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A SEASON OF CHANGES

Most everyone that I talk to agrees that there are extreme changes taking place everywhere. Even our own bodies are feeling the shaking of it all. The prophet Jeremiah was called to be a “prophet to the nations.” The Word that the Lord gave him was powerful and caused much destruction before it brought restitution. Jeremiah was young and greatly feared the Lord. He did not choose to be one with such a Word, but nevertheless he was ordained of God.

“See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to ROOT OUT, AND TO PULL DOWN, AND TO DESTROY, AND TO THROW DOWN, TO BUILD AND TO PLANT.” (Jer.1:10) This was spoken for the nations then, and it is spoken as well for the nations now. And because “judgment begins at the house of God,” these things have already begun in our own lives.

Two nights ago, I had this dream, “My daughter and I were in the house when we heard a lot of noise going on outside. We live on a dead-end street and it is always very quiet. We could hear trucks and machineries going back and forth. I took her by the hand and we went out to look. Indeed, big earth-moving machines and trucks were digging up and clearing every tree, every bush and even houses. The earth was being turned over. Then In my mind’s eye I could see a beautiful scenery replacing it all. I told my daughter, when this is finished, it will be a beautiful park.”

This is happening everywhere now. We are fine inside our house (soul and spirit) but it is in the outer realm of our lives where changes are taking place and made ready for the full redemption, *even the redemption of our bodies* (see Rom.8:22-23). The old has to make way for the new. It is not a work of

our own choosing, and we cannot understand it. But all that does not belong in our lives is rooted out, thrown down and even destroyed so that the new may be built and planted by God Himself.

It was after the last enemies were rooted out and “death and hell” were cast into the lake of fire that John saw “*..a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*” (Rev.21:1) John saw the end of this age, when the “heavens” that have ruled us are abolished and the realm of death in the earthly creation is passed away. These are the times that are upon us today.

In John’s vision, a great voice was heard announcing the many changes that were about to take place. One of them was that the New Jerusalem from above appeared. She replaces the Old Jerusalem. She replaces the church that we have known in the world. She is the true church. This bride no longer gives birth to sons who are the image of the man of sin, but she gives birth to sons in the image of the Son of God.

Then the great voice out of heaven declares triumphantly, “*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. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be anymore pain, for the former things are passed away.*” (Rev.21: 3-4)

Sin and death are what cause sorrow and tears. This is not talking about going to a heaven someplace AFTER DEATH. This is saying there will be no more

death where death has ruled – here on earth. And after sorrow and tears are wiped away from the people's eyes, and death is no longer a threat, He that sat upon the throne said, "*Behold, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*" (Rev.21: 5) What a rebuilding and replanting this is!!!

Beloved, these words are written in our Bibles for confirmation, but now we feel the shaking in the world around us and in our very beings. We also feel the immense joy that rises up as we see this by the Spirit. Thank you Father. You are the God who is not slack to keep His promises and to fulfill His Word in us as you said you would do.

I WILL NOT HOLD MY PEACE

Isaiah was one of God's faithful prophets. He was filled with God's fire when he uttered these words, "*For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.*" (Isa.62: 1)

Perhaps in his time, the prophet thought that he was speaking only to the literal population of Jerusalem and Zion, but in these last days, God's Holy Spirit has opened our understanding and we are able to discern the full meaning for this word. For indeed, the Word that is spoken to us, is spirit and it is life.

So we see Jerusalem, not as the old, but as the new. We see her as the bride of the Lamb. We see her as she is filled and ruled by the life of the living Christ (Zion). We see her and we see ourselves as we are being gathered in Him. Paul said "*That in the dispensation of the fulness of times, he (God), might gather together in one, all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.*" (Eph. 1: 10)

So these changes are done in the dispensation of time. This is an eternal work, and eternity is not limited by "time". God has ordained "time" to limit the work done in His creation. The work will not go on forever, It will be finished and enter the glorious realm of eternal life. When God created the heavens

and the earth, He established days and nights and seasons. From that time forward, creation moved in the bounds of time. There will come a day, when "time" will be no more. All will be finished as God has ordained.

Paul notes that the "natural" came first, then that which is spiritual. Natural Jerusalem came first, then comes Jerusalem from above. And in God's order, all men shall be made alive, "*For as in Adam, ALL die, even in Christ shall ALL be made alive. But every man in his own order...*" (I Cor.15: 22-23a)

And so we are being gathered in Christ, in the order and time that God has ordained. Christ, His bride and her sons are first in that order. This leads us to the understanding of the words of Isaiah and his ardent desire for Zion and Jerusalem's salvation to appear in righteousness and brightness.

