



## A NEW SEASON OF THE SUPERNATURAL

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*He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great. May the Lord give you increase more and more, you and your children.*

Psalm 115:13-14

*May the Lord, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you as He has promised you!*

Deuteronomy 11:1

*For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, and in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.*

Hosea 6:6 (NASB)

It is in the inclining of our ear to wisdom and the applying of our heart to understanding that we will begin to understand the fear of the Lord, and in that place of understanding, find the knowledge of God. It is there that we are given access to the treasures of wisdom and knowledge He has stored up for the upright (Proverbs 2:1-11).

*Behold, the Lord's eye is upon those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe], who wait for Him and hope in His mercy and loving-kindness.*

Psalm 33:18 (Amplified)

With this heavenly counsel, we are also granted covenantal blessing as the Lord shows Himself strong on our behalf in response to a heart that is wholly His (2 Chronicles 16:9).

*The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.*

Psalm 25:14

### "AARON'S ROD HAS BUDDED"

*This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.*

John 6:39

### Restoration & Resurrection

*It is the will of the Father of all He has given to you – that nothing has been lost but will be fully restored and completely resurrected in these coming days.*

### Korah's Rebellion & Aaron's Intercession

The first uprising we see in the person of Korah and the 250 men of renown that had taken on his offense with Moses.

The very next day we are told that the entire congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, blaming them for the deaths of Korah and his cohorts.

Although 14,700 Israelites died in the plague, the Lord honored Aaron and received the offering of incense as a steadfast confirmation of ministry.

### **The Budding of Aaron's Rod.**

*And it shall be that the rod of the man whom I choose will blossom... And Moses placed the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle of witness. Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses went into the tabernacle of witness, and behold, the rod of Aaron, of the house of Levi, had sprouted and put forth buds, had produced blossoms and yielded ripe almonds.*

Numbers 17:5, 8

Prophetic significance found in the budding of Aaron's rod and its application to your own life.

#### **1. Spiritual Awakening & Commissioning**

The almond tree is referred to as the *Awakening Tree*. **We are entering into a season of awakening.**

The budding of Aaron's rod followed a process of consecration for both he and his sons. It was a process where he was publicly stripped, washed, clothed and anointed for priestly service (**Leviticus 8**). He had walked through a season of consecration and was now being commissioned to operate on a new and higher level.

#### **2. Supernatural Fruitfulness**

The rod had been situated in a dark and isolated place, but it had been laid to rest in the presence. In this place of hiddenness, it not only flowered but became fruitful by supernatural means, and in a supernatural way produced ripe almonds, considered among the best and highest fruit (**Genesis 43:11**).

#### **3. Acceleration & Affirmation**

The full cycle of the almond tree had transpired overnight. What would typically take seven months was accomplished in one night's time.

The Lord took up his case and affirmed his life and ministry with power. His authority and priesthood were confirmed publicly after a time of being scrutinized, questioned, and at times, doubted by those he was called to lead.

#### **4. Illumination, Enlightenment & Fresh Anointing**

The bowls of the golden lampstand, the very containers that held the oil, were fashioned in the likeness of almond blossoms (**Exodus 25:31-34 and 37:17-22**).

*The Spirit of<sup>1</sup> wisdom and<sup>2</sup> understanding, the Spirit of<sup>3</sup> counsel and<sup>4</sup> might, the Spirit of<sup>5</sup> knowledge and of the<sup>6</sup> reverential and<sup>7</sup> obedient fear of the Lord.*

Isaiah 11:2

#### **5. The Fulfillment of Prophetic Promises**

*The word of the Lord came to me saying, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "I see a rod of an almond tree [Hebrew #8247 shaqed]." Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching [Hebrew*

#8245 *shaqad* meaning "to be alert, awake, on the lookout, hastening to, watching"] *over My word to perform it.*"

Jeremiah 1:11-12 (NASB)

The Lord used this play on words in His communication with Jeremiah as He showed him an almond branch in a vision and then asked him what he saw, while using the similarity of the two Hebrew words to communicate that He was watching over His Word to perform it.

The King James Version of verse 12 reads like this, *Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten My Word to perform it.'*

There is a quickening, a hastening and acceleration to bring to pass that which has been previously promised.

*He sent a man before them – Joseph – who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, he was laid in irons. Until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him. The king sent and released him, the ruler of the people let him go free.*

Psalm 105:17-20

*The King of kings is alert and active, watching over His Word to perform it in your life.*

Jeremiah 1:12

*I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time - Isaiah 60:22b.*

*The Lord will open to you His good treasure [storehouse], the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.*

Deuteronomy 28:12

Galatians 6:9 tells us that there is such a time as "*due season*" in which we will reap a harvest if we do not lose heart. We see in Isaiah 60 that each promise we have been given has "*it's time*" of fulfillment.

We have crossed over into a new season in God as we have stepped into what Paul called "due season" and "its time!"