



Prophetic words arranged in five themes for 2018:

1

Devotion...favour... and influence

- It's a year of devotion- of prayer- of seeking God for who He is.
- In this season God wants to reveal HIS mysteries to us and so we need to prioritize intimacy with him. Even in the everyday mundane, God wants us to be 'super aware' of the Holy Spirits presence to give us wisdom, innovation, breakthroughs in relationships, businesses, workplaces and ministries. God wants to take the small everyday things of our lives and to cause multiplication and blessing in them as we work with Him to see HIS kingdom come in a multitude of different ways in our everyday (and often difficult) situations. It's a year of God-filled possibilities.
- It's a year for establishing a 'House of prayer' in our own lives and where God has positioned us. Last year was significant in terms of an increase in influence in the mountains of society. I recently saw a vision of how pure devotion- worship to the Lord opened the way to these high places of influence. In 2018 we are going to know even greater favour from God and subsequently greater influence, but it will be from a place of devotion. Devotion is the key.
- A key phrase for 2018 is "Christ Unveiled". There is going to be an unveiling of the purposes and revelation of Christ right before our very eyes. There is going to be an outpouring of divine wisdom that comes through revelation. There is going to be a mighty increase of his government which will bring peace. It will be like the season of Solomon's reign – a time in which HIS temple will be built. There will be a release of kingdom investors who will sow lavishly into the kingdom of God from a renewed place of revelation of the Kingdom within us. The poverty spirit will increasingly be broken off the church and there will be a lavish investment of time, effort, gifts and finances for the sake of the gospel. It's a year of great wealth- of riches beyond comprehension as we surrender all to LOVE and respond to his call- it's a call of spirit to spirit- to come even deeper – to pursue unwaveringly the things of God and HIS manifold wisdom.
- Had a dream in which I saw two names -Sophia and Irene- and a picture of a very old olive tree. The tree represents oil, Sophia means 'Divine wisdom' and Irene means 'Peace'. 2018 is a year of fresh (rediscovered) anointing that needs to be tapped, divine wisdom and peace.
- A key verse for 2018 is Zechariah 8 verse 12: *"The seed will grow well, the vine will yield its fruit, the ground will produce its crops, and the heavens will drop their dew. I will give all these*

things as an inheritance to the remnant of this people.” It’s a year of growth and of favour. Tied in with this is Psalm 65 verse 11: “You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance”/ “You have crowned the year with Your bounty/ goodness, and your paths/ tracks of your chariot wheels drip with fatness/ oil”.... Had a picture of the Lord riding through the heavens on a chariot and oil was dripping off the wheels leaving tracks of abundance and anointing. God is a God of incredible goodness and the authority of God’s goodness- that crown is already on 2018!



Painting by Melinda expressing her expectation for 2018

2

A year of hammering in the tent-peg, renovation and strengthening that which remains

- Had a picture of myself holding the side of a Bedouin-type tent. The Lord came with a solid bronze tent peg and hammer and while I held the tent fabric taught God helped to forcefully hammer the tent peg into the ground. It felt a very defined and solid action.

Felt in relation to this that we are in the middle of a seven year cycle- the last three years have been a chapter, this is the middle year which is a time of consolidation of the gains made in the last three years ($3+1+3= 7$). In the last three years we have explored new terrain and chartered

new territories and 2018 is a year of consolidating these gains. If you are constantly taking new ground, you can't consolidate it. In a business, if you are constantly expanding, you lose quality and culture. It's not about slowing down, but of allowing God to consolidate what has been before- to rest while God moves on our behalf. God will fight for us- HE will hammer that bronze peg into the ground!

Zechariah 10:1-4:

*Ask the Lord for rain
In the time of the latter rain.
The Lord will make flashing clouds;
He will give them showers of rain,
Grass in the field for everyone.*

*For the idols speak delusion;
The diviners envision lies,
And tell false dreams;
They comfort in vain.
Therefore the people wend their way like sheep;
They are in trouble because there is no shepherd.*

*"My anger is kindled against the shepherds,
And I will punish the goatherds.
For the Lord of hosts will visit His flock,
The house of Judah,
And will make them as His royal horse in the battle.
From him comes the cornerstone,
From him the tent peg,
From him the battle bow,
From him every ruler together*

- God doesn't necessarily work in calendar years, but he does work in processes and seasons and this season is one in which God is wanting us to complete the old so we can be released into the new in the next season.
- This is a season for strengthening that which remains.

Revelations 3 verse 2:

"Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God".

Luke 13 verses 6-9:

"Then He began telling them this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree that had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it, but did not find any; so he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree and have found none. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground [depleting the soil and blocking the sunlight]?' But he replied to him, 'Let it alone, sir, [just] one more year until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; and if it bears fruit after this, fine; but if not, cut it down.'"

