

# WHY THE HOUSE OF PRAYER?

## TWELVE DIVINE PURPOSES – COREY STARK

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### I. PURPOSE #1: DIVINE BLUEPRINTS FOR A DWELLING PLACE OF ENCOUNTER

A. Prior to the return of Jesus, the *Church* 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 *House of Prayer* (Isa. 56:7; Mt. 21:13; Mk. 11:17; Lk. 19:46), according to the order of the *Tabernacle of David* (Ps. 27:4; Am. 9:11-12; Acts 15:16-17).

1. *Church* – 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*” describes to who we are in our *identity* as the “called out assembly” of God’s covenant people.

***Eph. 2:22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.***

2. *Bride of Christ* – 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 speaks of a *position of privilege* in our relationship with God to experience *unhindered access* to His heart.

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

a. Men *and* women are both “sons”, related to accessing *God’s throne* – 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)***

3. *House of Prayer* – 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 *who He is* in worship and *what He’s doing* in 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). The Church are the only ones on earth with the authority to contend with the powers of darkness (Mt. 16:19). We release God’s grace in each geographic region through faith-filled words of agreement (2 Chr. 7:14; Joel 2:12-17; 28-32).

***1 Jn. 5:14 This is the confidence that we have... if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us... we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.***

4. *Tabernacle of David* – The LORD said, “*I will raise up the Tabernacle of David*” (Am. 9:11-12; Acts 15:16-17). This describes the order in which we function as a house of prayer (i.e. Davidic order), which is from the place of encountering God in day and night prayer with worship (prophetic music/singing), that is fueled by the beauty of God and is the primary catalyst for world missions This is the *key of David* (Rev. 3:7; Isa. 22:22). Davidic prayer watches will pray for *missions*, with *music*, from *intimacy* with God.

***Am. 9:11 I will raise up the Tabernacle of David, which has fallen... and rebuild it as in the days of old; 12 that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name...”***

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### II. PURPOSE #2: AN ESCHATOLOGICAL ARK OF SAFETY IN THE COMING STORM

A. In Luke 17 Jesus describes His return and the decades leading up to it likened to “the days of Noah”. We must ask, “*In what ways will it be like the days of Noah?*” And, “*What is the LORD’s desired response?*”

***Lk. 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all... 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.***

#1 Global Corruption – The wickedness of man was great in his rebellion against God. All the thoughts of his heart devised evil continually, corrupting his way and the earth. Heightened *demonic activity, sexual immorality, and violence* (murder, theft) were rampant then and will be again (Gen. 6:11-13; Rev. 9:20-21).

***Rev. 9:20 But the rest of mankind... did not repent... that they should not worship demons... 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.***

#2 Divine Forewarning – A divine forewarning of an unprecedented, future and imminent global shaking (Hag. 2:6-9; Heb. 11:7) was given *to* and proclaimed *through* the forerunner ministry (2 Pet. 2:5).

***Heb. 11:7 Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of righteousness...***

#3 Divine Blueprints – God instructed Noah to build an *ark of safety* for all with “ears to hear” (Gen. 6:14-16) that will not only *endure*, but *prevail because of* the shaking (1 Pet. 3:20). It is *for us*, not *against us*!

***1 Pet. 3:20 When once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water [judgment].***

#4 Divine Delay – The 120 year delay tested the hearts of all people, revealing the faithful (1 Pet. 3:20).

***Lk. 18:7 Though He bears long with them? 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?***

#5 Universal Disregard – The multitudes continued business as usual until it was too late. There will come scoffers in the last days that will be willfully ignorant of the truth (Zeph. 1:12-18; 2 Pet. 3:1-13).

***Lk. 17:27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.***

#6 Sudden Judgment – The surprising and seemingly swift nature of the judgment destroyed them all (Gen. 6:7; Lk. 17:26). It will come as a comprehensive and impartial snare upon the whole earth (Lk. 21:35).

