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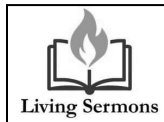
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Foreword

There are moments in history when God permits shaking—not for destruction, but for purification, alignment, and preparation. In such moments, the people of God must learn to see beyond the visible crisis and discern the divine strategy hidden within it.

This book is a timely prophetic call to such discernment.

Drawn from a profound teaching on the patterns of Scripture, this message walks us through the dealings of God with His people in seasons of uncertainty, using the captivity of Israel in Babylon as a prophetic mirror for the Church in our generation. What appears outwardly as disruption often carries within it the seeds of divine repositioning.

*Through the wisdom of Jeremiah's instruction, the faithfulness of Daniel's preparation, the productivity demanded in Christ's parable of stewardship, and the foresight demonstrated by men like Isaac and Joseph, this book unveils an urgent Kingdom principle: **God expects His people to remain productive, prophetic, and purpose-driven even in adverse times.***

This is not merely a sermon about survival.

It is a blueprint for Kingdom occupation.

It calls believers to build, plant, establish families, steward resources, engage in soul-winning, and position themselves strategically for the days ahead. It confronts passivity, exposes the danger of wasted stewardship, and reminds every believer that the return of Christ will not only be a moment of glory—but also a moment of account.

The central cry of this message is clear:

Occupy till He comes.

As you journey through these pages, my prayer is that the Holy Spirit will grant you unusual foresight—grace to discern the times, wisdom to act correctly, and courage to invest your life fully into the purposes of God.

May this book stir you into deeper faithfulness. May it awaken your stewardship. May it align your heart with the coming harvest. And may you be found fruitful when the Master returns.

— Wisdom Epsi
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Main Message

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Introduction

Father, we honour You. We glorify Your name. There is no one like You in all the earth.

The awesome God that made the whole universe, yet made man in Your likeness and in Your image—we worship You this morning. We glorify You, and we bow our hearts and our souls before Your throne. We declare that You are holy, holy, holy—just as the cherubim and the seraphim declare in heaven. You are the greatest. There is nothing to be compared to You.

Have Your way Lord. Let Your glory be revealed to the nations again. Let Your glory be revealed to Your children all over the world who are tuning in this morning. Let the hunger in every heart be satisfied as living waters flow from this place into every home and to every individual.

I ask that Your glory will circle the earth again. It is Your desire that the earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

Make Yourself known. Open the mysteries of prophecy to us. Help us to see what is coming, to understand where we are, and give us wisdom for succeeding—for living victoriously in these last days.

Equip every one of us to be like the wise virgins; like that wise and faithful servant who waits for the return of his master. Teach us to be effective still—effective in worship, effective in taking charge, effective in the things You have committed into our hands.

Teach us to live in such a way that we are pleasing to You; effective in fulfilling the mission You have put in our hands—the Great Commission. Let us represent You effectively in every aspect of our lives.

Have Your way, Lord. We give You glory and honour and praise.

In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

The Burden of the Word of the Lord

I am so glad to be back today.

Sometimes the prophets themselves will say, “*The burden of the word of the Lord.*” When they carry a prophetic message, they carry it like a burden. That is how I feel this morning.

There is so much to unveil, so much to wrestle with, and time is running because we are only coming once a week. Even if I were with you every day on this subject, we still would not exhaust it.

But let us get started.

The Lord gave me a strategy as we do this broadcast and bring this prophetic season into your homes. He gave me a two-dimensional template.

The first is to use the first section to bring prophetic words, guidance, and direction. I am not just speaking as a teacher, pastor, or evangelist. I stand in that office by the grace of God, and there are things God has made known to me—things He has revealed to us in our prophetic presbytery.

There are certain things we know and understand that will be very helpful to you.

At every first session, this is the kind of thing I will be dealing with—certain things you need to know that will position you.

Then in the second section, we will get into the study of biblical prophecy.

There are quite a few things I would like to get across to you this morning. They will help your personal Christian life, your business, and every area of your life. They will position you and give you an advantage.

The Blessing of Prophetic Knowledge

In the book of Revelation, chapter one and verse three, John declared that there is a blessing for reading the book of prophecy.

