

Preparation For Ministry In The Light Of Last Day Prophetic Truth

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On occasions in this study I have repeated certain Truths in different ways, however, this is simply to highlight to the reader how important that particular Truth is and the necessity for it to be particularly noted!

Oil For Our Lamps!

We can gauge the importance of Christ's Second Coming by contrasting the number of times it is mentioned in the Scriptures alongside other teachings:

- 1) The "new Birth" (conversion) is mentioned 9 times in the New Testament.
- 2) Baptism is mentioned 20 times.
- 3) Repentance is mentioned 70 times.

4) The Second Coming is mentioned 380 times in the New Testament alone!

Matt 25v1-13 states:

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

The question is: "What does the oil in the lamps represent"?

The "virgins" represent Christians who are waiting for the return of the Bridegroom (Christ), 5 are wise and 5 are foolish, the wise have extra oil the foolish do not. The Bridegroom tarries and they all fall asleep, suddenly at midnight a cry goes up, "The Bridegroom cometh." They all awake, the foolish find that their lamps have gone out, but the wise are prepared. The foolish try to get the necessary oil, but it is too late, there just isn't time!

This is what the oil is NOT:

It is not grace, for we receive grace for the day.

It is not holiness, for all were virgins, all were pure.

It is not prayerfulness and watchfulness every moment, for all (including the wise) fell asleep.

It is not constantly being filled with the Spirit, for the oil was something they (the wise) acquired before they fell asleep.

It is not the Baptism in the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit, for these don't need to be "stored", they can be received anytime and many will receive these things when they are converted during the Great Tribulation. You only get Baptised in the Spirit once, thereafter you keep getting refilled. There are a lot of Christians who get Baptised in the Spirit who are not ready for the Great Tribulation. The gifts of the Spirit do not constitute extra oil, for once a gift has been given it is always there; and there are many with the gifts of the Spirit who are scared to death to even think about the Great Tribulation.

What difference is there between the wise and foolish virgins? All were pure and ready to meet the Bridegroom. All were waiting for the Bridegroom to return. The wise were not more watchful and prayerful than the foolish for all fell asleep. The **ONLY** difference was the wise took extra oil. What for? **For THE DARKNESS!** They wanted to be sure they had light for the darkness! The foolish didn't bother about the darkness. They didn't need lamps to meet the Bridegroom, they needed the lamps for the darkness that they knew they **WOULD HAVE TO** pass through **BEFORE** they met the Bridegroom!

The oil in the lamps then represents the correct interpretation of end-time prophetic truth! 2Peter 1v19 states:

“And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.” (NKJV)

In Matt 24v3 the disciples had asked the Lord Jesus the following question:

“...Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” (NKJV)

So in response the Lord Jesus had given them the end-time signs to look out for, i.e. end-time prophetic truth. He refers them to Daniel's 70th prophetic week in Daniel 9v27 (with Dan 11v31, 12v11) and the Great Tribulation which immediately precedes His return. The 70th week of Daniel, the time of the 7 year treaty between Antichrist, Israel and many other countries, will be the darkest time in the world's history, midnight representing the start of the Great Tribulation when Antichrist breaks the covenant with Israel and sets up his image in the Temple. 2Thess 2v1-12, Rev 13 (all). Hence the cry goes up, “The Bridegroom cometh.” Notice, it doesn't say “The Bridegroom's here,” **BUT** that He cometh, i.e. He is on His way. He comes **AFTER** midnight, after the Great Tribulation. Matt 24v29-31. In the parable He comes after midnight when the foolish have gone to try and buy oil (**the point being that once midnight comes there won't be time to prepare!**)

Why does the lamp of the foolish go out at midnight? Because they did not believe they would see darkness – as far as the Church is concerned the last three and a half years and the reign of Antichrist, they thought the Bridegroom would have come before then. Hence the foolish only take notice of prophecy up to the commencement of the middle of Daniel's 70th week. Once the last three and a half years of this age starts (the Great Tribulation), they have no more prophetic light and their lamps go out. The fact that half of them were foolish shows that half of the Church will find itself in this position!