In this season Jesus is coming to us like the compassionate gardener to give us another chance- He comes to gently tend to us and to loosen the soil that has held us bound and to feed us- 'Just one more year, one more year to begin to bear fruit'. Some of us have lost much as God has allowed a trimming and a pruning in our lives – in our families and the places God has positioned us and God is saying; "Look, and see what remains. Give yourself wholly to me for another year. Strengthen that which remains, allow yourself to be tended by me and begin to bear fruit." It's a year of consolidation AND of breaking out- a year of sowing and of planting and of reaping.

- 2018 is a year of renovation. This is not just about a physical renovation, but about every area of our lives. God is wanting to make things beautiful! When there are areas in our lives or circumstances that seem broken or worn, the temptation is to want to move on into something new, but God is a God of redemption and before we are propelled forward, God is seeking to redeem that which has come before.

There are fresh adventures ahead, but it's a time for finishing well that which has been- of tying up the loose ends of the tapestry. Had a picture in which I was writing on a blank piece of paper and made a mistake. I was about to tear out the page, when I saw God reach down and draw around it, making it into the most stunning design - it's not a season for starting again, but a season of victory- of renewed hope in the current context- of glorious consolidation- of redemption. It's time to see "victory in the old stamping ground!" It's about God building not just platforms but springboards into the new. They are springboards that must rest on steady level ground- on faith, families, finances and relationships that are strong and secure.

There is a difference between taking land and occupying it. When you take land you plant a flag- when you occupy land you build houses and plant vineyards- you move into every corner of it and no longer have to contend for it at the same level. Over the last season we have taken much land, but in 2018 we are going to fully occupy it. 2018 is a year for becoming fully comfortable in the mantle God has placed on each of us. Of knowing the space that we occupy in the Spirit.

- Our dear sister Elsabe Briers-Bakkes based in the USA had this contribution regarding "spiritual renovation":

<https://www.facebook.com/elsabe.briersbakkes/videos/vb.540303025/10155528748943026/?type=2&theater>

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Relationships and family

- It's a year of family.
- It's a time for concentrating on our families- for making sure that the hedge around our families are secure- for mending any holes in the fence.
- Families will take centre stage this year. They are the very fabric of society and the violence that we see in this land (like in Jeremiah 9) will be brought down by a new strength that God is wanting to bring to families. God is wanting to re-establish and recommission fathers to lead

their families in righteousness. In 2018 churches need to speak into the structures and dynamics of families. Women have traditionally been seen as those in the church who bring healing but God is raising up a company of men who will bring healing to fathers and through this to restore families. South Africa's society will be rebuilt by healed fathers who lovingly lead their families.

- This is a year of surprise, opportunity and restoration! Be on the watch for the small God-given opportunities that will come our way to restore broken or troubled friendships and family relationships.
- This is a year of partnership- of working together with different groups – a year in which God is drawing together North and South- even in terms of different prophetic groups in this City. We will maintain our own mandates and flavours, but there will be an honouring and deeper connections will form through bands of friendship. We need to be intentional in reaching out and deliberate regarding who we are building with.
- It's a year of working together but working from a position of genuine relationship- God is challenging us to fully embrace agape love. We need to receive a new revelation of what it truly means to love each other. Do we truly understand the high cost and calling of agape love? It's a season of establishing healthy internal boundaries and a season in which we learn to hold each other's arms up in the battle.
- Regarding families this is a season in which prodigals will come home to the father- it's a year in which family members will come full circle – complete redemption. The foreign voices of influence, lies and deception will be brought down. New age influences that have slipped in will be exposed- God is shining his light and alerting family members. It's a year in which clear stands will be made - stakes will be placed in the ground and there will be hedges of protection around our loved ones.
- Had a vision of how in the natural birds can mimic other species and steal eggs from nests. The enemy has been attacking and trying to steal our children, BUT they will hear and recognize the voice of the true parent- of our heavenly Father and will return to him. God is encouraging parents and families not to give up- keep believing and trusting and remain faithful in prayer.
- Had a picture of a married couple, but they seemed disconnected from each other and from God. The wife was very thin and malnourished (No time in the word) and anorexic (low self-esteem, self-hatred and trauma), while the husband seemed distracted (Consumed with the worries of the world). They were unable to connect with each other as they were disconnected from God and remained unhealed....As we continue to draw closer to the Lord, and seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and hunger and thirst after we will be more effective in help mend families AND we will be more effective in our own homes.
- The importance of homes and families in God's eyes has been underestimated and underemphasized by the church, but God is highlighting the home and family in 2018. We cannot have a prophetic voice unless we are prophetic (reveal the heart of God) in our own families. God is wanting to release a new model of leadership and the prophetic in which families are NOT sacrificed on the false altars of ministry and church activities. It's a year for tuning ourselves to the healthy sustainable rhythms of grace. We need to run to win the prize, BUT it is a prize of obedience to Christ and NOT the prize of earthly esteem and success. We need to hear not just the directing of the Holy Spirit, but also the sound of HIS pace.