Not just reading it. He said if you go further and hear it, there is a blessing. One of those blessings is this: **the man who sees the future owns it.**

The knowledge of the future puts you in leadership. If you know which businesses will create the next set of billionaires in the next ten years, and you move into them now, by the time others discover it and begin rushing in, you would have built your empire and moved on.

If you know the industries that will collapse in the next five to ten years, it would be foolish to invest there. Seeing the future is owning the future. Seeing the future puts you in charge. It makes you a leader. This is what made Daniel a prime minister. This same thing made Joseph a prime minister.

Both of them entered foreign lands as teenagers—Joseph into Egypt at about seventeen, and Daniel into Babylon at about seventeen. Yet both emerged as prime ministers in lands where they were not citizens.

Why?

Because of the gifts of the Spirit.

The Most Prized Gift of the Spirit

There are nine gifts of the Spirit. But the most prized among them is not the gift of miracles. It is not even the gift of healing. The most prized gift of all is the one that reveals the future. It is called **the Word of Wisdom**.

There is another revelation gift called the **Word of Knowledge**. The Word of Knowledge can tell you what is happening now and what happened in the past. But what makes the Word of Wisdom powerful is that it not only shows you what is coming—it shows you what to do.

Joseph saw the seven years of famine. But the gift of the Word of Wisdom also showed him what Egypt needed to do. He told Pharaoh to begin a massive saving programme. He taught Pharaoh to store one-fifth of all produce because economic famine was coming.

But before the famine, there would be seven years of abundance. Take advantage of the season of plenty to prepare for the season of scarcity. That is wisdom.

Wisdom shows you what is coming, and wisdom shows you what to do about it. Ladies and gentlemen, I am about to give you some Word of Wisdom.

The country from which I am broadcasting has been in recession for years. But hear me carefully. The world has entered a recession because of this global pandemic. Yet what is happening now is already winding down. God, in answer to prayer, has demystified it.

There are solutions. There will be vaccines. There will be treatments. But beyond all of that, stop living in fear. Get hold of knowledge. There are scientific solutions, apart from spiritual solutions. Nobody around you needs to die. So let us put that aside for a moment. The next issue is: **life after the pandemic**.

The Warning from Jeremiah

In Jeremiah chapter 32, we find a powerful prophetic picture. Jeremiah was the prophet who warned Jerusalem that Babylon was coming. He warned that Babylon would destroy the city and burn down the temple. It was hard for the Jews to believe.

How could the Temple of God—the temple Solomon built, where the Shekinah glory once dwelt—be destroyed?

But God told Jeremiah to remind them of Shiloh. Before the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, God's house was in Shiloh. That was where the Tabernacle of Moses was stationed permanently after Israel entered the Promised Land. For over four hundred years, if you wanted to seek God, you went to Shiloh.

But the people backslid. They began worshipping idols and doing the things of the heathen. God warned them. He said the nation would go into captivity and the house called by His name would be destroyed. They did not believe it.

When Corruption Reaches the House of God

In the days of Eli, his sons corrupted the priesthood. They defiled the sanctuary. They entered financial corruption. They committed immorality. And when religion is corrupt, it is one of the worst things that can happen to society. Because when politics fails and systems collapse, the house of God is often the last man standing. But when corruption reaches ministry itself, God may have no option but to bring judgment.

God warned Eli, he did nothing. So God raised a little boy named Samuel. Samuel began to receive visions. One of those visions was terrifying. He told Eli that his two sons would die in one day, and the house of God would be destroyed.

And it happened.

The Philistines invaded.

The priests died.

Shiloh was destroyed. The Ark of the Covenant was captured. But even in captivity, God showed that He was still God. When the Philistines placed the Ark before Dagon, their idol fell flat on its face. The next day, Dagon's head and hands were broken.

Then a plague broke out in the land. The Philistines realised they had brought judgment upon themselves and returned the Ark. Yet by then, the house in Shiloh was gone.

And God had moved.

A Pattern of Judgment

David later established the tabernacle in Zion. Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem. And again, the glory of God filled the house. But after many years, the people repeated the same sins—idolatry, rebellion, compromise. So God raised Jeremiah. And Jeremiah warned them: Another enemy is coming.

This time, Babylon. And they will destroy this temple. But the people said, “It is impossible.”

How can the temple of God be destroyed?

