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Pentecost

Fire of Righteousness: The Promise

Right before Jesus ascended into Heaven (40 days after His resurrection), He told His disciples He was sending them the **Promise** of His Father; the Holy Spirit and commanded them not to depart Jerusalem without it. When the 120 disciples were gathered together in **one accord**, in the Upper Room, the Holy Spirit came upon each one of them.

Luke 24:49 Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father** upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with **power** from on high." – Jesus

Acts 1:4-6 And being **assembled together** with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the **Promise of the Father**, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now."

It is estimated there are over 6,000 promises of God in the Bible, but some are more significant than others.

The **original Christian Pentecost** was the **Promise of the Father** which was the power and fire of the Holy Spirit. I believe there is another major promise waiting to be fulfilled. The **first Promise** was mainly for evangelism of individuals.

The **second Promise, or second major outpouring of the Holy Spirit** is for **ruling the nations**. Just like the original Promise was a power from God to evangelize, this promise is the power to transition from the Church age to the Kingdom age; the 1,000 year millennium rule and reign of Christ on earth. **But first**, nations have to be won for the Lord and the Kingdom of Darkness over nations must fall.

Rev 2:26-28 Jesus said "to he who overcomes and keeps My works **until the end**, to him I will give **power** (exousia authority) **over the nations**, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron." Jesus also said, "and I will give him the **morning star**." This is the promise of the **Morning Star Authority**.

This promise of power (authority) over nations is the same authority that God gave to Jesus in **Ps 2:1-9**.

Ps 2:1-9 Why do the nations **rage**, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "**Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.**"

In other words, "We do not want to be "One Nation Under God."" This is exactly where America is at right now. America is divided and this separation is preparing the world for the **Rapture**. Even though the One World Order is in position to take control, God is laughing at their plans. They believe this coronavirus take-over has given them the upper hand.

4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 "Yet I have set **My King On My holy hill of Zion.**" 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."

Jesus received from His Father the rod of iron to rule the nations, and Jesus offers us this same rod of iron. Just like the Father gave His Son King Jesus the power over nations, Jesus has given us this same power through the Holy Spirit, just like the **first Promise** was through the Holy Spirit, so is **this promise**. We are receiving the authority to rule over the nations.

John 16:13-15 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is **Mine and declare it to you.** 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. **Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.** Just like Father God declared to Jesus the **rod of iron**, Jesus is declaring it to us through the Holy Spirit.

The **first Promise** was the **fire of evangelism**. This **promise** is the **fire of righteousness**. Both fires release a spirit of boldness that will lead to revival. The first fire allowed the **wheat and the tares** to grow together. The second fire will separate the wheat from the tares, and burn the chaff off the wheat, and bundle the tares together.

Our Lord said the wheat and the tares would grow together until the **end-of-age harvest**. Then Jesus will send out His angels and they will gather together those who practice lawlessness and cast them into the furnace (**Mtt 13:24-30** and **36-43**) 43 *"Then the **righteous** will **shine forth** as the **sun** (star) in the kingdom of their Father."* The Morning Star Authority Mantle can only be carried **corporately**, and not individually. It is the greatest **authority and glory** the Church has ever walked in.

The Original Jewish Pentecost

Shavuot was 50 days after the original Passover. This is when God gave the 10 Commandments (Torah) to Moses at **Mount Sinai (Ex 19-31)**. God came down on the mountain in **fire**, as the smoke rose up. He came to speak to the Children of Israel. The trumpet blew louder and louder as the whole mountain quaked greatly and the people trembled in fear. This was a "**great shaking**" to the **powers of darkness** as God made known His Word to Moses and the Children of Israel. God gave His Word, the greatest power in the universe to His Children Israel, but without the power of the Holy Spirit, they were not able to comprehend the **fulness** of His Word. God made a **Promise** to Israel that one day, He would put His Spirit in His Children, remove their heart of stone, and they would walk in the statutes of God (**Ezek 36:26**).

2,000 years ago, Jesus was crucified and His blood made a way for the **Promise of the Father**, the Holy Spirit, to come into the hearts of the disciples, to pour out the love of God and to receive the revelation of His Word. This began the **Church Age**.

Now we are about to enter the **Kingdom Age**:

Hebrew 12 is a New Testament reference to the Old Testament Shavuot-Pentecost that happened 3500 years ago.

Heb 12:18-24, God is speaking to us again, only this time it is from **Mount Zion**, the heavenly Jerusalem with an innumerable company of angels. This is the general assembly of the Church of the firstborn. Just like on the first Pentecost-Shavuot, God is "**promising**" to shake the kingdom of darkness, removing it and establish the Kingdom that cannot be shaken; the Kingdom of God.

We are moving from "The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand, to the **Kingdom of Heaven manifest**."

Heb 12:25-29 *See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose **voice then shook the earth**; but now He has **promised**, saying, "**Yet once more I shake** not only the earth, but also heaven." 27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the **removal** of those things that are **being shaken**, as of things that are made, that the things which **cannot be shaken** may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are **receiving a kingdom** which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a **consuming fire**.*

This "**Yet once more**" shaking is now starting to manifest. God is removing the Kingdom of Darkness, the wickedness from over the land. This is an end-of-age promise from God. This will cause **nations to shake** as the **principalities and powers** that are over them are cast down and removed. This will happen regionally.

Hag 2:6-9 *"For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will **shake heaven and earth**, the sea and dry land; 7 and will **I shake all nations**, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the Lord of hosts. 8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the Lord of hosts. 9 'The **glory of this latter temple** shall be **greater** than the former,' says the Lord of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the Lord of hosts."*

Hag 2:21-23 *"Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: 'I will **shake heaven and earth**. 22 I will **overthrow the throne of kingdoms**; I will destroy the strength of the **Gentile kingdoms**. I will overthrow the chariots And those who ride in them; The horses and their riders shall come down, Every one by the sword of his brother.*

God is overthrowing the thrones of **heaven** (demonic principalities) and the **earth** (nations). All nations on earth have demonic principalities over them. These demonic rulers are territorial and control regions. These are the *“rulers of darkness of this age, the spiritual hosts of wickedness” Eph 6:12*. Once the demonic-spiritual is cast down, the physical kingdoms will crumble.

*23 'In that day,' says the Lord of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the Lord, 'and will make you like a **signet ring**; for I have chosen you,' says the Lord of hosts."*

God is using a man to “seal the deal” just as a signet ring is the stamp of authority on a document or scroll.

This Pentecost we are receiving the authority and glory of God to rule the nations, region by region.