Indeed, the true church which is Jerusalem from above, is being saved from corruption and death. This is the salvation in which she is made ready to appear, in all the brightness of the Christ that is arising as the Sun or Son of righteousness from within her.

The Christ that was once a mystery and a hope of glory to her, has now become the Son who is her new life. The old has passed away and all things are become new. "*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*" (II Cor.5:17)

So in Christ we are new creatures and this new creature is born of God. This is the "born again experience" that Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus. Until this creature is fully formed in us, we are not yet fully "born again." We are heirs, but we are yet children.

Now, the time comes when the new creature within us, this Son that has been raised by his virgin mother and taught by his heavenly Father, comes to maturity and is adopted or placed in the Godhead. Abba Father! "*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after*

Christ. For in him (Christ) dwelleth ALL the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are COMPLETE in him, which is the head of all principalities and power.” (Col. 3: 8-10)

THE PLACING OR ADOPTION OF SONS

In Hebrew tradition, the son is being raised by the mother until he is thirteen years old and comes to a traditional milestone called his “Bar-Mitzvah” which means “Son of Commandment.” Then he is no longer directed by his mother’s rule but by God’s commandment. This is the mark of maturity.

This time is marked by a joyous ceremony celebrating the time when this son assumes the rights and obligations of an adult. This son then takes his place in the worship services. He is no longer a child, but is now an active member of the Jewish community.

The Christ within us has been a son all along, but he has been under the tutoring and teaching of the mother church. It is when he reaches maturity that he is recognized by the Father as a member of the community or in this case, the Godhead. This is when this son is fully redeemed from the law and is now known of God. This son is not after the flesh. In times past we may have called on the Father because we knew about Him, but now it is the son in us that cries out, Abba Father.

Paul unfolds the timing of the plan that our God ordained for us: *“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption (placing) of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba Father.”* (Gal.4: 4-6)

Not only Jesus, the pattern Son, but also the son that He begets within us, has to grow up under the law. As long as we are still children in the Lord, we are under tutors and governors; this is our law. But by the truth that He daily invests in us, He is making us free indeed. Free from the nature that keeps us in sin, and therefore free from the law of sin and death. By His blood, He cleanses us from all sins so that we can

follow Him and be made free from the sin nature. *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free...If the son therefore shall make you free, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED.”* (Jn.8:32,36)

Indeed, we are made free from the penalty of sin by the blood of Jesus, but we are yet servant to our own sin nature that keeps ruling over us. It is when the son within us matures that we are even set free from the sin nature and become FREE INDEED. The Son in us makes us free INDEED. This means that we not only know this, but we are really free. In other words, our nature is changed and we do not desire any of the things that we loved before. So many things that we needed to entertain us and keep us happy no longer attract us at all. What a great joy and freedom this is!

HIM THAT OVERCOMETH

On this leg of our journey, we meet the “Overcomer” within us. While in exile, the Spirit took the apostle John into the time of the Lord’s Day, and he heard the Lord’s voice as of a trumpet. He writes, *“And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned I saw seven golden candlesticks.”* (Rev.1: 12) “Candlestick” is better translated “lampstand” because each branch held an oil lamp and not a candle. Each lamp was individually and daily filled with oil. These lamps were the light of the Holy Place.

We know that the tabernacle is a type of the inner man within us, and that the Holy Place is where our redeemed soul meets the Spirit of the Lord and is being trained in the true worship of God. The golden Lampstand stands for the church that has been filled with the anointing oil of His Spirit and is now giving Light to our inner beings.

What John saw by the Spirit is the Lord Jesus standing in the middle of His Spirit-filled church. He was dressed as her High Priest. He came to speak to her about her great need to overcome the many traditions, false doctrines and dead works that are still in her midst.

He addresses the “Angel” of the church, that is to

say, the one who is able to understand His word by the Spirit. For His word is always "spirit and life." *"It is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."* (Jn.6:63) The words that Jesus speaks must be interpreted by the Spirit. What Jesus had to say to His church then, He is still speaking now.

We need to be reminded that there are three areas of overcoming. The Lord makes provision for each one of these. There are the works of the flesh and for these we take hold of our daily cross. There is the love of the world, and for that we follow the Spirit as He reveals our weaknesses so that we might take authority over them.

And there are the works of the devil which deal with our "religious" nature, which is the Cain nature that craves to be like God and that lifts itself up above all others; this is a murderous nature that will kill to achieve its goal. This is the devil's area of choice. This is the most cunning nature because it shows itself to be pious and holy when indeed it is deadly and as treacherous as a rattle snake.

