Signs of our Times
A Season of Unveiling

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We stand at the threshold of a prophetic hour, and every believer with eyes to see can feel it in their spirit: the world is shifting, the nations are trembling, and the season Jesus called *"the beginning of sorrows"* is breaking upon us. This is the very shaking the writer of Hebrews foretold—a divine disruption that exposes foundations and reveals what cannot be moved. The alarms of heaven are sounding, the atmosphere is charged, and God is calling His people to awaken, to discern, and to stand firm amid a world being shaken to its core.

Hebrews 12:25-29 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.

It becomes quite obvious that we are living in a prophetic season of unveiling, a moment in history when God is allowing His light to pierce through the shadows and expose what darkness has long labored to conceal. The coverings are being torn away. The hidden things are being revealed. And the spiritual battle that once rumbled beneath the surface now thunders in plain sight.

Jesus described this season of unveiling quite well when He spoke these words, *"For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not*

be known. Therefore, whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops."[1]

This devotional article explores the prophetic meaning of this moment. It invites readers to see beyond headlines and cultural noise, to discern the spiritual currents moving beneath the surface of our age. We are witnessing a separation of light and darkness, a polarization of truth and deception, a clarifying of loyalties. The middle ground is disappearing, and the Spirit is awakening a remnant who refuse to bow to the spirit of the age.

Across the globe, the pace of change has accelerated beyond anything previous generations could have imagined. With the rise of digital technology and the relentless influence of the internet, human identity itself is being reshaped. Foundations that once felt immovable now tremble. Truth is contested, morality is inverted, and the world feels as though it is groaning under the weight of spiritual pressure.

Yet beneath all this upheaval lies a deeper, divine narrative—a story not written by governments, media, or cultural movements, but by the hand of God Himself. The shaking is not random. It is intentional. It is preparatory. It is the mercy of God awakening a sleeping world and calling His people to discern the hour in which they live.

What Paul, the apostle wrote to Timothy is a clear indication of the times we are now a part of when he said, *"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"*

Paul's description reads like a headline from our own generation—people consumed with self, intoxicated with pride, driven by greed, unrestrained in desire, hostile toward truth, and hardened toward God. What was once theoretical is now visible. What was once distant is now accelerating before our very eyes.

[1] Luke 12:2-3

In just the last few years, we have witnessed a dramatic shift in human relationships. Friendships once strong—despite political differences—have fractured under the weight of anger and ideology. Families that once gathered in unity now splinter in bitterness and accusation. The spirit of division has swept across nations like a storm, fulfilling the very words Paul wrote and the warnings Jesus Himself declared.

Jesus spoke of a time when betrayal would rise, when family bonds would break, and when His followers would be hated for His name's sake. *"Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved."*[2]

These are not merely signs of despair—they are signs of the season in upheaval. They reveal that the world is moving toward a prophetic climax, and that God is positioning His people for endurance, courage, and hope. Jesus also said, *"But he who endures to the end will be saved."* This is the hope that anchors and prepares us, while His promises steady us.

We are not witnessing the collapse of God's plan—we are witnessing the unfolding of it. The shaking is awakening. The unveiling is clarifying. And the darkness, though fierce, is no match for the light God is now releasing through His people. This is not a time for fear. This is a time for discernment and courage, that fills with hope.

This is a time when God is calling His people to rise with discernment, courage, and clarity. Not to retreat, but to stand. Not to fear, but to perceive. Not to survive, but to shine. The unveiling of our times is not a sign of God's absence—it is evidence of His nearness. And those who understand the season will be equipped to walk in authority, wisdom, and unwavering faith.

We are living in a moment when the words of Jesus to His disciples in Matthew 24 no longer whisper just to those first disciples. They roar across the nations to those who have ears to hear.

Matthew 24:3-8 "*Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age? Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name,*

[2] Matthew 10:21-22

saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

Every sign He named now rises together like storm fronts converging into a single global tempest. Deception has become a digital principality, wars and rumors of wars shake the earth like distant thunder, nations fracture along every fault line, and creation itself groans with famine, plague, and upheaval. Hostility toward believers intensifies, relationships collapse under spiritual pressure, false prophets multiply like wildfire, and lawlessness is celebrated as virtue. Humanity's love is growing cold, yet in the midst of the shaking, the gospel is racing across the world with unprecedented force—igniting underground revivals, stirring young voices, and piercing the darkest regions with unquenchable light.

