

WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING?

A prophetic overview of what we are seeing happening in the USA, UK, Europe and the Arab nations at this time. How do we pray and remain informed?

“All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course of action for Israel to take.” (1 Chron 12:32)

It is so important to see the KINGDOM perspective.

Need to look from Heaven to earth.

What has Heaven planned for the USA, UK, Europe and the nations – what is our position and role in this season.

Luke 11:2

And he said unto them, when you pray, say, Our Father which is in heaven, Hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Kingdom people will carry a mandate and confidence that God will birth on earth what he has decreed in Heaven.

We need to be Heaven to earth people.

If we cannot see the kingdom perspective we will carry a fear/anxiety reaction.

Psalm 2: 4-8

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. ⁵He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, ⁶“I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.” ⁷I will proclaim the LORD’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. ⁸Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

Where are we seated? What is our perspective?

God knows the end game plan and He is not alarmed!

He has placed us in a position of authority and is wanting us to rule.

This is a season for co-operate prayer.

TIME to ASK for the nation.

Ownership or Stewardship?

America is not mine - Britain does not belong to us!

We are called to steward the nation for God but we do not have ownership or personal preferences – we need to seek God.

When we lose sight of privilege of stewardship then a wrong ownership and an attitude of arrogant nationalism pollutes our purpose and vision.

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Brexit

Obama – you will go to the back of the line – there will be no special relationship!

But what has God decreed about the partnership between our nations.

Olympics – have many golds and near top of the table.

Britain is not without resources and people – if God wants us out then he has medals of honour and plans for our future – he will not harm us!

Felt God is calling us to time of responsibility – this nation needs to answer for her call, her destiny and her responsibility.

We are writing a new mandate and SPIRITUAL MAGNA CARTA.

Need to find our identity and cry for freedom – we are called to be pioneers

What will the foundation of 21stC freedom be and look like!

Political parties

All over the nations – politics is becoming RADICAL

Everyone is moving from the centre ground, away from the establishment....we want new and radical – there is a cry for CHANGE even if very risky!

USA – TRUMP and Clinton - Black protest not standing for the national anthem

Jeremy Corby

Austria – Far right

France – strikes and Far right woman.

Harvest time

There is harvest from consistent investment.

People who have invested in long term friendships and relationships are seeing fruit.

Need to be ready for sudden breakthrough

Many churches and situations that have been faithful have begun to notice change in the atmosphere and acceptance by the community.

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People getting saved – family members being more open – Sense of expectancy and openness.

A LOOK AT TODAY

As we consider the world and some of the challenges – I wonder if we can look at some of the senses and words that are coming out of the church and places of prayer.

Sweet Sixteen

Feel that this year will be “SWEET SIXTEEN” – but rather than never been kissed. It will be SWEET SIXTEEN and forever kissed but the favour of God. Sweet sixteen [parties](#) mark a [coming of age](#), the point at which a person transitions into adulthood. It is time for the church to arise and become mature rather than insecure.

Felt God say that this year will be the best of times and the worst of times. There will be trouble and difficulty but the best of times will be the opportunities that arise from these tough circumstances. Interesting that in the UK the BBC are doing a complete series on the Dickensian era and studying it – this is where the phrase comes from:

BEST OF TIMES FROM THE WORT OF TIMES

Tale of Two cities - It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way –

But it was during this season and style of life the French revolution etc that the seeds for the awakening and the Wesley revival were being birthed! SO once again how will we respond to the best and worst of times?

Back to the times of the reformation of Europe

REFORMATION time!

2017 is 500 years since reformation!

Other comments on 2016 – Wrote this in JAN

A year of unusual turbulence. Not simply turbulence, but unusual turbulence. There might be a pull to what is normal, but the Lord will mark things by 'this is not normal'. A year marked by storms and upsets – unusual happenings. The storms though are not simply weather storms and I saw them ripping through the tops of trees. The tops are where the winds will blow. This is a year when there will be storms that hit the places of influence and the mighty.

It is a time for family legacies to be established. The 'me generation' is fast producing a narcissistic generation. But it is not too late. There has to be an unseating of the 'me' that has plagued the West. This focus I see as being strongly aimed toward the 50+ bracket. The clash between the strong personality and those who step back from the 'self-claims' but clearly carry a focus for the future will be visible for all to see. There has to be some incredible acts of courage that take place – the voluntary unseating from positions of so-called power and influence. So look for resignation – due to the storms and due to voluntary stepping aside, no longer running on the treadmill of performance and notoriety.

