



Empowering People to Change the World

Rattle: The Awakening of the True Church

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Isaiah 26

The Road Declaration

***I am growing to love Jesus with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength
I am growing to love people the way Jesus loves them
I am building up my faith with God's Holy Word
I am coming alive in the power of the Holy Spirit
With Jesus, all things are possible***

Introduction:

- While fasting and praying for ten days, God spoke so many things to me about myself, my family, our church, and the Church in America.
 - God is rebuilding the Church.
 - God is rebuilding the Family.
- These are the two most important restraints and building blocks of society.

Isaiah 26

God is using judgment to teach us righteousness.

“...for when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.” Isaiah 26:9

- Day one, I was in Castlerock and God spoke to me, “The Lion of Judah cometh. Be prepared!”
- So much to share, and I will continue this message at our Wednesday Night Prayer Gathering this week.

Ezekiel 37

The Graveyard

The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then, He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, *there were very many* in the open valley; and indeed, *they were very dry*. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” So, I answered, “O Lord God, You know.” Ezek. 37:1-3

- The Jews are in captivity in Babylon. They are under the judgment of God. But God gives Ezekiel a prophetic vision of the heart of God for the Jewish Nation.
- I believe this is a prophetic vision for the Church in America. We are in a time of great judgment and the Church is a valley of dry bones.
- There’s no life, it’s dead, and “very dry.”

Vs. 11

- Everything seems hopeless. If there is one thing I’ve observed these days, is the fear people have—especially pastors and people of God.
- Maybe you’ve felt fear over the past few months. Just maybe, you might say, that your spiritual life feels like dry bones in a graveyard?
- God is going to replace the fear of a pandemic, a fear of losing our nation, with a holy fear of God!

Prophecy in the Cemetery

Vs. 3

- Ezekiel can’t see any life; that’s why he asks the Lord “only you know.”

Vs. 4-6

- So now, he’s prophesying to the dry bones. Prophecy involves proclaiming something that’s not there yet. This is why we need the prophets.

“For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7

- Hear the word of the Lord! We have to listen. All truth comes from God’s Word.
- Life only comes from the breath of God. A nation with no breath has no life. A Church that is built on man’s ingenuity and man’s plans will not have life without the Spirit of God breathing through those plans.
- Jesus wants His Church back! If we are His Church; if He is the One building the Church, then the gates of hell cannot prevail.

“Then he said to me, this is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.” Zech. 4:6

This was the theme of the ten days of fasting and prayer!

- For some of you here, you need to start prophesying over your life! You need to declare truth over your life.
- Ex. Come to Wednesday Night Prayer. Daily declare the opposite spirit over your life—if you have fear, declare that you are “more than a conqueror; you have courage.” “I am strong and courageous!”

The Rattling!

Vs. 7-10

- Prophecy to the bones. Prophecy to the Church. Prophecy to your family! Prophecy to yourself!
- This is what God does. This is what Jesus does!

**“The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to *the poor*;**

**He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”
Luke 4:18, 19**

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3

- A noise, rattling. A sound at first; only a sound at first. The rattling of the bones coming together is the conversation. “What’s happening?” “Will someone stand up?”
- Bones coming together—churches coming together.
- Ex. God speaking to a group of pastors in Colorado Springs. My new bloodstained allies: Mark Cowart at Church for All Nations, Joseph Winger at Boulder Street, Dean Hawk at Rock Family, John Bornschein at Fountain Calvary, Todd Hudnall at Radiant, Al Pittman at Calvary Worship Center, Brian Michaels at Springs Lighthouse, Gabe Valle at Thy Kingdom Come Church, Jeff Anderson, Chief Council on Faith and Community, with Congressman Doug Lamborn.
- Ex. It’s a wind blowing from the four winds. We are going to stake out four key locations around the city, and together as The Watchmen and Shepherds, we are going to pray for a mighty revival, a Kingdom of God Revolution in our city!
- These are the churches in our city, who could see the coming government control, and chose not to close their churches.

The Graves are Opening

Vs. 11-14

- This is the “whole house of Israel.”
- This is the whole house of God—His people, His church.

- The True Church is waking up. A rising-up is happening in our land.
- I believe God is rebuilding the Church in America. God is rebuilding the family in America.

The Rattle

- 1. Unity in the Church—all kinds of churches, all kinds of denominations, all kinds of styles.**
- 2. Churches filled with the Holy Spirit—empowered with power of God.**
- 3. A great army standing up. The giant is waking up.**

What is the Lord saying? The phrase, “The Lion of Judah cometh,” reminded me of that scene in C.S. Lewis’ book, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*:

“They say Aslan is on the move- perhaps has already landed.” And now a very curious thing happened... the moment the Beaver had spoken these words, everyone felt quite different. Perhaps it has sometimes happened to you in a dream...either a terrifying one which turns the whole dream into a nightmare, or else a lovely meaning too lovely to put into words, which makes the dream so beautiful that you remember it all your life, and are always wishing you could get into that dream again. It was like that now.

The Lion of Judah is on the move! But Satan is also on the move. Satan is commanding our attention with a lawlessness across our cities on a scale we have not seen in our lifetime. The “Mystery of Lawlessness,” from 2 Thessalonians 2, has been my theme for the past month in my teaching at our Wednesday Night Prayer times.

Acts 2

The Resurrection of the True Church

1) Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

- 2) Young people prophesying.
- 3) Young and old getting visions and dreams.
- 4) Signs and wonders.
- 5) People getting saved in large numbers.

Do you desire to go on the offensive? Are you tired of being passive and feel like God is calling you to an offensive faith?

Come to Jesus and surrender all to Him!