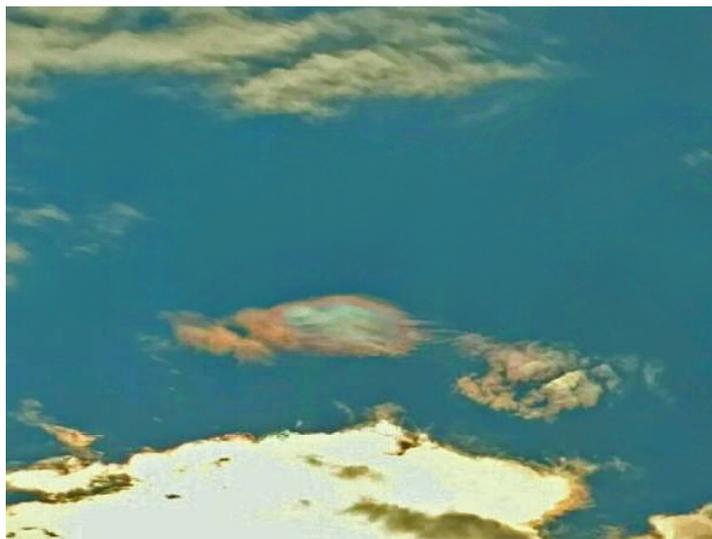


FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Bringing Hope to the Earth
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There is a new portal forming over us. The picture below was taken this past Sunday morning right before service began. In the sky over our church building God was giving us a sign – a cloud formation marking a portal right over the top of us! You can see the “ring” that makes the portal has a reddish fire color. Then there is a thin white cloud that looks like a membrane that fills the ring. As we press into the Lord this membrane will break and we will enter into this portal.



During our service Apostle Bob released a prophetic word from Dr Jonathan David that said, “The Spirit of revelation and the Spirit of wisdom has been flowing like a River. God is pouring out His Spirit into our lives and He is refreshing us with the Favor of His presence. God has spoken again that there is a Heavenly Portal that will open in the new season that will take us to the NEXT LEVEL.” Then J. David identified the next level as; (1) NEXT LEVEL IN SPIRITUAL STATURE, (2) NEXT LEVEL IN THE SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP OF INTIMACY, (3) NEXT LEVEL IN FAITH FOR THE MIRACULOUS, (4) NEXT LEVEL IN FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE and (5) NEXT LEVEL IN TRANSFORMATION OF LIVES. J. David finished by saying, “Let the violent take it by force...pursue this pathway of the Spirit for all He has promised and all He will do...get ready to enter the portal so that we will be able to enter into what belongs to us in Jesus Name!”

An open portal has impact on the land. Romans 8.19 & 21, says that, “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God...that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.” As we mature in Christ and step into full sonship we become what God intended from the beginning, sons that work the ground and take care of it. As sons of the Living God we bring hope to the earth!

The Lord has always connected man to the earth. We are given a specific place to impact and steward the earth. Look at the scriptures below that demonstrate this truth.

Genesis 2.15

Then the LORD God took the man and **put him into the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.**

Genesis 12.1, 5, 7

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram,
"Go forth from your country,
And from your relatives
And from your father's house,
To the land which I will show you

⁵ Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and **they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan.**

⁷ **The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land."** So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.



Unto Full Stature by Devern Fromke, pages 38-40

"When Moses went to Pharaoh with God's demand for Israel's deliverance, it was on the ground that they were His people and they were to leave Egypt to worship and serve Him (Ex. 5.1-3, 8.8, 20). Yet when God approached Israel about their redemption from Egyptian bondage it was on the ground of His covenant relations with their founding fathers. He wanted to deliver them, to enter into covenant with them, and **to restore them to the land** of their fathers (Ex. 2.24). ...Once Israel was free from Egypt they wandered for forty years because **they had no heart to go up and take the land.** ...The new generation who had grown up in the wilderness had one concern: getting into the land of promise. ...Joshua sought to enlarge the vision of the people saying: Don't stop here but **possess the land.** ...[Israel] had little heart for driving out the nations round about her, she made treaties with them and soon reaped the judgment which God had warned as the sure result of being yoked to the ungodly. The very nations she should have taken captive rose up to take Israel captive. **Be awakened to see the need for possessing the land."**

2 Chronicles 7.14 NIV

if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will **heal their land.**

Ezekiel 22.30 NIV

I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and **stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it,** but I found no one.

- The Lord enables us to stand in the gap for the land, to bring blessing to the land.
- It is part of covenant to possess the land we have been given.

Matthew 15.24

He [Jesus] answered, **"I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."**

- Jesus was sent to a specific land.

Isaiah 61.1-11

¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

Because the LORD has anointed me
To **bring good news** to the afflicted;
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To **proclaim liberty** to captives

And **freedom** to prisoners;

² To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD
And the day of vengeance of our God;

To comfort all who mourn,

³ To grant those who mourn *in Zion*,
Giving them a garland instead of ashes,
The oil of gladness instead of mourning,
The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.

So they will be called oaks of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

⁴ Then they will **rebuild the ancient ruins**,

They will raise up the former devastations;

And they will **repair the ruined cities**,

The desolations of many generations.

⁵ Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks,
And foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.

⁶ But **you will be called the priests of the LORD;**

You will be spoken of as ministers of our God.

You will eat the wealth of nations,

And in their riches you will boast.

⁷ Instead of your shame *you will have a double portion*,
And *instead of humiliation* they will shout for joy over their portion.

Therefore they will possess a double *portion* in their land,
Everlasting joy will be theirs.

⁸ For **I, the LORD, love justice**,

I hate robbery in the burnt offering;

And I will faithfully give them their recompense

And make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Then their offspring will be known among the nations,

And their descendants in the midst of the peoples.

All who see them will recognize them

Because they are the offspring *whom* the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰ I will rejoice greatly in the LORD,

My soul will exult in my God;

For He has clothed me with garments of salvation,

He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,

As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For **as the earth brings forth its sprouts**,

And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up,

So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise

To spring up before all the nations.