On the cross, Jesus put on that very nature, and through His death and resurrection He triumphed over it forever. Jesus destroyed that murderer who had power over death. *"That through death, he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil."* (Heb.2:: 14b)

And the resurrected Lord declared, *"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forever more, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death."* (Rev.1:18) The devil by his cunning has plunged all of humanity into these bodies of death. The soul and spirit want to live, but the bodies force them into death and the grave.

By His death and resurrection, Jesus changed this outcome forever. He overthrew the power of death that the devil held and since then, He has been walking His church out of darkness and into the light. Through the Spirit, she overcomes all the lies of the devil and she is made free from the death that works within each of its members.

The plan is that she becomes one with the Son that is arising within her, and as one, they will deliver the world from the bondage of sin, death and corruption. And so it is vital that the true church be totally cleansed from the lies that the "Impostor" has planted in her mind and heart.

FIRST LOVE REVISITED

Our Lord Jesus began the cleansing of His bride when He sent letters to John on Patmos. They were to be delivered to the angels of the churches and they outlined clearly the areas of overcoming through which He would take His bride, the true church.

The first step is a problem of the heart. *"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."* (Rev.2: 4) This is the first essential requirement, because unless our affections are directed away from the "self" and from the world, it is impossible to move on. And so the Spirit has been at work, turning us around from the things we used to love, and wooing us unto Himself so that we fall in love with the things of the Spirit and no longer desire the carnal pleasures of this life. He is turning away from the Lie to the Truth. This is not an easy task, but from my own experience and also from what I hear from others, we are truly losing all interest in the things of this world and of the flesh.

He began changing the affections of my heart when He began to move me from church to church and from group to group until I ended up with absolutely no place to go. At first I missed the fellowship and the glorious praises. My heart yearned to return although I knew I could not. But as I walked with Him day by day, I came to realize that if I was to go back to the forms of worship that I left, I would be most miserable.

I had indeed found a new and more precious fellowship with Him in my heart. At the same time, the love that I had for some things in the world was no longer there either. It took the separation unto Him to bring me to that place. Now, the close communion I find with Him make all outer pleasures dull and empty, without meaning. The first love was the love that Adam and Eve felt in their hearts when each day

the Lord came to talk to them. This is the love that leads to life. It has been replaced by the thrill of congregating and enjoying other's company. It has been replaced by loud music or forms of worship that please the soul man. The love of hearing the voice of God has been lost in the shuffle.

All of these things fall into the category Jesus calls the "deeds of the Nicolaitans." Those deeds literally had to do with sexual perversion and idolatry but "spiritual perversion" is when we replace our true Lover and Husband Christ, with the programs and works of Christendom.

Christians often get their thrills in services where the leaders purposely rouses up their emotions so that they are almost in a trance. These things fall into the category of spiritual idolatry and spiritual sexual perversion as well.

"But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate." (Rev.2: 6) These things have been replacing the quiet, peaceful security that comes from our heart relationship with the Spirit within.

At the time, these things were the only available means that drew us out of the world we knew. They were the only places that mentioned the name of Jesus and they were a shelter for us. And so the Lord has used them to bring us to Himself. When we find Him who is the Truth and the Life within our beings, we need no other to boost us up or entertain us.

And this is the great reward for returning to our first love. *"He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."* (Rev.2: 7)

EATING OF THE TREE OF LIFE

This wonderful Tree of life is found in the midst of the paradise of God. This takes us back to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. They lived in the paradise of God although they never ate of the Tree of life. For that reason, they did not possess eternal life. Their lives were sustained by the *"Voice of the Lord*

walking in the garden, in the cool (breeze) of the day.." Our lives in Christ are also sustained by the "Voice" of God that comes to us through the breeze of the Holy Spirit within.

While in these earthen vessels, through God's Spirit, we hear His voice and our lives are sustained as were Adam and Eve. However they fell because the Christ nature was not IN THEM. They needed to "EAT HIM." Jesus baffled His disciples when He said to them, *"..Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood, ye have no life in you."* (Jn.6: 53)

He is the Tree of Life in the midst of the garden which is our spirit where He dwells within. We cannot "Eat of Him" unless He gives us access. The Tree of Life is not the Bible. The Tree of Life is not even the beautiful revelations that we receive. The Tree of Life is Himself. It is His Presence and His Voice from within. He is alive and speaks from within. The Holy Spirit keeps repeating this over and over in our ears so that we might truly see it. This is not a theory, a philosophy, an ideology or a concept; this is truth and life.

