

The King is Coming

'The King is Coming...The desire of all Nations' (by *Lorraine Waddell*)

There is a worldwide vision which is assembling the body of Christ and moving it forward into the fulfilment of its eternal purpose.

There is a trumpet call, a clarion call, ringing out clearly from prophetic voices all over the world: **"Blow the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord is coming, for it is at hand."**

(Joel 2:1).

**"MAKE
HERSELF
READY"**

This is a call to waken a slumbering church. The Bride of Christ is to "make herself ready" (Rev. 19:7). The army of the Lord is being mobilised; an army of worshipping warriors. There is excitement in the camp – the King is coming!

Tz'va'ot, the Lord of Hosts (**The Lord of Armies**), is leading us forward. Already there is the "sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees." The angelic hosts are on the move and **it is time for us to move** (2 Sam. 5:24). This army is one that "marches in formation, and they do not break ranks. They do not push one another; every one marches in his own column." (Joel 2:7,8).

We have much to do to make sure each one is able to take his place in this amazing army. The King of Glory is waiting for 'doors' to open and 'gates' to be lifted in preparation for His coming. **"Lift up your heads, o you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle...the Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory."** (Ps. 24:7,8).

There are 'doors' in our personal lives, our families, our fellowships, and our nations, which need to be opened. "Let he who has an ear to hear, let him hear" what the Spirit says to the "lukewarm" church..."Behold, I stand at the door and knock." (Rev. 3: 20).

This is a time of preparation for a glory which is coming. There is a wave of God's glory coming which will be devastating for those who have not been watching for it. They will be overwhelmed and confused. Like surfers, who train and prepare in their anticipation of catching the biggest and most powerful waves, God is calling us to be equipped and ready, and, yes, there is a growing excitement and anticipation in those who have heard God's call to "get ready, get ready, get ready".

Everything within the Church must be in place "as it is in Heaven". Things simply cannot remain the same. There have been centuries of **"locusts which have laid waste My vine...Gird yourselves and lament you priests...you who minister to my God."** (Joel 1: 4,13). We need to "turn to God with all our hearts, with fasting, weeping and mourning" (Joel 2:12) for what we've lost. We must call things into place again in our lives, in our relationships, in our fellowships, and on this earth, "as it is in Heaven."

"As it is in Heaven"; perpetual praise and worship. In the tabernacle of Moses, "sweet incense" was burned **every morning and every evening**. God said it was to be a **"perpetual incense throughout your generations."** (Ex. 30:8).

David was **"a man after God's own heart."** (1 Sam. I 13:4). The "incense" of David's tabernacle was the cry of his heart which echoed God's heart: "Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." (Ps. 141:2). **"From the rising of the sun to its going down, the Lord's name is to be praised."** (Ps. 113:3). Praise, worship, and intercession, were 24/7 in David's tabernacle.

24/7

The 24/7 initiatives of these days are simply putting back into place what God instituted from the beginning. They are the strategies of Heaven itself and must be operative over the entire globe in these days of preparation.

As it was in the beginning, when God brought Israel out of captivity, the precepts He set in place with Moses were of precise, eternal significance and shadows of what was to come.

God established three set feasts. (Ex. 23: 14-17). Every male Israelite was to travel to Jerusalem to keep those feasts. The Feast of Unleavened Bread, what we know as Passover (**Pessach**), in the 1st month of the religious Hebrew calendar, was the first of those significant feasts. It celebrated the saving of the Israelites' firstborn from God's judgement on Egypt and also the exodus from captivity in Egypt. Fifty days later, the Feast of Weeks, or Feast of Harvest (**Shavuot**, known to us as Pentecost) was held, celebrating the giving of the law on Sinai.

These two feasts, in the eternal plan and purposes of God, have been fulfilled. Passover is fulfilled, through Christ and His atoning death, taking the judgement of God on Himself. The Feast of Weeks is fulfilled through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Instead of the letter of the law, we have been given the Spirit of life, His law written on our hearts.

Which feast remains to be fulfilled? The third feast - The Feast of Ingathering. All three feasts were linked with harvest in some way, but this particular feast, in the **7th month**, "at the **end** of the year, when you have gathered in the fruit of your labours from the field" (Ex. 23:16) was, and is, to celebrate a **full** and **final** harvest. We are hearing the 'trumpet calls' (the prophetic voices) of the first day of the 7th month and we are in the preparation period for the final feast, the Feast of Tabernacles, when all nations will come to Jerusalem and rejoice (Zech. 14:6).

"THE FEAST OF
THE INGATHERING"

The study of the Feasts and their significance is too much to expound in this short article. Every number, every detail, is significant, and is further related by Jesus and the apostles, and recorded for us in the New Testament. It is a deep and astounding study. If you are inspired to search deeper into this, you may be interested in the extensive study-book entitled "**The King is coming ... The Desire of all Nations.**" You will find contact details at the end of this article.

Also, in the instructions God gave Moses for preparing a place for His glory to be present in the midst of His people, it was very clear that the glory presence demanded a great degree of cleansing preparation among the people. Before the Ark of the Covenant was constructed and housed in the Holy of Holies, God showed Moses at Sinai the consuming fire of His Presence, and told him not to allow the people to come near the mountain. (Ex. 19 10-25).

When Moses himself asked to see God's glory, just the revelation of one aspect of His glory, His "**goodness**" (Ex. 33:18-23), was all that he was able to bear and even then he was in a place in a rock shielded by God's hand.

It was an awesome thing when David 'mishandled' God's glory when he only had the very best intention to bring the Ark back to Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6:1-10, 1 Chron. 15:13-15).

These are the days of examination and preparation for a coming glory. The "sons of glory" must be revealed – the whole earth is crying out for this (Rom. 8:19). The power and glory of the days to come will be as awesome as the physical flood of Noah's time, when the torrent not only came from an open Heaven but from the bursting forth of waters from the "**fountains of great deep**" on the earth (Gen. 7:11). That's the glory that will burst forth from within prepared believers, reaching out to a dying world.

"SONS OF
GLORY"

Again, I have to say, the extent and depth of what the glory is cannot be expounded here. The book mentioned earlier, though only scratching the surface, gives enough to encourage you to look deeper and increase your expectancy of what is to come.

Jerusalem, "**the city of the Great King**", will be the hub of all future world events, and God is restoring His beloved Israel, "**firstborn**" of all the nations. (Ex. 4:22). The destiny of Israel is inextricably linked with the destiny of the Church. Israel is the "root", "the root supports you" (Rom. 11:18). The eyes of the Church worldwide are being turned to Israel, to pray their destiny into place, so that the "**Desire of All Nations**" will come (Hag. 2:7).

There is a shaking that is already happening, an uprooting of anything that is not deeply rooted in God. "**Judgement begins in the house of the Lord!**" (1 Peter. 4:17).