

Calling Prophetic Messengers

I. CULTIVATING A VISION FOR ESCHATOLOGICAL IMPACT

“¹Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD (prayer) before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation (there is great need for a breakthrough). ²And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim (the need for eschatological perspective and vision) that he could not see...” I Samuel 3:1-2

- A. We are in a time where we find ourselves in great need for clear prophetic voices to emerge that will plumb line our hearts with the counsel of the Lord establishing the First Commandment in first place.
- ²²But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings. Jer. 23:22***
- B. The word of the Lord will point us to the First Commandment, living lives of obedient love as seen in the Sermon on the Mount so our hearts & lives can stand under the coming of the great end-time storm.
- ²⁴Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, (Mt 5-7) and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock (Mt 25 wise virgins): and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat (the great eschatological storm, Amos 1:14) on that house; and it did not fall, (wisdom and knowledge are the stability of the times Is 33:6) for it was founded on the rock. (the foundation of Christ) “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. and great was its fall (2 Thess. 2:3).” Matt. 7:24-25***
- C. The Sermon on the Mount is the measuring rod by which God measures the fruitfulness of our lives. We want to have power and divine authority on our spirit so when we speak, we produce a response towards grace empowered wholeheartedness in our listeners. We want to have eschatological impact.
- D. We need a vision for eschatological impact which means that the prophetic landscape as seen in the 150 chapters about the End-Times impacts our 20–30-year life vision. The Lord is leading His church into global wilderness season (Rev. 17:1) to prepare us to be a voice full of the power of the Spirit and have gospel impact in an eschatological environment, ultimately the last 3.5 years of natural history. We want lamps of our ministries to shine and burn during that greatest hour of crisis. Matt. 25 calls us to cultivate reality with God through lives of waiting on Him in the Word and prayer with fasting.
- “¹Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, ²... while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God (the encounter and breakthrough) came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness (the place of encounter)” Luke 3:1-2***
- E. The Lord is raising up a company of men, women, young and old who will be living oracles possessing in their being the creative word of the Lord that will be matched by a realm of power that combines the power ministry of Exodus with the power ministry of Acts.

“⁷As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, I will show them wonders.” Micah 7:15

II. THE TRAINING OF PROPHETIC MESSENGERS

“I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. ²He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, ³and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices” Revelation 10:1-3

- A. There is an understanding concerning the mystery of the gospel that is sealed up for the end-time church that will deliver people groups across the earth and ignite bright and burning righteousness in the heart of the Bride. These prophetic messengers will be deliverers that bring the creative word of the Lord to the nations. The creative word are prophetic decrees that actually shift human history, establish realities in the spirit and topple kingdoms. These preachers will bring together Paul and Jeremiah.

³³who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Heb 11:33–34

- B. These messengers will be living oracles in that they not only preach the message but also embody the gospel message they carry. When these messengers speak, angels and demons move and kings of nations will bend their knees before Christ Jesus or be so enraged so as to propagate policies that will lead to the martyrdom of many of these messengers.

¹⁰See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms (governmental authorities), to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.” Jeremiah 1:10

- C. These prophetic messengers must enter the realm of the seven thunders that contain messages designed to empower, inform and equip the church in love and glory and as well as God’s end-time judgments over the nations, culminating with the return of Jesus called the 3rd woe. I do not believe that one messenger will have all insight, nor will this insight be contrary to the gospel according to the scripture. These messages will be corporately discerned and will give clearer insight from the written word of God (Psalm 119:96) through a rich manifestation of the Holy Spirit’s communication to our hearts and minds, enabling us to feel and encounter the power of God’s word. These messages will be dreams, visions, angelic visitations (Daniel 9:22, 25) and other means of prophetic encounters.

²⁸“And 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. ²⁹... on My menservants and on My maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days. ³⁰“And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun ... into darkness, and the moon into blood, Before the coming of ... the Lord ... Joel 2:28-31

- D. These messengers will be raised up in the context of a life of prayer over an extended period. It will take a lifetime for these messengers to be raised up, because it takes a lifetime to raise up deliverers. The Lord will raise up these messengers in the deserts of fasting and divine prison sentences forming in them intense convictions of righteousness. These forerunners will possess an unwavering spirit and a loyal leaning on the Son of God and these messengers are uniquely trained by the Spirit.

