

Prophecy: 'Ohio, You're an Engine of Prayer, Reform and Glory!'

Prayer Shield and Air Defense

The Lord specifically told me to go to Hope City House of Prayer in Columbus, Ohio to hold my first Lightning Strike, a one-night awakening gathering to unlock the power of God for the territory. As soon as I got into my hotel room in Ohio, the Father began to speak to me about His strategic plans for that region. I heard this word, "Prayer shield and air defense."

I began to pray and inquire of the Lord about the meaning of this word. He told me that the state of Ohio was a base of tactical prayer operations and that He was raising up the *ekklesia* in that region. He also told me to research missile defense and weapons systems. I learned that there is a weapons manufacturing center in Columbus and that Ohio is being considered for installation of a new defense base for the U.S. missile defense system. The Lord told me that this is a prophetic picture of the nature of His plans and purposes for Ohio—that the state is strategic, with spiritual weapons being manufactured in the land to defeat the plans of hell and also to release divine protection over the United States of America.

A Canopy of Glory

As I continued to pray, I hear, the words, "Mega canopy—raise up a canopy of glory!"

"Then the LORD will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over everything the glory will be a

canopy" (Isa. 4:5).

The Lord is calling forth His people to pray and raise up a canopy of glory. The church is crossing into its authentic identity as the *ekklesia*. There are kingdom weapon-manufacturing centers (spiritual centers) being established where people are equipped, trained and released to do serious damage to the devil's kingdom. Strategic plans are coming from the canopy!

The voice of the great strategist is heard in the glory. Guidance is coming from the canopy. There is air defense from lies, attacks and evil plots. The canopy of glory and the prayer shield will render the operations of the principalities and powers null and void. There is a defense against the demonic artillery being released in the region. As the people of God erect the canopy of prayer and glory, it cleanses the air and tears down the demonic lies that have occupied the territory.

The glory serves as a covering of protection. There is divine protection in the glory! Not only is there protection, but also provision. Glory unlocks a miraculous flow of finances and substance. Defensive and offensive prophetic strategies are released in the canopy. The canopy of glory brings forth much needed insight.

Pray, Contend, Build and Advance

The Lord is highlighting the state of Ohio and its strategic destiny in the nation. There is a stronger apostolic emphasis coming upon the region. The Lord is raising up apostolic bases in the state of Ohio to pray, contend, build and advance.

There is marriage between intimacy, power and warfare. The Father is bringing various streams of the prayer movements together—houses of prayer and worship—for vital plans and purposes. The prophetic stream of the prayer movement which primarily focuses on bridal love and intimacy, and the

apostolic stream of the prayer movement which focuses on governing and ruling—will all come together to form an unstoppable move of glory, government and power. There is a prophetic army arising with push-back prayer to tear down the works of hell. There are strategic prayers and strategies being released to protect and cleanse the air.

There are strategic alliances being formed in this hour to prepare the people who will dwell under the canopy. There is a reformation from a ministry- building paradigm to a canopy-creating people. People are being drawn to places, and they are not just building typical ministries but contending to raise the canopy of glory and see the destiny of a region manifest.

There is an apostolic and prophetic charge being released over Ohio. The Lord is saying, “Ohio, take your place as an engine of prayer, reform and glory in the United States of America!” As I preached at Hope City and released the word to Ohio, the local news came. The mayor of Columbus had issued a call for faith leaders to pray because of rising violence in the city. The news did a live shot from the sanctuary; the mayor later shared a photo of the gathering on social media. I believe this was yet another prophetic picture of the canopy that God wants to raise from Ohio to the nation! {eo}

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