Why did the wise fall asleep? Well, there are many who have learned, or are learning, about the reign of Antichrist and the Great Tribulation, they believe they have to face the darkness before meeting the Lord. They have learnt the Scriptures and stored the oil of prophetic truth. At first they were very intense and keen about the subject looking for the time of the treaty (and so forth), but as time has passed their interest and zeal has cooled and they have fallen asleep, “the Lord tarries,” nevertheless, when the time comes they will awake and they will have the **ALL IMPORTANT** oil”

Matt 25v1-13 is simply carrying on from Matt 24, especially from the parable of the faithful and wise servant and the evil servant in Matt 24v45-51:

“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

(Why does the evil servant say, “My Lord delayeth his coming”? Simply because his Lord does not come when the evil servant expects Him to, i.e.. immediately before the beginning of the Great Tribulation, and so the Great Tribulation begins with Antichrist breaking the covenant and setting up his image in the Holy Place in the Temple in Jerusalem claiming that he is God; the evil servant immediately knows something is terribly wrong, thinking that he should now be in Heaven, but isn't! Notice how the evil servant blames his Lord for being late and not his erroneous understanding of last-day prophetic truth! The vast majority of these Christians backslide and go into apostasy because being completely unprepared spiritually for it and not having a correct understanding of last day prophetic truth in their minds, hearts and spirits, they are completely overwhelmed by the great evil that is unleashed into the world by the mystery of iniquity working fully. Luke 6v46-49, 2Thess 2v1-12)

So, these servants (in Matt 24v45-51, (with Eph 4v11, 1Tim 3v2, James 3v1)) represents Pastors and Teachers who are to teach Truth to the Body of Christ (including end-time prophetic Truth), however, the evil servant not only believes the lie of a secret pre-tribulation advent and rapture, **BUT** has also taught it to those Christians in his church as well, i.e. the foolish virgins, with the result that **BOTH** the evil servant and the foolish virgins backslide and go into apostasy. Matt 24v51, 25v12

Psalms 119v105: **“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”**

These 2 parables in Matt 24v45-25v13 are teaching the Body of Christ just how important the correct interpretation of last day prophetic truth is, it does **NOT** teach that that is all you need to get through the dark evil days of the

Great Tribulation! In the parable of the 10 virgins the Lord was illustrating how vital it is to have light for the darkness – **THE LIGHT HE (the Lord Jesus) HAS PROVIDED!** You can have everything else like the foolish virgins, purity, grace, looking for the coming of the Lord and so forth and yet backslide and go into apostasy in the time of darkness, during the Great Tribulation.

Let me give you an example of just how important the correct interpretation of prophecy is:

I want you to think of a Christian with a tremendous ministry, someone who has a healing ministry in which he sees blind, deaf, dumb, lame, paralysed, even the leprous and cancerous healed. Someone who has seen the power of God through them alter the forces of nature, who has seen miraculous provision of finance and food, experienced supernatural transport from one place to another. Someone with a ministry where they have seen the dead raised to life again. Someone who has seen Jesus face to face, not once but many times. Someone who has even had the Lord Himself give them studies in the Scriptures. Imagine someone who sees demons cast out in their ministry. Someone who has seen thousands upon thousands of people come to Christ.

Now let me ask you this question: How many of you believe that such a person would be prepared for any trouble or tribulation that came along? I suppose that very many people would be of the opinion that they definitely would be. However, the people who think that are **VERY** wrong!

The people I had in mind when outlining the above great ministry is the Apostles. Matt 10v1,8:

“And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease... Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.”

They saw miraculous provision of finances, food, clothes (Matt 10v9,10), the fish with the coin (Matt 17v27), the miraculous catch of fish (Luke 5v4-7), Peter walked upon the water with the Lord (Matt 14v28-31), the disciples in a boat with the Lord were all transported with the boat to land (John 6v21), they saw the power of the Holy Spirit in preaching (Matt 10v20), the momentous ministry of Jesus, His miracles, raising the dead, casting out demons, stilling the storm, feeding the multitudes with a few loaves and fishes, thousands upon thousands turning to Christ, His tremendous preaching and wisdom, He gave them studies in the Scriptures (Luke 18v31, Mark 8v31 and so forth), they were in His presence not for a few days, **BUT** for over 3 years. Peter, James and John were taken up the mountain where they saw Him transfigured (and so saw His pre-incarnate Glory) and heard the voice of the Father.

Yet in spite of all this, when Jesus was taken prisoner, **WHEN THE HOUR OF DARKNESS CAME**, even though they **ALL** said they were ready to follow Him into prison and to death (Luke 22v33, Matt 26v33-35..) when the time came they **ALL** forsook Him, and fled and were in unbelief, defeat and despair. (Matt 26v56) Luke 24v21 states: “But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel...” Now they even doubted that He was the Redeemer! After His Resurrection the Lord reminded them through the women of what He has previously had told them about His suffering and death but they would not believe! Luke 24v11: “And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.”

