God is calling a Joshua Generation

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God is calling a Joshua Generation these days. Will you be part of it? That generation of people has been called by God to go, symbolically speaking, into the Promised Land, to see what the good things are and then come back and give a good report to others, so that they too want to cross. God has been calling for some time now.

Joshua and Caleb had already walked around the wilderness, got



to the Promised Land, saw it but then walked around the wilderness some more to encourage people to cross.

And Joshua and Caleb spent a lot of time in the presence of God. You read about Joshua 'When Moses left the tent of meeting where the presence of God came, Joshua lingered', he stayed. So he learned so much more by being in the presence of God. At that point in time he was a warrior but after having defeated the Amalekites, who were always destiny robbers, he didn't need to do much fighting in the wilderness. Joshua's call and role was to engage in intimacy with God. He actually went up the mountain with Moses and spent time in the presence of God as well as being in the tent of meeting.

When God is calling a Joshua Generation today, he is calling a people to come into intimacy, to know Him in a deeper, more intimate way. He is calling them as forerunners of a heavenly pathway of going beyond the veil (into the realms of heaven). He wants them to come back, give a good report and begin to draw other people in. The Joshua Generation is a royal priesthood that will prepare the next generation.

Right now we are in that place where God is calling, releasing and raising up that generation so that God can come and pronounce a verdict. He will give people a choice: 'do you want to stay in the wilderness like the Moses generation and die there, or do you want to cross over into a new dimension, a new realm, into your promised land and actually take the land, and take back what belongs to you?'.

In 1975 on August 8 a prophetic call went out by Bob Jones that there was a billionfold harvest coming. The time to prepare for that has come an end. A whole generation - 40 years - came to an end on Aug 8 last year in 2015. That was a very significant prophetic event.

That whole generation has had an opportunity to respond to that call and get ready. But the meaning of that prophetic word has mostly been misinterpreted. In that time, since 1975, God released the whole prophetic movement, as well as the apostolic movement. Those orders were released but they failed to equip God's people to engage heaven and become that Joshua generation they were supposed to become. They essentially built their own ministries.

Those people have been amazing stewards and miracle workers. We have seen amazing awesome things in terms of signs and wonders, revivals etc., but they have failed to equip the people. People have just not been taught to engage heaven themselves and to hear God prophetically, directly, who can apostolically receive visions and government and administrate because others did it for them from their own "mountains", their own ministries or spheres of influence.

That whole generation has built Moses ministries rather than equip a Joshua generation. They were mediators who have created dependant people. That is why God is saying 'No more'. The authority is basically being removed from that generation, and it's going to be released to people who are the opposite. They are teaching and releasing people to hear God for themselves, to engage heaven themselves, find their vision and destiny directly from God, without a mediator. They will outwork it for themselves in relationship with other likeminded people.

The Moses generation built their own mountains and ministries rather than equip people to engage God in heaven. They have produced covering ministries rather than foundational floors to release living stones into their destiny. Anything that is a covering is obviously coming between you and God. If it's covering you then you don't have access other than to go through the covering, which is what God never intended to happen.

But the new foundational ministries of the Joshua Generation will release people to go directly to God for themselves, not create a dependence on others to hear God for them.

Joshua and Caleb went "beyond the veil" ahead of everybody else. They saw the land, saw all this wonderful fruit, honey, massive grapes etc. Yes, they did see all the giants too, but they came back with a good report, saying: 'This is our land we can go and take it'. They had a different spirit! All the others basically said 'Whoa, there's some good stuff there but there are giants and we are grasshoppers in their sight and in ours too, we can't take it'. And the whole generation from 20 years up till the end of army-service-age they all died in the wilderness because they failed to cross over into their inheritance.

Joshua and Caleb did cross over, but they had to go another 40 years through the wilderness. It was during this time that they learned to linger in the presence of God and in the tent of meeting, go up the mountain to meet God and through all of that build a deep intimate relationship with Him.

Because the Moses generation has failed to do that, those mentors for the coming billion-fold harvest were never equipped for their own supernatural inheritance as well as to mentor and prepare others for the final end-time harvest. The focus of the Moses generation was more on the harvest itself than on equipping a whole generation to mentor the harvest.

God is calling that generation forth today. Caleb and Joshua were of the older generation; but how they lived, how they believed, how they acted, what they did – that was what set them apart from their contemporaries and inspired the younger generation. They are a key to understanding what it takes to inherit, what it takes to become a Joshua generation today.

Where the Moses generation failed, the Joshua generation will equip a harvest of a billion labourers in the supernatural. I say 'in the supernatural' because we cannot succeed by natural means in all that lies in store for us; it is going to have to be achieved by supernatural means, and by a people equipped to operate in the fullness of God's kingdom power.

That is why we have to take back ground that has been given to the enemy. Occult and New Age people are operating in counterfeit spiritual power. They are doing things that we should have done in the true power of God. We need to take back that territory, in the face of intense opposition (and most of that opposition will come from within the church). If we want to see this next generation raised up, we need to begin to operate in the realm of the supernatural beyond what any of us have experienced so far. We have to make ourselves ready for a whole new revelation of the supernatural, and when we are ready God will lead us into it.

The Joshua generation will experience the land for themselves, but will also equip others to be able to live in the Promised Land and to fully possess it. It will mean living in a completely different dimension in terms of the supernatural.

We are all called to enter: some of us are called to go before, and to equip, but all of us are called to enter. Or you can choose to be like those who turned down God's invitation and died in the wilderness. Everyone has that choice, but God is inviting people to enter in. Even in Joshua's day, there were people who crossed the Jordan, were part of fighting the battles, and yet they chose to go back and live on the other side. Two and a half tribes or nearly a quarter of them went back.

There are some ministries who have been forerunner ministries, who have been in

the forefront of what God is doing, but who will choose to go back, and as a result will miss out on the fullness of their inheritance. Don't be one of those. Chose to be part of a generation who enters in, possesses and enjoys the land; and who equips others to come in and do the same.

What we may not have realised fully up to now is that our Promised Land is not only about earthly things. To operate in the fullness of the kingdom, we need to operate in heavenly as well as earthly realms. Some of our "spying out" will be done in the realms of earth, but some will be in the realms of heaven.

God is offering all of us access to the heavenly realms now, because Jesus has opened them up for us – that is what was signified by the veil of the temple being torn in



two at the moment of His death. His purpose is that we can experience everything

He intends for us. Like the children of Israel, though, many are saying 'We can't go in'.

The kingdom of God is about government, about authority, and ruling. God wants us to learn how to rule first in our own lives, and then how to rule in the realms of the spirit to bring heaven to earth. We need to learn how to lead and equip the next generation to possess the land of promise.

When Adam was first created, he had access to the heavenly realms. There was nothing to stop him. Only sin caused him to lose that access. The glory that he was clothed with was removed. Let me put it like this: it is as if a bandwidth of revelation was removed from him, so he could no longer see into the things which were of a higher bandwidth – the realms of heaven. For God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, it will involve us fulfilling Adam's mandate: to rule in the spirit realm and by so doing to influence the natural realm. When we fulfil that mandate, we will see God's glory fill the earth (Num. 14:21).

We have to have experience of operating in the heavenly realms ourselves if we are to bring other people into it, and that is what God is doing amongst His people right now. He is opening things up so that we can gain that access, and begin to operate in two realms, on earth and in heaven. We learn to rule in heavenly realms, and then we bring that rule to bear down here.

On the island of Patmos, in the spirit, John heard a voice saying 'Come up here' (Rev 4:1). That voice is still speaking to us today. Do you hear it?

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