### I. GLOBAL END-TIME WORSHIP, PRAYER & MISSIONS MOVEMENT

A. Prior to Jesus' return, the Holy Spirit is establishing the most powerful <u>worship</u>, <u>prayer</u> and <u>missions</u> movement in human history (Ps. 68:32; 96:1, 9, 13; 98:1-9; 102:15-22; 149:6-9; Isa. 12:4-6; 19:20-22; 24:14-16, 23; 25:9; 26:1, 8-9; 27:2-5, 13; 30:18-19, 29, 32; 35:2, 10; 42:10-15; 43:26; 51:11; 52:8; 54:1; 62:6-7; Jer. 31:7; 51:8; Joel 2:12-17, 32; Zeph. 2:1-3; Zech. 8:20-23; 10:1; 12:10; 13:9; Mal. 1:11; Lk. 18:7-8; Mt. 21:13; Rev. 5:8; 6:9-11; 8:3-5; 18:6; 22:17). Jesus returns in *response* to the nations singing back their King!

Isa. 42:10 <u>Sing</u> to the Lord a new song, His praise from the ends of the earth... 13 The Lord shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war... He shall prevail against His enemies.

Lk. 18:7 Shall God not avenge His own elect who <u>cry out</u> day and night to Him...? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

Mt. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be <u>preached</u> in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then <u>the end</u> [of the age] will come.

B. Although men typically categorize worship, prayer and missions into *three distinct movements* they are really only *one movement* to God, having three *distinct* expressions that are unified by agreement with God. This is summarized in God's promise to restore the Tabernacle of David, which is simply *worship-driven prayer* fueled by the beauty of God as the primary catalyst for *world missions* (Am. 9:11-12; Acts 15:16-17).

Am. 9:11 "On that day I will raise up the Tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it <u>as in the days of old</u>; 12 that they may <u>possess</u> the remnant of Edom, and <u>all the Gentiles</u> who are called by My name," Says the LORD... (Acts 15:16-17)

C. In 1998 I had a vision of Mal. 1:11. Worship, prayer and declaration will not just be *functions* the people of God perform, but *eternal realities* that we will embody! We won't *just do it*; we will simply *become it*.

Mal. 1:11 For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; in <u>every place</u> incense [prayer Rev. 5:8] shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering [worship Rom. 12:1]; For My name shall be great among the nations," Says the Lord of hosts.

1. Even as Jesus, the Word of God hung in the gap to reconcile all things back to the Father as a sacrificial act of worship, so too the people of God will embody these same eternal realities (Ps. 40:6-8; Heb. 10:5-7). Jesus reconciled God and man, heaven and earth, Jew and Gentile in His own body upon the cross.

Ps. 109:4 In return for my love they are my accusers, But I [give myself to] prayer.

2. The testimony of our lives is a <u>message</u> of eternal life to the world and act of <u>intercession</u> to God by restoring all things to their original design, while doing His will on earth, as an act of sacrificial <u>worship</u>.

Rom. 12:1 I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual [reasonable NKJV] service of worship. - NASB

D. As we approach the end of the age, these three unique expressions of worship, prayer and missions will continue to grow in clarity, depth and scope as the people of God respond to the specific revelation of Jesus Christ being emphasized by the Holy Spirit throughout the nations as a Bridegroom, King and Judge.

E. As we come to Jesus and believe in Him "as the Scriptures say" (Jn. 7:38), our hearts respond to Him in the specific ways that He is revealed to us (2 Cor. 3:18). The "living waters" are different facets of the Holy Spirit's ministry revealing Christ to us (i.e. drink), in us (i.e. fountain) and through us to others (i.e. rivers).

Jn. 7:37 Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him <u>come to Me</u> and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (Jn. 4:7-14)

F. "Learning from our Father's" – The 24 Elders (12x Rev. 4:4, 10; 5:5, 6, 8, 11, 14; 7:11, 13; 11:16; 14:3; 19:4), as the most powerful, mature and highest ranking men in authority within the government of Almighty God, spend the strength of their time growing in <u>revelation</u> by beholding the beauty of the LORD (Rev. 4:4; 5:5-6; 7:11; 14:3), which effortlessly produces <u>worship</u> or agreement with who God is (Rev. 4:10; 5:8-10, 14; 11:16-17; 19:4), <u>intercession</u> or agreement with God's purpose (Rev. 5:8-10) and <u>proclamation</u> or agreement with the knowledge of God and invitation to eternal life (Jn. 17:3; Rev. 4:11; 5:4-5, 8-10; 7:13-17; 11:16-18).

