

Will the Esthers and Deborahs Please Rise Up?

Jehovah Nissi deployed both Esther and Deborah to demolish the enemy's plans to kill, steal and destroy His people at strategic times in the nation's history.

Esther stood in prayer and fasting that I believe unleashed the heavenly host to execute God's will in the earth. Deborah ran to the battle line with a natural army that saw enemy plots quashed. Both women displayed faith and works and saw life spring forth where the enemy planned to bring death and destruction.

Now, once again the Lord is calling women to the frontlines to combat the wicked forces working to push Jesus out of the public square, take the next generation captive to deception and otherwise stall a third Great Awakening.

As the 30-day fast leading to the culmination of the historic Rise Up prayer gathering in Washington, D.C., in October, the enemy is raging against the land. But the Jehovah Nissi—which is the name Moses gave to God at the altar he built after the Israelites defeated the Amalekites at Rephidim—has bowed His ear and is delighting in the prayers of modern-day Esthers and Deborahs.

In this season, if we wax militant in intercession like Deborah I believe we will see a great outpouring of salvations, healings and many miracle manifestations. As we fast like Esther—as we decrease so He can increase—we will fuel new prayer strategies and battle tactics that will not only stop the enemy but pave the way for the oppressed to release their collective voice and see lives and cities transformed.

As I've said before, now is not the time to pull back. Now is

the time to press in harder than ever before as we stand on the precipice of what could be the greatest move of God we've ever seen.

On April 21, 2007, the Lord woke me up at midnight and I sensed Him offering this prophetic word:

There is a great awakening coming to this nation. For I have heard your cries, and I long to heal your land. I am a covenant God, and I will not forget the covenant I made with your Founding Forefathers. Yes, there will be a shaking, but the foundations will not crack and they will not crumble. Only those things which can be shaken will be shaken that the sin in the land may be laid bare.

Repentance. I require repentance from My people who have through the generations allowed the enemy to take ground in this nation. I require repentance for the abortions and for the prayerlessness. I require repentance for the apathy and for the idolatry. You shall have no other gods before me. I am indeed the God of America.

Yes, there is a great awakening coming to this nation. I am the Author of it and I will bring it to pass. Just turn from your wicked ways and humble yourselves. Stand in the gap and make up the hedge. I am the Lord, and I am a warrior. I will not leave or forsake this country. I will fight through you and with you to regain what has been lost.

Be encouraged now because as you go forth boldly with My Word and My Spirit there will be the sound of truth and it will prevail in the land. Speak boldly and clearly and watch as the mighty men arise to take their positions on the wall and in the churches and in the marketplaces. For I am raising up deliverers and reformers in this generation who will not shrink back at the challenge that is coming in the days ahead.

Yes, it will grow darker before My light shines brightly from

this nation again. But the light has not been extinguished and will not be extinguished. The time to rise up is now. I am calling you to war. I am calling you to repentance. I am calling you to My side. I am the captain of the hosts. I am calling you to victory. I am calling you to destiny. Will you answer?

I am believing over 1 million voices will collectively cry out with new power, new passion and new purpose in Washington, D.C. I believe this rising up will release a roar heard round the world that will ripple through the nations.