#7 Delayed Vindication – The wisdom of preparation by faith is *only* apparent after it’s too late for the faithless (Lk. 7:35). They all scoffed until the rain began and suddenly Noah was the wisest man on earth!

***Lk. 7:35 But wisdom is justified by all her children.***

#8 Prophetic Sign – Noah’s life, work and message was a *prophetic sign* to all generations (2 Pet. 2:5-6).

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## III. PURPOSE #3: THE CONVERGENCE OF HEAVEN AND EARTH (EPH. 1:10)

A. God's 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. 21:3; 22:4)! At creation both realms operated together in perfect unison, while God interacted openly with Adam and Eve (Gen. 1-3).

***Rev. 21:3 Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them... God Himself will be with them and be their God... 22:4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.***

B. After Adam sinned in disobedience to God's will a "veil of separation" divided the heavens and the earth, distancing God from His people (Isa. 24:18; 25:7; 34:4; Rev. 6:14). The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to remove this veil, unifying both realms, as the beginning (Gen. 1-3; Eph. 1:9-10; Col. 1:19-20).

***Eph. 1:10 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 (Col. 1:19-20)***

1. *Heaven* – the *spiritual and supernatural realm* under God's direct authority (Ps. 115:16), where the beauty of His presence and power are openly manifest (Rev. 4:2-8; Dan 7:9-10). The New Jerusalem is the epicenter of the heavenly realm, even as earthly Jerusalem is the center of the nations (Ezek. 5:5).

***Rev. 4:2 Behold, a throne set in HEAVEN, and One sat on the throne. 3 He was like a jasper and a sardius stone... a rainbow... like an emerald... 5 And... lightnings, thunderings, and voices.***

2. *Earth* – the *material and physical realm* under man's direct supervision and care (Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 115:16), where the natural human process of growth cycles, seasons, temperature, time, direction, weather patterns and physical sensation reach full expression (Gen. 8:22; Ps. 74:16-17; Eccl. 3:1-8; Mk. 4:26-29).

***Gen. 8:22 "While the EARTH remains, seedtime and harvest [growth cycle], cold and heat [temperature], winter and summer [seasons], and day and night shall not cease."***

C. David, the man after God's heart (1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22) was shown God's dwelling place in heaven with its governmental order of worship around the throne (1 Chr. 28:11-19). Due to David's all-consuming desire to dwell in God's immediate presence (Ps. 27:4), he vowed to establish a dwelling place for God on the earth, as it is in heaven (Ps. 132). David then erected a tabernacle where he employed 4000 musicians (1 Chr. 23:5) and 288 singers (1 Chr. 25:7) to worship God day and night as a full time occupation of work (1 Chr. 16:37). In the end-times God promised to reestablish this tabernacle. However this time it will not be local, partial and limited, but global, total and comprehensive unto the full convergence of heaven and earth forever!

***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 as in the days of old... (Acts 15:16-17)***

D. *Principle*: what God will do in *fullness then*, He will do *in part now* (if we ask). Therefore, Jesus said pray, "Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven" (Mt. 6:10). This is happening right now where the people of God gather together and pray for it. The H.O.P. is the *first place* of heavenly convergence.

***2 Chr. 7:14 If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land.***

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### IV. PURPOSE #4: BRINGING IN THE GREAT HARVEST OF SOULS

A. The Father promised Jesus an inheritance in the nations as the reward of His suffering (Heb. 12:2; Rev. 7:9-10), yet required Jesus to intercede for those the Father would gather to His house (Ps. 2:8; Isa. 56:7-8).

***Ps. 2:7 “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’”***

B. Jesus commanded us to pray for more laborers to be thrust out (ek’ballo) into the harvest fields to advance the great commission (Mt. 24:14), as we join His intercession for the lost (Mt. 9:35-38; Lk. 10:2).

***Mt. 9:36 When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said... “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”***

C. Jesus connected the unity of the Church to the acceleration of the great harvest coming in (Jn. 17:20-23). The global Church will not unify around an unbiblical identity. Rather, as the Church matures into her identity as a *Bride* whose primary function is a *house of prayer* many will see and believe (Rev. 19:7; 22:17).

