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WHEN GOD BREAKS THROUGH – Insights from God coming into the world

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The Fullness of the Time

Approximately 2000 years ago God broke through and entered into the earth realm in such a way that everything changed. ***“He [the Word] was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him” John 1:10.*** He came into the world! It was the right time to come. It had been prophesied. No one knew the day nor the hour, ***“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons” Galatians 4:4-5.*** The fullness of time had come for the *fullness of the Godhead* to dwell bodily in a Man, the Christ (Col.2:9). When ***“He came into the world, He said, ‘...A Body You have prepared for Me’” Hebrews 10:5.*** It was the right time for God to enter His own creation in a Body!

The Word prepares the Way

“Surely the Lord Yahweh does nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets” Amos 3:7. The Word prepares the way for God in the earth! There had been many words about the awesome event of God coming into the world. **Isaiah** prophesied that ***“the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel [lit. “God-With-Us”]” Isaiah 7:14.*** He also prophesied that the Son who would be given would be called ***“Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end” Isaiah 9:6-7.*** Bethlehem would be the place of birth for this Ruler who was ***“from the days of eternity” Micah 5:2.***

The prophetic word was spoken centuries before the event. The earth is prepared for God by the Word He speaks through His prophets, His people. Then there comes a time when ***“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” John 1:14.*** The Word that had been spoken put skin on! The Word became manifest. God moves in the earth through His Word. The Word that is ***“settled in heaven” (Ps.119:89)*** is to be spoken out into the earth. Finally, the Word will manifest! We are in the time now of His Word manifesting. God broke through and the kingdom has come! We are living in the time of fulfilment of the prophetic Word

– *“the law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it”* Luke 16:16.

Heavenly activity

Around the time of this most awesome move of God, there was much heavenly activity. The words that had been spoken mixed with the prayers made over generations were coming together as a bowl of incense ready to be poured out! And so it began with Zacharias, a priest of the household of Aaron, ministering in the holy place at the altar of incense at the hour of prayer. The angel Gabriel (the same one who had appeared to Daniel 500 years earlier – **Daniel 8:16; 9:20-21**) appeared to Zacharias telling him he would have a son, named John, in his old age (**Luke 1:5-20**). God was moving! Prayers were being offered. Angels were sent to give messages of destiny and comfort concerning what was about to take place!

Six months later the same angel was sent to meet a young virgin named Mary to tell her the most awesome news – she would bear the Messiah, the Son of God! (**Luke 1:26-38**). She believed and received the words spoken to her. These encounters were so massive, and yet in many ways, so discrete! So small! Only a few people knew about them. Dear saints, do not despise the day of small things (**Zech.4:10**). God works amazing miracles and brings about great changes in history through seemingly small avenues.

There was a season in my life where there was a significant move happening that brought with it an experience of spiritual warfare. God opened my eyes one night to see a messenger, a man standing in the doorway of one of the rooms in my house. I was startled and did not know at first if it was a good or bad man. Peace came from him, and I realized it was an angel sent by God. God spoke to me in that moment showing me that this angel had just been with me in a mission to southern Africa in 2015 and Jesus showed me that this messenger was still sent to be with me in the move I was making from one house to another, as we entered another area in my city for the gospel of the kingdom’s sake. It was and still is mightily comforting to know. There has been significant fruit from this move since.

Be prepared to have your eyes opened to this realm more and more as you seek Jesus in prayer and study of the Word, to be aligned with His will and purpose for our generation!

Doubt and disorder to faith and God’s order

When God was moving and bringing about this history dividing and changing time, a man named Joseph, the betrothed of Mary, was *“minded to put her away secretly”* **Matthew 1:19**. Joseph was a *“just man”* and obviously very upright and wanting to please God. However, he was resisting the most awesome revival of his generation and even wanting to put that revival away because it did not look right. I have heard that John Wesley prayed something like this, *“Lord, give us revival, and if possible, give us revival in an orderly way. But if that is not possible, give us revival anyway”*.

It looked to Joseph like Mary had been unfaithful, that she was unrighteous and that she was even lying about her situation. He thought this while she was carrying the revival in her womb! We all need to be careful because the move of God, the revival that God brings, may not look like what we think it should. But the good news for Joseph was that he was still open, still soft to God and so God could talk to him. Again, an angelic encounter in a dream was able to convince Joseph that God indeed was in this! This takes faith! We need to overcome doubt and what we consider “disorder” to get in the order of God. Let’s pray that we will have eyes to see and discernment to know and a heart that is soft to not resist what God is doing, no matter if it offends our normal way of thinking.

Spiritual Warfare

When God was on the move, breaking through from the heavenly into the earthly realm, coming in the flesh, that entailed great spiritual warfare. The devil stirred up the governmental powers of the time, King Herod who ruled the province of Judea under the Roman Empire, due to the news of this Son who was born (**Matthew 2**). The devil hates the male Child coming forth (**Rev.12:1-6**). There is a Son, a Deliverer, a King who has come. This is a clash of kingdoms. The devil’s power structure had been challenged. Powers and Principalities that had not been really challenged since Adam fell were now scared. When Jesus was born the devil tried all he could to kill him straight away. It is amazing that God entrusted this plan at the time to a carpenter named Joseph and a virgin named Mary. Again, heavenly and angelic activity was sent to keep them in the Way and they were able to steward the move of God, the revival, rightly. It meant laying low for a while. It meant being out of the limelight totally and learning to move only at the direction of Heaven.

It is time for the church:

- to steward the mystery of Christ rightly (**1Cor.4:1-2**)
 - to learn from Joseph and Mary, and understand that Christ is in us, the hope of glory (**Col.1:27**)!

He will be revealed in fullness and maturity! (**Eph.4:11-13**) There is a great spiritual warfare over this (**Eph.6:12**). The devil has stirred up governments, religions, movements, to try and kill the Son, the King, before He manifests. But we are to make known the “*manifold wisdom of God to the principalities and powers in the heavenlies*” **Eph.3:8-11**. Be encouraged, God is happy to entrust this revival to people like you and me. Let’s be focused on the mission at hand. Let’s realize what we are involved in. We are participating in the greatest move of God in the history of creation. We are partakers of Christ (**Heb.3:14**) and He and His promises are being revealed in the earth through us! (**2Cor.1:20**)

The right time for manifestation

After all the excitement things seemed to go quietly for the next twenty-five to thirty years! Some people had eyes to see the revival. Simeon and Anna the prophetess had revelation of the Messiah even while He was a baby. Simeon saw

God's *"salvation which You (God) have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles"* Luke 2:31-32. Anna *"gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem"* Luke 2:38. May we have eyes to see when nobody else seems to see! Both Simeon and Anna were hanging out in God's house, seeking Him. If we want to see the revival, we should learn from them!

But then it was quiet. Jesus had a significant moment turning twelve years of age (Lu.2:41-50). Then it was quiet again for eighteen years. Do not despise what God does in the "meantime". Jesus waited. At the direction of the Father, the appointed time (Gal.4:2), Jesus went to see John the Baptist at the River Jordan and He was publicly acknowledged and began to manifest as the Son of God (Matt.3:15-17). From that time on He walked in dominion as a Son, anointed and exercised authority as the King and laid down His life as the great High Priest! There is a Son coming forth in the earth! This Son will come to the *"measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"* Ephesians 4:13. God is breaking through!

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