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Pentecost: Roar from Zion

Happy birthday Brothers and Sisters! Today is the Christian Pentecost, the birth of Christianity. Just as the start of the Jewish nation was the Jewish Pentecost at Mount Sinai when God gave Moses the Ten Commandments and **spoke to His children**, the Christian Pentecost was the birth of the Christian Church as the Holy Spirit descended from Heaven and put the Word of God into our hearts. Just as the Jews gathered to Mount Sinai, Christians gather to Mount Zion.

Mount Zion was first known as the City of David, then encompassed all Jerusalem, then all of Israel as God's chosen people, and now is the Church of God around the world as well as the city in Heaven called Jerusalem.

Heb 12:18-29 *For you have not come to the mountain (Mount Sinai) that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet and the **voice of words**, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." 21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.")*

*22 But you have come to **Mount Zion** and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the **general assembly and church of the firstborn** who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.*

Hear the Heavenly Voice

*25 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.*

"Refusing Him who speaks" is refusing to receive the **prophetic Word of God**.

Hag 2:6-10 *"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 **I will 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 2:20-23 *And again the **word of the Lord came to Haggai** on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, 21 "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. 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 choose to use Zerubbabel the Governor as His signet ring (mark of authority), not Joshua, Haggai or Zechariah (the prophets and the priests), but a man in government.

Acts 2:1-5 *When the **Day of Pentecost** had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them **divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them**. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and **began to speak** with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Divided **tongues** sat upon each of them and they began to speak with the Spirit of God. **Immediately they were mocked (Acts 2:13)**. There has always been an attack to discredit God's prophets and the spirit of prophecy.

Acts 2:16-18 *But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.*

Pentecost, the birth of the Church was first spoken as a prophecy. It was spoken by God's prophet Joel in order to **call forth** the Kingdom of God. God has partnered with man to have dominion on this earth. Noah, Abraham, Moses, David and Believers all entered into covenant or "contract" with God to partner with Him and have dominion.

Prophecy, see visions, dream dreams; this is all prophetic! The Holy Spirit came to write God's Words on our heart so we may prophesy! We prophesy God's Word to "call forth" His Kingdom. We agree with what our Father said. The closer we get to the return of our Lord, the more prophecy will increase culminating in the 2 Prophets, the 2 Witnesses prophesying for 3 ½ years straight. The Book of Revelation is the **Prophecy of Jesus Christ**.

Rev 10:1-4 *I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. 2 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, 3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.*

Rev 10:7 *but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.*

Rev 10:8-11 *Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth." 9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth." 10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. 11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."*

Jer 25:30-31 *"Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them: 'The Lord will roar from on high, And utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will give a shout, as those who tread the grapes, Against all the inhabitants of the earth. 31 A noise will come to the ends of the earth — For the Lord has a controversy with the nations; He will plead His case with all flesh. He will give those who are wicked to the sword,' says the Lord."*

God will first roar against His fold, His sheep, the ones who are attacking His prophets. From the beginning of Israel and all through the Church age, there has been an attack on God's prophets and His prophetic Word.

Amos 3:7-8 *Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. 8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy? Once God speaks to His prophets, they echo what God has said and they speak with great authority as if a lion has roared.*

Joel 3:16 *The Lord also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the Lord will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.*

Acts 7:51-53 *Israel Resists the Holy Spirit "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, 53 who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it."*

1 Thess 2:14-16 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans, 15 who **killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us**; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, 16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

Luke 22:63-65 Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him. 64 And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "**Prophecy! Who is the one who struck You?**" 65 And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

1 Thess 5:16-22 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 **Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies.** 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

Prophecies: Strong's #4394 *propheteia* (prof-ay-tie-ah); from *pro* "forth" and *phemi* "to speak." The primary use of the word is not predictive in the sense of foretelling, but interpretive, declaring or forth-telling the will and counsel of God. W/W SFLB

God's Word is coming like a flood as He roars like a lion from Zion.

Today is Pentecost. Are you filled with His Spirit? Would you like the gift of tongues? Would you like the gift of prophecy? Fill us Holy Spirit with Your gifts!