This is not the end—it is the awakening before the end, the first contractions of a world entering prophetic labor. We are standing in the *"beginning of sorrows,"* a season designed not to terrify the Church but to awaken it. These signs are divine alarms calling God's people to discernment, courage, purity, and steadfast hope. The shaking is real, but so is the harvest. The darkness is deepening, but the Bride of Christ is rising. And as nations tremble, the Spirit is preparing a people who will endure, who will shine, and who will carry the gospel with fire until the final trumpet sounds.

As we look upon the world in this hour, it no longer requires a theologian or a scholar to discern the times—we are living in days charged with prophetic electricity. The shaking has begun, and the veil that once hid the works of darkness is being torn apart by the light of God. What was concealed is being exposed. What whispered in shadows is now shouting in the open. The spiritual battle that once rumbled beneath the surface is erupting in full view, demanding that every follower of Christ awaken, stand firm, and prepare their hearts for the unfolding of God's purposes in the nations.

God is calling His people to rise far above a mere survival mentality. In this prophetic hour, He is summoning mature believers to become voices of clarity, courage, and spiritual strength as the birth pangs intensify and the nations begin to shake. This is not a season for shrinking back—it is a season for stepping forward. The Spirit is preparing men and women who will stand steady

when others tremble, who will speak truth when confusion spreads, and who will carry hope when darkness deepens.

Three Prophetic Steps to Being an Anchored Voice

Strong mature voices are needed in times of shaking and unrest. These three steps are designed to move believers out of survival mode and into a mature, Spirit-anchored voice that strengthens others in this unfolding hour of shaking.

1. Build an Unshakeable Inner Life with God

"He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water... whose leaf shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper." — Psalm 1:3

A mature voice is born in the secret place. Before God uses someone publicly, He strengthens them privately. This is the hour to cultivate a life rooted in Scripture, prayer, and daily communion with the Holy Spirit. Survival mentality collapses under pressure; a deep inner life stands firm when nations tremble.

2. Submit to God's Refining Fire That Produces True Authority

"And I will bring the third part through the fire... they shall call on My name, and I will answer them." — Zechariah 13:9

Spiritual authority is not given to the untested—it is forged in the fire. God uses trials, shaking, and pressure to burn away fear, compromise, and self-preservation. Those who embrace His refining become voices that carry weight in a collapsing world. Survival mentality avoids the fire; maturity understands the fire is preparation.

3. Step Boldly into Your Calling as a Voice of Courage and Hope

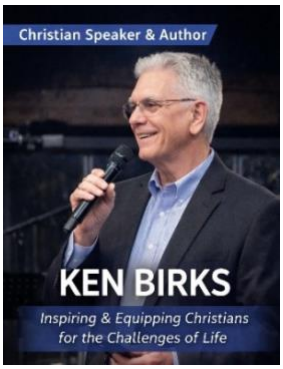
"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you." — Isaiah 60:1

The shaking is not meant to silence the Church—it is meant to reveal it. God is raising believers who speak with clarity, courage, and compassion. Maturity means shifting from "How do I survive?" to "How do I strengthen others?" A mature voice becomes a stabilizing force, interpreting the times and pointing people to Christ with boldness.

In this prophetic hour, the Spirit is summoning the Church to rise with a courage that does not come from circumstance, but from conviction. The shaking

around us is not a signal to shrink back—it is a divine summons to step forward with discernment, clarity, and unwavering faith. Now is the time for believers to anchor themselves deeply in Christ, to cast off spiritual complacency, and to embrace their calling as steady voices in an unsteady world. The darkness may intensify, but it cannot extinguish the light rising within God's people. So, lift your eyes, steady your heart, and strengthen your hands—because the God who appointed you for this moment is the same God who will empower you to stand, to shine, and to lead others with boldness until the day His glory breaks across the earth.

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Ken Birks has walked with God through seasons of quiet wonder, deep refining, and unexpected grace—journeys that have shaped both his faith and voice. From early moments of sensing God's nearness to years of learning to listen more closely, Ken has discovered that the Lord often speaks in whispers, rhythms, and poetic impressions.

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