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Malachi 3:1 "Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me."

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Arizona's Next 100 Years **Part 2 of 2**

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In Part 1 of this article series, *Arizona's Next 100 Years*, several, significant prophetic insights were brought to light regarding the date and circumstances by which Arizona became the 48th state of the United States of America. In Part 2, we will discover Arizona's alpha mission and how it relates to America's omega destiny. We will also take a fresh look at the powers of darkness that have been inhibiting Arizonans from fulfilling our redemptive purpose, and what we can proactively do to fulfill Arizona's corporate, divine destiny over the next one hundred years.

The Alpha and Omega State

On February 14th, 1912, Arizona became the last state to join the continental United States of America. Interestingly enough, Arizona's abbreviation, AZ, contains the first and last letters of the alphabet. Jesus said in Matthew 20:16, "So the last will be first, and the first last." Indeed, Arizona has been entrusted with an "alpha" mission that will be significant in determining whether or not America will fulfill or forfeit her "omega" destiny.

What is Arizona's "alpha" mission? For several years, prophetic voices such as Cindy Jacobs have declared that Arizona has been divinely called to "take the point in prayer" for our nation. In military terms, the point represents the leading edge in a battle formation. Unfortunately, much of the Body of Christ does not view prayer as a weapon – but indeed it is. Without a doubt, the fervency and consistency of Arizona's "alpha" prayer movement will be crucial in determining the degree to which America will arise and fulfill her "omega" destiny. Moreover, Arizonan's ability to model and multiply its prayer movement throughout the United States is essential. Fortunately, several Arizonan prayer initiatives, including Arizona Call to Prayer and Lite the Fire, have consistently taught, modeled and mobilized prayer throughout our state. Now it is time to take these prayer initiatives to every state of this nation.

What is America's "omega" destiny? Arizona's and America's "omega" destinies are integrally linked and encapsulated in their respective banner scriptures, namely Malachi 4:2 and II Chronicles 7:14. Notice that both of these banner scriptures promise healing – something Arizona and our nation desperately need.

Malachi 4:2 "But to you who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings."

II Chronicles 7:14 "If My people, who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land."

Banner scriptures not only prophetically define redemptive purpose, but also capture their means of fulfillment. The prescription for the healing of our land and people is rooted in fear of the Lord. Without the fear of the Lord, we can neither humble ourselves, nor seek the face of God in prayer, much less turn from our wicked ways. Therefore, in order for the Sun of Righteousness to arise and bring healing in His wings, the fear of the Lord must permeate our nation – beginning with the Church. Most assuredly, before Arizonans can effectively "take the point in prayer" for America, we must take the lead in humbling ourselves before the Lord through repentance. With regard to Arizona's "alpha" mission, what has been sown in corruption, dishonor and weakness, must now be raised in incorruption, glory and power (Proverbs, 16:6, I Corinthians 15:42-43).

Trampling Serpents and Scorpions

Without a doubt, we will not fulfill Arizona's "alpha" mission without a fight. Satan for many years has diametrically opposed Arizonan's efforts to "take the point in prayer" for our nation by establishing deceptive counterfeits. Indeed, serpents and scorpions are prevalent in Arizona – naturally and spiritually. Nevertheless, Jesus has given us the spiritual discernment and authority to crush these demonic powers underneath our feet (Romans 16:20).

Luke 10:19 "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall be any means hurt you.

In order for Arizona to "take the point in prayer" for our nation, we must also "take the point in the prophetic". Without strategic, prophetic insight into the generational sins, iniquitous structures, demonic strongholds, and strongmen that bind our state and nation, our prayers for deliverance are anemic and ineffectual at best. Knowing this, Satan, over the past 100 years, has methodically and successfully discouraged, deceived, derailed, or driven out every genuine prophet or prophetic minister originating from or sent to Arizona.

Defeating Divination

The spirit of divination is a counterfeit of the spirit of prophecy. The unlearned, hungry for a taste of the supernatural, are often duped by varied expressions of divination hailing from America's New Age capital in Sedona, AZ. Moreover, the spirit of divination also masquerades as the spirit of prophecy throughout the Body of Christ. Even the Apostle Paul was deceived for many days by a woman possessed by a spirit of divination. Although she declared that Paul and Silas were "servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation", she repeatedly did so with malicious intent. Indeed, Paul and Silas' dealings with this woman ultimately resulted in them being arrested, beaten, and imprisoned (Acts 16:16-18).

