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# THE BONES OF JOSEPH

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*"By faith Joseph when he died made mention of the departing of the children of Israel and gave commandments concerning his bones."*

Hebrews 11:22 (KJV)

Just before Joseph's death he commanded the elders of Israel not to leave His bones in Egypt but upon their departure carry them into the Promise land. In the day in which we live we, we also must prophetically know the prophetic places we need to go and the prophetic people we need to be joined to so we can fulfill the purpose and intent of the Lord in the earth. This Prophet Joseph was able to see prophetically future events by the eye of the spirit and made provision for him to be there. If the Lord has given you a vision you must prophetically make provision to be a part of it. Many people are content with only a vision. Few make provision to engage the vision they have received of the Lord. The word provision means to go before the vision. As the Just of God we live by faith and must always prepare provisionally to engage the vision the Lord has imparted to us.

The 23rd chapter of Genesis discusses the Prophet Abraham buying a tomb from the children of Heth. This tomb

would become the resting and burial grounds for his wife and family. Abraham's prophetic gift enabled him to see what the children of Heth could not see. Historians believe the tomb he purchased belonged to the tribe of Judah next to the holy city Jerusalem. We are familiar with the story of Christ's resurrection. Jesus when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose. Matthew 27:50-53 (KJV). At Christ's resurrection not only did Christ come forth out of the tomb but many bodies of the saints which were sleeping came out of their graves. I believe with all my heart this is why the Prophet Joseph, who saw a better resurrection, a better day, and had a prophetic preview of our Savior's death, burial and resurrection, commanded his bones to be carried to that tomb. May I submit to you that in this present day there is a remnant of Josephs' who have lifted up their eyes beyond the present landscapes and circumstances of today and have seen a better day for the church of Jesus Christ in the world that we live.

The Elders of Israel carried the bones of a man who had unfilled dreams and hopes. We likewise in the spirit do carry the bones of our forefathers who prophesied of this day in which God will resurrect a glorious church who shall go forth delivering creation from its current bondage and perplexities. Much of the weight in the spirit you and I are experiencing in this present hour is the weight of the bones of overcomers from past generations who have died and gone on to be with the Lord not fulfilling the dream of God, which is to see His glory fill the earth. But this generation has the quickening corporate anointing to finish what our forefathers had begun! What their hands started our hands will finish!

Likewise, the most prophetic generation is emerging in the earth today and by the eyes of the Spirit can see a better day not only for the church but all of creation. In the coming days these bones will live again; dead marriages will be resurrected, dead churches will come to life, faltering businesses will be restored, whole cities will be reformed, many nations will become sheep nations, and bodies close to death will be revived once again. Our sick ridden society will be restored by the glory of God.

Like Ezekiel, we are a bone prophesying generation that when many see a valley of dry bones we see a great and mighty army; when others see sickness, we see health, when

others see poverty we see prosperity, when others see segregation we see unity, when others see war we see the peace of God, when others see recession we see opportunity, and when others see hopelessness within our cities we see our cities restored. We must rise up and call things that are not as though they were through our words and actions lifting high the bones of previous generations declaring they without us cannot be made perfect. We carry the promises of generations. We are a finishing company that will make provision for ourselves and others to be in the place, in God, where He will appear in the coming days. The prophetic Josephs of this day connect with the right people, understand the prophetic times and know the prophetic places they need to be to receive what heaven is offering the earth today.

Forty years after the children of Israel departed Egypt only three men from the original 3 million who came out of Egypt crossed over into the Promise Land; Caleb, Joshua and the bones of Joseph. Such faith is required for you and I to enter into our promise land fulfilling every dream and vision we have received. We are the generation that is crossing over into our land flowing with milk and honey. We must refuse to go in without carrying the dreams and visions of past generations and seeing all they believed for fulfilled in our lifetime. We are not crossing over into the Day of the Lord alone but we are carrying the dreams visions mantles and the

callings of previous generations; What a day to be alive! RISE UP--this generation and past generations are counting on YOU! You must refuse status quo, mundane, lukewarm Christianity or you may be numbered among those like the 3 million who died in the wilderness where their bones were bleached dry never fulfilling their destiny. We are ampitheated about by a great cloud of witnesses cheering us on to finish what they started!!

this day; The Day of the Lord!

There is a call which is calling you and me up higher. If you hear the call than it is your time to arise and shine for God's glory shall be seen upon you



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