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"RISE UP!" Part 1

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THE ALMIGHTY GOD IS SPEAKING TO MANY OF YOU WHO ARE RECEIVING "THE SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS" NEWSLETTER, AND HE IS COMMANDING YOU TO STAND UP; DON'T COMPROMISE; STOP LOOKING AND SEEKING FOR MAN'S APPROVAL; AND LISTEN TO WHAT HE DESIRES TO SPEAK TO YOU. THE SPIRIT OF THE ALMIGHTY SHALL PLACE UPON YOU A NEW ANOINTING THAT WILL DEAL WITH THE REBELLION THAT IS UPON HIS CHILDREN AND UPON HIS CHURCH, AND THIS FRESH ANOINTING SHALL BRING GREAT CONVICTION TO THOSE WHO REFUSE TO HEED AND OBEY.

While I realize that there are many within the church who continue to preach, teach, and proclaim that everything is alright within the body of Christ and our nation, God is raising up watchmen (both male and female) who will declare what the Holy Spirit is truly saying without fear, reservation, or hesitation. I have continuously set my face to stay in the presence of God, and in this newsletter I will be sharing the word that the Holy Spirit spoke to me. There are 3 declarations that I want to share with you this month that the Holy Spirit has just recently spoken to me.

Declaration #1 Beginning the first of March, for those of you who have walked in obedience, dedication, faithfulness to God, His word, His will, and His way, you will be moving into the "SEASON OF INCREASE."

What the Holy Spirit told me s this: There have been time that many of you have prayed, fasted, spoken God's word, stood on His promises, and done everything that God told you to do without seeing very much of a manifestation in the natural realm. However, in Galatians 6:9 it says, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in <u>due season</u> we shall reap, if we faint not." It also says in Psalm 104:27, "These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in <u>due season</u>."

There are many powerful, life changing answers to prayers that are about to be manifested in the natural realm for many of you who are reading this newsletter; therefore, it is imperative that you receive and act on Hebrews 10:35..."Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward." Also notice what it

says in Psalm 19 that...the law of the Lord; the testimony of the Lord; the judgments of the Lord; by taking heed, obeying, and keeping them is great <u>REWARD</u>.

I perceive even now by the Holy Spirit that there are those of you who were on the verge of fainting, giving up, letting go, and even possibly turning back; but the Holy Spirit sends you this day this word of encouragement, exhortation, and revelation to let you know that..."FOR GOD IS NOT UNRIGHTEOUS TO FORGET YOUR WORK AND LABOR OF LOVE, WHICH YE HAVE SHEWED TOWARD HIS NAME, IN THAT YE HAVE MINISTERED TO THE SAINTS, AND DO MINISTER," and also "THAT YE BE NOT SLOTHFUL, BUT FOLLOWERS OF THEM WHO THROUGH FAITH AND PATIENCE INHERIT THE PROMISES." (Hebrews 6:10 & 12)

It is the will of the Father that His prophets and prophetesses are aware of the times and seasons that we are entering into (Luke 12:54-59) and that we clearly sound the warning, instruction, and timing for this particular time. The "SEASON OF INCREASE" is even now upon those who have walked faithfully and obediently to God; therefore, prophesy and proclaim the **NOW** word of the Most High God.

Declaration #2 The spiritual warfare between the kingdom of God and the enemy's kingdom of darkness will intensify, increase, and be visibly seen in the natural realm. There will be obvious manifestation of demonic oppression and possession being revealed...exposed in many churches, home Bible studies, Christian schools, and other places where believers come together. It is essential that we prophesy and proclaim..."For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds". (II Cor. 10:4)

Many years ago the Holy Spirit gave me numerous revelations on the operation of spiritual warfare, discerning demonic strongholds, storming the gates of hell, and spoiling the enemy's goods. Due to the aggressive way that I preached this revelation, placed strong emphasis on doing and praying spiritual warfare, there were many in the body of Christ (but mostly pastors and ministers) that publicly denounced me, the revelations, and actually the entire operation of Spiritual Warfare Intercession. Just recently the Holy Spirit, in showing me where I made my greatest mistakes in times past, revealed to me that it is crucial that I not hold back or draw back in sounding the alarm to the body of Christ to "prepare for war like they NEVER HAVE BEFORE." For you now see even in the natural realm the scriptures in Matthew 24:6-7 being revealed in our own nation: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places." Already as I write this newsletter, the natural world is exploding in violence, war, terrorism, and all-out destruction, but the body of Christ fails to realize that "kingdom against kingdom" represents the spirit realm; and I tell you now, without any reservation or doubt, that the intensity of conflict between God's kingdom and the kingdom of darkness shall rise up like never before.

There are many of you who still have tapes, notes, and revelations that you learned about spiritual warfare in times past, and I exhort you to get them out, study them, and "put the battle in array." In the very near days, there will be many who will need to know how to:

- A. Use the power of binding and loosing (Matt. 16:18-19)
- B. Use the authority of the name of Jesus (Mark 16:15-20)
- C. Know how to use the Word in resisting and defeating the devil (Luke 4:1-14)
- D. Know how to use their authority over the devil (Luke 10:18-20)
- E. Know how to stop the devil from any having any authority in their lives (John 14:30)
- F. Know how to release power through the operation of spiritual warfare (Acts 4:29-31)
- G. Know how to not be moved by anything, no matter what, that comes against you or your family, but to fulfill and complete your purpose (Acts 20:22-32)

I exhort you to not let the revelations that God has taught, revealed, and trained you in slip from you because very shortly you will need them like never before.

Declaration #3 "Beware of offense and allowing the devil to use others to offend you." When the Holy Spirit spoke this to me, He also instructed me to look up this word in the dictionary; and this is what is says:

OFFEND - To cause displeasure, anger, resentment, or wounded feelings in.

We are now moving into a time that the enemy will use whomever he has access to, to bring offense to many within the body of Christ (Matt. 24:10-12). I know from past experience what anger, resentment, bitterness, and a wounded spirit can create in your relationship with God as is defined in Hebrews 12:15: "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."

Please hear me well: it is the desire of the enemy to create and produce "defilement" in your life through offense because he knows that when he moves you into a defiled state, he can also move you into a consistent lifestyle of sin (Mark 7:18-23). I really want to exhort (and encourage you to also encourage others) to: Forgive those who have wronged you--completely: Bless them which persecute you--from your heart; and ask your Heavenly Father to completely heal any wounded areas in your life—once and for all.

Declaration #4 The Holy Spirit gave me this prophecy about "America" some time ago, and I feel led to share it with you now. What you are about to read is very strong, specific, detailed, and will require much prayer in order to receive it. However, I know that there are many of you who will immediately hear and perceive this revelation, because the Holy Spirit has already been speaking the same thing to you. We have moved from the days to the last hour; therefore, the quickening power of the Holy Spirit is revealing last-hour events to the prophets and prophetesses of God. There is a very

alarming Scripture found in Micah 3:5-7 (NIV) that is being fulfilled in our very most today, and it says:

"This is what the Lord says: As for the prophets who lead my people astray, if one feeds them they proclaim peace; if he does not, they prepare to wage war against him. Therefore night will come over you without visions, and darkness, without divination. The sun will set for the prophets, and the day will go dark for them. The <u>seers</u> will be ashamed and the diviners disgraced. They will all cover their faces because there is no answer from God."

I ask you to set your heart now to hear an answer from God.