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The Glorious Church

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Many people are beginning to look to the current events that have been happening regarding the "blood moons" and the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Some believe that His coming could be within the next year, but according to the scriptures, there will be many signs, wonders and a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit before that happens. Signs and wonders will be the mark of the church, for Jesus is coming for a glorious church. The "blood moons" are definitely a sign, but they have been going on for years and they are associated with particular feast days in Israel.

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Jesus is coming for a glorious church. There will be many coming that will make up this church.

Isaiah 61: 3,4,7 "To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. 4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. 7 For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them." KJV

What is happening in the world today? Nations are against other nations, greed and power are taking over, but this will continue until all things are fulfilled which the scriptures prophesy about. But the question is what is happening in the church?

1 Cor 10:32 " Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:" KJV

There will be three classes of people: 1) Jews 2) Gentiles and 3) the Church.

The Church, who are they and where do they come from? The religious people know very little about the church and what the prophets say about it. However, He says it will be a glorious church.

Eph 5:27 "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." KJV

Joel prophecies about the church and then Peter speaks about the prophecy in Acts chapter 2. The children of Zion are the church, the former rain and the latter rain speaks of the anointing, with miracles in evidence. This will be seen with a double measure on the glorious church. We are the church, individually and corporately, the entire body of Christ is the church and God wants us to be glorious and He wants us to experience a double portion of His spirit, resting upon our lives. To be like Peter in the market place, with such an anointing on him that many were set free. God wants this taking place in our lives, as we begin to see these things happening, we will know that the glorious church is being birthed.

The church will have a time of abundance, there will be no lack, and restoration will be made to us. There have been different attacks made on the church; fruit, plant, leaf, branch and the root. These are the false doctrines that have gotten in among the body of Christ, robbing them of what was provided for them, taking the power away.

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Jesus cannot and will not come back until all that has been prophesied has come to pass.

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Peter is speaking about the prophesy given by Joel and after the people have received the Holy Spirit. Many came to know Jesus at this time. It is spoken here again about the signs that would appear before Jesus returns to earth.

We know that the church is to be glorious, without spot or wrinkle and the following verse is speaking of a time when the Lord was rejected by the nation of Israel. However, the Lord says the earth will be filled with the glory of God.

Num 14:21 "But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord." KJV

The first time glory is spoken of is in relationship to God's abundance in a person's life, the story of Jacob, the blessings bestowed upon him. He had been cheated by Laban, his father-in-law, ten times but God had a plan.

Glory means heavy, the presence of God involved, it means the miraculous involved. In chapter 2 of Haggai, it tells of the glory coming, the restoration made and all the wealth, the silver and gold, coming to the church. Part of the glorious church will be the wealth for the believers, our needs being met supernaturally, we will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, the glory will be revealed to us

Col 1:27 "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery

among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:" KJV

Isaiah 11:9 "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." KJV

Isaiah 40:5 "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." KJV

Hab 2:14 "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." KJV

The church is moving into an area where we need to expand our knowledge. We need to allow the spirit of God to make alive the scriptures that has the very life of God in them.

Acts 3:19-21 "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." KJV

This scripture is telling us that Jesus is unable to come, heaven must keep Him, until all things have been restored, and that the prophets spoke about to the church. When the glorious church begins to arise, heaven will release Him to come. The signs are in the heavens but we don't have the signs of the glorious church, we have had the former rain we have experienced the anointing, but not the former and the latter.

In 1925, Charles Price, a prophet spoke the following;

"Of this one thing you can be very sure; there will be a full restoration of the apostolic gifts and the full power of Pentecost before the coming of the Lord. The faithful or true to God, to those who place their all on the altar of full consecration, God will pour out in the fullest measure the power that was given to the disciples on the day that the church was born. Miracles, healings, super natural manifestations of God's mighty power, that will break even the most calloused heart, there is to a cloud burst of latter rain, rains in the spirit, of this we are convinced beyond measure, God has wonderful things in store for His latter day church."

Acts 4:13 "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." KJV

John G. Lake, in 1914 responded to a letter that had been sent to him, concerning the coming of Jesus. A date had been set and his response to this was, "talk of this

nature can cause confusion, it has to be a glorious church that comes."

"Soon I am coming back to earth with My church, but first I must come for it, and before I come for my church I will come to it in a visitation greater than has ever been seen before." These words were spoken by Marvin Ford.

Hab 1:5 "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days which ye will not believe, though it be told you." KJV

We have such a small concept of the goodness of God, we cannot limit His greatness. This gospel will be confirmed by signs following. End time warriors will be found.

Pastor shared about Tommy Hicks and his ministry in South America in 1954 and the vision that he had in 1961. Bro. Hicks testimony can be found on the internet.

R.W. Schambaugh, who had been interviewed about the greatest miracle that he had ever witnessed.

God pulls the veil back and gives us an end time look at the church. It is like the signs in the heavens that assure us that Jesus is coming. The veil is pulled back to give us hope of the end time ministry of the church. We have experienced the former rain, but we have not experienced the former and the latter rain coming together. The church will be glorious, the impact of the church will be felt politically, around the nation, and it will be a powerful force. We cannot set back and do nothing. Where are those who are not saved, our friends and neighbors, our loved ones? How can we say and believe that Jesus is coming back and not do anything?

2 Thess 2:3 "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;" KJV

Falling away or departure is speaking of the rapture of the church.