

The Deborah Report

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Deborah Ministries International

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Not so long ago I was invited to go to Disneyworld with my oldest daughter and her daughters. Since I am always grateful to be able to spend time with family, I jumped at the chance. I was delighted to see that the timing would fit in between my ministry engagements, and off we went. Having been there before, the girls enjoyed 'introducing' me to a whole new world. Wow; there's so much I could say about the whole experience, but that can wait for a different time. The point I want to make is that my favorite ride or exhibit in all that I saw and did during those jam-packed days was one of the oldest and most famous--"*It's a small world, after all...*" As I rode through the beautiful exhibit depicting all the different nations, I couldn't help but feel the kaleidoscope of connection to all the places my life has taken me over the years! Though I must admit, that experience was pretty heavy on the neon, high gloss presentation as opposed to the dusty, aromatic, noisy experience my journeys highlight. :) Nevertheless, the point is the same--it's a small world, after all.

That kaleidoscope of connection that I mentioned has its hub in God. The more I know Him and the longer I walk with Him, the more connected I am to the world, and the smaller it becomes. In many cases, I feel more connected to people who live on the other side of the globe than people who live on the other side of Denver. Because of our

common connection to God. And because of some of the things we experience together, we bond quickly and deeply.

Divine Disruption

As I ponder what lies ahead, I'm so aware that *what God is doing across the globe, He is doing here, and what He is doing on a global scale, He is doing in individuals.* That is, for those who are willing to let Him. It's a small world...with respect to what God is doing...after all. Everywhere I go; everywhere I look, people, churches and even nations are feeling a **deep disruption**. Things are not proceeding 'as usual.' Life itself seems to be an expression of this deep disruption.

Webster's defines disrupt as: 1) to throw into confusion or disorder, 2) to interrupt or impede the progress, movement, or procedure of, 3) to break or burst; rupture. At first glance, these things seem to be negative in connotation and therefore, we don't want to associate the word with anything God might be doing. Except that I firmly believe that the Spirit of God is strongly disrupting 'life as usual.' The question is, how will we respond to the divine disruption?

These are some of the aspects of this 'divine disruption' that I have seen everywhere--from individuals to nations. **There**

is a massive realignment going on. Things that have been 'out of sync' for years and sometimes decades are suddenly coming under divine focus to come into correct positioning. God is intervening in the affairs of individuals as well as nations to 'get things into proper alignment.' On a national scale, He is dealing mightily with Israel as well as with the United States, and that divine alignment will soon show which nations will line up for or against Israel. That will determine whether or not they are, according to Biblical definition, a 'sheep' nation or a 'goat' nation. Those who choose to set themselves against Israel will choose the judgment that Jesus spoke of in Matthew, chapter 25. *"But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep [nations] at his right hand and the goats [nations] at his left."* (Matt. 25:31-33) Jesus goes on in this passage to explain that this particular judgment--the judgment of the nations--will be based on how the nations responded to His brothers and sisters, the Jews. Obviously on a national basis, that would be how we respond to Israel. Jesus ends that discourse by saying, *"I assure you, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters (surely we as Christians remember that Jesus' nationality was Israeli), you were refusing to help me. And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."* (Matt. 25: 45-46) In order to understand this correctly, you must realize that this passage is not speaking of individuals--the context for it is the judgment of nations.

Recent actions by the United Nations Security Council, the United States, President Obama and President-elect Trump with regard to Israel are making national headlines. These two men have opposing views and perspectives regarding America's policies and position regarding Israel. Spiritually speaking, God is bringing divine disruption to impede the progress of anti-Israel policies and positions. ***In these tumultuous days, it is imperative that you know where you stand and where your government stands with regard***

to Israel. God expects His people everywhere to stand with Israel. Period. This is not up for debate, discussion or theological interpretation.

