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The Manifest Presence of God

We're living in very challenging times, to say the least. As we see all the conflict in the world today remember, Jesus foretold that this would happen before his return (cf. Matt. 24:4-7; Luke 21:9-26; 2 Tim. 3:1-7; 4:3).

All the signs are evident if you only look around. In Romans 8:22, "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. The words in verse 22 of Romans is happening before our very eyes.

One minute the top priority is the war in Iraq, the next minute its reports of earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes and flooding. America, this year has seen the greatest catastrophe recorded in history, with thousands killed and multitudes homeless. Worldwide catastrophes are happening so fast, that it is hard to keep track of these horrific events with others on the horizon. America has devised a land for peace plan between Israel and the Palestinians. I believe eventually this plan will weaken Israel, ushering in what was prophesied in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39. Need more signs?

Hold on now—there's a whole lotta shakin' goin' on! It says in Hebrews 12:26-29 that God will shake not only the earth, but also heaven. The kingdoms of the world and the works of mankind (i.e. the economy, the stock market, et.al.) are being shaken right now. So too is the household of God. "For the time has come for judgment to begin at the House of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?" (1 Pet. 4:17). He is shaking out apathy and our sinful, carnal natures and bringing us to a new maturity. He is calling us to consecrate and sanctify every area of our lives, with humility and an attitude of gratitude, we will serve the Lord. It says in Joel 2:13, "And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of evil. Yet, the true church is receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. Only the Heavenly and spiritual realities—His presence and His glory—may remain." That which is ordained of him in our lives will flourish.

My friend, if you haven't been able to discern the times, you must be an "ostrich" Christian! Jesus told the Pharisees in Luke 12:56, "... you know how to discern the weather, but you don't know how to discern the coming of the Lord!" The true believers in Christ will be like the sons of Issachar, who had an understanding of the times (1 Chron. 12:32). There is a critical and judgmental spirit in many churches and in the land that is resisting the flow and the movement of the Holy Spirit for signs, wonders and miracles. The gifts of the spirit are not allowed to be manifested in the churches as it might offend someone. It's a comprising message for itchy ears based on self and not the kingdom of God; they don't speak about sin and holiness is not important. Many preachers are calling themselves motivational speakers or life coaches not holy bible preaching Men of God. Many minister's websites don't mention the Name of Jesus and don't post their doctrinal statements anymore. The Apostle Paul states in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." The preaching of the gospel will convict men of their sins, bring them to a place of repentance and they will realize that without Christ there is no salvation, only Christ can transform a man's heart. brethren, Paul declares in 1Corinthians:2; 4- 5 "And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power verse 5. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. God's overcoming church believe the words in John 14:12, "Most assuredly I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do also, because I go to my Father." They will walk in overcoming authority over the powers of darkness.

It's getting late. The Lord is coming back soon—sooner than we think. But don't fear! Remember, He is coming back for a glorious church, without spot or wrinkle—a church that is holy and without blemish. (Eph. 5:27). Therefore, my friends, it is time to sanctify ourselves, because the glory is coming! "Arise (from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life)! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness (all) peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you (O Jerusalem), and His glory shall be seen on you" (Isa. 60:1-2). His glorious manifested presence is upon you in you and will come forth out of you. The promises in 2 Corinthians 4:1-7 are ready to be detonated against the devils' kingdom. Ver. 18 (transformed into the same image, from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The true church, the remnant of God is crying out. It's a time to cry out to the Lord to send a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit to America and the world. Many churches are praying and worshipping the Lord twenty-four hours a day. They are hungry and thirsty for a move of God. In Jude 1:3, Jude says, "I exhort you to contend earnestly for the faith, which was once for all delivered to the saints." And in verse 20, he says, "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit." Our instruction for the church is in Joel 2:15-18.

If we cry out to God he will manifest Joel 2:21, "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things." The reason that the glory is coming is revival! Entire nations will be saved in a day! There will be great signs and wonders; and there is a great end time harvest He wants us to bring in! So take heart—we're facing many challenges. We are the church that will triumph over the power of Satan. In 2 Corinthians 2:14, Paul says, "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ and through us manifest the fragrance of his knowledge in every place. The church wins and the devil loses—the gates of hell will not prevail! (Matt. 16:18). In Romans 5:17, Paul further points out that "We will rule in life through the one, Jesus Christ. In Romans 8:37...Yet in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loves us." 1 John 5:4 says, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

So take your eyes off the world's news and turn them to the Good News. Don't allow what you see to designate what God wants you to be! Be God's vessel of honor, declaring and decreeing the message of the cross, Igniting Revival Fires throughout the world.

2005 was a powerful year of healings, salvations, deliverance and Great Jubilee being manifested throughout the land. See our next Newsletter for more information. 2006 is going to be a great year for the church.

As you sow your financial seed, you're sowing into the work of the endtime harvest. God will richly reward you for your generosity.

Anita and I love and appreciate you and pray for you daily. *Ps.* 79:8-10, 91; *Ezek* 22:30; *Eph* 1:16-23; 3:14-20; *Col.* 1:9-11; *Phil.* 1:13

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!

In his service,