And God said: *Go to Shiloh and see what I did there because of the iniquity of your fathers.*

If you think that this house cannot be destroyed, go and check what happened in history so you can learn what can happen again. That is the key to our study today: No matter what we think is coming in the future, it has happened in the past.

The key to prophecy is in the past. It is called **history**. There is a key called **prophetic patterns**.

If you go into history—the things recorded in the Scriptures—you will see that many things people are expecting in the future have already happened in some form in the past.

If you learn from history, you can prevent making the same mistakes again. Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. The key to the future is not in the future; it is in the past. The past repeats itself.

God made the universe in such a way that everything revolves in cycles. Today is Sunday. Do you remember last Sunday when I was here talking to you?

We have completed a cycle—a weekly cycle—and we are back to Sunday. In Africa, this is the rainy season. This is May and June, our planting season. Guess what?

Last year, at this same time, it was raining. Two years ago, at this same time, it was raining. The cycle repeats. When we get to December, it will be the cold season. We will have the dry winds. In the Western nations, it will be winter.

Everything in life moves in cycles. That is why you hear of menstrual cycles. Women go through a full cycle every month. The same principle applies to animals. The same principle applies to plants. There are seasons for fruitfulness. This is the principle of life cycles.

There Is Nothing New Under the Sun

Ecclesiastes 1:9 says:

“The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.”

This is one of the master keys to understanding prophecy. Many of the things people fear in the future have already happened before. For example, people talk about the Antichrist as if he has never appeared. But antichrist spirits have appeared many times. They always carry certain characteristics. One of the major signs is this: they hate the

Jewish nation, and they hate the Church. Anyone who rises to persecute God's people carries that spirit. In the days of Esther, there was Haman.

He wanted to wipe out the Jews. That was an antichrist spirit. In recent history, there was Hitler. He sought the extermination of the Jewish people. That was an antichrist spirit. But the Bible tells us clearly: There will be many antichrists before the final one.

Many Antichrists Before the Final One

1 John 2:18 (KJV) says:

“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists...”

Did you see that?

There is the final Antichrist. But before him, there are many. These are prophetic patterns. If you study them, you will understand the one that is coming.

Even when John wrote Revelation, there was already one on the earth.

His name was Emperor Nero.

He was one of the first great persecutors of both the Jews and the Church.

He initiated the destruction of Jerusalem.

He persecuted believers.

He fed Christians to wild beasts. He was responsible for the death of Apostle Paul. And he banished John to the Isle of Patmos. History carries patterns.

And if you study history, you will recognise the future.

Understanding the Cross Through Patterns

If you want to understand prophecy, never interpret it with human logic. Go back to the records. That is why the Bible starts from the beginning. God preserved records so we could recognise His patterns. Take the Cross, for example.

Jesus died on the Cross two thousand years ago. But the Bible says:

“...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8).

That means the Cross had been prophetically demonstrated many times before Calvary.

God kept showing the pattern.

The Brazen Serpent: A Shadow of the Cross

One example is in the days of Moses. A plague broke out because of Israel's rebellion. Fiery serpents invaded the camp. People were being bitten and dying. Then God gave Moses an instruction: Make a brazen serpent and lift it upon a pole. Anyone bitten should look upon it and live. What was God showing?

The Cross.

Healing through identification. Jesus took our sin nature. He became sin for us. That serpent represented the sinful nature of man—the fallen nature introduced in Eden.

And Christ took that nature and nailed it to the Cross. Romans 6 teaches us that our old man was crucified with Him. That ugly thing on the Cross was not just suffering—it was substitution. He took what belonged to us.

- He took our sin.
- He took our corruption.
- He took the serpent nature.

And He crucified it. That is why redemption is possible.

The Passover Lamb: The Power of the Blood

Another demonstration of the Cross was in Egypt. Exodus chapter 12. Israel was in bondage. God wanted to deliver them. He instructed Moses: Take a lamb without blemish.

Kill it.

Collect the blood. Apply it on the doorposts.

That night, the angel of death passed through Egypt. But wherever the blood was found, death could not enter. That lamb was a picture of Christ. That blood was a picture of the Blood of Jesus. The same Blood that brought deliverance then is the same Blood that brings salvation now. But not only salvation.

- Protection.
- Preservation.
- Covering.