This massive realignment is taking place at a national level, within the Body of Christ, and on an individual level. Those who are honestly willing to allow and engage in what the Spirit is doing are being called to a much deeper level of involvement and sanctification. What that looks like in ordinary people's lives is dissatisfaction with the status quo. God is stirring the pot, so to speak. Things that have been out of alignment--relationships, wrong thinking and perspectives, wrong positioning relative to destinies--are all coming under a strong focus (feels like pressure) by the Holy Spirit and His angelic hosts to respond to being

shifted into place. And this does not feel comfortable! That's why it's called ***divine disruption***--God is disrupting to the status quo--the way it's always been. The way this feels in your emotions, in your circumstances is: 1) to be thrown into confusion or disorder, 2) to be interrupted or impeded in the progress, movement, or procedure of our 'normal', 3) to break or burst; rupture that which allows us to bury our heads in the sand and ignore the truly important, the choices that bear grave consequences!



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an experience, both for me and for all the drivers trying to share the road with me! Jerks and starts, rolling backwards on hills, revving the motor while trying to get the timing right in the relationship between the clutch and the accelerator--all punctuated by great angst or relief, depending on my success or lack of it. And all of this was happening with a 'company car' that was assigned to me by my employer. Eek! Not too much pressure. Thankfully, I finally learned to drive, as opposed to jerk and die, and I never did crash and burn! And you will come through the *shift* going on in your life and all around you too, if you allow God to be your personal Tutor (are you willing to learn new things?), your Counselor (are you willing to get your soulish self sorted out?), your Boss/ Ultimate

Shifting Gears

As this *shifting* is taking place, I am reminded of when I was learning to drive a stick shift--a standard transmission--car, years and years ago. Oh, what

Authority (are you willing to obey even when it's not convenient?), your Director (are you willing to be assigned to get involved in Kingdom stuff?), your Comforter (He knows how unsettling all of this is), your personal Lord (*thy will be done* in your life as it is in heaven), as well as your savior. In short, God is on the move, in the big picture and in the personal selfie, and He waits for no man. Things that seem to have gone unchallenged in the past are under the divine microscope now. The Bible uses the phrase 'winked at,' in Acts 17:30 meaning that things he once winked at because of the season, He will overlook no longer. The Message translation says it like this, ³⁰⁻³¹ "*God overlooks it as long as you don't know any better—but that time is past. The unknown is now known, and he's calling for a radical life-change. He has set a day when the entire human race will be judged and everything set right. And he has already appointed the judge, confirming him before everyone by raising him from the dead.*"

Season of Transition
Because of this massive divine alignment, those of us who are part of the shift are in a season of transition. According to Webster, the primary definition of transition is: *passage from one form, state, style, or place to another.* The Body of Christ, whether globally, nationally, church-wide or individually is being put through a process whereby we are being pulled, pushed, squeezed or transformed into a whole new place. Much the same as going through a birth canal and emerging into a whole new dimension of life.

As a mother, I can't even hear the word 'transition' without remembering giving birth to my children. Harvey and I were starting our family during the years when it was highly encouraged to give birth 'naturally' without the use of pain medication, and requiring strong participation and 'coaching' by the father in the labor and delivery process. There is so much I could say about that at this point, but I will spare you the jaunt down memory lane. Except to say that both Harvey and I can attest to the rigors and realities of a period of *transition*. Once we entered that stage, nothing was ever the same again, and there was no going back!

Bear with me for a minute. The time known as 'labor' is a preparatory time to ready the body to give birth. But the

birth cannot happen unless 'transition' happens. Transition is the body's way of saying, "Okay, the way is prepared. Let the delivery begin!" While labor is often slow and very painstaking, transition is another dimension entirely. Sometimes labor will start and then stop, only to resume hours, days or even weeks later. Not so with transition. *Once transition starts, there is no stopping, neither is there opportunity to turn back.* Going forward is the ONLY option. It is a time when the mother feels completely 'overtaken' by the process--the pulling, pushing, squeezing and transforming in order for the passage from one way of life--in utero--to another form, a separate person in the form of an infant, can come forth. Nothing short of miraculous. Planned by God Himself. And that same God has a plan for you on the other side of your season of transition.



