

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Scepter of Authority September 19, 2017 Suzi Armstrong

### Psalm 110.1-4

<sup>1</sup> The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at My right hand

Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”

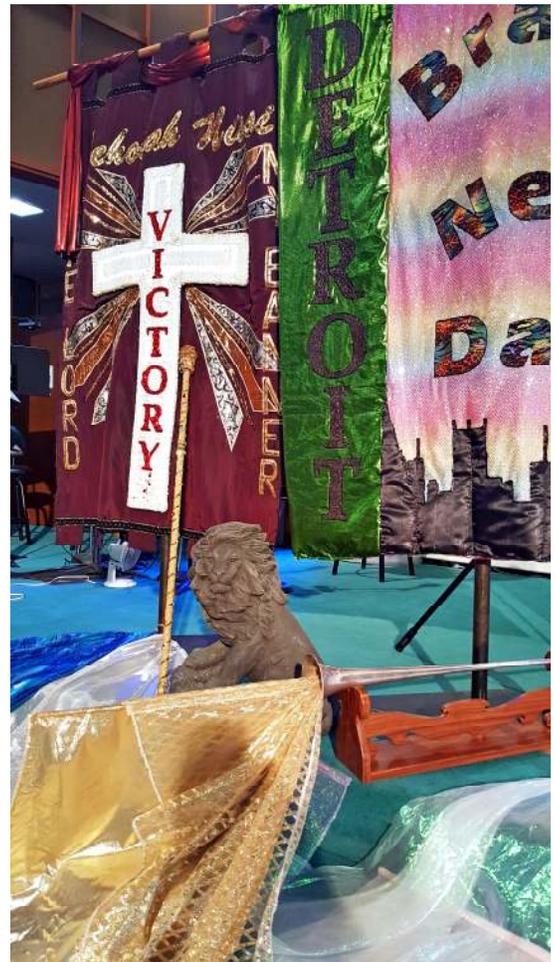
<sup>2</sup> **The LORD will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying,  
“Rule in the midst of Your enemies.”**

<sup>3</sup> Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power;  
In holy array, from the womb of the dawn,  
Your youth are to You *as* the dew.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,  
“You are a priest forever

According to the order of Melchizedek.”

- God is extending His scepter from Zion. Extending means to send or appoint; to reach or stretch forth.
  - The Lord is giving us new revelation and understanding of who we are in Christ and who Christ is in us. It is a new positioning – one of greater intimacy. It is a positioning of empowerment; we are being filled with His power and authority as we receive His government in our own lives. The governing power of Jesus Christ can then be executed through us, His body. This is how we rule and reign with Jesus Christ.
  - Father God then sends us with His word in our mouth to decree and declare to the powers and principalities His authority, His purpose and will.
  - We – the church – are the scepter being extended or sent and Father is saying, “Rule in the midst of your enemies.”
- His scepter is His authority – not any other authority but the authority that comes from the cross.
- His *STRONG* scepter – meaning: force, boldness, might, power, strength.
- There will be a generation that wins by righteousness and righteousness alone. A generation of Kings and Priests that are ruling with Kingdom power and with Kingdom authority. A generation that is unstoppable. A generation that is going to finish everything that God has spoken. This will be a generation that is drawing nearer and nearer to God, going into a place of deep intimacy with Him. A generation that is living at the throne of God and the presence of God. And a generation that lives and operates in Zion.



## Joel 3.16-17

### <sup>16</sup> **The LORD roars from Zion**

And utters His voice from Jerusalem,  
And the heavens and the earth tremble.  
But the LORD is a refuge for His people  
And a stronghold to the sons of Israel.

### <sup>17</sup> **Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain.**

So Jerusalem will be holy,  
And strangers will pass through it no more.

- Father God will send His governing word out of Zion – His commands; His decrees.
- He will bring forth His voice – it will not be the idea of man but the command of the Lord.
- Deliverance is coming out of Zion.
- God will be a refuge for His people. We will live, move and have our being in Him. He will be our dwelling place.
- Zion is a supernatural dimension we come into. It is a spiritual place.