Revelation 12:11 says:

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony...”

These are survival strategies for the last days.

The Mystery of Divine Covering

Lift your hands wherever you are and pray:

“Lord, I cleanse myself with the Blood of Jesus—my spirit, my soul, my body, and my garments. I repent of every form of sin and everything that has defiled my being.

Cleanse me by Your Blood.

Make me whole again. Cover me with the Blood of Jesus.

- Cover my children.
- Cover my family.
- Cover the Church.

Hide us in the secret place of the Most High. Let no plague come near us. Let no evil touch us. Be our shield, our buckler, and our rock of defence. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen."

These are secrets.

They overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb. Principles for living in the last days.

The Days of Noah: A Pattern for the End

The whole issue of the last days has happened before. There was a generation in history that faced the end of an age. It was the generation of Noah. That is why Jesus said:

"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."
(Matthew 24:37)

That world was destroyed by water.

This present world will be judged by fire. But notice this: After every end, a new cycle begins. Noah survived. His family survived. And they entered a new world. In the same way, those who survive this present age will enter into the millennial reign of Christ.

A thousand years of righteousness and peace. So do not think the world simply ends.

No.

It moves in cycles. One phase ends. Another begins. We just ended one week. Today begins another. That is how God designed life.

A Rhema Word Is Coming

Before I take you further and show you something in history that is about to happen in our time, let me release a rhema word.

A prophetic word.

God has shown me many things. Some of them He has permitted me to share. Some He has not. But what He has allowed me to release will position you for what is ahead.

There are some things God has shown me that He does not permit me to share publicly. For those, you will have to attend one of our prophecy summits. But this one, He gave me permission to share. And every week, I will keep unveiling these things to you.

When it was time for the second destruction of the Temple—the Temple in Jerusalem built by Solomon—Jeremiah had already prophesied that it would be destroyed, just like Shiloh.

When the time came, Babylon invaded. But before the destruction was complete, God spoke to Jeremiah. And what God said is one of the most strategic prophetic instructions in Scripture.

God told Jeremiah: “Someone is going to come to you and offer you land. Buy it.”

Get witnesses. Get the documents. Seal the transaction properly. Because in the future, people may try to deny it. Make sure everything is done properly. Now think about this. Israel was about to be destroyed. People were about to be killed. The nation was going into captivity for seventy years. And in the middle of that chaos, God told Jeremiah to buy land. Why?

Because the destruction was not permanent. After seventy years, the city would be rebuilt. People would return. The land would appreciate. And Jeremiah and his descendants would have strategic advantage. That is prophetic wisdom. Do not sell because everybody is selling.

Buy.

When everybody is panicking, learn to hear the voice of God. This pandemic will throw many into confusion. But there is life after crisis. There is recovery after judgment. And those who understand the times will be positioned ahead.

Position Yourself for the Future

Jeremiah 32 teaches us something powerful. God may warn of destruction, but He also gives strategy for survival. He tells you what to do to secure the future. In difficult times, strategic assets matter. When others are driven by fear, wisdom sees opportunity.

Peace will return. Life will normalise again. And those who positioned themselves wisely will own the future. Landowners will own the future. There are days coming when buying and selling may become restricted. In such times, those who can grow their own food and sustain themselves will have an advantage. This is prophetic survival wisdom.

Water Security: A Key End-Time Strategy

One of the first things believers must understand is **water security**. There are times coming when water systems may fail. There may be scarcity.

There may be pollution. But remember this: Water does not disappear from the earth. It only changes location. Water comes in three forms: From heaven as rain.

From underground. From surface sources like rivers and streams. If there is no rain, and you have no surface water, then go underground. That is why boreholes matter. Believers who will survive the last days must secure water for themselves.

Water is life.

Whether there is pandemic or not, people must drink. People must eat. And where there is water, there is opportunity.

Isaac's Strategy in Time of Famine

In the days of Isaac, there was famine in the land. A severe famine. But unlike Abraham, who went down to Egypt, God gave Isaac a different instruction.

Genesis 26:2–3 (KJV):

“And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt... Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee...”

That was divine strategy. Stay. Do not run. Prosper where you are. But how did Isaac survive in famine?

He dug wells. Underground water. He used irrigation. While others suffered from lack of rain, Isaac had another source. This is wisdom.

