

Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our Faith

I. OUR CONFIDENCE IN JESUS

- A. Jesus is the master builder or “architect” of the church and of our lives. He knows the right combination of blessing and pressure for each ministry and individual life to fulfill His will.
- ¹ *...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. (Heb. 12:1-2)*
- B. Twice on August 8 (1975 and 1982), the Lord visited Bob Jones to speak about this movement.
- C. On August 8, 1975, Bob Jones had his first prophetic experience that indicated that he would be connected to a young adult prayer and worship movement that would start in Kansas City.
- D. ***From Bob Jones’ words:*** The Lord said, “I want you to go back to touch a few young leaders. I will raise up many young people across the nations who will be faithful to Me to the end. There is coming a ***third world war*** that will wake up many. I will bring over a billion souls to Myself at this time.” Bob said, “I had an open vision of a ***great explosion of God’s light and glory*** in KC that will travel to the nations. An angel prophesied, ‘A great move of the Spirit will come...but you won’t be in KC when it happens.’ An angel said, ‘I will bring the first leaders of this move to you, Bob, and you shall touch them.’ The anointing will be on ***prophetic singers and musicians***. Multitudes will come to KC because it will be a house of prophecy called the ‘house of prayer.’”
1. Bob said, “An angel showed me that ***God will send great finances to Kansas City*** and that it will be a city where people will form a partnership with God and let Him do with His money as He chooses. Great famines will be seen around the world. Kansas City will be a world shipping center for grain. It will export both natural and spiritual bread.”
 2. I asked the Lord how this could be and He said over and over, “It will be because those that pray will receive from My hand. Intercession will release rain and great mercy.”
- E. On August 8, 1982, in a vision, Bob saw a white horse in the middle of a riverbed that had four inches of water in it, with rabid dogs on both sides. In this parable, Bob knew that the white horse symbolized the young leaders of a future prayer movement. The dogs in this parable spoke of leaders who saw things like persevering prayer and a simple lifestyle to give more to missions as being extreme and unnecessary.
- F. ***From Bob Jones’ words:*** “The Lord appeared and said, ‘Bob, the white horse is coming. This is a group that I will use.’ I saw the young people in this vision. The Lord said, ‘Look at them real close. I want you to know that I love them.’ Over and over He told me, ‘I love these young ones that are coming. My lightning will be in their hands.’” Bob was directed to read Habakkuk 3:4.
- ⁴*He [Jesus] had rays flashing from His hand, and there His power was hidden. (Hab. 3:4)*

II. THE DISTRESS OF THE NATIONS

- A. Jesus prophesied that the events related to His return would come like a snare that would test and challenge everyone (v. 35). He called His people to be strengthened to escape a snare of sin so as to stand in victory (v. 36) and warned them not to allow their heart to be weighed down (v. 34).

²⁵*“There will be...on the earth distress of nations...²⁶ men’s hearts failing them from fear...*

²⁸*When these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near...³²this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place...³⁴But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.³⁶ Watch...and pray always that you may be counted worthy [have strength] to escape all these things...to stand before the Son of Man.” (Lk. 21:25-36)*

¹*Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons...³forbidding to marry... (1 Tim. 4:1-3)*

- B. **Optimum environment:** The Lord is establishing the optimum environment for His people to walk in love, power, and purity. What the devil means for evil, God will use for good to train His people and cause them to mature. God uses the least severe means to bring the greatest number of people to the deepest level of love.

- C. Many will hear of the Lord’s end-time plans, and many will respond in obedience with purity.

³³*“And those of the people who understand shall instruct many.” (Dan. 11:33)*

³*“...turn many to righteousness...”¹⁰“Many shall be purified, made white...” (Dan. 12:3, 10)*

- D. There will be a great transfer of wealth as God manifests His ownership over silver and gold when He shakes the nations in the end times. He will confirm His Word in the financial realm.

⁷*“I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory...⁸The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,” says the LORD. (Hag. 2:6-8)*

¹⁸*It is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant... (Deut. 8:18)*

- E. Examples of God’s supernatural provision for us in the last 16 years.

We received \$750,000 (Dec. 2000) to help buy the Red Bridge Center on April 5, 2001.

We received \$700,000 to buy the Herrnhut apartments on March 21, 2002.

We received \$1 million to buy the Truman property on January 27, 2008.

We received \$700,000 on December 31, 2008 (from Hong Kong).

We received \$3.3 million to buy the Grandview Plaza on September 15, 2009.

We received \$2 million to help complete Grandview Plaza renovations (in April 2010?)

We received \$600,000 to bless our worship teams (Dec. 2010).

We received \$450,000 to help with expenses (July 2015).

(We received a \$1.4 million offering in June 1988 to buy Bibles to give to Russia.)