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“Signed, Sealed, Delivered!”

Spirit of Truth Cathedral

New Year's Eve ~ Morning Service

Sunday, December 31, 2017



Preliminary Remarks:

Saints and children of the body of Christ, the Word of the Lord comes to you on this ***New Year's Eve Service*** as a prophetic message of ***manifestation*** and ***restoration*** for the coming year – **2018!** Though we, as children of God (through the adoption of Abraham), have labored in despair, misfortunes and calamity over the course of years past-to-present, God is about to supernaturally breathe a renewal of fortunes on His chosen people through an evidential explosion of prosperity and peace! I, therefore, an ambassador of Jesus Christ, declare the year **2018** to be: ***The Year of Manifestation!*** – *Manifest the promises that God has promised His people!*

On this early ***Watch Night Service***, we (as an African-American congregation) have gathered this afternoon for a time of reflection ... to give thanks to our God for bringing us through the departing year; and for a ***revival*** of not only our hearts and spirits, but also a ***revival*** of our minds, body, souls, health, prosperity, families and fortunes ... upon entering into a renewing of our faith in God for the ***manifestation*** of His blessings for the *dawn* of a New Year!

Saints, it's again time to “***ring out the old, [and] ring in the new!***” So, let's ***Shout For Joy*** for the coming *dawn* of our ***prosperity!***

The prophetic message on this ***Watch Night Service*** is coined from the lyrics of the renowned artist, Stevland Hardaway Morris (Stevie Wonder): “***Signed, Sealed, Delivered!***”

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Text:

Jeremiah 32:42-44 [New International Version]

- 42 “This is what the Lord says: As I have brought all this **great calamity** on this people, so I will give them all the **prosperity** I have **promised** them.
- 43 Once more fields will be bought in this land of which you say, ‘It is a desolate waste, without people or animals, for it has been handed over to the Babylonians.’
- 44 **Fields will be bought for silver, and deeds will be signed, sealed and witnessed in the territory of Benjamin, in the villages around Jerusalem, in the towns of Judah and in the towns of the hill country, of the western foothills and of the Negev, because I will restore their fortunes, declares the Lord!**”

Jeremiah 33:3,11c,26b [New International Version]

- 3 ‘**Call to me and I will answer you** and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’
- 11c ‘For **I will restore the fortunes** of the land as they were before,’ says the Lord.
- 26b ‘For **I will restore their fortunes** and have **compassion** on them.’



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Introduction:

By now we have come to understand that the number **eight** denotes **resurrection**, **regeneration**; **a new beginning** or **commencement**. The **eighth** is a new first. It is the number which has to do with the **Lord**, who **rose on the eighth**, or new “**first-day**.” **Eight** is, therefore, the *Dominical* number [of or relating to Jesus Christ as Lord; of or relating to the Lord’s day]. By **Gematria** [Hebrew Numerology – the calculation of the numerical equivalence of letters, words, or phrases] the Greek letters for Jesus makes the numbers **888**. It, or its multiple is impressed on all that has to do with the Lord’s names, the Lord’s people, and the Lord’s works.

The spiritual significance of the coming year is that God is about to “**rebirth**” within us a “**new beginning**” ... in wealth ... in ministry ... in life ... in prosperity ... in everything that we loss!!!

Webster defines the adjective “**manifest**” to mean: ❶ readily perceived by the senses and especially by the sight; ❷ easily understood or recognized by the mind; ❸ obvious or **evident**. As a transitive verb, “**manifest**” means: **to make evident** or certain by showing or displaying. “**Manifestation**” is a public demonstration of power and purpose. “**Manifest-destiny**” is a future event accepted as inevitable.

In verse forty-four of our text, the Hebrew word “**sêpher**” [say'-fer] – transliterated: “**evidences**” – is presented as a synonym for **manifest**; and describes: ❶ a written order or decree, ❷ a legal document, ❸ a deed of purchase, or ❹ a sign relating to God’s promise of restoration and prosperity.

[Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe **evidences**, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD. ~ Jeremiah 32:44 KJV]

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I. Expounding the Prophecy - #1

Jeremiah 32:1,6-15 [New International Version]

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the **eighteenth year** of Nebuchadnezzar.

- *We are about to cross over into the “**New Year**” of **2018!** What an exciting in-season time for a God-ordained prophetic word!*

Jeremiah said: “The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my **field** at **Anathoth**, because as **nearest relative** it is **your right and duty** to **buy it**.’”

