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Fresh Wind Over Canada

In the late summer of last year, 2000, the Lord spoke to me that there was soon coming a fresh wind of the Holy Spirit over the nation of Canada.

And for those congregations that had been seeking to hear what the Holy Spirit was saying to the church of Canada they were going to find that the winter storms were over and the spring rains were now softening the soil. And that soil which has been nourished through prayer and worship was going to grow fruit and vines much quicker than normal. As, well the fruit would also be larger than normal. As many congregations have been whole-heartedly seeking

the Face of God for their cities and country, they were going to experience a bumper crop this season.

I saw and experienced warm and scented winds coming over the land of Canada. Just as the fore fathers felt to include Psalm 72.8 in the heritage of their nation, so it will prove to be both prophetic and a reality for this present church generation. They shall experience God's having "dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth". The river that began in Toronto 7 years ago shall, indeed, cover the land and continue with even greater power to go to the ends of the earth.

I saw the soft spring winds rippling over the nation. There was a "goldenness" about the winds. They seemed to be lightly coloured with gold, which stood for the purity of clean hands and pure hearts which have been prepared to receive the Holy Spirit of the Living God and make a resting place for Him. As well, there was a fresh scent that came with the winds. A scent of incense, and frankincense, and myrrh. It was a scent of Levitical worship for the Presence of the Lord. As well, it was the scent that both woke up the (spiritual) senses of the church, but also filled the Bride with expectancy and love for the Bridegroom- Christ.

The Lord said to me, that where as the work of the harvest has seemed difficult, slow, and sporadic there was now going to be a joy and ease in the work. The winter rains have been preparing the soil. And even though the soil has seemed muddy and difficult to work for the labourers, what those rains have accomplished is allowing the rocks which have been entrenched in the hard soil to be loosened and to work their way to the top. Those obstacles which use to break many plow blades and cause the plowing to go slowly are now going to be easily removed through prayer and deliverance.

Recently, while ministering in the capitol of Canada-Ottawa, I felt the Lord say the following;

These are the days of many congregations in Canada going from glory to glory.

Seven years ago the Lord began to pour out the new wine and the oil of the Holy Spirit in Toronto- a great Canadian city of commerce. In that powerful move God has given the church of Canada some new currency. Instead of trading in tradition and programs like in the past, many congregations have learned to give out the joy of the Spirit and the peace and love of the Father's Heart. In this move Canada has proven to be a well for the nations.

But a fresh move is going to be added to the one of seven years ago. Just as Ezekiel experienced two parts in his vision of the dry bones coming to life so there will be two significant aspects of what God has in store for Canada. The first part brought a shaking and rattling that seriously shook up the religious death grip over many congregations. As well it brought much needed unity to the church. A unity, not made by man, but of the different joints and bones of the church of Canada coming together in the Spirit in a fresh way. Those bones that came together for the purpose of seeking God were given muscle and sinews and tendons. They received a fresh strength to stand in the Lord and overcome the warfare of the enemy. But now a second wind is coming. This wind will enable the newly formed body to jump, run, and even mount up in the purposes of God and soar in His power and grace. This fresh wind will come on those congregations that have moved towards unity and learned to prefer one another just as Christ Jesus came to serve, rather than to be served. This second wind will release apostolic authority to the church of Canada.

Just as the first phase of this move which began in financial city of Toronto gave the church a fresh currency of peace and joy, so this new move will be governmental. The first rains brought refreshment but were also prophetic. They spoke of the possibility of what could take place throughout the nation. This second move, will be a joining of the apostolic to the prophetic. A governmental type of authority will come on many churches and leaders throughout Canada. There will be fresh anointing of power and

authority coming on many. The move of the last 7 years has prepared many for this increase of the Spirit. Just as many have fallen deeper in love with Jesus, so they will now receive this anointing and not be caught up in their own ministries, but will be caught up in the ministry of the Holy Spirit. They will not represent their own empires, but rather Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

Indeed, Ottawa, the governmental city of Canada shall have a key role in this move. But it shall not be limited to Ottawa. Toronto and Vancouver, as well as other cities and towns, are going to be epicenters of this move. The church is built on the foundations of the prophets and the apostles and now, the foundation of the church of Canada is going to go deeper into its prophetic and apostolic foundations. This will result in the living House of God growing both up and out. It will grow closer in intimacy with

God the Father, but it will also grow outwardly to take in more hurt and broken.

Know this, that God, in His sovereignty, has chosen the great nation of Canada to impact the world on even a deeper level. Just as Canada is rich in natural resources but has barely tapped into those resources so the church of Canada is rich in Christ, but has barely tapped into the resources that Christ Jesus has for her in His Spirit. But the Lord says to have hope and lift up your eyes. You are going to be warmed and strengthened in the fresh wind that is coming. You shall walk and not faint, run and not be weary, and even though the church institutions of man stumble badly, you shall mount up in the purposes of God.