

Dear Dr. Finley,

I have spent many hours over the past few days reading your articles and have been blessed by them. It is amazing as I have lived for the Lord, Spirit-filled, for 25 1/2 years and have never heard this teaching. I am certain you must hear this a great deal. I did want to send you an email to thank you for your obedience to write them. I pray that you will be patient with me as I have enclosed below a summary of a series of dreams that I was given many years ago. I do believe that this is linked to your articles and so I ask that you might have the time and opportunity to read over this and pray. I would greatly appreciate your wisdom and/or correction.

Your Servant In Christ Jesus,

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On Dec. 31, 1987, God made several promises to me and I have been waiting upon Him to bring this to pass. I began to get a bit restless as I was new in the Lord (I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit on Feb. 22, 1987!) and I was led of the Lord to do a complete fast. I had no food or water for three days. On the last day, I was so tired and a bit weak and could not remain awake. As I dozed off, the Lord began to reveal to me a series of dreams. First, God spoke to me in the dream and said to me, "Joshua 1:9". And I awoke immediately. I wrote this down and began to pray. As I did, I fell asleep. Again, the Lord spoke to me and said the same thing. This happened 6 times. Each time, I just could not stay awake but, I would write down the scripture and pray and then, fall asleep. After the sixth time, I had fallen asleep again. I dreamed of seeing my Bible opened up and the verses in Joel stood out more so than the rest of the verses. I would clearly see Chapter 2:12-27 highlighted and then God spoke to me and said, "Part of the prophecy cannot be fulfilled unless it all is!" I awoke instantly and wrote this down and prayed. Once again, I fell asleep. This happened to me 9 times! And each time was the same as the time before and He spoke the same words to me. After the ninth time, as I drifted off to sleep, I dreamed and heard the Lord say to me, "Galatians 6:9". At this point, it was as though I could not go to sleep but was wide awake! I spent the time in prayer. I have "carried" this with me all these years!

Dear Melvin,

You don't know what a blessing and an encouragement you have been to me today.

Joshua 1:9 (KJV)

9 "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage;

Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

This is the very verse that God gave me to encourage a depressed friend of mine at his home one night. This was back in the early 70's. I had been prayed for to be filled with the Holy Spirit some days before but nothing had happened. I was very disappointed. But on this night I dug out a Bible and found myself giving my friend the exhortation from Joshua 1:9. Then when I was walking home I crossed an empty lot. I was beginning to thank God for His encouraging Word and lifted my hands to Him when a glorious wave of deliverance came all over me. God's Presence was pouring down inside me and through me . This was the infilling of the Holy Spirit. It was the most glorious experience I have ever had. And it came when God reminded me of a certain Bible verse, Joshua 1:9

Joel 2:12-27 (KJV)

12 Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

14 Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

18 Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

19 Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things.

22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Here again we have a wonderful encouragement from the Lord regarding the events to come. These latter day events spoken of in Joel chapter 2 speak of a desolating army overcoming us and stripping our land and us bare as would a plague of locusts. This prophecy would fill us with dismay without the encouraging Word of God on the matter. Here in the same passage we see that He promises to send us the latter rain to ripen the crops, the fruit on the vine, the olive, and the fig tree. He is speaking here of a magnificent spiritual bounty He will bring to His Elect in the latter days, even a great end-time revival and harvest. The threshing floors will be full of wheat and the vats overflowing with oil and wine. So the strengthening, the anointing, and the celebration in God will surely come, even in the midst of a 7 year famine of the hearing of the Word of God and even amidst the great trials and tribulations of the final 3.5 years of those 7 years. This will surely happen in the great camp meetings of the latter days as God re-gathers His people, even on a dark and cloudy day.

You heard God speak to you and said, "Part of the prophecy cannot be fulfilled unless it all is!"

Yes, this is not a disjointed or split prophecy relating to two different times. It is a whole. And yes, even in a time of great scattering God will regather His covenant people just as He promised in Micah 2:12-13 and Revelation 12:6 and 12:14. God will wrap up holy history for this era on a future Day of Atonement. And when those final seven years of this age come to an end the trumpets of Jubilee will sound. Messiah will come to judge the wicked, enter this world in a mighty deliverance at Jerusalem and out at the ends of the earth at Mystery Bozrah, and then catch up and glorify His saints in the Resurrection-Rapture.

Galatians 6:9 (KJV)

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

This is another word of exhortation for those who otherwise would faint.

And why do people faint? It is because they are overcome by deathly fear.

But our God is named "Immanuel", which means "God with us".

Many thousands of times in Holy Scripture He says to us, "Fear not!"

This is the Word God for the latter days. God has used you to bring to us for the coming times.

Thank you for your faithfulness in sharing.

Gavin