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God is preparing this church for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He has been preparing us from New Year’s Eve until this point and He wants to bring it to completion. God is preparing the church to lead the nation, to impact the earth and to take territory for His Kingdom. God is ready to highlight the church in Barbados and in the nations of the earth, to ensure that we are the head and not the tail – that we walk in victory and not defeat – that we walk in power and not in weakness – that we are anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is soon upon us.

Church, I hear the sound of abundance of rain. Can you hear it?

The Abundance of Rain Is Coming! I see the church poised today in virtually the same place that Elijah was when he prayed for rain on Mount Carmel, after he had prophesied to evil King Ahab that rain was coming to end the three-year drought.

Text: 1 Kings 18:30; 41-46 – Then Elijah said to all the people: Come near to me. So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

41 Then Elijah said to Ahab: Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain.” 42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees,

43 and said to his servant: Go now and look toward the sea. So he went up and looked, and said: There is nothing: And seven times he said: Go again.

44 Then it came to pass the seventh time that he said: There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea! So he said: Go, say to Ahab, Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you. 45 Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel. 46 Then the hand of the LORD came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

The outpouring is coming
What must we do for the outpouring to come? What things must be in place? Let us take a few points from the account of Elijah on Mt. Carmel:

1. Break down ungodly altars – V. 30
   • Renounce unholy alliances
   • Close ungodly doors
   • Repent of sin, worldliness and religion
   • Break generational curses

2. Set up fresh altars unto God – V. 30
   • Make new covenants with God
• Open doors for God to come in – Revelation 3:20 - Behold, I stand at the door and knock…
• Pastor and I went on 21 days of prayer, fasting and repentance for the church

3. Embrace the prophetic word from God – V. 41
• Elijah didn’t hear rain with his physical ears
• We have had Apostles and Prophets that came and prophesied an outpouring
• Over the past couple of weeks we had, Apostle Ofodile, Wailing Women Int’l and the Caribbean Prayer Fellowship all saying the same thing.
• Luke 1:38 - Mary said: Be it unto me according to your word.
• Don’t say: what outpouring? Embrace the prophecy and expect it to come to pass

4. Intercede until there is evidence of rain – V. 42-44
• Evidence is not always what you see with your natural eyes.
• At first there wasn’t a cloud in the sky, but he kept praying.
• Don’t stop praying.
• By fasting and praying, we will overcome every hindrance, obstruction, and aspect of religion that block the outpouring!
• After a long drought in the Church, we have prophesied that the rains are coming, and like Elijah, we are perched on a high place with our face between our knees.

5. Watch for signs of rain – V. 45
• The atmosphere over ours lives and over this church is changing
• The wind has changed – it is picking up speed and strength
• Other nations are receiving the outpouring
• The e.g. of my wife and me – rain
• There is a spiritual cloud the size of a man’s hand – that’s all I need to see and I know that the outpouring is coming.
• We have seen or heard of God’s glory coming in such places as Argentina; Brazil; Toronto, Ontario; Pensacola, Florida; Seoul, South Korea and China. This is our sign that we are due our outpouring.

6. Begin to move at a faster pace – V. 46
• Certain changes must take place in us before the Lord sends rain upon us
• We can’t be caught in transition when the outpouring comes. We have to be in place and be prepared.
• We have to move faster – we can’t be slow and lethargic.
• From the beginning of the year, God had been quickening our pace.

God promised the outpouring
Acts 2:15-18 - These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy; your young men will see visions; your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
One unique characteristic of this outpouring is the way God will use the youth and children. They will prophesy. They will lay hands upon the sick and the sick will recover. They will be strong witnesses for Jesus. I also believe He will use them in ways that may seem totally unusual and odd to us, but it will still be God.

This outpouring will also recognize no boundaries, barriers, walls, or preferences. (Expand)

This is the hour when power is going to be seen in the Church of Jesus Christ as never before.

Another promise
Isaiah 44:3 - For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring.

God is here speaking to Israel about their spiritual condition and He speaks as though he is referring to their land. The translation of the Hebraic rendition is: I will pour water on the thirsty, and floods on the dry… The NIV says: I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground. However, I believe that God was speaking of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on His people’s lives.

The Holy Spirit said to me: How can dry ground be flooded? In order for ground to be flooded it has to be first saturated. But I’m doing a new thing. I am flooding the lives of those who need an outpouring.

Barbados has never seen a mighty move of God – it has never had an outpouring from the Holy Spirit - never. We are thirsty; we are dry and we are ready for a mighty outpouring. Europe has had a mighty outpouring. North America has had mighty outpourings. South America has had outpourings. Africa has had an outpouring. Asia has had outpourings. Australasia – the region comprising Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the islands of the southeastern Pacific Ocean, has had its outpouring. But our time is near – nearer than you may think. Amen!

We are now coming to the end of our drought in a dry land. This Church is beginning to hear the sound of abundance of rain! The rain is going to pour on New Dimensions! The rain is going to pour on Barbados. The floods from the Holy Spirit are coming to the Caribbean and the nations of the world who seek Him. Dry ground will be flooded. Water will be poured on the thirsty. Abundance of rain is going to fall on you. Can you hear the sound? Can you feel the atmosphere changing? Can you feel the wind picking up?

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We are a thirsty people! But now we are boldly prophesying to this generation: Prepare yourselves for an outpouring that will lift you from your feet and change the very geography and face of the earth! The river of God will rise to full crest. Prepare to see the
earth covered with the glory of God! In the past men interfered with revivals until things became dead; but we will need to take our hands off this coming move of God. This is His revival and His outpouring. This time, there will be no room for the flesh of man to control and manipulate His move. The sky is becoming black with clouds and the wind is picking up.

They were outpourings and revivals in the world before, but the one to come upon us is going to be different. This is going to be a new wave of glory that is more glorious and powerful than the Pentecostal outpouring at the beginning of the century and the “Latter Rain” outpouring in the 1940’s. It is greater than the wave of anointing that swept across America in the mid-1960’s during the Jesus Movement, and it is greater than the Charismatic outpouring in the 1970’s. It will be much greater than the outpouring called the Toronto Blessing in the 1990’s. It will be so much more powerful than the Pensacola Outpouring, in Florida in the 1990’s. You and I will be the stewards of this new wave of God’s glory that will bring many healings, many miracles, signs and wonders; thousands turning to the Lord; the healing of the land and a turning around of this nation. This place will not be big enough to handle the thousands that will be saved. There is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit coming to Barbados. I hear the sound of abundance of rain!

Every time God’s people have dared to lay aside their differences or personal concerns long enough to seek God in prayer and fasting together in one mind and one accord, terrible things have happened to his dark kingdom, while wonderful and miraculous things have happened to mankind!

The rain is going to bring with it healings and miracles, signs and wonders. It’s going to bring salvation to thousands; spiritual experiences; angelic visitations, a deep fear of God and wealth to the land. It is going to be unlike any other outpouring that this world has ever seen. Abundance of rain is going to fall on you. You life will be flooded with rain. Can you hear the sound? Can you feel the atmosphere changing? Can you feel the wind picking up? Can you hear the sound of abundance of rain?

And it’s going to be easy for us to accomplish things. What took us 10 years to do will take 2 years. What took a year to accomplish will take a month. What took a month will now take a week. The wind is picking up and the sound of rain is getting louder. Miracles will become easy; and healing people will become easy.

The next thing we will see in the clouds and then, the outpouring will be released upon us. Abundance of rain is going to fall on you. Can you hear the sound? Can you feel the atmosphere changing? Can you feel the wind picking up?

Let it rain oh God! Open up the floodgates of heaven to your people!