The Greek word for divination is "pthon", from which the English word python is derived. Interestingly enough, pythons do not bite their prey. Instead, pythons slyly wrap around their victims and then suddenly constrict - resulting in suffocation. In like manner, the spirit of divination not only deceives, defiles, and deters repentance throughout the Body of Christ through false prophecy, but also attempts to squeeze the breath and life out of divinely commissioned prophets and prophetesses. However, the era of Satan's dominion through divination is coming to a close. Indeed, we are entering into a new era, in which the Lord is commissioning an Elisha company of prophets, with a double portion of His Spirit, to lead Arizona and this nation not only into profound repentance, but also in trampling python under our feet (Leviticus 19:31, Jeremiah 23:21-22).

Prevailing Over Pride

However, there is yet another serpent that must be tread upon, who is "king over all the children of pride", namely Leviathan. Pride is the antithesis of humility, which is required to garner the divine grace of repentance. Therefore, Leviathan attempts to keep its victims bound by pride. Arrogance and a haughty spirit has kept believers deceived regarding their sin, inhibited saints' promotion in the kingdom of God, and prevented Arizonan's from "taking the point in prayer" for our nation.

Isaiah 27:1 "In that day the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; and he will slay the reptile. . ."

In order for divine healing to flow from the Sun of Righteousness' wings, the saints, in the fear of the Lord, must humble themselves under the mighty hand of God. In other words, without humility and the fear of the Lord, we forfeit not only riches, honor and life, but also the healing Arizona and America desperately need. Therefore, we must corporately repent of the pride that has enabled Leviathan to ascend and reign over our state and nation. Only then can we loosen Leviathan's grip, cast down this twisted serpent, and trample it underneath our feet (Job 41:34, James 4:6, Obadiah 1:3, Matthew 23:12, Proverbs 22:4).

Overcoming Jealousy

Arizona was one of the final frontiers to be settled in the United States. Arizonan pioneers, who staked their claims for land, mines, or other business opportunities, resented and rejected newcomers that posed a threat. The insecurity and competitive nature that these settlers adopted allowed a spirit of jealousy to arise and eventually become a stronghold. As a result, every facet of Arizonan culture has been affected by jealousy – even the Church. Indeed, the cut-throat tactics of those bound by jealousy make collaboration, much less achieving the unity of the Spirit, extremely difficult. In practical terms, instead of watching one another's back, more often than not, we stab each other in the back. Without a doubt, Satan has used jealousy to divide the Body of Christ in Arizona, and to hinder our efforts in "taking the point in prayer" for our nation (Proverbs 27:4, Song of Solomon 8:6).

The sting of rejection is akin to a scorpion's sting, which is accompanied by acute paralysis and eventually immobilization. Like Elijah, those stung by rejection are subject to depression, withdrawal, and even the forfeiture of their heavenly calling. Over the years, many of those sent to Arizona to fulfill their divine commission have been greeted with resistance and rejection. Eventually, cynicism and disillusionment set in, followed by isolation and the abandonment of their mission (I Kings 19:1-18).

Are you feeling isolated and disconnected from the Body? Do you feel like you are "on the outside looking in" and don't seem to fit in anywhere? Do you feel like a victim of church politics and posturing? If so, you may be suffering from the sting of rejection. Don't despair – there's hope. In spite of being ridiculed and rejected by men, Jesus prevailed in fulfilling His purpose. Why? He not only confidently rested in His Father's arms of love, but also was absolutely secure in His calling. Like Jesus, we must believe that He who calls us is faithful to exalt us in due season. Knowing this, we can enter into His rest, and endure the rejection of men without becoming dejected or bitter. It is from this position of authority that we can trample the scorpions in life associated with jealousy and the sting of rejection (Isaiah 53:3, Psalm 75:6, 7, I Thessalonians 5:24).

Arizona's Appointed Time

As was stated in Part 1 of this two-part series, *Arizona's Next 100 Years*, Arizonans are entering into a new era – our appointed, miraculous season of prophetic fulfillment. However, we must self-sacrificially and proactively make preparations to fulfill our role as a state of refuge for our nation. We also must be committed to the restoration, reconciliation and incorporation of Native Americans. Moreover, Arizonans, in godly fear, must corporately repent of the divination, pride and jealousy that has not only deterred us from fully "taking the point in prayer" for America, but also prevented the Sun of Righteousness from arising and bringing healing to our nation. Indeed, what has been sown in corruption, dishonor and weakness, must now be raised up in incorruption, glory and power. Arizonans, let's arise as one, and fulfill our divine destiny, for surely the best is yet to come! (I Corinthians 15:42-43).