Open doors and high fences. Time to re-establish boundaries. Doors open to the other or fences that will accelerate the decline through inbreeding. It is no longer possible to spiritually deal with what needs shifting through the so-called indigenous people of the land. Of course this has applications politically but as I always see the body of Christ being responsibility for society the primary way I am looking at this is concerning the body of Christ.

Patterns for the coming years. This year will afford responses that will both be signals of what needs to be responded in the years that follow, so there will be responses that we do not feel ready for. When we hit the strange challenges we need to be very slow at judging the response by what we know. If we go slowly we will gain insight of what we will need to come to terms with in the years that follow.

Opportunity of people movements

All through biblical and church history there have been seasons when we observe huge population movements and in today's language we call it the migrant crisis. Is there any pattern or purpose biblically or spiritually that we need to take note of as leaders so that we can be saying the right things at the right time.

The response to welcoming migrants across Europe, the majority of whom are fleeing from situations hostile in the extreme, has been very moving. There have been some individual and also some national negative responses, driven by xenophobia, fear and self interest, but the public welcome has far outweighed any hostility. The incredible level of people movement has a high risk of infiltration by extremists so there are some real, and not simply imaginary, threats to security. There are inevitably incredible challenges for those who have to make political decisions.

I have been curious and thought that there is probably a theological interpretation that undergirds such people movements. I do believe that God uses such people movements for his purposes and they are not just random and inconvenient.

People, land and boundaries.

From the garden of Eden onward we can see an inter-relationship between those three. Within boundaries a people are to 'steward' land – look after for future generations, so that there is an environment where people can flourish, and there can also be a home for the alien, widow and orphan: the marginalised and those who have no indigenous 'rights'. The riches of the land then were there for others to benefit from. Those resources released from the land through giving and receiving not an unfair bartering system that resulted in robbery.

There are evictions from land when there is a lack of stewardship and the land can indeed vomit people out. The classic sins are those of idolatry, broken covenant, sexual immorality and

bloodshed. As early as Cain we see this, indeed this early violation resulted in an inability to settle in a land.

There are 'exoduses' in Scripture and not only the Exodus of Israel from Egypt. Focusing on that Exodus from Egypt we note that it took place when there was a release from slavery in one situation and they were brought to another land with the requirement that they stewarded that land. So I note that people movements show that there is **a new time, a new season**. Europe has been soaked in prayer and declaration of a new day. It is truly here. It cannot be a retreat

It marks a loosening of some deep and **very old root issues** in the West. There are ancient strongholds that will now become weaker. We will see this with a new level of questioning of formerly unquestioned cultural expressions. Don't focus on the cultural expression being challenged – something much deeper is being broken. It marks **a new people / populist opportunity**. So a new politics that is collegiate, businesses that redefine the bottom line. Innovation in education... huge amount of creativity. The turmoil is the creative space for the future.

The world will never be the same again. September 1989 with the Berlin Wall + 12 years to September 2001 + 7 years to Lehman brothers and the 'crisis' + 7 years to where we are now.

SYRIA/ ISLAM /ISIS AND MORE! HELEN

So what is happening in the middle east now and how has it changed in the last years

What about the migrants

What about ISIS

What about terrorism and their plans

What about EUROPE and reformation

What about the harvest and opportunity for churches

What are the statistics of people getting saved, moving and terrorists?

SO WHAT IS HEAVEN SAYING?

Hold Together

Colossians 1: 15-17

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together

In Him all things HOLD together!

As praying heard someone saying – "I am trying to hold so many things together!"

Then I heard God say – LET GO! I am the one who holds all things together.

You are not made to carry many things – let me hold all the strands together.

Matt 11:28-30 (Msg)

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. **Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.** I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Mist in the Mountains

You have been walking on the mountain tops with God. It is not a time of distance from God but it is a time of confusion.

You thought that when you walked on the mountain tops you would see more clearly – but the mist has come down and you are surrounded by cloud and you cannot see your way very clearly.

AS a result you are feeling anxious as you can only see to put one foot in front of another, God says relax – BE STILL and know that I am God – this is NOT a time to run ahead in anxiety but rest and be still until I make a way for you.

Do not react and try to get out but be still and let me give you the keys for the way through.

This is a time of SHIFTS and ALIGNMENTS

We are in a season to define a next movement – a strategic birthing time!

SO LEAN INTO JESUS!