***Jn. 17:21 That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.***

D. The final view of the global Church is a mature Bride with a two-fold cry: in *intercession* for Jesus to return and in *proclamation* for the unsaved to come join in the cry, while receiving eternal life (Rev. 22:17).

***Rev. 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.***

E. In 750 BC, Amos prophesied of the restoration of the Tabernacle of David, as in the days of old with singers and musicians, as a full-time occupation (Am. 9:11-12; Acts 15:16-17). A primary purpose of this Davidic order is to *possess* the remnant of Edom, which speaks of the Arab Islamic villages now occupying ancient Edom. Therefore, a key to winning the Islamic youth is for the Church to function in the spirit of the tabernacle of David. Undoubtedly, Jesus was thinking of this prophecy when He declared Matthew 24:14.

***Am. 9:11 “On that day I will raise up the Tabernacle of David, which has fallen down... I will raise up its ruins, and 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. (Acts 15:16-17)***

F. Amos linked the *restoration* of the Davidic order and the *acceleration* of the great harvest (Am. 9:11-12) to the generation in which Israel was restored to her land forever (Am. 9:14-15). We are in this generation!

***Am. 9:14 I will bring back the captives of My people Israel [1948]... 15 I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land...***

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### V. PURPOSE #5: THE SALVATION OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL

A. Isaiah gives insight that Israel is at the very heart of *everything* God is *saying* and *doing* on earth today! Why? Because the LORD has chosen Israel to *be blessed* so that they can *be a blessing* to the whole earth. This is the Gospel given to Abram (Gen. 12:1-3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; Ps. 72:17; Acts 3:25; Gal. 3:8).

***Isa. 62:1 For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace [speaking], and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest [acting], until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns.***

***Gen. 12:2 I will bless you... and you shall be a blessing... 3 all the families of the earth shall be blessed.***

B. Therefore, the LORD is setting *watchmen on the wall* who will intercede for the Jewish people (Isa. 62:6-7). This speaks of 24/7 prayer ministries with an Israel-centric prayer focus that will continue until Jesus returns! We are committed to work with others to serve *Jesus' purposes for Israel*, including a 24/7 virtual worldwide prayer network that seeks to mobilize 100 million intercessors to pray for the Jewish people.

***Isa. 62:6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention [remember, call upon] of the LORD, do not keep silent, 7 give Him no rest till He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.***

C. As a house of prayer we contend in intercession for revival throughout the nations, however global revival is ultimately about *provoking Israel to godly jealousy* (Rom. 11:11). Only as the nation of Israel receives Jesus as their Messiah and “all Israel is saved” (Rom. 11:26) will the glory of God cover the earth in the Millennium (Hab. 2:14). Paul describes the Millennium as “life from the dead” (Rom. 11:15).

***Rom. 11:11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles... 15 For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?***

### VI. PURPOSE #6: PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION

A. The House of Prayer is a safe greenhouse environment where young tender plants can sit before the LORD to grow in the knowledge of God like David, who was a man after God's heart (1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22).

***Ps. 27:4 One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.***

B. It is not enough to study the Scriptures, but we must *encounter* Jesus the Living Word of God, as we create an active dialogue with Him by the Holy Spirit through the written Word of God (Jn. 5:39-40).

***Jn. 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.***

C. We are progressively transformed into the image of God by beholding His glory (minds, emotions, etc.) Abstinence is good, but *abstinence isn't freedom*. Freedom is when the sinful desire is no longer present!

***2 Cor. 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (Ps. 17:15)***

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### VII. PURPOSE #7: FAMILY RESTORATION AND FULLNESS

A. We understand from Scripture that the House of Prayer is in fact, the *Father's House* (Isa. 56:7; Jn. 2:16), operating in a *forerunner spirit of Elijah* (Mal. 4:5-6; Lk. 1:17), where all are *instantly forgiven* (w/out probation), *fully restored* (100% not just better than broken) and *openly celebrated* in a Kingdom culture that honors the uniqueness of their identity, so we don't have to convince God to like us (Lk. 15:11-32).