- At this time God is raising up men and women of peace who will build and mend relationships across the body of Christ. In doing so they will fix the nets for revival. This calling will endure as throughout the current and coming move of God there will be a need to ensure they enemy is not able to come in and destroy the nets through misunderstandings and relational discord. We must continue to pray for workers...and for net menders who will bridge divides in the body of Christ.

4

Restoration of hope

- This is a year in which God is restoring hope. (Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life). God is restoring hope over destinies and over prophetic promises. It's a year in which he is aligning us for the more. It's a season of deep healing- even in areas in which we have already received healing- God is taking us into a much deeper level of healing.
- This is a year in which deep healing will come in lives –There will be a settling and a finding of our true identity in HIM. It will be powerful and unshakeable and will bring great freedom- Power will be released in a new measure into our individual lives and ministries.
- It's a season in which God is nationally restoring hope. Where it has felt like this nation has been written off or that we are on a downward trajectory, this will change and we will again have tangible hope for this nation. Sometimes God can restore hope without anything shifting in the natural, but this hope will be visible- it will seem like flowers are blooming again after the winter. There will be a freshness and newness in SA. The trajectory WILL change.
- It's a year in which God is breaking our hearts for different nations afresh. Some of this is to propel us into deep intercession, but there are also trips and doors opening up - we need to get our passports ready. Last year there was a vision of ancient routes and pathways into Europe opening up (for the gospel) from South Africa. There was a feeling that Salzburg or Austria would be significant in these opening up again. Dreams and urgings of the Holy Spirit for works in Bulgaria surfaced. This year there is an unfolding of God's plans for Europe- there will be clear strategies for those called.

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The Revealing of truth

- This is a year where the truth will be revealed in many ways – things that we have wondered about- where we have felt something is not quite right will be uncovered and we will understand why something was not 'sitting quite right with our spirits'.
- There are areas in which we know truth, but in this year God is wanting this truth to go deeper- He is wanting to establish truth in our hearts and to bring a new 'settledness' of knowing who God is and who we are in the Spirit.
- Had a picture of a beautiful multi-coloured mosaic that had been covered by paint. The mosaic represented doctrines (mind-sets). This is a season in which our hearts and minds will be

unveiled. We will be set free from those things that have kept us contained and have marred our ability to truly see. As the beauty of the mosaic is unveiled we will be able to truly behold Christ ...and to grow in his likeness, and through this we will have an understanding of the riches we have in Christ and the wealth of our inheritance. We will have a fresh hope in him and a revelation of our capacity like never before. Foundations, mind-sets and wrong belief-systems are being shaken and doubt and uncertainty are 'caving in'- We will know that even in the places of doubt where we found ourselves God sent angels to take care of us.

- We are moving into a season in which the gospel will go forth unadulterated- the Gospel in power without any add-ons.

Other

- Had a dream which I feel is significant for last quarter of 2018. In the dream I was exhausted and was concerned about the constant onslaught against my family, so my husband and I decided to move to a small idyllic island. The island was seemingly safe, remote and beautiful and it seemed like the perfect location to find peace. In the dream I was walking beside a utopian crystal lake with my husband when suddenly I noticed that there was a volcano on the island that had erupted (previously I was unaware of the volcano).

My husband, my children and I were forced to jump into the sea to get away from the volcano and they watched, as the island was destroyed. After just a little while of treading water, a container ship came past and pulled them from the sea. I was sitting on the deck resting against my husband while crying loudly and in the dream he tried to settle me by saying: "Don't worry dear, I'm sure we'll find another beautiful island to live on." To this I responded (still in the dream): "No, can't you see? I'm crying at the goodness and faithfulness of God in forcing us off the island, only now can I see how we gave up destiny for comfort and security."

I feel that in 2018 (particularly near the end of the year) many are going to find themselves thrust out of their comfort zones and their places of isolation and retreat. Although this may be hard, it is not an act of judgement, but of mercy-Jonah's time in the belly of the fish realigned him with destiny. In this season, God is going to use circumstances to propel people from comfort to destiny. It's a year of alignment with destiny!

- Felt that 2018 is a year for unlocking the spiritual deposit of John G. Lake regarding healing.

Amen!

NOTE: we will be publishing what we hear about the drought in Cape Town in a separate post in a few weeks time.

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We all welcome all prayers and intercessions for us as you are lead by the Lord! Thankyou.