- 1. Rev. 4:4 Around the throne... I saw twenty-four elders sitting... (Rev. 5:6; 14:3)
- 2. Rev. 4:10 The twenty-four elders fall down before Him... and worship... and cast their crowns...
- 3. Rev. 5:8 The twenty-four elders <u>fell down</u> before the Lamb, each having a <u>harp</u> [worship music], and <u>golden bowls</u> full of incense, which are the <u>prayers</u> of the saints. 9 And they <u>sang a new song...</u>
- 4. Rev. 5:14 The twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.
- 5. Rev. 7:11 The elders... fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God...
- 6. Rev. 11:16 The twenty-four elders who sat before God... fell on their faces and worshiped God...
- 7. Rev. 19:4 The twenty-four elders... fell down and worshiped God... saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

### II. THE COMING CONVERGENCE AND GOVERNMENTAL SHIFT FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH

A. At the core of this global movement is *presence-based worship* and God's desire for *encounter* (Ps. 22:3; 27:4)! His desire has always been to dwell in unhindered face-to-face communion with His people in the paradise-like conditions of the Garden of Eden *on the earth* forever (Rev. 7:15; 21:3; 22:4)!

Rev. 21:3 Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He [Father] will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God... 22:4 They shall see His face...

B. The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is the full *convergence* of heaven and earth, as it was in the beginning (Gen. 1-3; Eph. 1:10). God is releasing grace to establish Kingdom communities (Mt. 18:20) that pray for *missions*, with *music*, from *intimacy* and patterned after the liturgy of heaven (Mt. 6:10). These *apostolic prayer centers* after the "Davidic order" are the *first place* of convergence (Ps. 22:3; 132:1-5)!

Eph. 1:10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

C. The governmental center of the universe is God's Throne (Dan. 7:9-10; Rev. 4) and worship-driven prayer fueled by the beauty of God is the primary way He releases His governmental power (Rev. 5:8-10; 8:3-6; 15:3-4). The seraphim, uniquely created with capacities to behold, comprehend and declare the revelation of God have led the heavenly liturgy since creation (Isa. 6:1-5; Rev. 4:6-11). Yet, after the Church has fully matured (Eph. 4:13; 5:27) the seraphim's role seems to shift (Rev. 6:1), as the Bride takes her primary place of governmental leadership in *worship*, *prayer* and *declaration* of the knowledge of God (Rev. 5:8-10; 11-12)!

Rev. 4:8 "Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" (Isa. 6:3)

### III. UNDERSTANDING THE ETERNAL IDENTITY, FUNCTION AND ORDER OF THE CHURCH

A. Prior to the return of Jesus, the <u>Church</u> that He is building (Mt. 16:15-19) will emerge as a *mature Bride* in identity (Rev. 19:7; 22:17), who eternally functions as a <u>House of Prayer</u> (Isa. 56:7; Mt. 21:13; Mk. 11:17; Lk. 19:46), according to the order of the <u>Tabernacle of David</u> (Ps. 27:4; Am. 9:11-12; Acts 15:16-17) and anointed with the *spirit and power of Elijah* (Mal. 4:5-6; Lk. 1:15-17).

1. <u>Church</u> – Jesus said, "I will build My Church" (Mt. 16:18) and described us as "living stones" built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit (Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:5). The Greek word for Church, "Ekklesia" relates to <u>who we are</u> in our *identity* as the "called out assembly" of God's covenant people.

### Eph. 2:20 Jesus... the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building... grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

2. <u>Bride of Christ</u> – Although we relate to our Father as sons and daughters forever, our highest identity throughout all eternity is a *bride* who has fully matured into God's image and likeness, equally yoked in love and made comparable to Him (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18, 24; Eph. 5:25-27, 31-32; Rev. 19:7; 22:17). This revelation isn't related to our gender (Gal. 3:28), but speaks of a *position of privilege* in our relationship with God to experience *unhindered access* to His heart (1 Cor. 2:9-11). We must refuse all sensual overtones. We are only "lovers of God" in contrast to being "workers for God" without relationship.

## Eph. 5:31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to <u>his wife</u>, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and <u>the Church</u>.

a. Men *and* women are both "sons", related to accessing <u>God's throne</u> – kingdom, power, glory.

### Rom. 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

b. Men and women are both the "bride", related to accessing God's heart – emotions, affections, delight.

### Rev. 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" (Eph. 5:31-32; Rev. 19:7)

c. The Bride will possess *divine insight* (Jer. 23:20; 30:24), *godly character* (Eph. 4:11-15; 5:27) and *supernatural power* (Dan. 11:32-33; Mt. 16:18-19; Jn. 14:12) or mature gifts, fruit and wisdom.