What was the cause of their defeat, unbelief, despair and forsaking the Lord? Why did they fail in the hour of darkness? They had great ministry, power and experience, why did they collapse?

THEY FAILED BECAUSE THEY IGNORED BIBLICAL PROPHECY, THEY DELIBERATELY SHUT THEIR EARS TO THE PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE LORD’S SUFFERING AND DEATH!

Luke 24v25: “Then he said unto them, **O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken.**”

The disciples only listened to the prophecies they liked, i.e. John 1v45: “...We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” They recognised Him as the Messiah of whom the prophets wrote, **BUT** they ignored other things the prophets wrote regarding His suffering and death (Isaiah 53, Psalm 22), even though the Lord Jesus pointed out these things many times to them! Matt 16v21-23, 17v9, 20v17-19, 26v1,2, Luke 9v43-45, 17v25

Luke 24v25-27: “Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? **And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.**”

They refused to accept the Truth of a suffering Messiah, because they had received and believed the false man made traditions of the Scribes and Pharisees, which taught of a Messiah coming in great power and glory, Who would throw the Roman yoke from off Israel and restore the kingdom to them.

They missed the first Coming of Christ completely and only saw the Second! Matt 15v1-20, 16v6, Mark 8v15, 1Peter 1v18

John 16v12: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now."

Indeed, so ingrained in their minds and spirits were these unscriptural man made traditions of the Scribes and Pharisees, that even after the 40 days of post resurrection ministry to them by the Lord Jesus, they still retained the old lies of the Scribes and Pharisees on this. Acts 1v6 states: "When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, **Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**"

HOW BINDING ARE UNSCRIPTURAL MAN MADE TRADITIONS!

In Matt 24v3, the disciples ask the Lord Jesus this question:

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

"Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (NKJV)

So, the first thing to watch out for is when he (the Prince who is to come) makes a covenant (peace treaty) with many nations, including Israel (for one week), which is the start of Daniel's 70th week, i.e. the last 7 years of this age. Three and a half years later, Antichrist breaks the treaty with Israel and sets up his image in the Temple in Jerusalem claiming that he is God, Christ comes **IMMEDIATELY AFTER** this second three and a half year period (known as the Great Tribulation), i.e. "...**immediately after the tribulation of those days...**" Matt 24v15-21, 29-31 (with Dan 9v27, 11v31, 12v11) to destroy the wicked and to take His people home and set up the Millennium Kingdom. 2Thess 2v1-12, Rev 11v15-18. **NOTE:** Luke 17v20-18v8, esp. Luke 17v26-30:

"And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until **the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.** Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; **But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. EVEN THUS shall it be in the DAY when the Son of man is revealed.**"

The day that Christ comes to take His people home and destroy the wicked is the SAME day, NOT separated by three and a half years!

Preparation For Ministry In The Last Days

The Lord Jesus, by the gift of prophecy, spoke the following words unto the Church:

"They're worshipping well, **BUT** there's **NO** preparation for my time bomb"

God's time bomb is the Great Tribulation, the time when He allows the "mystery of iniquity" to work **FULLY**. 2Thess 2v1-12

When did you last hear a sermon on the subject of the Second Coming of Christ and the events that occur during the preceding seven years, but especially during the period of three and a half years (the period known as The Great Tribulation) immediately before His Second coming?

I would say the answer is rarely, if ever!

The kind of ministry that a believer will receive and exercise during the last 7 years of this age, especially during the last three and a half years during the period known as the Great Tribulation will depend **SOLELY** upon the last day prophetic truth that they believe and make their own. If they believe a secret pre-tribulation Advent and Rapture they will see no reason to prepare themselves to face the great evil and darkness of the Great Tribulation or to seek the Lord Jesus for a last day ministry, as (they believe) that they will be removed from the earth immediately before the Great Tribulation begins. However, if they believe a post-tribulation Advent and Rapture the reverse will be true,

the believer will see and understand the terrible great evil and darkness that will come upon the earth during the last seven years of this age, but especially during the last three and a half years during the Great Tribulation and will make a conscious decision to seek the Lord with **GREAT** earnestness and fervency to get spiritually ready for it and to hear from Him what kind of ministry He has for that individual believer and allow Him to get them ready for it.