- *Hilkiah (Jeremiah’s father) and Shallum (Hanamel’s father) are brothers; making Jeremiah and Hanamel **cousins!***
- ***Anathoth** means: “**answers to prayer**” [an-aw-thoth’]*
- *Are we listening to the voice of the Lord for His prophetic instructions for the coming year? Don’t let this moment pass you by!*
- *It’s your Time! It’s your Season!*
- *It’s your Inheritance!*

“Then, just as the Lord had said, my **cousin** Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, ‘Buy my **field** at **Anathoth** in the **territory** of Benjamin. Since **it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it** for yourself.’ “**I knew that this was the word of the Lord!**”

- *It’s your Inheritance! God **answers prayers** [**Anathoth**]!*
- *God is confirming His word to the prophet through His willing vessel!*
- *There’s a recent word that has been made prominent by a commercial, which represents **approval of an action** – and can also be used as a sort of cheer; and is always used in response to a sentence spoken by another first: “**Dilly-Dilly!**”*
- *Children of God ... You are a true friend and heir to the kingdom of God ... and therefore an heir to the inheritance of your share of **prosperity** for **2018!** “**Dilly-Dilly!**”*
- *God wants to bring you out of the “**pit of misery**”! “**Dilly-Dilly!**”*

“So I bought the field at **Anathoth** from my **cousin** Hanamel and **weighed out** for him **seventeen** shekels of **silver**.”

- *Obedience is better than sacrifice! [1Samuel 15:22] God **answers prayers** [**Anathoth**]!*
- *What we weren’t obedient to in **2017** ... let’s be in obedience to in **2018!!***

“I **signed** and **sealed** the **deed**, had it **witnessed**, and **weighed out** the **silver** on the scales.”

- *God is making **a way** for us to buy our **weight out** out of the year **2017!***
- *Here it is ... **Signed, Sealed, Delivered!** “**Dilly-Dilly!**”*

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“I took the **deed of purchase** – the **sealed** copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy – And I gave this **deed** to **Baruch** son of **Neriaiah**, the son of **Mahseiah**, in the presence of my **cousin Hanamel** and of the **witnesses** who had **signed the deed** and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard.”

- **Baruch** [baw-rook'] “**blessed**”
~ friend, amanuensis, and faithful attendant of Jeremiah
~ amanuensis: a literary or artistic assistant, one who takes dictation or copies manuscripts
~ a priest, the son of Zabbai who assisted Nehemiah in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem
~ a priest, or family of priests, who signed the covenant with Nehemiah
- **Neriaiah** [nay-ree-yaw'] “**lamp of Jehovah**”
~ son of Maaseiah and father of Baruch and Seraiah
- **Mahseiah** [makh-say-yaw'] “**Jehovah is a shelter**”
~ a priest and ancestor of Baruch, the friend and scribe of Jeremiah
~ ancestor of Seraiah who carried Jeremiah’s book to Babylon
- **Hanamel** [khan-am-ale'] “**God is gracious**”
~ son of Shallum and cousin of Jeremiah
- **Blessed son of the lamp of Jehovah, for Jehovah is a shelter! For God is gracious!**
- “**Dilly-Dilly!**”

“In their presence I gave **Baruch** these **instructions**: ‘This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the **deed of purchase**, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time. For this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: **Houses**, **fields** and **vineyards** will again be bought in this land.’”

- Here it is ... **Signed, Sealed, Delivered!**
- The evidence [“**sêpher**”] or manifestation of the word and work of the Lord is proof positive, based on the signed copies of your writ of deed of ownership! [Jeremiah 32:14]
- “**Dilly-Dilly!**”

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II. Expounding the Prophecy - #2

Jeremiah 32:16-22,25,26,27 [New International Version]

After I had given the **deed of purchase** to Baruch son of Neriah, I **prayed** to the Lord:

- The evidence [“**sêpher**”] or manifestation of the word and work of the Lord is proof positive, based on the signed copies of your writ of deed of ownership! [Jeremiah 32:16]
- As a show of appreciation to the Lord for His blessings of prosperity, we should offer a prayer of thanksgiving!

“Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. **Nothing is too hard for you!** You show love to thousands but bring the punishment for the parents’ sins into the laps of their children after them. Great and mighty God, whose name is the Lord Almighty, great are your purposes and mighty are your **deeds**. Your eyes are open to the ways of all mankind; you reward each person according to their conduct and as their deeds deserve. You performed **signs** and **wonders** in Egypt and have continued them to this day, in Israel and among all mankind, and have gained the **renown** that is still yours. You brought your people Israel out of Egypt with **signs** and **wonders**, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with great terror. You gave them this land you had sworn to give their **ancestors**, **a land flowing with milk and honey** ... And though the city [was] given into the hands of the Babylonians, you, Sovereign Lord, [said] to me, ‘**Buy the field with silver and have the transaction witnessed.**’”

- Jeremiah’s prayer to the God who “**answers to prayer**” [**Anathoth**]!
- The evidence [“**sêpher**”] or manifestation of the word and work of the Lord is proof positive, based on the signed copies of your writ of deed of ownership! [Jeremiah 32:25]

Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: “I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. **Is anything too hard for me?**”

- I hear the Lord saying through the prophet Isaiah: “Behold, I have refined thee, but **not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.** For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? **And I will not give my glory unto another.**” [Isaiah 48:10,11]
- **chosen** [bâchar / baw-khar’] “**to be chosen, selected**”
- **affliction** [*ôñîy / on-ee’] “**affliction, poverty, misery**”
- Although we will purchase houses, fields and vineyards with **silver** (weighed out with **2017** money), through the **process of refinement** (without using **silver**), God has **tested** us in the **furnace of poverty and misery!**
- God wants to bring you out of the “**pit of misery**”! “**Dilly-Dilly!**”
- No man will be able to boast that he or she is the reason for your prosperity in **2018!**
- “**Dilly-Dilly!**”

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III. Expounding the Prophecy - #3

Jeremiah 32:36b-44 [New International Version]

This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: “I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in my furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and **let them live in safety**. They will be my people, and I will be their God. **I will give them singleness of heart and action**, so that they will always fear me and that **all will then go well for them** and for their **children after them**. I will make an everlasting covenant with them: **I will never stop doing good to them**, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. **I will rejoice in doing them good** and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul.”

- God wants us to live in **peace** in the “**New Year**” of **2018**! What an exciting in-season time for a God-ordained prophetic word!
- God has a generational blessing for you in **2018**! One that will provide for your children and your children’s children to come!
- God has promised to continually prosper and bless us in **2018** and in the future to come!
- “**Dilly-Dilly!**”

This is what the Lord says: “As I have brought all this great **calamity** on this people, so I will give them **all the prosperity** I have **promised** them. Once more **fields** will be **bought** in this land of which you say, ‘It is a desolate waste, without people or animals, for it has been given into the hands of the Babylonians.’ **Fields** will be bought for **silver**, and **deeds will be signed, sealed** and **witnessed** in the **territory** of Benjamin, in the villages around Jerusalem, in the towns of Judah and in the towns of the hill country, of the western foothills and of the Negev [south], because **I will restore their fortunes**, declares the Lord.”

- God wants to bring you out of the “**pit of misery**”! “**Dilly-Dilly!**”
 - God wants to bring us into a “**season of prosperity**”! “**Dilly-Dilly!**”
 - God keeps His “**promises**”! “**Dilly-Dilly!**”
 - God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?!
- [Numbers 23:19]
- The evidence [“**sepher**”] or manifestation of the word and work of the Lord is proof positive, based on the signed copies of your writ of deed of ownership! [Jeremiah 23:44]
 - Here it is ... **Signed, Sealed, Delivered!**
 - “**Dilly-Dilly!**”

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IV. Expounding the Prophecy - #4

Jeremiah 33:2a,3,6,9,11c,26b [New International Version]

This is what the Lord says: “**Call to me and I will answer you** and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know ... I will bring **health** and **healing** to it; I will **heal my people** and will let them **enjoy abundant peace and security**. Then this city will bring me **renown, joy, praise** and **honor** before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the **abundant prosperity** and **peace** I provide for it ... the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, and the voices of those who **bring thank offerings** to the house of the Lord, saying, ‘Give thanks to the Lord Almighty, for the Lord is good; His love endures forever.’ For **I will restore the fortunes of the land** as they were before ... For **I will restore their fortunes** and have **compassion** on them.”

- Song: **I'll Trust You** ~ Richard Smallwood
- God's **promise of restoration!**
- God is about to **restore** everything that was taken in the former years!
- I hear the Lord saying: “Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. 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. 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**. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. 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**. 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**. 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**.” [Joel 2:21-27]
- There is a prophetic word from the Lord ~ “**It's your time! It's your season! And not only will you receive increase, but everything you lost during your valley experience, the Lord is going to restore! He's going to restore it one-hundred fold! Yes, you were tried in the fire, but you're coming out as gold! God said: "I'm restoring the years you've sown in tears!"**”
- The Prayer of Jabez: Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, “I gave birth to him in pain.” Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would **bless me** and **enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me**, and **keep me from harm** so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.
[1Chronicles 4:9,10]
- Saints, the church has been in the “**pit of misery**” for **8 years** ... since the transition of our faithful founder, **Apostle James A. Parson, Sr. on May 21, 2009!**
- My wife (Apostle Dianne V. Parson) and I have been in the “**pit of misery**” for **8 years** ... since losing our houses, fields, vineyards, income and material fortunes!
- Here it is ... only if you're ready to receive it ... God's blessings of prosperity and peace ... **Signed, Sealed, Delivered! It's Yours! "Dilly-Dilly!"**