

TIME OF VISITATION

The crowds cheered, spreading out palm branches and their coats on the street for Jesus as He rode the donkey into Jerusalem. They hailed Jesus as king, but their vision was of an earthly ruler rather than the Messiah.

“As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it...” (Luke 19:41 NIV).

Even as the roar of the multitude deafened the ears, Jesus knew that, except for a handful of followers, the people had missed the reason for His coming.

He talked to those who were close to Him, but the words were for Jerusalem. They still echo through the years as a message to us, and a cautionary warning, *“If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace - but now it is hidden from your eyes,”* (Luke 19:42 NIV). The Messiah, the promised One, was present for them to behold, but all they saw was a man who might make them a good leader.



GOD'S JUDGEMENT

“The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another...” (Luke 19:43-44a NIV). Jesus prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem. Seventy years later, the city was destroyed. The enemy believed that gold was hidden between the rocks, and totally demolished the walls of the city, thus fulfilling what Jesus had said.

And the reason for the tears Jesus shed and the subsequent judgment of God? *“They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you,”* (Luke 19:44b NIV). King James says, *“...because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation..”* God was with them, in their presence, and they did not receive Him or recognize Him!

How can we today recognize a visitation of God? The same way that Jesus told the disciples of John the Baptist when he asked in Matthew 11:3, *“Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?”* Jesus answered, *“Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them”* (Matthew 11:4-5 KJV).

A visitation of God can come to a nation, as it did the Israelites; or a state, city, church, or individual.

We may not be responsible as to whether a state, city or even a church receives Jesus, but we are accountable for our own response to Jesus in our midst.

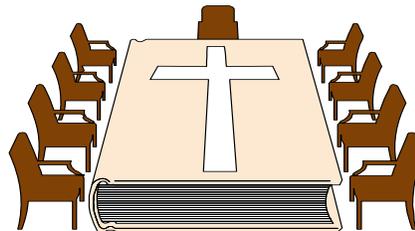
We are having an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Jesus Is Real, and the manifestation of numerous miracles given through Jesus Christ. As we travel to other places and spread the reports of the visitation of God, I see a reluctance in people to recognize it as such. Many are not hearing or seeing the visitation, and still search and wonder *if they should look for another. What are they looking for? What are you looking for?* People are healed and set free - is this not enough evidence?

Examine your life and your attitude. Are you looking for something else, when Jesus stands right before you? Are you one of those who rob God of the glory due to Him at the time of His visitation?

For those who recognize the Lord God among them, cease their searching for greater miracles, and praise Him alone for His mighty works, Jesus proclaims, ***“And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me”*** (Matthew 11:6).

And for those who testify of the miracles and wonders in our midst, God promises victory, ***“And they [that’ you and me] overcame him [that’s the devil] by the blood of the Lamb, AND THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY!”*** (Rev. 12:11 KJV).

Jesus, Lord of all, is working in our midst.



JESUS IN OUR MIDST