We can see the devastating results upon those individual Christians who believe a pre-tribulation Advent and Rapture from the truth of the account of the faithful and wise servant and the evil servant and the foolish and wise virgins, in that the evil servant and the five foolish virgins backslide and go into apostasy and then are put into the lake of fire at the Lord's Second Coming. Matt 24v45-25v13 (esp. Matt 24v51, 25v11,12), Rev 14v9-11

So, when does the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus actually come? Well Matthew states very clearly the Lord's response to this very question, asked by the disciples in Matt 24v3 (...the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (NKJV)); the Lord states in Matt 24v29-31:

"Immediately after the tribulation (that is the Great Tribulation, Dan 7v25, 8v23, 12v1,6,7, Rev 7v9,10,14) of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

And Paul confirms Our Lord's words in 2Thess 2v1-12

(As already stated) The Day that the Lord Jesus comes for His Church and to destroy the wicked is the **SAME** day, not separated by three and a half years! Luke 17v22-30

Incidentally, the Lord Jesus clearly states that His Second Coming will be visible to every eye, and will be with great power and glory, the elements melting with fervent heat, which will be accompanied by the greatest earthquake that the earth has ever known, it is hard to see how this is "secret"! Mark 13v24-26, 2Peter 3v10, Rev 1v7, 16v18

So, the Lord Jesus comes immediately AFTER the Great Tribulation!

The evil doctrine of the secret pre-tribulation Advent and Rapture is an evil seed that the Devil has put into the Church (such a doctrine was not even heard of in the Church until 1830's), even as he put an evil seed into the hearts and minds of the Apostles that the Messiah would **NOT** suffer. As the Apostles **ALL** fled, their faith failing them, when the Lord Jesus was arrested, **ALL** ended up behind closed doors in the Upper Room filled with fear. The effect upon the believer of believing a secret pre-tribulation Advent and Rapture will be the same, except that their faith will not only fail them, but they will go into apostasy as well, thus losing their salvation. John 20v19, Matt 24v45-25v13. The personality and character becomes destroyed by evil (Jer 13v23, Rev21v8, 22v11). Those who have made a final and eternal choice of selfishness, sin and evil hate, **NOT** love, and love the lie more than the truth. A person who embraces evil has a **TOTAL** reversal of reality. The evil they love possesses their soul and brings indiscernible torment. i.e., the gnawing worm of evil. Mark 9v42-48, Rev 14v9-11

There is no doubt whatsoever of the timing of the Lord's Second Coming, it is **IMMEDIATELY** after the Great Tribulation. With this light of prophetic truth clearly revealed, the believer needs to make a clear and determined decision to respond to it, by letting the Lord Jesus get them ready for it, not only their character and deepening of their spirituality, but also seeking Him for the ministry He has for them. He desires to take us into Heavenly places (to enter His rest), by subduing the powers of darkness (binding the strongman) and manifesting His power and love (through the gifts of the Holy Spirit) to a needy Church and world. Matt 12v29, Mark 16v15-18, Luke 6v46-49, Heb chapters 3 & 4

You don't get strong plants growing in green houses, you get them growing outside in the strong hot and cold blowing winds (of life). The terrible and hard circumstances and problems that we go through, if faced with the Lord Jesus, will throw us on God like nothing else will, **THESE EXPERIENCES PRODUCE IN US A MINISTRY FOR GOD!** These hard circumstances also accelerates the process of getting us ready for ministry... e.g. Joseph, Job, the Apostles (Luke 22v31,32, Acts 5v12-16). These trials, tribulations and temptations perfect out faith, character and patience.

Rev 12v1 (with Rev 12v2-17) states:

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and

upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

Here we see part of the Church filled with the power and glory of God. The symbols used are very striking and significant. The moon of Mosaic dispensation shone with the light of the Gospel, as the moon shines with the light of the sun. The woman is not shining with the light of the moon of Judaism, she is clothed with the light of the Gospel sun. Jewish worship was a shadow of things to come. Many of the Old Testament types, shadows and prophecies have been fulfilled in the birth, life, death, resurrection and intercessory ministry of Christ. These revelations of Christ, and other prophetic and moral truths in the Old Testament Scriptures, constitute the moon under the feet of the woman, for the Church is founded upon the truths revealed to the Old Testament prophets, as well as the truth given to New Testament apostles. Eph 3v5, Col 2v17, Heb 8v1-13, 10v1-16

