



Discerning His Voice for Scotland

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Rev 19:10

2016-17 Prophetic Summary

Introduction

The Church is living in a time where prophetic revelation has increased vastly. Whilst this is a wonderfully positive matter indicating God is restoring and saving His people (cf. Ps 74:9-10), it presents a considerable challenge in managing and processing this great volume of material. In the Discerning His Voice for Scotland initiative, we are seeking to find a way to collate, condense, refine and distil relevant prophetic material related to God's purposes for the nation of Scotland. Our objective therefore is to identify major current prophetic themes and so provide a resource to leaders and believers in the nation and elsewhere for encouragement, wisdom and prayer, and so that God's people in Christ may respond and act accordingly, pleasing the Lord and receiving blessing and grace for effectiveness in the Kingdom of God. We describe this as a Prophetic Summary in that it is a condensation of many prophetic words and impressions from many people. It is not in itself a 'prophetic word', but has prophetic value.

The 2016-17 exercise has involved around 20 prophetically-graced people and leaders with significant experience and training over many years (these are listed at the end of this Summary). We have collected and reviewed prophetic revelation we have received directly ourselves, what we have noted over time from various other sources, and significant words related to the nation of Scotland given by notable prophetic voices (including Chuck Pierce, Kenny Borthwick, Martin Scott, Terry Bennett, Jean Darnell and others). From this considerable amount of material, we have identified recurring themes which we present below under a series of key headings. For most headings, we also provide related declarations, response/action points for alignment with what God is doing, and prayer/intercession points to deepen the work which is done.

Whilst we have been mindful of the developments that have been taking place on the political front in regard to 'Brexit' and the future of the UK, in this Summary we are focussing more on the Kingdom purposes of God and so we do not directly address the political issues. We do believe, however, that as we pray and proclaim God's prophetic promises and purposes for the nation we help align the nation with its destiny and calling in God. The natural circumstances in the nation are then moved into alignment with these good plans God has for the nation.

Summary Headings

Revelation of the fullness of finished work of Christ

We have seen that the Holy Spirit is building worldwide a fullness of the revelation of the finished work of Christ in His death on the cross, His resurrection and ascension. God's purpose is that His people appropriate the fullness of the grace given in Christ's finished work and release this in the earth for its redemption and transformation. Some themes connected with this into which the Spirit is building include: identity in Christ, son-ship, inheritance, resurrection power, the New Covenant, the gift of Christ's righteousness and the power of the blood of Jesus. Additionally, the fire of the 'Father-heart' revelation released in the mid-90's move of the Spirit will continue and grow deeper. This will be a key to seeing many saved.

Declaration: *Let the eyes of Christ's people be opened to the fullness and scope of His finished work on the cross, and let them embrace all of it by faith and release its saving and transforming power.*

Action / Response Point: *Be open to new emphases on different aspects of Christ's finished work, study the Scriptures carefully to establish truth accurately, and build with these truths as a wise master builder.*

Prayer Point: *For increasing revelation of the power and extent of Christ's work of grace on the cross, and the development of fullness of fruit from this in the nation and worldwide.*

It is Time ...

Many prophetic indications point to the fact that a move of God is coming with an emphasis on harvest and 'living in the land of promise'. God has been positioning and preparing us, waiting for us, but now He is about to move and is already moving. The church in Scotland has 'crossed over' from 'wilderness' to 'promised land' – we note that some wilderness element is always present in the life of the Church, but also an increasing manifestation of 'promised land' in Christ. However, the broader current 'prophetic' picture is of a transitioning from unfruitful meandering into those

things we desire to see and have been praying for: i.e. revival, reformation, transformation, harvest etc. It is given, to be received. A mentality shift is required into expectation and receiving by faith, together with openness to change and a determination not to go back to the status-quo. There is great grace to 'define' the move of God by Spirit-led intercessions and wise prophetic declarations, using the wisdom of God for the local and national context.