III. THE BREAKDOWN OF REVELATION 10

- A. Rev. 10:1-4 – *the seven thunders uttered their voices*. These will be unlocked at the end of the age.
- B. Rev. 10:5-7 – *the seven thunders proclaim realities related to the completion of the mystery of God*. The seven thunders are in union with the mystery of God revealed in the New Testament.
- C. Rev. 10:8-11 – *messengers must live lives of eating the scroll* though there will be many pressures.

IV. THE SEVEN THUNDERS UTTERED - 10:1-4

“²⁹He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore, this joy of mine is fulfilled” John 3:29

- A. This angel carries properties that are to be imparted to the prophetic messengers (Is. 6, Ez. 1)
- B. He is a *mighty* angel – realm of the angels (Zech. 3:6-7; Jeremiah 23:18)
- C. He is clothed with a *cloud* – the realm of glory and beauty (Ex. 19: 24)
- D. He has a *rainbow* around his head – the realm of mercy (Hab. 3:2)
- E. His face shines like the *sun* – the realm of revelation of the knowledge of Him (2 Cor. 4:6)
- F. His feet are like *pillars of fire*. The fire speaks of the jealousy of God and the necessary judgment to establish righteousness and holiness. His feet like pillars speak of the necessity for the messengers to be steadfast and firm in the presence of God and be unmovable in their proclamation of the judgments of God (Isaiah 33:14, Deuteronomy 4:24, Romans 1:16)
- G. He sets his feet on the *sea and land* – God is sovereign even over the Antichrist (beast of the sea – Rev. 13:1) and the False Prophet (beast of the land – Rev. 13:11). The sovereignty of God is to be critical part of the diet of the prophetic messengers (Is. 40).
- H. He cries out with a *loud voice like a roaring lion* – In the place of encounter these messengers will receive Holy Spirit boldness to proclaim the judgments of the Lord (Is. 6:6; Jer. 1:9; Ephesians 6:19).

²⁵Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began ²⁶but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—²⁷to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen. Rom 16:25-27

V. THE 7 THUNDERS ARE RELATED TO THE COMPLETING OF THE MYSTERY OF GOD - 10:5-7

- A. The thunders contain divine information, the word of the Lord at the end of the age to bring in the great harvest and to have the church equipped and sustained in love during the greatest crisis.
- B. There is a seven-fold mystery of God revealed in the New Testament.
- C. The convergence between heaven and earth – Ephesians 1:9-10.
- D. The incarnation of Christ – 1 Timothy 3:16.
- E. The indwelling Christ – Colossians 1:27
- F. The One New Man – Ephesians 3:9-11
- G. The mystery of Israel – Romans 11:25-26
- H. The mystery of the resurrection and the resurrected body – I Corinthians 15:51
- I. The great mystery of the bride of Christ – Ephesians 5:31-32

VI. THE MESSENGERS MUST LIVE A LIFE CONDUCIVE FOR EATING THE SCROLL - 10:8-11

- A. Rev 10:8 - the command to go take the book.
- B. Rev 10:9 - Prayer for the receiving of revelation.
- C. Rev 10:9 - the command to take and eat the book (communing on the Word of God).
- D. Rev 10:10 - John takes the book. The communion is sweet, but the message is bitter and weighty.
- E. Rev 10:11 - John must prophesy the contents of the book.

⁸But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; (don't ignore the reality of the severity of God, tremble at His word). The invitation of the Lord: "Open your mouth (open your heart) and eat what I give you." Ezek. 2:8

- F. The Lord gives Ezekiel a scroll that is written inside and out, and it contains ***lamentations, mournings and woes***. The exhortation and invitation of the Lord is, ***"Eat what I give you"***

⁵⁶He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him." John 6:56