The vision of this glorious woman reveals to us one of God's major purposes for the last days. She represents a group of people, who are foreknown, designed, specially created and empowered by God for the Great Tribulation. It is a group of praying (Greek, "proseuchomai" (Strong's NT:4336)) people, with prepared hearts and special ministries for the last days, who will operate with awesome power as a prayer-warrior group behind the scenes. God also gives a definite promise that He will protect, provide and empower the seeking hearts in His Church in a new and special way in the last days, and will not leave His Church defenceless in the Great Tribulation. This glorious woman reveals that part of the Church will be clothed with the fullness of God's power, and will be transported, protected and fed by God. **This group is a major part of God's answer to the mystery of iniquity, and it is one of many such groups, who operate in Israel and other parts of the world.** All these other groups of praying Christians around the world will have exactly the same kind of power and authority, protection and provision as the Christians who flee from Jerusalem (and the surrounding area) to the Wilderness (Ammon, Moab and Edom in modern day Jordan) have. This means that dotted around the world in every country (where these groups of praying Christians are) God will have areas where there are "bubbles" of great divine power overshadowing them with accompanying great angelic ministry. Gen 28v10-22, 2Kings 6v8-23, Psalm 46v7,11, 91 (all), Dan 11v41, Matt 24v15,16, Heb 1v14, Rev 12v6,14,15,16

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up and said in Acts 2v16-21 (with Joel 2v28-32):

"...This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; **And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh:** and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, **before that great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**"

The Lord Jesus, during His Post-Resurrection ministry to the Apostles, had told them "I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high," when He (the Holy Spirit) that was with them, would then enter them, which was the Baptism in the Holy Spirit that they would receive. Luke 24v49, John 7v39, 14v17, Acts 2v4,38. It was during the Post-Resurrection ministry that the Lord Jesus had instructed them regarding Joel's wonderful prophecy, that this was the glorious prophecy which referred to the "Promise of the Father" (i.e., power from on high), and that it was **vital** for them to tarry in the Upper Room, and pray (Greek, "proseuchomai" (Strong's NT:4336), "to make interventions with power so as to affect a change in circumstances.") this great prophecy and promise into reality. The Lord Jesus did not tell them the precise timing of when they would receive the Promise of the Father (this was because that if they had known, some of them might have just sat back and said, "well I don't need to pray (Greek, "proseuchomai" (Strong's NT:4336)), God is going to do it anyway"), but simply said, "ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1v5. The Apostles were obedient to His command, and with the other disciples (one hundred and twenty of them in all), they prayed (Greek, "proseuchomai" (Strong's NT:4336)) Joel's wonderful great prophecy and promise into reality. Acts 1v14,15, 2v1

The great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was only a partial fulfilment of Joel's prophecy, which also had a fulfilment throughout the whole of the Age of Grace to encourage the Church to pray for revival, blessing, spiritual gifts and ministries from their risen Lord. Acts 2v38,39, 1Cor 12v7-11, Eph 4v7-16. Joel's great prophecy and promise has a final and complete fulfilment at the end of the Age of Grace, for it specifically says, **"it shall come to pass in the last days...I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh...before that great and notable day of the Lord come."** Even as the one hundred and twenty disciples in the Upper Room prayed (Greek, "proseuchomai" (Strong's NT:4336)) Joel's wonderful prophecy and promise into reality on the Day of Pentecost, it is also **VITAL** for the Church to pray (Greek, "proseuchomai" (Strong's NT:4336)) **NOW** for God to pour out of His Spirit upon the Church and the world...i.e., **"upon ALL flesh."** God's people need to claim the complete fulfilment of Joel's great prophecy and promise **NOW**, and **MUST** continue to claim the complete fulfilment of it right up until the Lord's Second Coming. There will certainly be a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit just before Daniel's Seventieth

week starts, when Antichrist “confirms a covenant with many (including Israel) for one week,” which also refers to the opening of the First Seal. Dan 9v27, Rev 6v1,2. Another and even greater outpouring will occur, just before Antichrist breaks the covenant, and sets up his image in the Temple in Jerusalem (at the beginning of the Great Tribulation). During the last seven years of the Age of Grace, the Church and the world will know a time of the greatest worldwide revival that has **EVER** been experienced, and **NOW** is the time for the Body of Christ to pray (Greek, “proseuchomai” (Strong’s NT:4336)) so that this great outpouring becomes a reality very soon, and also is **FULLY** experienced during the last seven years of this Age. Acts 2v16-21, Rev 5v8, 11v3-6, 12v1. **NOTE:** The latter rains far exceeded the former rains! Deut 11v14, Isaiah 43v19, Joel 2v23, Acts 3v19,20, James 5v7