When heaven closes one stream, God reveals another. That is why Isaac prospered in famine.

Creating Wealth in Seasons of Scarcity

Genesis 26:12 (KJV) says:

“Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him.”

How do you sow in famine?

How do you plant where there is no rain?

By understanding hidden systems. By tapping underground resources. By storing water. By creating irrigation systems. This is what Africa must learn. Why should farming only happen once a year?

Why not build dams?

Why not store water?

Why not farm through dry seasons?

Why not produce all year round?

One harvest. Two harvests. Four harvests. Continuous cycles. This is how nations rise.

This is how economies transform.

This is how kingdoms prosper.

Change the Game

It is time to change the game.

The poverty in Africa must end.

This is the land of abundance.

This is the land of plenty.

We must develop the capacity to feed our nations. To feed our people. To become exporters of agricultural wealth. Isaac understood this. And because he understood it, he became great.

Genesis 26:13 (KJV):

“And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great.”

Not just great.

Very great.

His father Abraham was great. But Isaac became greater.

Why?

Because he mastered survival in famine. He understood cycles. He understood strategy.

He understood divine instruction.

Every Generation Faces Its Own Famine

Famine happened in Abraham's days.

It happened in Isaac's days.

It happened in Jacob's days.

It happened in David's days.

It happened in Elijah's days.

And it will happen again.

Every generation faces economic challenges.

But in every generation, God reveals strategy.

God never leaves His people helpless.

He reveals what is coming.

And He reveals what to do.

That is why prophecy matters.

Not to frighten the Church.

But to arm the Church.

To equip the Church.

To position the Church for leadership.

Prophecy Gives Strategic Advantage

To be forewarned is to be forearmed. Prophecy is not just foresight. It is strategy. If we know what is coming, we can prepare.

- For ministry.
- For business.
- For family.
- For national relevance.

End-time prophecy was never given to scare believers. It was given to position believers. When darkness covers the earth, the man with light becomes the leader. When everybody is blind, the one who can see becomes the guide. Leadership is coming to you.

You will be light in this dark age. You will be a guide. You will help many. Because God has opened your eyes to understand.

And because you understand, you will not walk in darkness. Glory be to the name of Jesus.

Covenant Is Stronger Than Crisis

God told Isaac:

“Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee...” (Genesis 26:3)

That is covenant.

And covenant is stronger than weather. Covenant is stronger than recession. Covenant is stronger than pandemics. Covenant is stronger than changing times. In the midst of uncertainty, there is one certainty: God keeps covenant.

What He swore to Abraham. What He fulfilled in Christ. What He established with us. He will keep. And that covenant will carry you through. No matter what comes.

The Result of Obedience

Genesis 26:14 (KJV):

“For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.”

This is the result of wisdom.

This is the reward of obedience. This is what happens when you understand the times. You prosper where others panic. You rise where others collapse. You become a solution in the middle of crisis. And the world takes notice.

The Lord gave me a prophetic word for you: that is what is going to happen to you if you can tap into the wisdom of God. At the end of all this, some of you—by the end of this year, some by the end of next year—will be on another level. When you look back at where you used to be, you will thank God that the pandemic came.

Do you not know the Bible says that everything the enemy means for evil, God turns for good—for the advantage of His children?

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” — Romans 8:28 (KJV)

Yes, Satan intended this to destroy lives, but God has a way of turning everything around by His wisdom to the advantage of His people.

Even now, wealth transfer is happening again. It has already begun.

Position yourself.

Do not sit down telling stories about the pandemic and how people are losing jobs. This is the time to create jobs. Do not wait for them to sack you—create an alternative source of income. Start building something on the side.

There are some dimensions of value you can carry that no system can discard. No company can sack a Daniel. They need the wisdom he carries to move their industries forward.

It is during famine that the Josephs and Daniels rise into their greatest relevance.

Use This Season to Build Capacity

Some people are wasting this lockdown period, but this is the time to build capacity. There are online trainings happening everywhere.

I know one of my daughters—within this period she has earned two or three certifications. Not four-year degrees, but strategic short courses.

- Grow.
- Increase.
- Advance.

This is not the season for stagnation.

