

Did 2016's Prophetic Words Ring True?

In the days and weeks ahead, prophetic voices around the world will release prophecies for 2017. You'll read a handful of them on the "Prophetic Insight" section of . I already released mine about the angels of abundant harvest.

But before we charge ahead to weigh prophetic mandates, directives and warnings for 2017, let's take a minute to look back at the prophetic words declared over 2016. After all, you can't always limit God's words to a 12-month timeline.

As I've said before, it's possible some 2016 prophecies won't be relevant for years, and others will remain relevant for years to come. So, again, before we move on to the next new prophetic word, let's review what prophetic voices declared last year and respond according to His Spirit.

A Year of Shifting Seasons and Suddenlies

I prophesied 2016 would be a year of shifting seasons and suddenlies: "Believe for the suddenlies in 2016. Expect them to happen. Wait with anticipation, but understand that you have to do your part. Like the disciples in the upper room, you need to pray. Like Paul and Barnabas in the prison, you need to praise. In other words, you need to create a spiritual climate over your life that invites the Holy Spirit to work in your heart, in your life and in your circumstances. Your climate change will eventually lead to a season shift that will bring a suddenly you could never make happen in your own strength." Many people I know and I had many shifting seasons and suddenlies. It was probably the most "suddenly"-filled year of my life.

The Year of Remnant Uprising

Brent Simpson prophesied the year of remnant uprising: "Just as in Elijah's day, there is still a remnant of genuine believers who hold true to the countercultural teachings of Christ. Not all people have rejected God's message. You are not alone! There are others like you. There's still a remnant of saints who believe in the power of the cross, the blood, the Bible, the Holy Spirit and prayer! Like an echo from the past, this remnant is a leftover fragment from days past before Christianity became watered down, and the power of God became absent from lives. You are not alone! God has chosen a remnant for this present time in America. 2016 is a year for the remnant to arise." I believe we saw this and will continue to see it in 2017.

God Did It Before, and He Will Do It Again

Jane Hamon says she dreamed for hours with God speaking the same thing to her over and over on Dec. 24, 2015: "If you will show up, I will show off!" She prophesied the word of the Lord: "I will cause heaven to partner with earth in a new way in 2016. My people, if you will show up, I will show off! There are 'Pharaohs' and 'Pharaoh situations' that I have raised up which I will use as examples to demonstrate My power in the earth and make My name great." I say a big amen to this one.

I Will Shake! I Will Shake!

Chuck Pierce got a word for the nation in January 2016 about the first six months of the year. He prophesied the nation of the USA will shake and called it the beginning of the Lord of the nations calling out and separating the nations. "I will develop boldness like never before in a people who have grown acceptable and silent. Don't just look at others to lead the way, for a new spirit of boldness is coming upon you. I will be rearranging many things in your nation in the days ahead. I will start shaking the present church and will bring a new anointing on the pastors and leaders of this land. I will

shake! I will shake! I will shake again!" We certainly saw a shaking.

The Year of Demarcation

Rick Joyner proclaimed 2016 would undoubtedly be a remarkable year: "If I could describe what I see in one word, it would be 'demarcation.' We are entering the 'Valley of Decision.'

Nations and individuals will be making choices on ultimate issues that determine their ultimate fate. We will have great crises to help illuminate the choices and their consequences. These crises will have a near-equal opportunity for good or evil." We certainly saw this come to pass.

Year of Authentic Identity

Ryan Johnson prophesied about a year of authentic identity: "The time of imitations, echoes and Internet sermons is coming to an end. God is calling forth those who have been planted to be exactly whom He created, destined and dreamed you to be. With that, I believe that 2016 is the year of authentic identity. God, unlike days before, is establishing authentic apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists, deacons, elders, revivalists, pioneers, forerunners, worshippers, dancers, artists and authors through a distinct wind of His Spirit." Hallelujah!

These are just a few of the words we published about 2016 in our Prophetic Insight column. Stay tuned for more in the year ahead. {eoa}

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