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Part 4 The Church, the Long Term Future

Here is my idea of what the next great international move of the Spirit of God is going to look like that will fulfill Joel 2:28 "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh..." And how the way we do church will change to the new wineskins to contain that outpouring.

Last week I presented to you the vision of the "free city" concept. Why?

Because I believe that the long term future of the Church is going to need a fundamental change in how we structure church life.

Because I believe the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit prophesied by Joel 2: 28 "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh"....requires a great task that needs great power by a great many people

The role of the church is going to expand from its mission of saving the lost to include the task of "healing the nations". Specifically as I have mentioned before this means that we move from the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20 "go into all the world" and now expand this to include the first Great Commission of Genesis 1:26-28 "be fruitful, subdue the earth and multiply".

Practically this means to me we go out and preach salvation and make disciples of all people as the first task and then the second means create a platform or mechanism for disciplined believers to be able to subdue the earth so that they can be fruitful in family growth.

These great twin tasks will need more than traditional church on a Sunday morning of good preacher and attentive audience.

If I then ask myself what is my scriptural template for healing the nations to accomplish the above I am immediately drawn to Revelation 22: 1-2....

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Rev 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Now you read that and you need to get beyond the symbolism and ask your self Ok, Where can I get some of those trees whose leaves and fruit will heal the nations? Is this some secret magic manna that falls from heaven and cures the ills of the world?

Well as always, scripture is the best interpreter of scripture. Psalm 1:1-2 tells us where to get those special healing trees....

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psa 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psa 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper

If you want to bless a nation you need a blessed people. The prescription of Psalms for a life that is blessed and where you prosper in whatever you do is to simply.... Stop walking, standing and sitting with ungodly people who have immoral ways of doing things, whose motives and methods are self-promotion, who disregard the word of God, people....in short your basic world economic and political system we live in that causes the rich to get richer the poor to get poorer and in the process oppresses the weak and defiles the earth.

What Revelation recommends isbring down the vision of a New Jerusalem from heaven and create that sacred space on earth where God's people can create their own innovative, wealth creating communities and civilization that will bless all those around them.

Can you see why I am pointing to new cities as new "wineskins" containing new people creating a new kind of life, a new way of doing things, a new moral and economic and social society.

So how do you build a New Jerusalem?

On Earth as it is in Heaven

God told Moses build me a Tabernacle so I may dwell among the people but build it according to the pattern in heaven that I showed you on the mountain.

Exo 25:8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exo 25:9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

Did this wilderness Tabernacle that Moses saw in heaven magically appear coming out of the sky to the earth? No people had to build it. Ordinary people not the great warrior leaders. However there was something different about them. They were filled by the wisdom and spirit of God. They had the gifts of the Spirit....

Exo 28:3 And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Exo 31:2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:
Exo 31:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,
Exo 31:4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,
Exo 31:5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.
Exo 31:6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;
Exo 31:7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

The New Tabernacle on Earth

In Revelation 21 we are given a new vision of a Tabernacle

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

This coming Tabernacle has a different purpose than the one that Moses saw and built. That was for a place where sacrifices for sin could be made.

This new Tabernacle where God wishes to dwell on earth is made to heal the nations. The sin and atonement for sin has been made. No temple sacrifices needed. What was needed now was to heal and save the nations. This temple was made of people who have come together filled with the presence of God now engaged in the task of healing the nations.

Jesus asked us to pray.... Father thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. There is God's kind of city made especially for the people of God already designed in heaven. We just need to have a vision of its blueprints and then we need a spirit filled people who have the gifts of the Spirit to build it here on earth.

God needed Spirit filled seamstresses to make Aaron's garments.

God needed Spirit filled masons and iron workers and jewelry makers and perfumers and cooks. There were just a few of the Israelites needed for that.

In these New Jerusalem's that are going to be built everyone needs to be filled with His Spirit because everyone has a job to do that requires God's wisdom and direction and empowerment. Now I know what the objection is:

We the church are already the Body of Christ the Temple of God wherever we are and wherever two or three are gathered there the Lord is. Yes amen to that.

My answer to that is that I refer you to Psalm 1. I also refer you to 2 Chron. 7:14 "If my people call upon my name and repent..." and we have done that. We have national days of prayer and fasting. But the one thing that we have not done is what the Lord said next....."and turn from their wicked ways".

We live in a society, a politics, a culture, an economy in which the way people do things are not God's ways. He says they are "wicked ways". That is why Psalm 1 says if we don't walk, stand or sit along with sinners and their ways then we will prosper in all that we do. Be honest how are we doing after 50 years of American Prosperity preaching of all you need is "seed faith" or "tithing" then 1000 fold increase is yours. Have you had your 1000 fold increase yet?

So I predict we are going to need "new wineskins" meaning new ways we come together as God's people so that we can do the greater works that God wants from us.

That is why God says

Joe 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

God has dreams and visions for all His people, not just special leaders. All are going to be needed with their gifts and abilities to heal the nations. We are not talking here anymore about big auditoriums with a mighty preacher in front and a hall filled with admiring audience earnestly looking for people to fall under the Spirit or see a miracle of healing.

We are talking here of new kinds of gatherings. The Bible says "forsake not the gathering of yourselves". Yes we need our Sunday morning times of collective worship and teaching.

But these new gatherings and moves of the Spirit of God are meant to heal nations. That requires not a preacher and a congregation and full auditorium for 2 hours.

What we need are city sized gatherings made up of citizens living by Kingdom principles with everyone filled in the Spirit and each a visionary fulfilling the dreams and visions they have received from the Lord.

They will contain...

Apostolic visionary entrepreneurs forming new kinds of cell groups tackling new products and new services.

Prophetic visionaries seeing and inventing new ideas, new concepts, new music, literature, arts, entertainment.

Teachers developing skills and training

New kinds of pastors who are new generation management specialists guiding and developing talent and work discipleship.

New Evangelists doing the marketing of the vision of the new city and new civilization of the Kingdom of God on earth.

How and why is this new city of God on earth going to emerge?

Because....

- 1) The world economy is failing all around the world from debt and resource depletion,
- 2) Nations are dying because families are dying and children not being born and the aged growing in greater numbers.
- 3) The prosperous middle class which is the bedrock of a stable families and a sound economy are disappearing as the corporations and governments appropriate more and more of national income and common workers are getting less and less. Corporate capital grows and family capital depletes and there is nothing left for the hard working to pass on to children and grandchildren.
- 4) There is more and more cultural destruction as traditional morals and civilized behavior disappears and society becomes crass, disgusting and stupider.
- 5) In politics the more and more the worse rises to the top as sociopaths and narcissists take power and squander the assets of the nation. People are fast losing faith in politics and politicians.

The Church is coming to the crossroads of a prophetic turning point.

Soon the whole "end times-rapture-Israel" deception coming out of the American church along with their prosperity cult preaching will fall apart.

When the vast audiences of the charismatic and evangelical churches begin to realize that we are not getting miraculously taken out of the world but that we are actually here for the very long term future.....

Then will come the great vision seeking and the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that so many are praying for.

Because then we will be starting to ask ourselves and the Lord....how do we build heaven on earth instead of how can we escape earth for heaven.