***Isa. 56:7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer... for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.***” (Mt. 21:13; Mk. 11:17; Lk. 19:46)

B. The surprising *central focus* of the Holy Spirit's ministry in the end times is found in Mal. 4:6 “*turning the hearts*” of fathers to children. The Holy Spirit will release the revelation of the *Father's heart* to redirect the focus of the entire Church to the *value of children*. This will cause the children to “turn” their hearts back toward their fathers, thus bringing forth *intergenerational unity* in answer to Jesus' prayer (Jn. 17:20-23).

***Mal. 4:5 I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. 6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers...***

C. The Father's House of Prayer is meant for the whole family, where we worship, pray, read the Word and minister together (Joel 2:16)! One sign of the times is children being raised up in the night watch (Isa. 8:18).

***Joel 2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; 16 gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes...***

### VIII. PURPOSE #8: TO RELEASE SPEEDY JUSTICE UPON THE EARTH

A. Biblical justice is “making wrong things right”. In other words, doing God's will on earth as it is in heaven (Mt. 6:10). In Luke 18, Jesus knit the reality of day and night prayer to the release of speedy justice upon the earth. God does have an unknown delay factor, but when the ‘kairos’ time has come, God avenges suddenly.

***Lk. 18:7 And shall God not avenge [release justice for] His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge [release justice for] them speedily.***

***Rev. 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave... things which must shortly [quickly] take place.***

B. The first time the LORD highlighted this passage to me, relating the connection between swift justice and the day and night persistent prayers of the saints, we saw immediate results. A woman that was caught on video abusing her child and then alluding police, decided to turn herself in only an hour after we cried out to God in the house of prayer for one day and one night.

C. Benji Nolot, Director of Exodus Cry, which is laboring for the ending of modern day slavery, has documented this reality. Prior to the world cup in South Africa, officials expected an *80% increase* in human trafficking activity, however after mobilizing a global effort of night and day prayer, combined with teams on the ground going into red-light districts (and reaching out to potential “John's”) the outcome was actually the opposite with a surprising *80% decrease* in trafficking activity.

***Mt. 16:19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.***”

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### IX. PURPOSE #9: GOD’S GLOBAL MERCY STRATEGY

A. God will shake the nations to remove everything that hinders His love (Hag. 2:6-9). Where He finds agreement on earth with His will, the shaking may not only be *significantly decreased* for individuals, cities and even whole regions, but in some cases it may be *completed averted* altogether (Ezek. 22:30).

***Ezek. 22:30 I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me [intercession] on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. 31 Therefore I have... consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and recompensed their deeds on their own heads...***

B. The message of Joel is when God *shakes a nation* to awaken love there is *only one* response He is looking for – a wholehearted turning of the heart expressed through *individual repentance* and corporate gatherings of prayer with fasting, called *sacred assemblies* (Joel 2:12-17). “*Who knows*” if God will *turn and relent* or change His decree of judgment and send a blessing instead? The Lord puts the burden of responsibility upon us (1 Sam. 14:6; 2 Sam. 16:12; Joel 2:14; Zeph. 2:3; Am. 5:15; Jon. 1:6; 3:9; Jer. 51:8; Dan. 4:27; Hab. 3:16).

***Joel 2:12 “Therefore [in light of judgment]... turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning [prayer].” 14 Who knows if He will turn and relent [change His mind], and leave a blessing... 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; 16 gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes...***

C. *God’s response* to us, hangs in the balance of *our response* to Him in prayer. History belongs to the Intercessor (Gen. 18:20-33; Ex. 32:7-14; 2 Chr. 7:14; Isa. 30:18-19; Am. 7:1-6; Jon. 3:1-10; Zeph. 2:3)!