Declaration: *We declare that the revival move of God many have been praying for is released – it can be taken hold of by faith. Wisdom and grace are available by the Holy Spirit to define the appropriate ways for revival grace to be manifest in the local and wider context. God is moving by His Spirit in Scotland to turn hearts and minds to Him. He is filling the land with justice and righteousness.*

Action / Response Point: *Embrace and build expectancy and faith, and step out with boldness and kindness to reach others for Christ, inviting the Holy Spirit to move in power. Develop understanding of the times and seasons of God.*

Prayer Point: *Move from 'asking prayer' to Spirit-led defining prayer and proclamation, but embracing the travail of the Spirit as He gives it for the birth of many souls into the Kingdom.*

'Tsunami', and 'Whirlwind of God's Fire and Glory'

These are two images/parables which are recurring regularly. Both convey intense energy and impacting results and relate to the accelerating move of God.

The Tsunami indicates a mighty wave of God's Spirit bringing cleansing, a washing away, changing the landscape, a moving to a new place. It will release the power of God to reap the harvest. The wave that is coming is far too big to be 'surfed' – rather one must surrender to the power of God, dying to self and letting go of false securities, to be re-positioned for effectiveness in the harvest.

The whirlwind is a common Scriptural image conveying the moving of God' Spirit. In Ezekiel 37 the result of the four winds blowing together was that the army of God was prepared and made ready to move. So now, as God's Spirit comes as a mighty wind, the Church will be raised up to move and partner with the Holy Spirit as a joyful army moving in the miraculous power, glory and love of God to see the harvest reaped in every area of society.

Declaration: *Hear the sound of the wave crashing down! A wave of power, transformation, glory – nothing remains the same. It moves us to new places as it crashes – places of advancement, fullness of purpose and life.*

Action / Response Point: *Be very ready for change in how God is using us and positioning us. Prepare hearts to walk with and serve God in fresh but effective works with a focus of winning people to Jesus in the power of the Spirit.*

Prayer Point: *Intercede that the Body of Christ will be enabled to embrace the significant changes the Spirit will be bringing so that it moves forward with revival power in the work of the gospel it is called to.*

Increase in Manifest Angelic Activity

This is scripturally an indication of fresh saving moves of God (e.g. Acts 8:26, 10:1-7, Heb 1:14). In this connection, we note that worship and prayer (which bring the manifest presence of God and His angels) empower evangelism and the harvest.

Letting go of the old to enter the new

We can only enter a new move of God in humility and brokenness, availing ourselves of the fresh grace in Christ. Relevant images include a stripping away of dead wood, pruning the vine, letting go of what entangles us. A focus on the preparation of the Bride of Christ is increasing. This will involve a dying to flesh and things that bring shame but will result in a beautiful intimacy with Christ the Bridegroom which the Father will be pleased to show to the world.

Declaration: *Scotland, put aside and let go of the things of the past – the hurt, pain and anger. Let God touch you and heal you – this is a new day, a new way Scotland. Bride of Christ in Scotland, rise up, with an undivided heart of burning love for Jesus, consumed with the zeal of the Lord.*

Action / Response Point: *Understand that God kindly reveals carnal attitudes and behaviours so that we can be transformed by grace, and press into intimacy with Jesus who covers all our shame with the glory of His own perfection. Build into these truths.*

Prayer Point: *Pray for deep love for Christ to be awakened (it is time – Songs 2:7).*

Shaking

Haggai 2:6-7 and Heb 12:26-29 indicate a continuing shaking until the Kingdom of God, which cannot be shaken, is fully manifest and established. Specific intense shakings in the present time relate to economic and governmental structures. Additionally, shakings of empty belief systems of all kinds will increase. A result will be that false roots will be exposed to be dealt with. In the shaking, the sense of bewilderment in society will lead to windows of opportunity for sharing Christ and releasing the beautiful Kingdom of God which cannot be shaken.