This is what Jesus meant when He told the woman at the well, *"God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH."*(Jn.4:24) We have tried the best we can to worship God through obeying the words of the Bible or by living "clean" lives. We have gone to church every Sunday, we have tried to lead others to Jesus. All these things are good and part of our walk. We have sung high praises in the congregation of saints, we have prophesied, seen visions and dreamed dreams, but the true worship of God is only in SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

We come to this as He opens the access to the Tree of Life or Himself within us, and we truly Eat of Him. This may sound unrealistic and not really doable, but it is not our "doing" that brings us there. What we find ourselves DOING is moving away from the love of the world. Moving away from the things that FED our souls. Moving away from the things that we needed to be "entertained" and to feel satisfied for a time.

It is as we eat of the Tree of Life that the many things we used to love lose their appeal and meaning in our lives.

A wise prophet declared, *“He hath shewed thee O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.”* (Micah 6:8)

This speaks of a life not cluttered with all the things that we strive to do for God. Actually, it is really not FOR GOD that we strive to do anything; it is for our selves, it is for “position” in God. Just as the mother that came to Jesus to ask that her two sons be placed at his right and left side, our mother (flesh) in us, continually strives for the best place.

Yet, He has chosen us, we have not chosen Him. He is bringing us to the highest place in His Father’s house. Only it is not done through the pleasures of religious works, it is done through the fires of tribulation and suffering, through the perseverance of learning our lessons over and over again, through the endurance of faith, until we receive the end of our faith or the goal we are reaching for. As it is written, *“Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation (full deliverance from sin and death) of your souls.”* (I Pet.1:9)

THE SECOND DEATH

To the church at Smyrna, Jesus said, *“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”* (Rev.2: 11) The writer to the Hebrews was given a deep understanding of the things that pertain to death and life, and to our salvation in Christ. He explains that under the Old Testament, sacrifices such as bulls, goats and doves were offered continually for the sin of the people. But Christ offered Himself only once to atone for the sins of ALL people that ever lived and ever will live.

“For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world; but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed to all men ONCE TO DIE, but after this the judgment. So Christ was ONCE offered to bear the sins of many; and

unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” (Heb.9: 26-28)

Christ is offered only once, then Christ DIES NO MORE. *“Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead DIETH NO MORE; death hath no more dominion over him.”* (Rom.6:9) As His church, His body, His firstfruits, we were saved and called with a holy calling.

Paul writes, *“Do not be therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God. Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace in Christ Jesus BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN.”* (I Tim.1: 8-9)

As His church, we were brought into this world for such a time as this. **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IS DONE THROUGH OUR WORKS. ALL IS DONE BY HIS SPOKEN WORD. WE HEAR HIS VOICE AND IT BECOMES LIFE IN US. HIS WORD. THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY DONE FACE TO FACE OR BEHIND A PULPIT, THE WORD OF LIFE THAT HE SPEAKS TO US COMES TO LIFE IN OUR HEARTS. THIS IS FIRST RESURRECTION. WE ARE MADE ALIVE BY HIS WORD OF LIFE.**

And what about the second death? I believe that it is taking place even now. How could we deny that hell and death have been raging in the earth until now? Perhaps we feel snug and protected in our area of the world, but look around everywhere, and see what hell and death really means to so many. Famines, violence, warfare and diseases have caused people to be uprooted and to flee from their homes and countries, being rejected everywhere they go.

But we have promises. He said that we would not be hurt of the second death. I believe that we go through it, but it will not hurt us. We are in the world, but not of it. This work of the lake of fire, which is the second death, continues until hell and death is no more. All that is of the first creation man is consumed. *“and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.*

This is the second death.” (Rev.20: 14)

Hell and death have taken their toll on the world’s populations but the time of their demise is at hand. They will both be thrown into the fire never to rise again. Nothing shall be left of the instruments of war that have destroyed nations and families. We are already feeling the shaking of this.

If we get our news from the Spirit of God and not from ABC and such, we will know that people of all ages, race and creeds, from all over the world, not realizing that they are being moved by the Spirit of God, are rising up against violence and weapons of destruction that men have created to defend their ideologies. Their hearts are being made ready to receive Him who is the Truth.

One must ask about Rev.20:15 where it is written, *“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”* And we know that the lake of fire is the second death. This is what the Spirit showed me. I believe that we are all passing through the lake of fire. All that is not of God must be destroyed by fire. We are in the day of fire that Paul writes about, when all the wood, hay and stubble will be burnt up.

However, it says that those who have part in the first resurrection, shall not be hurt by the second death, which is the lake of fire. They will go through it but will suffer no hurt. The reason for this is that through God’s Holy Spirit, their sin nature will have been revealed to them and they will be purified by fire, little by little and they will not be hurt.