### X. PURPOSE #10: HASTENING THE DAY OF THE LORD

A. Jesus’ House of Prayer will literally “hasten” or *speed up* the Day of His return through unceasing prayer and worship (2 Pet. 3:12). By implication we can *delay* His return by our lack of responsiveness in prayer.

***2 Pet. 3:10 The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night... 11 Therefore... what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God?***

B. Jesus doesn’t return in a vacuum, but *in response* to the global cry of a prepared Bride, releasing faith-filled words of agreement in prayer (Rev. 22:17), praise (Isa. 42:10-16) and prophecy (Mt. 25:6)!

1. The saints on earth (Isa. 42:10-16; Lk. 18:7-8; Rev. 22:17).

***Lk. 18:7 And shall God not avenge [release justice for] His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.***

***Rev. 22:17 The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come”!***

2. The saints in heaven (Rev. 5:8-10; 6:9-11; 8:2-6; 15:2-4).

***Rev. 6:9 I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge [release justice for] our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”***

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### XI. PURPOSE #11: RELEASING THE ESCHATOLOGICAL REVOLUTION

A. The coming “*eschatological revolution*” will be the greatest conflict in human history, culminating with Jesus return to establish His Father’s Kingdom over all the nations of the earth forever! What began in the spiritual realm (Rev. 12:7-9) will be physically manifest on the earth (Jude 14-15; Rev. 17:14; 19:11, 19).

**Rev. 19:11 Behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war... 19 I saw the Beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered to make war against Him [Jesus] and His army. 20 The Beast was captured, and the False Prophet... were cast alive into the lake of fire... 21 The rest [of the armies] were killed with the sword...**

B. At the forefront of this battle will be a *collision* between two *Houses of Prayer* or worship movements that will release the power of God and the power of Satan upon the earth in a manifest way.

**Rev. 13:4 So they worshiped the dragon... and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”... 8 All who dwell on earth will worship him... (Rev. 9:20-21)**

C. The Church will partner with Jesus in the *eschatological revolution* (Rev. 11:15) by releasing the end time judgments of God through faith-filled words of agreement, as seen in the book of Revelation (Ps. 149:6-9; Lk. 18:7-8; Rev. 5:8-10; 8:2-5; 15:2-4; 22:17). As Moses “*stretched forth his rod*” releasing God’s judgments upon Pharaoh through prayer (Ex. 7-12), so also the end-time Church will stretch forth the “*rod of agreement*” to release the Great Tribulation judgments upon the end time Pharaoh (Antichrist) through prayer.

**Mic. 7:15 As in the days when you came out of... Egypt, I will show them wonders. (Isa. 10:26; 11:11-16)**

### XII. PURPOSE #12: A PROPHETIC WITNESS OF JESUS’ INFINITE WORTH

A. Jesus is worthy of *more than 24/7* worship, yet we are constrained by it. The only appropriate response to seeing Jesus’ infinite worth and glory is unceasing adoration on earth as it is in heaven (Mt. 6:10).

**Rev. 4:8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”**

B. This movement is fueled by God’s beauty (Isa. 4:2; 62:3-5, 6-7), releasing such intimate revelation of Jesus through song that it produces the same response in the nations as when Isaiah actually saw Jesus face-to-face (Isa. 6:5; 24:16). We won’t just sing “worthy”, we will sing *why he’s worthy* and let the nations respond!

**Isa. 6:3 And one [Seraphim] cried to another... “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” 5 Woe is me, for I am undone! For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!**

**Isa. 24:16 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 seraphim that have incessantly worshipped God for 1000’s of years are only holding our place until we mature into our primary governmental position of beholding His beauty and declaring His glory to the rest of the created order (Isa. 6:1-3; Rev. 4:8; 5:8-10; 6:1). As God’s eternal partner with the indwelling Spirit we aren’t limited to beholding His external glory, but have unhindered access to the depths of His heart (1 Cor. 2:9-11)! Our worship is not only a *means* to an end, but a *glorious end* in itself (Ps. 27:4; Lk. 10:38-42)!