

PROPHETIC WORD: SEPTEMBER 2008

In September 2008 a group of intercessors, church leaders & business people from the north of England met together over three days during which time the Lord gave a very serious word for the nation.

In the autumn of 2008 this word was shared locally with church leaders and influential kingdom people throughout the north of England and also in the city of London. During 2009 the Lord continued to add to our understanding of the context surrounding the word with the result that in January 2010 one of our key leaders Nick Szkiler, a Christian businessman with a Jewish family background, was invited to share the message and contribute to the statements of a national group of spiritual elders and gatekeepers at meetings in the House of Lords at Westminster and also an international group based in Brussels. One outworking of this was the circulation of a version of this word among 500 national church leaders and the simultaneous issuing of the Westminster 2010 Declaration which was circulated to all mainstream Christian denominations. Nick is now chair of that same national group now called *Together For the Nation*.

Throughout the summer of 2010 and winter of 2011 Sarah Winbow, Margaret Capstick and Diane Prinsloo travelled throughout the south, south west and Welsh borderlands of England sharing the same word. As a result there is now a loose relationship network of small groups all sharing the same heart 1) for Israel and 2) for the restoration of God's Kingdom where we live through small Christian communities gathered in local homes.

A very brief summary of the original word given in 2008 is as follows:

- The nations of the world but particularly the British Isles are experiencing the escalating judgement of God. The origin of this, in recent history, was our complicity with other nations in the mishandling of the British Mandate to establish a homeland in Palestine for the Jewish people some 90 years ago. We were responsible for the Jewish State being established on only 13% of the land specifically allocated for this purpose and have failed to support Jewish people in many other ways since then.
- In addition to this since the end of World War II as a nation we have increasingly moved away from God's standards to such an extent that we now stand on the edge of an abyss where much which we have come to rely on will not only be shaken but also stripped away. We foresee the collapse of our financial & religious institutions, mass unemployment & homelessness, a lack of fuel, a rise in social unrest and, ultimately, food shortages leading to famine.
- National governments will cease to have meaningful solutions Government, security and control will be led from Europe and the G8 nations will evolve into a Global government with accompanying police, armed forces, financial and religious systems. Christian believers will increasingly find themselves marginalised and their religious freedoms withdrawn. In addition there will be an increase in natural disasters. All these things put together will set the scene for the rise of a global dictator who will appear to have the answers.
- We are still in a season of grace (*however short*) in which the body of Christ can stand in repentance for our nation's sins and bring urgent mitigating intercession such that the severity of the judgement is remitted to some extent. God's desire is always to bring mercy first and judgement second. We will see the raising of a united army or intercessors, worshippers and loving obedient sacrificial servants of God's kingdom.
- When the season of grace comes to its end, some sort of defining moment will take place - we heard a 'bell' toll and the storm clouds break - at that time we saw God sweep down through our nation in powerful cleansing purifying fire. This fire will start in the true north of the Arctic Circle and move out to cover the whole earth. It will not herald the sort of revival many believers are anticipating but rather it will be God having the last word - God will be awesome in His holiness and purity. No town or village will remain untouched and everyone will know that it is God who has done this thing. From that time a right fear of the Lord will begin to be restored in our nation on to which we can then begin to re-build the foundations. No one will be glorified except God' alone.

- We will see an increase in God's glory and blessing on those who are obedient and who have heeded His word to make practical preparations. In fact this obvious favour will be one of the very things used by God to bring those who are shaken, bewildered, hungry, and homeless or whatever the scenario may be, to His people for help, and support in their time of need. It is through the sacrificial service given at this time along with the loving sharing of God's word that the end-time harvest of souls will be gathered in. There will be a tremendous harvest but it will come at great cost.
- At the same time there will be a counterfeit revival that arises. It will be so close to what is true and real that only those who walk in real closeness of relationship with God will be able to distinguish between the authentic and the fake. The pharisaical will oppose the true move of God and the gullible will be deceived by the counterfeit. The only way in which we can be sure we are not those being deceived will be in the depth to which we know the One who is the Truth.

There was much more detail that added to the urgency, soberness and severity of the message. The obvious consequence of this is the challenge to the body of Christ to rise up in united intercession and worship, to become serious about being obedient disciples, to pursue greater purity and holiness, to wrestle with some of the 'hard sayings' of Jesus about the cost of following Him, to lay aside all earthly agendas and determine to build only God's kingdom. On a practical level *every household* should raise up a storehouse of basic foodstuffs and *every church* should prayerfully determine before God what practical preparations should be made to respond in such a scenario. This is a time for urgent action based on prayer. Jesus will return for a glorious victorious and spotless Bride who is head-over-heels in love with her Bridegroom and would do anything to please Him.

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Isaiah 60:1-3

God has laid it on our hearts to share this same word with whosoever will welcome us and listen.

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THE CHALLENGE:

This word needs to be weighed before God in prayer. If, after doing so, you believe it to be true then it demands a response e.g.

- We believe the season of grace came to an end at the end of July 2012 which has serious consequences for all the nations of the world. Therefore pray for mercy and the grace to stand in the midst of an increasing global shaking.
- Pray for your community
- Prepare for growth for the harvest will come through this humbling
- Get ready practically. Ask the Lord what He requires of you and your fellowship. Do you need to raise a storehouse of basic provisions etc.