

Your message burns in my heart and bones, and I cannot keep silent.

(Jeremiah 20:9)

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***"When You See the Structures Crumble,
Testify of My Kingdom!" (Word)***

On February 27, 1995, I heard a very specific exhortation from the Lord.

When you see the structures crumble, testify of My kingdom.

Obviously, there are two parts to this word. The first part tells us that structures will crumble. It is not a "maybe it will happen," but a fact that it will. It is a *when*, not an *if*! This requires observation of what is going on in the world, which in turn requires some level of spiritual discernment. The second part is a command to testify of the Lord's kingdom. The word *testify* means "to bear witness." In other words, *bear witness of My kingdom*, which implies both word and action—but action in a way foreign to the way the world system of our day acts. This becomes apparent directly from Jesus as recorded by John. Two different translations are used that best capture the nature of the kingdom of the Messiah.

Jesus decidedly replied, "***My kingdom*** (the realm of My reign) ***is not*** (does not exist being) ***from out of this system*** (world of organized government, culture, economics or religion) ***as its source or origin***. If My kingdom was being from out of this system (world), as a source or origin, My subordinates (deputies; those under My orders) would have been progressively contending, struggling and fighting, to the end that I could (or: would) not be given over to the Jews. But now (= as a matter of fact, or, as it is) My kingdom is not (does not exist being) from that source (from within this place; thence or hence)." (John 18:36 JM-NT [bold italic added])

"***My kingdom isn't the sort that grows in this world***," replied Jesus. "If my kingdom were from this world, my supporters would have fought to stop me being handed over to the Judeans. So, then, ***my kingdom is not the sort that comes from here***." (John 18:36 Kingdom NT [bold italic added])

Most translations state *My kingdom is not of this world or of this realm*, which, in turn, leads many to think Jesus was not interested in the world (as if God's creation is evil rather than "very good") and the only thing that matters for Christians today is to go to heaven—Jesus' realm. But this is not what Jesus meant, for it has nothing to do with going to heaven. It has everything to do with the source and nature of His kingdom; meaning it is not sourced from the failed system of the world built by man apart from God's rule, exalting man not God. The kingdom of the Son of God's love is sourced in *God is love* and is anchored in the cross. Its nature is a life laid down in love to be raised up in glory. The kingdom is new creation life.

God's realm, which is best thought of as another dimension apart from ours, is where God's perfect will rules supreme. This is why Jesus taught His disciples (and us) to pray: *Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*. The future of humanity and God's creation, especially our earth, rests entirely in the Father's will being done on earth, just as it is done in His realm called *heaven*. It is about heaven and earth coming into union with each other in a way beyond description or present-day experience. This union is anchored in God's Son, our righteousness. There is a verse that speaks of heaven and earth in union as righteousness rains (reigns) down on earth yielding a mighty crop for God the Father.

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Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit [bud salvation, CLV]; let the earth cause them both to sprout; I the LORD have created it. (Isaiah 45:8 ESV)

So, the exhortation is a call to bear witness of God's intent in word and action that is different from the current world system that rejects God's reign on earth. Jesus did not fight back—He loved all the way to the cross, and this is how we too testify of His kingdom whose source is not from the kingdom of men.

Now, turning to crumbling structures. This should remind us of Hebrews 12:26-28 (similar to Haggai 2:6) and the shaking of heaven and earth. Contextually, Hebrews is about the great shaking that occurred shortly after Hebrews was written when, in 70 AD, Jerusalem and the temple were totally destroyed by the Roman army, as Jesus prophesied (Matthew 22:7), and biblical Judaism was made obsolete (Hebrews 8:13). This was a great shaking of heaven (spiritually) and earth (physically). But this shaking was inaugurated by the greatest shaking of all time that occurred with Jesus' death and resurrection. When He rose from the grave, an entirely new order was inaugurated—a new creation that set Christianity apart from Judaism. In 70 AD, Christianity was completely severed from Judaism—no longer a mixture of Moses (old) and Christ (new), and no longer considered a sect of the old.

Fast forwarding to our day, the world literally witnessed a graphic illustration of structures crumbling on September 11, 2001 in New York City. Interestingly, it wasn't until the early summer of the year 2001 that I began to sense a change was coming to the world. I recall exhorting an elderly Jewish woman, a survivor of the Holocaust, that great change was coming and that it was time to look to God. It could have only been by the spirit of the Lord that as September approached, in my spirit, I knew something dramatic was coming. It was no coincidence that on the morning of September 11, before I knew a terrorist attack was imminent that very day, my heart was deeply burdened to begin writing on the matter of watching, with specific reference to the royal appearing of our Lord Jesus and the open manifestation of His kingdom on earth. It was on this specific day, early in the morning, that I purposed to begin testifying of the kingdom of our Lord with greater intensity and urgency. I was sitting in my office meditating on how to start writing on the subject. It was a beautiful day; the sky was as blue as I had ever seen. There were no clouds in the sky, and the birds outside an open window were singing happily. As I was getting ready to write, my phone rang; it was from a friend who told me that I needed to immediately turn on the television. I did, and a short time later, I, along with millions, watched the first of the twin towers of the *World Trade Center* crumble to the ground, followed by, within the hour, the fall of the second tower. *When you see the structures crumble!* This event was the trumpet call that set in motion the crumbling of many structures to follow. When I saw the two structures crumble, I knew that the spirit of God had given me a witness of the burden that had been placed upon my heart. There were two structures, which is a witness. What is the witness? ***The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ is coming***—the governments (kingdoms) of this earth are soon to be replaced (crumbled) by a new government—a heavenly one.

Since then, it has become clear that with the commencement of the 3rd millennium AD and the 21st century, many structures on many fronts have crumbled or are in the process of crumbling. Man's institutions across the globe are in the throes of crumbling. Even global weather is going through dramatic change that is leading to all sorts of crumbling. Some would argue that this is the way this old world has operated for thousands (even millions) of years. Quite true! But there is a difference—the spirit of the Lord is telling us that the structures of our day will crumble as a sign of the coming of the kingdom of God's Son. The many things we have witnessed crumbling since the year 2000 yell out to us... ***Testify of My kingdom! King Jesus is coming!***