### Eph. 5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church... holy and without blemish.

3. <u>House of Prayer</u> – Jesus said, "My house is a house of prayer" (Isa. 56:7; Mt. 21:13; Mk. 11:17; Lk. 19:46). This describes what we do in our function as a kingdom of priests who eternally minister to God by agreeing with the truth of who He is (i.e. worship) and what He's doing (i.e. prayer). The priestly ministry of prayer is the primary way God releases His governmental power through Jesus and His people, now and forever (1 Pet. 1:5, 9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:4; 22:5). This is seen in Jesus engaging in intercession forever (Ps. 110:4; Isa. 53:12; Lk. 22:32; 23:34; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:11, 15, 17, 21; 1 Jn. 2:1). Authority in prayer is founded upon agreement with His identity and His will (Mt. 6:10; 16:18-19) not our volume, hype or talent. Prayer releases more grace in each geographic region (2 Chr. 7:14; Jl. 2:12-17; 28-32; Acts 1-2).

Rev. 5:8 The twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a <u>harp</u> [worship music], and golden bowls full of incense, which are the <u>prayers</u> of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song...

- 4. <u>Tabernacle of David</u> The LORD said, "I will raise up the Tabernacle of David" (Am. 9:11-12; Acts 15:16-17). This describes <u>the order</u> in which we function as a house of prayer (i.e. Davidic order), which is from the place of encountering God with day and night prayer with worship (prophetic music/singing), that is fueled by the beauty of God, as the primary catalyst for world missions (Am. 9:11-12; Acts 15:16-17).
- Am. 9:11 "On that day I will raise up the <u>Tabernacle of David</u>, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old... (Acts 15:16-17)
  - a. A "key" to understanding the restoration of the "Davidic order" is that it is a *governmental movement* (Isa. 22:22; Rev. 3:7) that combines *worship music* and *intercession* as it is in heaven (Rev. 5:8), as the primary means of releasing God's power on earth to bring in the great harvest and *possess* the remnant of Edom, speaking of the Arab Islamic villages now occupying ancient Edom (Am. 9:12; Acts 15:17).
  - Am. 9:11 "I will... rebuild it as in the days of old; 12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom [Islamic nations], and all the Gentiles who are called by My name," says the LORD who does this.
  - b. Amos linked the <u>restoration</u> of the Davidic order and the <u>acceleration</u> of the great harvest (vs. 11-12) to the generation in which Israel was restored to her land forever (vs. 14-15). We are in this generation!
  - Am. 9:14 I will bring back the captives of My people Israel [1948]... 15 I will <u>plant them</u> in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land...
- 5. <u>Spirit and Power of Elijah</u> A forerunner anointing of the Holy Spirit that imparts a mission, message and manifestations of power similar to Elijah's historic ministry, which empowers hearts to "turn" to God and brings intergenerational unity among men with a special emphasis upon the nation of Israel (Lk. 1:17). We understand in Isaiah that John was a prototype of what God was going to do globally (Isa. 40:3-5).
- Lk. 1:15 He will be filled with the Holy Spirit... 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord... 17 He will go before Him in the <u>spirit and power of Elijah</u>, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.
- B. The Spirit is setting *prophetic musicians* and *singers* in place who minister to God day and night, as a *full-time occupation* of work. Their intimate revelation of Jesus released through song will produce the same response throughout the nations as when Isaiah actually saw Jesus face-to-face (Isa. 6:1-5; 24:14-16).
- Isa. 6:1 I <u>saw the Lord</u> sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple... 5 So I said: "<u>Woe is me</u>, for I am undone! ... For my eyes have <u>seen the King</u>, the Lord of hosts."
- Isa. 24:14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing; for the majesty of the Lord... 16 From the ends of the earth we have heard songs: "Glory to the Righteous!" But I said, "I am ruined, ruined! Woe to me!
- C. The "<u>new</u> song" (9x Ps. 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; 149:1; Is. 42:10; Rev. 5:9; 14:3), reveals the *glory of Jesus* (Rev. 1:1) in His "new" and unique role in human history, as the only Person who is both fully God and fully Man (Col. 1:19; 2:9), with the full authority to eternally unite (Mt. 28:18; Eph. 1:10) and bring forth the "<u>New Heavens and New Earth</u>" (Rev. 21:1), while reconciling both Jew and Gentile into one "<u>new man</u>" (Eph. 2:15), thus requiring a "<u>new name</u>" (Rev. 3:12; 19:12). He returns in *response* to the nations singing!
- Isa. 42:10 Sing to the Lord a <u>new song</u>... His praise from the ends of the earth... 13 The Lord shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war... He shall prevail against His enemies.