

Restoring Apostolic-Prophetic Ministry in Israel—Is Ezekiel 37 Coming to Pass?

In our generation, we are witnessing the restoration of apostolic and prophetic ministry (Eph. 4:11-13) in the body of Messiah worldwide. Little by little, apostolic and prophetic ministry is also being restored within the local remnant in Israel. Much of what is called apostolic or prophetic is inflated or phony. And much of what would be valid internationally is imported and not indigenous to Israel.

Paul (Saul) spoke of powerful supernatural warfare in 2 Cor. 10:3-5. The overall theme of chapters 10 – 12 is the battle to discern between true and false apostles (2 Cor. 11:13). Paul's primary spiritual warfare in these three chapters concerns the validity and integrity of apostolic ministry. What an eye-opening thought!

A great spiritual challenge before us and a deep passion of my heart is the integrity of authentic, indigenous, apostolic authority in Israel. To have authority, it must be authentic. To have integrity, it must be indigenous. A popular expression in Israel is to produce "facts on the ground." Our spiritual version of this same saying would be to produce real fruit in real people here in the land of Israel.

[**Note:** Ministry has to be indigenous only to the degree that it calls itself "Israeli" or "Jewish." Otherwise it is not necessary. Indigenous elements include work experience, birthplace, family lineage, Hebrew language, taxes, cultural relevancy, historical perspective, current events, citizenship, army service, helping the needy and other types of practical service. Yeshua grew up and worked here 30 years before starting His teaching and evangelistic ministry.]

The restoration of apostolic-prophetic teams in Israel represents a partial restoration of the ministry of the original apostles of the first century. That restoration is a key element of right alignment and spiritual government for the greater body of Messiah.

If apostolic-prophetic ministry in Israel will have a humble and servant heart, it could be a source of blessing, revival and unity. If it has integrity and authenticity, it could be an instrument of kingdom strategy as we prepare for the coming of Yeshua. {eoa}

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