But know this: *transition is a tumultuous time--a time when things are clearly out of your control and progressing relentlessly forward.* But just as surely, know this: things are not 'out of control.' They are just out of *your* control. The Designer of the process is in charge of the process and the timing, with your ultimate good in mind. Don't fight it. Cooperate with it. As a mother who has been there, I can tell you that it's going to happen. You can't stop it. If

you fight it, it only brings much more pain and angst. Surrender to the Divine Designer and submit to His Will in it.

A Turnkey Operation

And lastly, as I was praying to know what He would have me to share with you as we embark on 2017, he reminded me of a word that came forth through our intercessory worship on New Year's Day. The Word was '*turnkey.*' *What is a turnkey?* It is a very interesting word and concept. Perhaps you've heard the phrase "*It's a turnkey operation.*" It means that everything has been set in place--the next step is to just turn the key and it will all happen as planned. Wow. I believe that is the ultimate objective that God has in mind. He is putting everything in place for a turnkey operation. The massive alignment that is happening is to prepare for the shift--the transition--of His Body in order to facilitate "that all will happen as planned" before the foundation of the world and as foretold by prophecy. You and I have the honor and privilege of being part of the Lord's turnkey operation to participate in the

(Continued from previous) ultimate fulfillment of thousands of years' of prophecy--the return of Jesus Christ, the Lord of Lords and King of all Kings, the Lion of Judah!

As we move forward, I strongly urge you to be attentive--things are not, nor will they ever be again--life as usual. Don't try to wrestle your self, your life, or your circumstances into life as you used to know it. It will be a futile and self-defeating treadmill. Instead, be one of the relatively small number of people who will "go with God" instead of being swept along by the tide of a world rushing headlong into fool's territory. It has begun--there is no turning back. The time is now. But you do have a choice--will you be swept up in the ever-increasing tumult, kicking and screaming with the world around you, or will you press in tighter and deeper into God and let Him take you through according to His plan for you--for us--for His Body?

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Eternal, "plans for peace, not evil, to give you a future and hope—never forget that. Jer. 29:11 The Voice

2017 Ministry Schedule

January 25-27, Harvey and Deborah
Prophetic Meeting
Oklahoma

February 21- March 7, Harvey
Village Ministry Trip
Vietnam

March 26, Harvey and Deborah
Gateway Church International
Roswell, NM

April 16 - May 6, Harvey and Deborah
Two Pastors Schools
Uganda and Tanzania

June 23-26, Harvey and Deborah
College Heights Assemblies of God
College Station, Tx

June 28 - July 2, Harvey and Deborah
Gateway Church International
Roswell, NM

Are YOU Experiencing a Shift?

Are you experiencing some of the turmoil that goes along with the "shift" that Deborah just outlined in her letter? If so, there is good news in that you are not alone! Even though every person's circumstances are very individual, there are common threads in our experiences that can be found to be interwoven in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ. That is how we can say, "It's a small world after all!"

The other good news for those of us experiencing this phenomenon is that Deborah is teaching a series of messages on TRANSITION, at her home church, Crossfire. These messages are in audio format on the church website for everyone (including YOU) to enjoy! Deborah traces David's life journey to showcase how God uses transition to bring us to where He desires us to be. Learn how to cooperate, while HE navigates you through times of transition so you can experience the fullness of what He has for you to do in the Kingdom of God!

To listen, go to: www.crossfirechurch.us/streamingaudio.html

Message Titles Include...

- Saul Choices or David Choices
- God's Rejection of Saul As King
- God Chooses David
- David And Goliath
- Victory...and Trouble
- Contemporary Lessons from Saul and David
- Extreme Anointing Requires Extreme Refining



Deborah Ministries International ministers in response to Isaiah 61:1, "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

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