The book of Daniel tells us about the three Hebrew children who were thrown into the furnace of fire, heated seven times hotter and suffered no harm. They walked out of it, without even the smell of smoke. And so we can be sure that our God has made the way for His people to come through the fire without harm.

“Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.” (Rev.20:6)

Jesus took upon Himself the first Adam creation and

forever destroyed him through the fires of hell on the cross. Through His death, He abolished death. But He also brought him through His resurrection and thus began the new creation of the last Adam, the man from heaven. *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”* (I Cor.15: 22)

The difference between those who believe that Christ saves all men and those who believe that only those who turn to Him in this life will be saved hinges on how they see the work and the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. The scriptures can be twisted to mean what one wants to believe and to prove.

I once was with the flow of mainstream Christians who believe that only a few will be saved. But the more the Lord revealed Himself to me, the more I knew that indeed, He has the power to fulfill the Father’s will that no man should perish. *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us-ward, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, but that all should come to repentance.”* (II Pet.3:9)

The Lord Jesus is fulfilling ALL of the Father’s will. Just as He took the old Adam through the fire on the cross, He is causing ALL men to go through the fire until all repent and turn to God. Paul explains that Christ is indeed putting ALL HIS ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET. The last enemy is death. In the meantime, His enemies have been riling against Him throughout humanity. ABSOLUTELY ALL OF THEM SHALL BE UNDER HIS FEET.

The object is for him to turn the kingdom over to God the Father, that He might be all in all. When God is all in all, then all creation has been conquered by Christ. ALL CREATION, ALL CREATURES.

The Greeks of Paul’s time were great philosophers. They loved to stand on Mars Hill and discuss new ways of life, new opinions, new gods and such. So when Paul came to Athens, he also stood on Mars hill and addressed the gathering, *“..ye men of Athens, I perceive you are too superstitious. For I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto*

you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands..." (Acts 17: 22: 24)

So Paul introduced the Lord Jesus Christ to them as the true God. Then he declared boldly, *"For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain of your own poets have said, For we are also his offsprings."* (Acts 17:28) Where did Paul get the idea that the Lord was also the life of these people?? They had not acknowledge Christ or given their lives over to Him, yet he said He is the life of us all.

Paul declared, *"Because he (God) hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained, whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."* (Acts 17: 31)

At the time, Paul was talking to the Athenians about the Lord Jesus Christ and His resurrection. And now the great white throne judgment is at hand. This throne signifies the power and authority of God's righteousness in the earth. It is no other than Jesus Christ the Head and His entire body who have become God's righteousness in the world. Paul wrote to the church, *"Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world?"* (1 Cor.6:2a)

The Psalmist declares, *"LET THE HEAVENS REJOICE, AND LET THE EARTH BE GLAD; LET THE SEA ROAR AND THE FULNESS THEREOF. LET THE FIELD BE JOYFUL, AND ALL THAT IS THEREIN: THEN SHALL ALL THE TREES OF THE WOOD REJOICE BEFORE THE LORD; FOR HE COMETH, FOR HE COMETH TO JUDGE THE EARTH. HE SHALL JUDGE THE WORLD WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND THE PEOPLE WITH HIS TRUTH."* (Ps. 96: 11-13)

We have sung this psalm in our assemblies yet we have not always understood the pure meaning of it all. Indeed all the trees of the wood, this means all the people shall rejoice before the Lord. All of creation is now standing in this judgment. And in spite of all the suffering that we witness, deep down within every creature, God has placed a measure of hope and strength so that every man will arise above the

storms. Indeed there will be BEAUTY FOR ASHES.

This has already begun in the world. It began in His church long ago. We have been judged with the Truth and we are quickly emerging as His righteousness in the earth. Indeed, our God is changing things and upturning all that the world has cherished. But He has also planted His Seed in earthen vessels and what seems like utter destruction will be replaced by a "beautiful park"; yes, the earth will be changed into a garden of Eden.

Hear the voice of the prophet as he speaks of our days. *"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand."* (Joel 2:1) Then the prophet introduces *A great people and a strong; there has never been the like, neither shall be any more after it..*" This is a special people that has been prepared for that purpose.

The prophet continues, *"A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing can escape them."* (Joel 2: 3) How many times have we read this verse and could not imagine what it really meant. But today, we know, we have seen and we are experiencing this scene.

Oh yes! Things are moving fast now. No point trying to calculate when the end of these things will be; they are here. If I jumped a little ahead of time, it is not by much. Concerning the last days, Jesus said *"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE THOSE DAYS SHALL BE SHORTENED."* (Matt.24: 22) Thank you Lord!

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