Declaration: *Christ will be the stability and security for our time – a rich source of salvation, wisdom and knowledge – the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure (Is 33:6). Let the unshakeable Kingdom of God be built as the refuge of grace for all.*

Action/Response Point: *Don't be disturbed by what is happening in society, but be the servant of Christ with the message of good news, kindness to the hurting and wisdom to build what is good. Build the unshakeable kingdom of God.*

Prayer Point: *Keep the emphasis of prayer on the building of the Kingdom of Christ, but also that the compassion of Jesus is released through the church to those who find themselves in difficult circumstances in the shaking.*

Harvest

We believe the nation is ready and ripe for a large harvest of souls, as part of a great world-wide awakening and harvest. For Scotland, we should continue to believe and press for a million souls (see previous DHVfS Summaries). The 'tipping point' is closer than we think. As already noted, revival grace is given. We believe it is God's purpose that the whole nation develops into revival (as against merely confined local expressions), leading to reformation and transformation of the nation. The planting of many new churches of a wide variety of shapes will be one key to gathering in the harvest.

Declaration: *Let souls be saved, let the harvest be reaped, let the new churches be built both to reach the lost and to build the saved in the fullness of Christ.*

Action / Response Point: *Be the wise son who gathers in the time of harvest (Prov 10:5), with focus and determination. Develop creative strategies for reaping harvest and planting new expressions of church.*

Prayer Point: *Pray that all would understand their responsibility to work in and for the harvest and give themselves to the work.*

A time for the army

The image of the army depicts the whole Body of Christ mobilised, trained, equipped, motivated, for the work of God, 'winning the battle', and gathering in the harvest. Recent moves of God have been working to prepare and build this army. Aspects of the army which will be manifest include:

- In prayer, worship & prophecy
- In evangelism healing & miracles
- With joy releasing the Kingdom
- In step, in unity
- Releasing the love, goodness, glory and righteousness of God.

In particular the army will manifest both the Lion and Lamb nature of its Captain and Lord, Jesus.

Declaration: *Stand ready and rally to the King, Scotland and Bride of Christ in the land and await the instructions of the Lord. Your effectiveness will be in the place of intimacy with the Bridegroom.*

Action / Response Point: *Develop readiness to move together with Christ's heart and spirit of humility and servanthood, and with faith for the manifestation of the goodness, power and glory of God.*

Prayer Point: *For clarity of understanding how we move with Jesus manifesting both His lamb and lion natures.*

A time for courage, wisdom and wise leadership, discernment

A recurring theme in the context of the harvest, the release of the army of God, and 'entering the land' is the need of courage (which includes bravery, valour, confidence and wisdom). So the Holy Spirit is building and stirring up courage for the work of God. In a context of considerable shaking, wise apostolic and prophetic leadership is required so that the army can respond bringing the grace of God with boldness into the areas of opportunity which open up.

Declaration: *God's people in Christ will be strong and courageous, and will not tremble or be dismayed, because we are confident that the LORD our God is with us wherever we go.*

Action / Response Point: *Deal with points of fear in relating to others and sharing Christ, and bring these to the love of God for healing and to receive His encouragement in its place. Encourage and strengthen others in their identity, destiny, ministry and action.*

Prayer Point: *Pray for an emboldening of heart to share Christ in the faith that God will witness to the Word with signs, wonders and healings.*

Unity

It is important that relational unity in the Spirit across the different streams of the Body of Christ in the nation continues to develop, building on the immensely valuable fruit of the now concluded CLAN Gathering with its vision of 'Christians Linked Across the Nation'. So there is a continuing call to stand together 'As One' – which will give a place of both protection and strength. The Spirit will be building revelation and manifestation of the glory, identity and purpose we have in Christ which positions us in the unity which brings blessing. This unity will be organic, relational, genuine, not contrived or structured, but we must be ready for the heart work required to receive, be reconciled to, and accept one another in Christ. This unity will be based on the foundation of the finished work of Christ and will be manifest in the glory of the Trinity.

