

Prophetic Word: Power and Glory Will Return to the Church Like Never Before

Leading up to 2022, and even now, I have felt such anticipation about this year. People have asked me one question in a myriad of different ways, but the question is essentially: "Is this year going to go well or will it be like the last two years?"

After sitting with the Lord and letting the dreams, visions and conversations marinate, let me answer this question by simply saying: This year, God's heart is to see the church rise as the mighty bride she is called to be. We have the authority and we are the rudder of the ship.

Distraction, divisions and sneaky games have cost us our power and effectiveness, and bowing to culture and the media's lies has silenced our no more. I pray this doesn't just give you information for you to add to your "2022 word repertoire," but that it's a word which encourages you, shakes you to your bones, ignites your spirit and sends you running into the year with a courageous and undignified roar of righteous vengeance.

Prophets in Hiding

"But if I say, 'I will not mention His word or speak any more in His name,' His word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot" (Jer. 20:9, NIV).

Before I get into the main word, I have to highlight this: For the last few years, many voices have gone into hiding. For many, it was during the initial lockdown of 2020 when the enemy started spinning his web, taking many off course into prophetic diversions and down rabbit holes designed to silence

them. Then the greatest assault of stifling came a year ago during the inauguration, when the church and media chased the prophets into hiding.

The domino effect from that has been more catastrophic than we realize. *Where is the word of the Lord if the prophets don't prophesy?*

"The lion has roared—who will not fear? The Sovereign LORD has spoken—who can but prophesy?" (Amos 3:8).

We have been in what has felt like a global holding pattern, as the nations inevitably face the results of a church stuck in the mud of warfare, religion and cultural pressure, while fighting the fires of the enemy's side-show games instead of the real battle at hand. But that is all about the change.

Empty Buckets & Fresh Infilling

As I was praying into 2022, I was drawn to this image of an empty bucket God kept showing me and knew right away that this bucket represented the season of endless storms, the "emptying" and the reset we have been through the last two years. The bucket represented a season of extreme "emptying out" in preparation for something new to fill that same space.

At the wedding feast at Cana, they had to reach empty before the miracle of turning water into wine could happen. In 2021, we saw the bottom of that bucket corporately and personally. Many of you felt yourselves at rock bottom, like there was nowhere further down to go. Many of you found yourselves spiritually, emotionally and physically spent, like you were waiting for a collapse to take place but God preserved you because something was coming that you didn't see. You even said, "I feel like I don't have much left," and this couldn't be more true, because you have been living on the manna of a revelation and encounter that has sustained you throughout that season, but now it's time to step into something new.

Maybe you have entered into 2022 still staring at the bottom of that old bucket but don't be fooled; there is an infilling coming that is so powerful, it is going to fill you up again and cause you to overflow. You will look back at the year that depleted you and realize it was the year that made the way for you to walk into such an outpouring of the Spirit, both personally and through to the world around you.

Breaking the Curses, Slander & Ending the Gag Order

Because 2021 was such a year of private battles and chatter, God has been working hard to get you healed of the bites and the stings. He has been trying to "unstick" you where the enemy slimed you, stunted you and derailed you. This was a year where you felt like your hair was cut and you lost yourself, caught up in endless distractions and battles; but now it's time to leave that place. 2021 was a year of restriction and spiritual bullying; it felt like everything you said came under scrutiny and criticism. It was a year of constant muzzling and suppression of the mighty voice that God was awakening.

If you haven't already shaken off the "snake" into the fire as Paul did, shake off the fear of man and the witchcraft of the critics. If you have been silenced in the last year, today you need to break off the muzzle and curses sent your way. What came to harm you will NOT KILL YOU OR YOUR DESTINY! No, it will not! Shake it off! Shake off the betrayal. Shake off the poison! I command the muzzle over your voice to break off and the gag order to end NOW, in Jesus' name! Right now, God is cleaning off the slime that was hurled at you.

Anticipating a Second Wind

A few days after that, I was in worship when I suddenly heard the Lord say, "Tell them to prophesy! The answer is in their mouths! The future is in their mouths! Speak what I am doing, not what you see in the natural! For many have stopped

prophesying and the word must [go] out! Prophecy, My bride. Prophecy!"

Straight away after this, it was like I was feeling and sensing the hearts of so many believers around the world who just felt disillusioned and faith-tired. Maybe, even reading this, you felt a sting of it. I get it; I really do. But God is about to give us a second wind where we have felt empty and discouraged from the last two years of standing without results...yet.

Your bucket has been empty. Your belly has not felt like it has had rivers flowing from it, but soon it will. Maybe you've been through the storm and it has left you [feeling] flat. Maybe you have contended and done everything you could do but you have been severely discouraged, not seeing breakthrough or any advancement at all. But the second wind is it's not going to be some "light change" but a major life interruption that shifts *everything* inside you and around you.

Voices of Truth Arise!

Voices of truth need to arise! We must prophesy!

- I prophesy: You have been anointed to demolish strongholds with your words and evict principalities!
- I prophesy: This is a year where we will see Haman hung by his own noose as we prophesy and worship.
- I prophesy: this will be a year where the Church shines like never before.
- I prophesy: This will be a year of the resurgence of the Davidic worshipers and the releasing of songs of revival that have been held back in the last two years.
- I prophesy: This will be a year where our sound will shake cities and nations, and the earth will know we are here and the King of kings is with us.
- I prophesy: This will be a year where the demons that were bothering you in 2021 will not be able to stand

being around you because of the ferocity of your decrees.

- I prophesy: This will be a year of the fresh utterance, as fresh coals are placed on our tongues by the Lord.
- I prophesy: This will be a year of the power and glory returning to the church in a way we have not seen!
- I prophesy: This will be a year of righteous and bold lions being released into contentious situations on the earth.
- I prophesy: This is a year that changes the very trajectory of history as we know it.

For the glory of Jesus alone, be His voice. {eoa}

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