The Secret of Isaac's Prosperity

Genesis 26 reveals a mystery. Isaac had possessions of flocks, herds, and a great store of servants—while others were ruined. The Philistines envied him. But what was the secret?

The Bible says:

“For all the wells which his father’s servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.” — Genesis 26:15 (KJV)

Isaac re-dug the wells of his father.

That is a prophetic key. There are ancient wells—of wisdom, revelation, strategy, and wealth creation—that previous generations dug. Many have been covered. Your assignment is to uncover them. Do not waste time reinventing what covenant fathers already established.

Go back. Study. Learn. Re-dig.

Your Crisis Is Your Opportunity

The eagle flies highest against the wind. Not with the wind—against it. When there is a bush fire, the eagle rises higher because prey becomes visible. This is your moment.

This crisis is not your burial ground. It is your launching pad. Every problem is pregnant with opportunity. Every adversity carries within it an equal opportunity for advantage.

That is why necessity is the mother of invention. This is the time for innovation. This is the time for invention. This is the time to think differently.

Jeremiah's Investment Strategy

Go back to Jeremiah 32.

God told Jeremiah:

Buy land.

At a time when the nation was collapsing. At a time when armies had surrounded the city. At a time when everyone else was panicking.

Why?

Because God saw beyond the destruction. Jeremiah bought the land because restoration was coming. The principle is this:

When others are selling in fear, discern what God is saying. Jeremiah secured documents.

He sealed them.

He gathered witnesses.

He made the transaction legally binding.

This is wisdom. Do not leave important matters undocumented. Secure your future. Protect what God puts in your hands.

Preserving Wealth in Difficult Times

Jeremiah stored the title deeds in an earthen vessel so they would survive for many years. That is strategic preservation. In these last days, believers must learn not just how to create wealth—but how to preserve it.

- How to secure assets.
- How to protect inheritance.
- How to store value through uncertain times.

These are survival strategies.

The Prophetic Advantage

When Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem, Jeremiah had already secured his future. Others went into captivity unprepared. But the man who heard God was positioned differently. This is what prophecy does. It gives you foresight. And foresight produces strategy. The man who sees ahead does not live like the blind.

- He moves with precision.
- He acts with wisdom.
- He positions for dominion.

Leadership in Dark Times

One crisis can reduce kings to slaves. One global shaking can bring billionaires to nothing. That is why authentic prophetic ministry is one of the greatest blessings society can have. A blind man cannot lead the blind.

- Leadership is not oppression.
- Leadership is vision.
- Leadership is service.
- Leadership is helping people move from where they are to where they are meant to be.

And in these end times, God is raising leaders with sight. May you be one of them. By the hand of Elasah, the letter was sent. Jeremiah delivered this prophetic instruction through government officials travelling to Babylon. At that time, travel was restricted, but officials still had access and security for movement.

And the message began:

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon.

Notice this carefully. The Babylonians may have been the instruments, but God Himself declared, *“I caused it.”* Why? Because He was using the season to purge Israel of idolatry, cleanse them of iniquity, and prepare for Himself a holy nation once again.

That is one of the things God is doing in seasons like this. What may look like opposition against the Church may actually be divine correction—bringing purity, restoring focus, and preparing the Church for the revival of the last days.

After this, the next major prophetic event may well be the coming of the Lord and the emergence of the antichrist. So we must learn now.

God's Strategy in Captivity

Jeremiah 29:5:

“Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.” (KJV)

This is God speaking to people in recession.

What was the first instruction?

Build houses.

Real estate.

What was the second instruction?

Plant gardens.

Agriculture.

This is divine wisdom for times of crisis.

Where do you put your resources in uncertain times? Real estate. Agriculture. Tangible value.

Produce food. Feed your family. Sell to others.

Some of you have land around your homes, yet you only plant flowers. You need to begin planting fruit trees—mangoes, oranges, guavas, grapes—things that sustain life and build health.

Have spaces where you can grow yams, tomatoes, vegetables, and whatever your land can carry. Do not be ignorant. There are plants people use for decoration whose leaves carry medicinal value. Wisdom is practical.

Build Economic Systems Before Expanding Family

Verse 6 says:

“Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters...” (KJV)

Look at God’s order.

First: establish economic stability.

Second: build family.

Don’t reverse it.

