

## **THE GREATEST DARKNESS BEFORE THE GREATEST REVIVAL!**

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**TEXT: Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. 3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

**Haggai 2:7 “I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts. 8 ‘The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,’ declares the LORD of hosts. 9 ‘The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of hosts.”**

INTRO: In October 2017, I received a phone call from Ed Silviso asking to meet with me. The problem was that I was home for only a week. I was in between two around-the-world trips to visit our international HIM churches. But Sue discerned that this was an important meeting, so I agreed to meet. Ed flew out at his expense and we met at a restaurant nearby.

Of course, I was eager to hear the word. He asked me several questions. The first question he asked me was if I had seen the fulfillment of the vision to “come to Los Angeles for a great harvest.” I had to answer him in the negative. The second question he asked me was “Who is the spiritual father in Northern California?” I told him, “There are a number of them, but I would say Bill Johnson.” He agreed with me. He then asked me who the spiritual father was in Southern California. I said, “Jack Hayford.” He said, “Jack used to be, but he has retired.” So I said, “I don’t know.” Ed said, “You are. And the word I have for you is if you turn your heart back to California, God is going to give you apostolic strategy to see revival and transformation in California.”

Just like when Cindy Jacobs prophesied to me to start HIM, this also went over my head. So, I went on my around-the-world trip and came home, and I was watching a football game that I had taped. I was praying for a major confirmation. Normally I fast-forward the commercials. But before I could do it, a Time Warner Life commercial came on selling CD hits from the 60s. The first song to come on was “California Dreamin’” from The Mamas & The Papas. The next week I saw a short newsclip from a speech that George H.W. Bush made about a thousand points of light, and I felt like the Lord was saying to plant thousands of churches. Later, Ed felt the interpretation of that word is to plant thousands of *ekklesias*, and later to set a goal of 1 million *ekklesias* in California. I then said to the Lord, “I need money to plant churches.” Within two weeks, two people gave me a \$100,000 check and another person gave me a \$50,000 check. This had never happened before in HIM history. I knew it was a sign and confirmation that I was moving in the right direction.

And by December we launched California Dreamin and Dream Fest. A year later my son resigns as a pastor, and Sue and I are back as Senior Pastors of Harvest Rock Church. Finally, the COVID lockdown takes place in 2020, and I am forced to focus on California. Six international trips are immediately canceled. And my first international trip will be in May. During the 2020 lockdown going into 2021, God begins to download a strategy for revival and

transformation of California. This is a strategy that is transferable to every state and even other nations.

Scripturally, Haggai prophesies a global shaking as well as a global revival.

Haggai's message is divided into two main points: (1) "I will shake all the nations"; (2) "I will fill this house with glory."

## **I. "I WILL SHAKE ALL THE NATIONS" - Haggai 2:7a**

### **A. DARKNESS BEFORE THE LIGHT OF REVIVAL**

1. Over the years, I have shared the principle that the darkest times take place before the light of revival. Isaiah 60:1-5 and Haggai 2:7 are two good texts to use. Throughout revival history, before there is a great revival, there is great darkness. The Great Awakening of 1738 is a good example. Prior to that revival, it was the Gin Age of England. Gin became very inexpensive to produce because of the agricultural revolution. Overnight a nation became a nation of alcoholics. The crime rate soared, immorality was rampant, and unemployment was soaring as people couldn't work because they were drunk.

**B. THE GLOBAL SHAKING OF WWII.** In the history of civilization, we have gone through two major shakings that have impacted every nation on earth. The first was World War II, where every nation had to align with either the Allied Forces (U.S., Great Britain, and the Soviet Union) or the Axis Forces (Hitler, Japan, and Italy). Even if a nation was not engaging in physical war, 195 nations were all shaken by the economics of a global war, and tragically over 80 million people perished in this global war.

### **C. GLOBAL PANDEMIC: THE HISTORIC DARKNESS OF THE PANDEMIC AND THE "PERFECT STORM"**

1. **Unprecedented Pandemic** - COVID-19: We are at over 500,000 dead in the U.S., and as of the time of my message preparation, 2.4 million have died globally.
2. **Global Quarantine** - lockdown. Mental depression, domestic violence, alcoholism, drug overdose, record sales of marijuana in Colorado.
3. **Economic Depression:** At the peak 40 million have applied for unemployment relief. 18,000 businesses have declared for bankruptcy in California alone. 10% unemployment rate in California.
4. **George Floyd's Death, Racism, Injustice, and Riots:** There may have been more physical damage done in the riots of 1992 in LA and the 1968 riots after Dr. King's assassination, but I believe that the George Floyd death has brought about more division in the U.S. than any previous riots in the past. We know that we don't wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers... (Ephesians 6:12). The devil wants to divide and conquer, but we need to come in the opposite spirit and strive to maintain unity in the bonds of peace.
5. **The Stolen Election:** For many, including me, I believe that the 2020 election was stolen. It reveals how corrupt our nation and government are.
6. **The Equality Act:** (1) **It will impact the local church.** If a transgender applies for a staff position, you will be penalized if you are perceived that the reason why you are not hiring them is that the person is transgender. The only area you can discriminate on hiring is for the pastorate, but that will soon be taken away if this bill passes. Any space is open

