

Prophetic Word: God Says 'I Am About to Visit the Wilderness'

On a recent "prayer drive," I heard the Holy Spirit say in my heart, "wilderness." I thought to myself, "Oh no, God, not more wilderness." And thankfully I heard more.

He said, "I am about to visit the wilderness." In that moment I had a flash of understanding that the "proverbial wilderness" is scheduled for a visitation from heaven.

One definition of "wilderness" is "an empty or pathless area or region." I can speak for myself that I have had many seasons where I've felt "empty and pathless." Yet biblically, it is in this very place called *wilderness*—where we feel unseen, insignificant, lost in seeming darkness, confused, uncertain and tested—that a coordinated invasion plan is sovereignly launched by heaven into earth.

Many have been tempted to give up on the promises God had once spoken. The wilderness provides an environment where we often feel forgotten, and often assume that the words He gave us are forgotten too. Thankfully, God watches over His Word to perform it (Jer. 1:12).

I believe the last months of 2019 will mark a time of God's "performance" in the wilderness. The Scriptures say that Jesus was sent into the wilderness "filled with the Holy Spirit" (Luke 4:1), but afterward, He came out "in the power of the Spirit" (Luke 4:14). His transition from the wilderness was rapid, explosive and never slowed down until He fulfilled His mission to purchase mankind for God with His blood (Rev. 5:9).

Many people are about to be surprised at the sudden shift from their wilderness into a rapid fulfillment of long-awaited

promises. I see many kingdom-initiated, “cutting edge” books, messages and creative exploits that are about to launch from those who have been hidden and unknown. Hidden technologies, health breakthroughs, fashion lines, community centers, adoption financial aid programs, family value entertainment programs and so much more are being fitted for launch. All of this is because God is going to visit the wilderness.

I see many new emerging voices and faces coming into view. Many of those who are being launched from the wilderness will accelerate the changing wineskins. The kingdom is going to continue to go forward, and it will require a shift from outdated traditions and forms that hinder the cause of Christ. The temptation for some in the church will be to see the change as rebellion, but God is bringing the change, even in the midst of certain immaturity.

Many mothers and fathers who have carried a “different spirit” in the wilderness, just like Caleb (Num. 14:24), are about to “inherit” the privilege and responsibility of shepherding, leading and championing a younger emerging generation into never-before conquered territory. This “Caleb type” generation will share in the spoils of war.

Sent to the Wilderness

A few days after the Lord told me that He was going to visit the wilderness, I was given a dream. In my dream, I saw that house churches and other less “organizational” places were being invaded by the Spirit of God. I saw what I knew to be thousands of people at a time packing into one house. I recognized that the focus of these house meetings was prayer.

In one house, I saw that thousands were waiting in line to sit in a chair and receive prayer. After each person was prayed for, they would get up and say, “I have never before been touched by God like that.”

After I woke from the dream, I was led to consider the

visitation of God in the wilderness by John the Baptist. In Mark 1:5, "The whole region of Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins."

I believe the dream of the "house churches" was both literal and symbolic. First, I believe that God is literally going to pour out His Spirit on prayer-focused house churches, and many will "go out" to find and encounter God in these lesser-known places.

Second, I believe the house churches may be symbolic for the less-conventional type of places where the church gathers. As God visits the "wilderness," I believe we are going to see barn revivals, house churches, Bible studies and prayer groups become the target of God's Spirit, and thousands will be drawn to find God in these places.

Certainly, we live in great days of transition and visitation. For those of you in the wilderness, get ready! God is about to visit the wilderness. {eoa}

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