

Promises for 2007

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Without a doubt, the body of Christ is in a season of transition. I see proof of it as a preacher of the gospel, and I hear people of God declaring the exact same message everywhere I go. Change is here.

But I've come to realize that something happens when transition occurs. It takes us to a different place spiritually. We find ourselves asking, "What next?"

After studying the number 2006, the year we said goodbye to three months ago, and seeking God about 2007, I believe I see what He is doing.

The number "six" refers to flesh and humanity; it represents the carnal nature. Do you remember experiencing some spiritual highs and lows last year? Was 2006 a time of disquiet or agitation, when your faith was saying one thing but your flesh another?

You were in transition in 2006, but this year you will see the results of the spiritual shifting that occurred. The new move will position you to possess the things God has declared in His sevenfold promise.

According to Strong's Concordance, the word "seven" is trilateral in the Hebrew language and has several definitions: completion, fullness or to be satisfied. It is also the word for "covenant" and "oath."

The number “seven” (as in 2007) represents spiritual perfection. I believe everything God has spoken to us that remains undone or incomplete will come to fruition this year. We will see perfection manifested in our lives!

God’s sevenfold promise to His people is evident in Exodus 6:6-7: “Therefore say to the children of Israel: I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you as My people, and I will be your God” (NKJV).

The Bible tells us that the Word never changes and that His promises are not only for those mentioned in the Old Testament; they’re for every believer today.

In other words, He promises to provide us with deliverance from the enemy, protection, redemption, assurance, strength, vindication and divine position, just as He promised the Israelites.

But transition produces the need for an even closer relationship with God, as He indicated when He told Moses that although Abraham and his descendants knew Him as “Lord”—the almighty and all-powerful One—the children of Israel didn’t know Him as Jehovah (see Ex. 6:2-5).

Jehovah means, “He is, He was and He will be.” It appears in a combination of other titles including Jehovah-jireh, He sees and will provide; Jehovah-nissi, my banner; Jehovah-rapha, my healing; and Jehovah-shalom, my peace.

So when God told Moses His people would know Him as Jehovah,

He was setting them up to receive everything encompassed in His name, including blessings of provision, protection, healing and peace! He would be their Jehovah as He fulfilled His promises to them.

God was telling Moses He was about to transition the children of Israel out of their season of tribulation and position them to take possession of their own place—the Promised Land!

I believe we are going to see the same promises manifest in our lives in 2007. And as we approach the celebration of Easter, the season of the cross and the resurrection, we should remember that Christ experienced His own time of transition: His trial, tribulations and ultimately His death.

Jesus Christ, the hope of glory, accepted the position God had for Him so that we would have an opportunity to come into the greatest possession of all—eternal life.

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