

# How to Release Heaven on Earth

God has a marvelous plan for His church, a plan that will help release heaven on earth. The prophets predicted a time when salvation, righteousness, peace, joy, rejoicing and redemption will come to Israel and the world.

It is time for God's people to get on board with God's plan and to diligently pray—and work—to see the fulfillment of His plan for His church. God has given us a clear mandate for what we should be doing. He says:

“ If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14, NKJV).

I want you to understand thoroughly that God's plan is to establish and advance His kingdom. May your heart be stirred with a longing for the fulfillment of His plan to release heaven on earth. Be filled with hope for an earth filled with His righteousness. See how God's plan is unveiled in the pages of the Gospels. Get excited to challenge yourself to diligently pray for God's plan—God's kingdom, heaven—to be released on earth now.

Israel has never experienced earthly peace for any extended period of time. The peace they desire would come only through

Messiah, and it would be spiritual. They were looking for an earthly peace and missed the spiritual peace that comes through Christ. *Peace* is the Hebrew word *shalom*, meaning “prosperity, health, wholeness.”

Those who preach the gospel publish peace, which is part of the plan of God for His kingdom (see Is. 52:7). The new covenant is the covenant of peace (see Is. 54:10; Ezek. 34:25, 37:26), and the prayers of believers fulfill the plan of God and expand the peace of God.

How do we do that? First, we must understand God’s plan. It is His plan that righteousness would *reign* in His kingdom. As we pray in quietness and confidence for this to happen today our prayers will include these characteristics and declarations:

- Righteousness will be revealed (see Is. 56:1).
- The saints will be called trees of righteousness (Is. 61:3).
- Righteousness and praise will spring forth among the nations (Is. 61:11).
- The Messiah will bring in everlasting righteousness (Dan. 9:24).
- New believers will be created in righteousness (Eph. 4:24).
- The new covenant will administer righteousness (2 Cor. 3:9).
- The scepter of the kingdom will be righteousness (Heb. 1:8).

- The righteous will flourish in the days of the Messiah (the kingdom—Ps. 72:7).

Secondly, we must accept His mandate and align ourselves with Him to bring His peace, joy and revival to the world. Even though, as Christians, we are created in righteousness and true holiness (see Eph. 4:24), we have not yet experienced a world filled with peace and righteousness. But as we pray and decree these God-ordained prayers, we can expect righteousness, peace and joy to increase from generation to generation.

You, through your prayers and scriptural decrees, have a pivotal role in the expansion of God's kingdom. Get excited about your role and pray diligently to see this come about! Will you accept His mandate to bring His peace, joy and revival to the world? By doing so, you can release heaven on earth.

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Align yourself with God's mandate to release heaven on earth

and humbly commit to praying and declaring that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven, and that His righteousness would reign worldwide. Continue to pray for the spread of the gospel, the protection of Israel and the persecuted church. Pray for revival in our own nation so that we might return to godly principles and be a catalyst to hasten the Lord's return. Ask the Lord to help you reach out to the hurting and lonely, and seek opportunities to bless those who have suffered loss of income, health and loved ones. Also remember to pray for our president, newly elected officials, our military and their families during this busy season.

2 Chronicles 7:14; Isaiah 9:6-7