God’s Answers For The Last Days

1) Charismatic Gifts: There will be an emphasis upon deliverance and use of spiritual gifts (i.e., gifts of deliverance, healing and mercy). The critical thing of the last days will be the ministry of prayer exercised by women. The following is a prophecy from praying monks in Russia who prayed for the deliverance of Mother Barbara’s father and family in 1911 (who subsequently got out of Russia), one of the monks was given a prophecy, part of which stated that “Britain...will be saved by praying women.” (taken from Battle For Israel by Lance Lambert, pages 63-64). Mark 16v15-18, Acts 2v16-21,38,39, 3v19,20

Women have more time around the home or can in the home pray more easily, they are the answer and God’s primary critical answer to the difficulties of the last days, in praying things through on the Church. It is necessary to get the women to pray and say, “God, take us through the stages of your empowerment for the last days, take us through those levels.

2) Charismatic Gifts Extended In discipline And Judgement: At this present time we operate in mercy, but when Satan is thrown out of the Heavens into the earth by Michael and his angels and God’s restraint is removed from the Devil and his evil angels (Dan 12v1, 2Thess 2v7,8, Rev 12v7-17) and the wicked and the vast armies of Antichrist and his allies link up with Satan, there has got to be the extension in the Church of the gifts of the Spirit in discipline and judgement. God will not leave us, the Church, to face the wicked with no teeth, **HE WILL NOT LEAVE US DEFENSELESS!** The Two Witnesses for three and a half years **CANNOT** be killed, these have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, **as often as they desire** and call fire down from Heaven. Dan 11v32, Rev 11v3-6. For the whole of three and a half years **ALL** the might of Antichrist and his armies **CANNOT** kill them.

WOMEN: GET PRAYING TO RAISE UP LAST DAY ELIJAH MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH! Mal 4v5,6, Matt 17v11

3) Charismatic Gifts Extended To A New Level Of Continuous Use: Not just the manifestation of one gift here and one there, **BUT** Christians living in the Spirit who will experience continuous revelation **ALL** day, especially in those parts of the world (like the Middle East) where there is **GREAT EVIL!** An increase in the level of God’s answer to the revelation of the activity of the powers of darkness.

4) Spiritual Gifts And Ministries Extended To The Level Of Transportation And Angelic Ministry (Matt 24v16, Rev 12v6,14): God will take groups and individual Christians and transport them by supernatural transportation (like experienced by Elijah and Philip, 1Kings 18v12, Acts 8v39,40), plus provision of food and divine protection in safe places. God will be with Christians in the Great Tribulation like He was with Stephen, thus purifying them and making them white. Neh 9v20,21, Dan 11v35, Acts 6v8-7v60

GOD HAS HIS ANSWERS IN THE POWER GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT!

5) God’s Personal Acts Of Power And Judgement: The Seven Trumpets And Seven Vials are God’s direct judgement upon the wicked again and again, and the wicked **KNOW IT IS GOD**, but they don’t repent but blaspheme and curse Him. These judgements only harden further the wicked, even as it did Pharaoh! They take on the evil nature of the evil spirits that they serve. Rom 9v17,18, Rev 8v2-9v21, 11v15-19, chapters 15 & 16

6) The Final Stage Of Judgement At Christ’s Second Coming: The wrath of The Lamb, as He appears in great power and glory; the wicked **DON’T** repent, **BUT** turn and fight him. Psalm 2, Rev 19v19. But before the Second Coming three angels preach the Everlasting Gospel to **ALL** the earth. Rev 14. Antichrist and his armies are consumed by the breath of His mouth at His Coming. Zech 14, 2Thess 2v1-12

There is then silence in Heaven for half an hour (7th Seal, Rev 8v1), as the redeemed and the angels look down upon a completely shattered earth. **THE PLAN OF EVIL HAS BEEN MANIFESTED TO THE FULL**, but this is part of God’s Plan, that is that **ALL** have a full manifestation of sin and evil and its end burnt into their (our) being! It is

THIS that will be the basis of the happiness of Heaven in the Millennium and the Ages of Ages. **We must not only LOVE righteousness BUT HATE EVIL!** Eph 3v9-11, 2Thess 2v1-12, Heb 1v9, Rev 10v7

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