

It is time! Get ready!

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Of the tribe of Issachar we read in 1 Chronicles 12:32: *“from Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do”*.

We, too, need to understand God’s times so that we know what God wants to do. When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son. When the set time had fully come, God sent the Holy Spirit. Jesus wept over Jerusalem because they did not recognize the day of their visitation. In 1 Chronicles 13:3 it says: *“Let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we did not enquire of it during the reign of Saul.”* The ark of God stands for the glory, the presence and the power of God. Saul did not bother about the glory and presence of God. He was more interested in the kingdom than in the King. With David it was the other way round. He wanted to have the ark of the covenant with him. Saul wanted to please people out of fear. David wanted to please God.

Now it is time, too, for God’s glory, power and presence to return to God’s house, the church. Many churches and denominations who once knew the glory of God and were familiar with the supernatural (healings, gifts of the Spirit, signs and wonders) have lost this. The church in Laodicea said: *“I am rich and do not need a thing,”* while Jesus was outside knocking on the door to be invited in (Revelation 3:17-20). Jesus told them they were poor, blind and naked and he counselled them to buy gold from him. Gold stands for the glory, power and presence of God. Jesus said the glory of the last temple would be greater than the glory of the first temple. The first temple was a physical temple, while the last temple is a spiritual one. Jesus and the church are the temple today. God lives in us and he lives amongst the praises of his people.

In our day God wants to pour out his Spirit like never before because he is coming for a glorious church. With God, the end is always more glorious than the beginning, and Pentecost 2,000 years ago was just the beginning. We have reached the end of the churchage.

Jesus appeared to Brother Kenneth Hagin in a vision and told him:

“THE TIME OF THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND.” This statement was repeated four or five times. Jesus also said this was the last great revival. He went on to say, *“All the gifts of the Spirit will be in operation in the Church in these last days, and the Church will do greater things than even the Early Church did. It will have greater power, signs, and wonders than were recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.”* We have seen and experienced many healings, but we will now behold amazing miracles that have not been seen before. Jesus continued, *“More and more miracles will be performed in the last days which are just ahead, for it is time for the gift of the working of miracles to be more in prominence. We now have entered into the era of the miraculous.”* *“Many of my own people will not accept the moving of My Spirit and will turn back and will not be ready to meet Me at My coming. Many will be deceived by false prophets and miracles of satanic origin. But follow the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and Me, and you will not be deceived. I am gathering my own together and am preparing them, for the time is short.”*

It is time to seek God, to put him first and to reach out for him and the things of the Spirit. Seek first the kingdom of God, Jesus said. Spiritual things should be more important to us than material things. Allow yourself to be prepared by God, reach out for him. The hungry will be filled.

“It is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you.” (Hosea 10:12)

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