Declaration: *We declare that believers in Christ in Scotland will stand together as one in the glory of God, and in that unity will carry His glory into the life of the nation and the nations.*

Action / Response Point: *Embrace a heart of complete forgiving of all for every shortcoming, as God in Jesus has forgiven us, and from that heart relate with graciousness and wisdom. Build a culture of forgiving, honour and grace.*

Prayer Point: *Prayer should be focussed on receiving grace to forgive and serve, and that we might more deeply understand and embrace the self-giving nature of Jesus who laid His life down for sinners, which is His glory.*

New watchman prayer movement

Together with an increasing revelation of the finished work of the cross will be a continuing and increasing call to corporately seek the Lord with humility and brokenness, leading to a great revival of prayer in the nation. Prayer with fire, passion and prophetic insight will grow across the land for the broken and the lost. An army of powerful worshipping prophetic watchmen pray-ers is arising who know their authority, and who partner with the Spirit to decree the Word of the Lord into being. There will be a need for continued prayer to sustain the move of God coming.

Declaration: *We call for the Spirit of grace and of supplication to be released across the Body of Christ in Scotland, and for the Body of Christ to arise in prayer and declaration to see the release of the Kingdom and the harvest.*

Action Response Point: *Cultivate prophetic prayer in the power of the Spirit, from travailing for souls to faith-filled declarations based on Christ's finished work.*

Prayer Point: *Pray that God's people would hear the call to pray and would respond, and that the army of powerful prophetic watchmen pray-ers would strongly arise.*

Development of the prophetic movement

There will be a refining and purifying of the prophetic movement in the nation with an emphasis on coming to maturity in character and communication, and leading to another level of revelation, wisdom and authority.

Grass roots movements

In parallel with strong apostolic missional thrusts will be moves of God arising from the 'ground upwards' which contribute much to the harvest. These will be pockets of power with many new wineskins and shapes, not unwieldy structures which become too fixed to move. Characteristics will include community, witness and the supernatural. This grass-roots movement will be facilitated and strengthened with input from wise five-fold ministries. Initially growth will be hidden by God for protection, but suddenly the world will become aware of what God has done.

Scotland - A nation for the nations

We note a continued emphasis on a redemptive grace for Scotland to be a 'nation for the nations'. For its full positive expression, repentance and healing from deep-seated rebellion and pride is needed, together with the embracing of a deep humility. However, some relevant prophetic statements from various sources include (and see previous DHVfS summaries on this matter):

- 'A cradle for revival in Europe'
- 'A coming and going and sending from the nation'
- 'Scotland is a connecting nation'
- 'Scotland to help Europe'
- 'Scotland to connect to Israel, France, Ireland, and America'

Declaration: *Scotland, come to the Desire of the nations, for He desires you – and in that desire you will become righteous, bold and strong. You are a prophet nation – He formed you to bless other nations– so Scotland, come forth to cradle the nations, to prophesy over the nations – to love them into the arms of Jesus.*

Action / Response Point: *Embrace and build a forgiving love for other nations and people groups, including neighbour nations, gladly giving the good in Christ we have to give as the church in Scotland, not being self-focussed.*

Prayer Point: *For the revelation that all blessing and privilege is through grace, and in the sweetness of that revelation to have a heart to serve and give of Christ to other nations, building their destiny and prosperity.*

Radical Giving

God will give to the Church in the nation people who are skilled in business and who will earn much yet live simply and give away their money with wisdom (and often will be hidden). However, all of Christ's people need to embrace the heart of a radical giver – this will bring much Kingdom multiplication.

Declaration: *We bless all who have a heart to freely give in the love of Christ. We bless those with skill in business and those with inventive and innovative skills.*

Action / Response Point: *Be a radical giver with a glad heart. Support those called to business and to invent and innovate.*

Prayer Point: *Pray for a heart of generosity reflecting God's heart in all God's people.*

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