space. A transgender has a right to use your bathrooms, your showers, etc. (2) It will impact the Christian doctors. You will be charged for discrimination for not doing an abortion, sex change operation, or giving hormonal therapy. (3) Christian businesses cannot say no to transgender hiring. (4) Schools will be punished. Schools will have to open lockers, bathrooms, showers to transgender requests. (5) Discrimination on women. Men who think that they are women can't be barred from competing in women's sports. Martina Navratilova, who is gay, was criticized when she said that this would not be fair for women's sports. Tennis, track, Olympic medals, etc. (6) This would target children, through education as well as giving social services to take a child in custody if the parents will not allow the child to have hormonal therapy or a sex change.

7. We are giving you a postcard to send to your senator to voice your strong disapproval of the HR5 Equality Act. If you need more cards, go to [www.StopHR5.com](http://www.StopHR5.com).
8. My main concern is that the Democrats know that they will not get a majority of 60 in the Senate. They are using the Equality Act as a reason for removing the filibuster to gain a simple majority to pass future bills. They want to change the number of Supreme Court Justices, accept D.C. as a state, etc.

#### **D. THE CHURCH IS GOING THROUGH A DIVINE DISCIPLINE**

1. We have to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. This phrase appears 16 times.
2. There is so much division in the Church.
3. For an evangelical believer to vote for a person who believes in late-term abortion, there is a measure of deception on that believer.
4. It begins in the church. **1 Peter 4:17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God. 2 Chronicles 7:14.**
5. We must take personal responsibility.
6. The global shaking will lead to global repentance and global revival.
7. Habakkuk 2:14, Number 14:21, and Haggai 2:9!

## **II. "THEY WILL COME WITH THE WEALTH OF THE NATIONS"**

### **A. Haggai 2:7 "And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in" (ESV)**

1. **Haggai 2:8 "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD of hosts."**
2. The context of this is talking about money. This was a fundraising letter to raise money to finish building the Temple.
3. The point I want to make is that it takes money to bring about revival and reformation.
4. How to raise money for your ministry? I believe anyone who is aligned with God's purposes in this epic time will receive supernatural provision.

### **B. Matthew 6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."**

1. If your motive is for money for yourself, if there is greed in your heart or selfish ambition in your heart, the money is not going to supernaturally come.
2. In my early years of ministry in California, my heart was full of selfish ambition, and God knew I couldn't handle the success of ministry. I went through 10 years of being in the wilderness learning how to die to self and truly live to please Him.
3. But when you are obeying God and your heart is to advance His Kingdom, God will always come through financially.

### III. REVIVE CALIFORNIA: FIVE CORE PILLARS (“I will fill this house with glory.” Haggai 2:7 & 9)

#### A. PRAYER

1. Establish a house of prayer in every *ekklesia* to pray for revival and reformation.
2. Pastor Mando Matthews will be leading this for Revive California under his prayer ministry called “Turn CA.” [turnca.com](http://turnca.com)

#### B. LEADERSHIP

1. Leadership Training.
2. Conferences, seminars to further equip and encourage leaders.
3. Seek First Conference hosted by Elijah Revolution, HIM, and Revive California, November 10-14. We want to do 3-4 Revive Regional Conferences a year.
4. Two major schools we want to get behind for those who want more training:
  - BSSM
  - Wagner University

#### C. EVANGELISM

1. Mario Murillo Evangelistic Tent Meetings
2. Jay Koopman and Sean Feucht Open-Air Evangelism
3. Dream Fest

#### D. EKKLESIA - planting small groups and planting local churches

1. We want to plant 1 million *ekklesias*.
2. California Dreamin logo - church planting training and finances to get started.
3. Life Group Video Training on how to have a successful *ekklesia*.

#### E. REFORMATION

1. We want every eligible believer to register to vote biblically.
2. IRACE4LIFE, a pro-life movement was birthed in August 2020, to get people to pledge never to vote for a pro-abortion candidate. Only vote for a pro-life candidate in all elections—local, state, and national—in perpetuity.
3. RUN FOR OFFICE - We want to run for office: local, state, or national. For example, run for the school board, city council, etc. We want to have the very best online training for how to raise money for your campaign, how to successfully run for office.
4. VOLUNTEER AS A PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEMBER - We will have training videos on how to become a precinct committee member, to get every local church to encourage at least one person to volunteer as a precinct committee person.

**CONCLUSION: Here is what I am asking you to do: Go to [revivecal.org](http://revivecal.org). Become a member. GET READY FOR A GREAT REVIVAL AND A GREAT HARVEST!**