Zion is a spiritual place, a place of the sovereignty of God. It is a spiritual dimension we are coming into. We gather in the natural but at the same time we are also gathering in the spirit. We are seated with Him in the heavenly places. We are beginning to understand that we are in the spiritual realm. We are living in the invisible realm; we are living in a supernatural realm, and in everything we do we must worship Him in spirit and in truth. We must operate from the throne, from His presence, from the words that come from His mouth.

When we gather together in His Name we come into a physical natural environment – a portal forms and it becomes a gateway to heaven. When Jacob encountered this dimension of the portal opening connecting heaven to earth, he said, "Surely God is in this place and I did not know it, this is none than the house of God – this is the gateway to heaven!"

Our gathering together opens up the heavens and allows access to all of heaven, all the dimensions of heaven. When we enter heaven, we enter in that dimension and everything of God, everything of heaven has access to our city and our nation! A gateway so His Kingdom can come, His will can be done as it in heaven so shall it be here on earth.



## Micah 4.1-2

<sup>1</sup> And it will come about in the last days  
That **the mountain of the house of the LORD**  
**Will be established as the chief of the mountains.**

It will be raised above the hills,  
And **the peoples will stream to it.**

<sup>2</sup> **Many nations will come and say,**  
**“Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD**  
**And to the house of the God of Jacob,**  
**That He may teach us about His ways**  
**And that we may walk in His paths.”**

**For from Zion will go forth the law,**  
Even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

- The mountain of the Lord is a place of the sovereign presence of God. This is about authority. Jesus gave all authority and power to the church to disciple nations.
- The increase of His government shall not end. God’s governing power is increasing in us – in His church. It is not our own governing power but His sovereign power being extended through us into the earth.
  - To walk in this place we must be holy as He is holy.
  - The fear of the Lord is upon us.
  - Obedience is crucial.
  - Purity is crucial.
- The scepter of the Lord is the scepter of righteousness.

## “SOVEREIGNTY”

- S. Supreme
- O. Overflow
- V. Vital
- E. Eternal
- R. Righteousness
- E. Everlasting
- I. Increase
- G. God encounters
- N. Nations
- T. Thrones
- Y. Yielding

Christina Wilson



## Psalm 103.19

The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,  
and His sovereignty rules over all.

## Isaiah 33.5-6

<sup>5</sup> **The LORD is exalted,** for He dwells on high;  
**He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness.**

<sup>6</sup> And **He will be the stability of your times,**  
A wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge;

**The fear of the LORD is his treasure.**

- God Himself builds Zion and fills it with His frequency that resounds what is just and right.
- Zion is the place of stability. Our trust is in the Lord alone.
- The scepter of God is formed in us as we put our faith and trust in Him alone, aligning to His governing power in us, choosing obedience.

## Obadiah 1.17

But **on Mount Zion** there will be those who escape,  
And **it will be holy.**

And **the house of Jacob will possess their possessions.**

- We are of the house of Jacob.
- What does it mean Jacob will possess all their possessions? It means that the house of Jacob has come into the fullness of their identity in Christ and are walking with God as their full authority.

God is extending His scepter into the earth and His scepter is us – His church; His body unified in Him resounding one sound, carrying the frequency of heaven, declaring the word God has put in our mouth. And He has made the word in our mouth fire to consume what is not of God.

This is the scepter of God – His governing word being spoken through His church into the city and into the nation. It is the sovereign word of the Lord.

We, the body of Christ, come together as a government of God for our city and our nation and we pass laws, and we make decrees. This is what we do when we prophesy; this is what we do when we preach the word – we are declaring God's sovereign word in the spirit world. The Lord God of our nation, before whom we stand, let there be no corruption, let there no violence, let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done, let righteousness prevail. Let truth arise that sets the people free.

We have that power! God is sending forth His scepter of righteousness in Zion. Rule in our nation!!! God has given us power and authority in His Name! We are making decrees, and we are passing laws in the Spirit World. We are shutting down demonic powers; we are opening heaven and declaring what can and what cannot be done in our city. We are prophesying, "Let Your kingdom come! Let righteousness prevail! Let truth prevail!" And it shall be just as He has spoken!