart to reason with men, even changing His mind, based upon our response of faith toward Him in prayer.** God actually listens and reasons with us as we stand in His counsel of the Lord. (Jer. 23:22)
- E. Moses stood in the gap before the Lord and *reasoned* with Him concerning Israel multiple times (Ex. 32:7-14; Num. 16:1-41; 16:41-50; Ps. 106:21-23).
- F. Amos appealed to God’s mercy and changed His mind. (Amos 7:1-6)
- G. Abraham reasoned with God concerning Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen. 18:17-33)
- H. God relented from Nineveh’s judgment (Jon. 3:1-10; Mt. 12:41; Lk. 11:32).
- I. **The praying church is God’s mercy strategy before the final decree is issued for each nation.** we now have time (Zeph 2:1-3), but once it has been determined, there will be no more time (Jer. 7:16; 11:14; 14:11; Rev. 15:8). *¹⁸The LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you...¹⁹He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you. (Isa. 30:18-19). ⁷I have set watchmen...they shall never hold their peace... (Isa. 62:7)*