If you do not yet have the means to feed and house a family, think carefully. Prepare first.

Set up your systems. Then build. That is wisdom.

But Above All, Stay on Mission

While doing business, building houses, planting farms, and raising families, never forget the greater assignment: **The Great Commission.**

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness, and then shall the end come.

The harvest is ripe.

In the midst of confusion, fear, and uncertainty, this is one of the greatest moments for soul-winning.

This is not the time to retreat. This is the time to engage.

Pray for the Prosperity of Your Nation

Verse 7 says:

“And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.” (KJV)

Imagine that.

God was telling Israel to pray for Babylon—the very nation that destroyed Jerusalem.

Why?

Because their prosperity was tied to Babylon’s peace. Your business cannot prosper in a burning nation. Your farms cannot flourish in chaos.

Your properties cannot stand in insecurity.

Pray for the peace of the land.

Pray for your leaders.

Pray for wisdom in government.

Pray for justice.

Pray for stability.

The Bible says pray for those in authority.

Do not join lawlessness.

Do not become part of destruction.

The darkness of the last days will be marked by rebellion—children against parents, nations against nations—but the Church must be different.

We are called to be light.

Understand Social Responsibility

Prosperity is not isolated. No business exists in a vacuum. The environment where your business operates affects your success. If you own a company in a community, bless that community. Help the poor there. Support security agencies. Do social projects.

If you run a school, improve the environment around it.

This is wisdom.

Social responsibility is kingdom wisdom. It creates peace, goodwill, and protection around your work.

Beware of False Prophetic Voices

God warned them:

“Let not your prophets and your diviners deceive you...” (Jeremiah 29:8)

There were prophets telling them, *“This captivity will end in six months.”*

God said no. It would be seventy years. And because Daniel understood this prophecy, he positioned himself.

- He went to school.
- He prepared.
- He rose to power.
- He became prime minister.

Had he believed false hope, he would have wasted his destiny. Prophetic understanding gives positioning.

Occupy Till I Come

Jesus reinforced this in Luke 19.

The disciples thought the Kingdom would appear immediately, so Jesus gave them a parable.

A nobleman went into a far country to receive a kingdom and to return. That nobleman is Christ. Before leaving, He gave His servants resources and said:

“Occupy till I come.” (Luke 19:13)

That means:

- Be engaged.
- Be productive.
- Be working.
- Be building.
- Be preaching.
- Be making disciples.
- Be advancing your career.
- Be growing your business.
- Be raising godly families.
- Do not sit idle claiming you are waiting for Jesus.

When He comes, He must meet you occupied.

The Coming Judgment of Stewardship

When the nobleman returned, he called his servants and asked: *What did you do with what I gave you?*

That is the question heaven will ask. What did you do with your money?

- Your time?
- Your talents?
- Your anointing?
- Your opportunities?
- Your relationships?
- Your influence?
- Your calling?

What did you do?

God does not reward titles. God rewards faithfulness. God rewards productivity. The servant whose pound gained ten was given authority over ten cities. The one whose pound gained five was given authority over five cities. Reward was according to productivity.

Not profession.

Not visibility.

Not title.

Faithfulness and fruitfulness. These are heaven's standards.

Your Future Depends on What You Do Now

What you do with what you have now determines what God entrusts to you next. If you are serving under someone, be faithful.

If you are pastoring people, be faithful.

If you are leading, be faithful.

Promotion comes through stewardship.

Your future is tied to your present obedience.

And in these last days, idleness is dangerous.

Engage.

Build.

Multiply.

Advance.

Occupy till He comes.

And in verse 22, He said unto him, *“Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee.”* You knew the kind of master I was, yet you chose inactivity.

Verse 23 says:

“Why then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?”

Do you see that?

Anything that is not appreciating is depreciating.

If you keep any kind of capital and it is not growing, it is reducing in value. After some years, what you return may have lost fifty per cent of its worth. In some cases, even seventy per cent.

That is what this servant failed to understand.

If you are not moving forward, you are moving backward.

There is no standing still.

When you are in a moving car, the trees appear to be moving backwards. Why? Because anything that remains static while everything else advances is effectively going backwards.

If you are not making progress, you are already losing ground.

That is why God commanded us: **Occupy.**

Be busy.

