"Building the Kingdom"

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NIV Bible.

Word of the Lord 2016

Building the Kingdom

I am sensing that around the world there will be an increase of the events described in Matthew 24. Remember, Jesus said "These things must come to pass but the end is not yet" Matthew 24:6b (NKJV).

I hear the Spirit of Lord say, I have released the full measure of My anointing on My Church to finish My Kingdom mandates on the earth. My Church is a mighty force that is moving forward with My wisdom, strength and understanding to build My Kingdom. I hear the Lord say, I am activating the anointing of Nehemiah to build and restore. To preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and to rebuild the waste places. I have many faithful servants who have prepared themselves to war and to build. I am calling them to the frontlines this year.

The Gospel of the Kingdom

Matthew 24:4-14 "Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

- 1. Watch out that no one deceives you.
- 2. See to it that you are not alarmed.
- 3. Stand firm to the end.
- 4. Preach the gospel of the Kingdom.

The Church has Kingdom mandates to fulfill in the earth.

Aaron – (Bishop Hamon Word of the Lord 2016 – Stop at 8:53)

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We are warring and building in this season. The anointing of Nehemiah is upon us. What we can learn from Nehemiah:

Nehemiah was a man full of compassion.

Nehemiah 1:1 – "<u>In the month of Kislev</u> in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa, Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem."

• Sometimes we do not know because we haven't asked.

Nehemiah 1:3-4a – "They said to me, 'Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.' When I heard these things, I sat down and wept..."

- What issue moves you to this degree?
- What is it that makes you cry?

Nehemiah sought God through prayer and fasting.

Nehemiah 1:4b "For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven."

• What would impress you to fast?

Nehemiah's Praver

Nehemiah 1: 5-11 "Then I said: "Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you. We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

"Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather

them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'

"They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king."

Nehemiah prayed from Kislev to Nisan.

On a Jewish calendar you will find that this incident transpires four months after Nehemiah began to pray.

"And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, that I took the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before. Therefore the king said to me, 'Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart.'

So I became dreadfully afraid, and said to the king, 'May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire?' Then the king said to me, 'What do you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.'" Nehemiah 2:1-4 (NKJV).

"And I said to the king, 'If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it.'

Then the king said to me (the queen also sitting beside him), 'How long will your journey be? And when will you return?' So it pleased the king to send me..." Nehemiah 2:5-6 (NKJV).

• Nehemiah got what he prayed for!

Nehemiah was not discouraged or deceived by his enemies.

"Then I said to them, 'You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach.' And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, 'Let us rise up and build.' Then they set their hands to this good work. But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, 'What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?' So I answered them, and said to them, 'The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem.'"

Nehemiah 2:17–20 (NKJV).

Nehemiah defended the wall against his enemies.

"But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, 'What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish— stones that are burned?' Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, 'Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall." Nehemiah 4:1-3 (NKJV).

Nehemiah's Prayer

"Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads, and give them as plunder to a land of captivity! Do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before You; for they have provoked You to anger before the builders. So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4: 4-6 (NKJV).

"Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry, and all of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion. Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night." Nehemiah 4:7 (NKJV).

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We have the anointing of Nehemiah

A deep relationship with the Lord A compassion for others A desire to pray and fast Divine knowledge, wisdom, and understanding to solve problems Divine strategy against our spiritual enemies

Jesus paid it all for us to do it all.

Eternal Church by Dr. Bill Hamon

The work of redemption – Jesus said "It is finished"

"I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was." John 17:4-5 (KJV)

"But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right

hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool." Hebrews 10:13 (NKJV).

Isaiah 42:13 is being activated.

"The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies." Isaiah 42:13 (KJV).

"Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory.
Selah" Psalm 24: 7-10 (NKJV).