

PREPARE NOW FOR REVIVAL

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“The earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof.” God made it all. The harvest of the earth belongs to God *Ps 24:1*. “The world and they that dwell therein” belong to the Lord, *Ps 24:1*. The Lord created it, He sustains it and He inherits it.

Satan does not own it. He only has authority in it over those who are going their own way, pleasing themselves and living in disobedience to God’s will. Satan’s power is over the children of disobedience. *Eph 2:2, 1Jn 5:19*.

But the fulness and harvest of souls belong to God, *Mat 9:38, Rev 14:14-16*.

God’s pattern or method in the last 2000 years of the church age, has been at various times, in various places, and in various ways “to pour out His Spirit on all flesh” and gather in His mighty harvest. *Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:14-21*.

God has repeated this pattern over and over again in the church age.

The Book of Acts records this:

<i>Ac 2:1-38</i>	in Jerusalem	<i>Ac 11:19-22</i>	in Syrian Antioch
<i>Ac 8:5-8,14-17</i>	in Samaria	<i>Ac 13:44,48,49</i>	in Pisidian Antioch
<i>Ac 10:44-48</i>	in Caesaria		(now Turkey)
<i>Ac 14:1,3</i>	in Iconium		

and beyond Asia into Europe, Philippi, Athens and Rome.

By AD 100 the Gospel had flooded the then known world turning it “right side up” (contrast *Ac 17:6*). The three antichristian Roman historians, Tacitus, Suetonius and Pliny, writing about 100AD, decry this “terrible state of affairs” as they saw it. (See “New Testament History,” F. F. Bruce, [Nelson], 1969, page 156).

Sometime around 400AD, the outpouring of God’s Spirit came to an end, and from 400-1400AD great darkness came over the church. The life of the Spirit was largely lost. Christianity had become the official religion of the Roman Empire and became engulfed by dark satanic forces.

However, from about 1400AD the light of the Reformation started to break forth. With this came frequent mighty outpourings of the Holy Spirit restoring large segments of “lost” truth and gathering in the Lord’s harvest.

Revivals

1400s - in Austria led by John Huss;
1500s - in Germany under Luther; in Switzerland with Calvin;
in Scotland led by Knox; in England with Cranmer;
1600s - Anabaptist revival in Europe; also Baptist and Congregational revivals;
1700s - Great Evangelical Awakening led by J Wesley and G Whitefield;
1800s - The great Brethren revival and missionary expansion;

- 1858 the start of the second Great Evangelical Awakening which lasted until 1895, and occurred in most English speaking nations;
- 1905 - the start of the great "Pentecostal Outpouring" in Wales, America and parts of Europe;
- 1920s - great revivals commenced in Africa;
- 1950s - revival in China which has continued to today;
- 1960s - Indonesian revival and South American revival; "Charismatic" outpouring on mainline churches

Many of these revivals are continuing strongly to this day.

Concerning Northland, New Zealand

From the early 1960s the Holy Spirit has frequently shown that God is about to pour out His Spirit in a revival, that will set the whole of Northland ablaze with the fire of the Spirit.

In 1975-77, for example, the Holy Spirit revealed a number of times as we prayed, the outline of the map of Northland, dotted with flames of fire, which increased in number and size until the whole of Northland was a blaze of fire. People of prayer from overseas have testified to seeing the same vision for Northland, New Zealand, with the conversion of hundreds of young adults.

During 1994, the Lord gave us a vision of Northland, covered from one end to the other by the cloud of the Holy Spirit, and on top of the cloud, a ladder reaching up into God's presence.

Another intercessor saw in vision the Holy Spirit as a dove flying down through Northland.

God says, "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it." *Hab 2:2*

Our needed response

1. Do not sit back and wait for God to do it. God has given us the vision of revival in Northland so that we can pray and fast for its fulfilment in our day, as Daniel prayed and fasted for the fulfilment of Jeremiah's prophecy in his day, *Dan 9:2-19*. Pray as Daniel prayed by confessing the sins of God's people, repenting and crying out to God for the fulfilment of His word, *v17,v18,v19*.
2. Get, keep and maintain a burden for the unsaved people around you who are eternally lost, but for whom Jesus hung on the cross and shed His Blood. Pray daily for unsaved family, friends, contacts and neighbours, that God would strip away blindness, darkness deception, hostility and apathy to the Gospel, that He would convict of sin, righteousness and judgment, and draw the unsaved to Christ. *Mat 9:13, Mk 16:15, Jn 4:35*. Be ready always to speak for Christ, as the Holy Spirit leads and gives opportunities.
3. Become an active witness and soul winner. Pray that Christ would thrust out labourers into His harvest, *Mat 9:38*. Repent and turn from all known sin. *Pro 28:13, Pro 1:23, Ps 66:18*, and seek always to be filled with the Holy Spirit and God's power *Lk 11:13, Eph 5:18,19, Ac 1:8*.