Be productive.

Be engaged.

Do not sit idle making excuses.

This servant did nothing with what he was given. And not only that, what he had was taken from him and given to the one with the highest productivity.

The people protested:

"Lord, he already has ten."

But the principle remains:

To him that has, more shall be given.

The person producing results is the one God increases. But to him that has not, even what he has shall be taken away. In Matthew's account, the Lord says:

"Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness."

That is not heaven.

That is hell.

Why?

Because he was unfaithful in stewardship.

The Major Areas of Stewardship

There are several stewardships God has committed to us:

1. Stewardship of Time

What are you doing with your life?

2. Stewardship of Talents

Your gifts, skills, and abilities.

3. Stewardship of Treasure

Your money.

What have you done with it?

Did you use it to advance the Kingdom?

Did you help the poor?

Did you impact lives?

4. Stewardship of the Temple

Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. How have you managed your health?

5. Stewardship of Relationships

Family, friends, and divine connections. What did you do with the people God brought into your life?

Beyond these five, every believer has: **The Stewardship of the Mysteries of God**

The Gospel.

Did you preach it?

Did you win souls?

Did you make disciples?

The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

We have been given power to save lives.

Are you using it?

And for those in ministry:

The Stewardship of Ministry

Pastors will give account.

Leaders will give account.

But everyone—whether in business, career, or vocation—has something entrusted to them.

Your business.

Your job.

Your career.

Your calling.

How are you handling it?

Because stewardship does not end with ministry—it begins with life.

Live an Invested Life

Do not live a wasted life. Live an invested life. The Judgment Seat of Christ will bring all these matters into account. How did you conduct your life?

Did you live for Christ?

Did you live godly?

That is where it begins. Then comes your talents. Then your treasure. Then your time.

How did you use your money?

Did you spend everything on yourself?

Seeing and Owning the Future

Let me read something to you. A statement by Akinwumi Adesina: By 2030, the size of the food and agribusiness sector in Africa will reach one trillion dollars.

Think about that.

One trillion dollars.

If you are thinking of how to make money, that is a sector to watch. We said one key to prophecy is: **Seeing and owning the future.**

Understanding the times.

Knowing what ought to be done.

Ten years from now starts now.

If you wait until 2030, you are late.

Position yourself now.

God Defines the Future

One of our fathers of faith said: At the time when Jerusalem was under attack by Babylon, it looked obvious that everything was finished.

Properties would be lost.

Businesses destroyed.

Lives disrupted.

But God had a different future in mind.

That is the same thing now.

Many people have allowed crisis to define the future.

But God is defining it differently.

God is preparing the ground for a mighty harvest.

A harvest of souls.

A mighty revival.

The misfortune of crisis will not define the future.

God's plan will.

And beyond souls, economic giants will emerge.

Industry leaders will rise.

Take advantage of this moment.

See what is coming.

Position yourself.

Prophetic Prayer

Father, I pray for Your children all over the world.

Let that same anointing that came upon Joseph, Daniel, Jeremiah, and Isaac come upon them now.

The anointing for foresight.

The anointing for strategic insight.

Give them grace to see what is coming.

Reveal opportunities hidden in adversity.

Lead them into their place of advantage.

Like Isaac, they will sow in the land.

They will prosper.

They will go forward. They will become great. And greater still.

And Father, I pray they will catch the vision of the Master—to take advantage of this hour for the harvest. May no one bury their talent.

May no one waste their opportunity.

May every one of them rise and take hold of the opportunities You have created for the Church.

In Jesus' mighty name.

Amen.

Salvation Call

If you have not given your life to Christ, place your hand on your chest and pray:

Lord Jesus,

I recognise that I am a sinner.

I ask You to forgive me.

Wash me with Your blood.

Cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

Come into my heart.

Be my Lord and my Saviour.

I believe You died for me.

I believe You rose again for my redemption.

Today, I accept You as my Saviour.

I declare You as Lord over my life.

I will live for You all the days of my life.

Lead me until the day I see You face to face.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

And I pray for you: The miracle of salvation will become established in your life. The Holy Spirit will come upon you.

He will fill you.

Empower you.

Strengthen you. And establish you in the faith. You will run this race successfully. And when the curtain is drawn, Jesus will say:

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

God bless you.



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