

# The coming Kingdom of God Century



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## The British Century

The 19<sup>th</sup> Century was historically referred to as the British Imperial Century, since it was said that “The sun never sets on the British Empire”; its power and influence spanned the globe.

## The American Century

The 20<sup>th</sup> Century was called, by *Time* publisher Henry Luce and others, as the American Century, because of the expanding economic, political and military power of the United States of America to influence other nations in the world. For good or for ill, the decisions and policies made by the United States government, society, business, education, science, media and entertainment had a global impact.

## The Asian Century

In the 1980’s, the emerging global impact of China and other Asian nations from population and economic growth led some to predict that the 21<sup>st</sup> Century may be called the Asian Century.

## The Kingdom of God Century

Many believe that, based on the current rate of fulfillment of biblical prophecy, Jesus may return to earth some time in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century! What more people are beginning to realize is that God, who created heaven and earth, is preparing to bring this age of His Church to an end.

**God is increasingly preparing mankind for the return of His Son Jesus to earth, to establish His kingdom in fullness and to rule and reign over all the nations of the earth.** (Psalm 2:6)

This will fulfill the biblical prophecies of His coming 1000-year kingdom rule on earth.

It has always been God’s ultimate plan to join heaven and earth together under the authority of His Son Jesus Christ, *“that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.”* (Ephesians 1:10 NKJV)

When asked by His disciples to teach them to pray, Jesus said, *“Pray in this way...Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”* (Matthew 6:10 NKJV)

God the Father will increasingly answer this prayer until the fullness of the Kingdom of God is manifested on earth when Jesus returns.

When the good news of the kingdom is preached to all the world (Matthew 24:14), the fullness of the Gentiles comes in and all Israel is saved, then the end of this age will come. (Romans 11)

## The Lord Yahweh is winning!

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## Consider some of the evidence:

Christianity is presently the world's largest faith with an estimated number of adherents that ranges between 1.5 billion and 2.1 billion.<sup>1</sup> This is about 30% of the total current world population of 6.8 billion people, and growing. <sup>2</sup>

It is said that there are more Christians alive now than in all of past history.

## Evangelism

Steve Douglass, President of Campus Crusade for Christ International, said in response to the question, "Can the Great Commission be fulfilled in our lifetime?" He said: "Absolutely, the Great Commission can be fulfilled in our lifetimes; from the way God is moving today, even without some terrific eye of faith, I have been persuaded it will be fulfilled in our lifetimes and I personally think in the next decade." He shared this at the Call2All Conference in Orlando Florida in January 2009. <sup>3</sup>

Campus Crusade for Christ produced the JESUS Film. They report that every four seconds, somewhere in the world, another person indicates a decision to follow Christ after watching the "JESUS" film. Every four seconds... that's 21,600 people per day, 648,000 per month and more than 7.8 million per year!

Called by some "one of the best-kept secrets in Christian missions," a number of mission experts have acclaimed the film as one of the greatest evangelistic tools of all time. Since 1979, the "JESUS" film has been viewed by several **billion** people all across the globe, and has resulted in more than **225 million** men, women and children indicating decisions to follow Jesus.

Based on the Gospel of Luke, the "JESUS" film has now been translated into more than 1,000 languages, with a new language being added nearly every week. <sup>4</sup>

The Central Intelligence Agency of the United States estimates that the Christian population in China is about 3- 4% of the 1.3 billion people or between 40 - 53 million. Many of these meet in 'underground' or unofficial home churches. <sup>5</sup> Unofficial estimates place the growing Christian population in China at over 100 million. <sup>6</sup>

Of Africa's 890 million people, 147 million are now called "renewalist." This is a term that includes both Pentecostal and Charismatic Christians. This is according to a 2006 Pew Forum on Religion and Public life study. Christians make up more than a fourth of Nigeria's population, more than a third of South Africa's and a whopping 56 percent of Kenya's. <sup>7</sup>

The web site of evangelist Reinhard Bonnke reports that the ministry of Christ for all Nations has seen over 44 million documented salvations since 2000. <sup>8</sup>

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association web site reports that "Mr. Graham has preached the Gospel to more people in live audiences than anyone else in history—nearly 215 million people in more than 185 countries and territories." <sup>9</sup>

The Call2All meetings in Orlando, Florida, in January 2008, closed with a corporate commitment towards winning 1 billion souls by 2020. At these meetings, for the first time in history, the global missions movements joined together with the global prayer movements. <sup>10</sup>

## Prayer

**The global prayer movement is growing at an exponential rate. It is believed that there are more people praying on earth now than in all of human history.**

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The **International House of Prayer in Kansas City** has maintained a continuous 24/7 prayer and worship meeting for over 10 years. Their continuous web stream of the Global Prayer Room can be viewed around the world FREE at: [www.IHOP.org](http://www.IHOP.org)

The **24/7 Prayer** movement started in England in 1999 and has spread to over 100 nations by word of mouth. Prayer meetings are listed on their website at: <http://www.24-7prayer.com/>

Hundreds of millions of Christians in 220 nations participated in the 2010 **Global Day of Prayer**. <sup>11</sup>

The **40-Day University Daniel Fast** from March 1 – April 9, 2010 focused on a Holy Spirit Awakening on all college campuses in the USA. <sup>12</sup> The International House of Prayer University outreach to New England in March and April 2010 with preaching of the kingdom of God and prayer was confirmed with many miraculous healings and salvations.

**The Luke 18 Project:** ‘Our vision is to establish persistent, corporate prayer gatherings on every college campus in America; we call these prayer furnaces. Our desire is to encourage and help college students to both establish and sustain prayer furnaces on their respective campuses.’ <sup>13</sup> They are praying for these prayer furnaces to be established on all 2600 college campuses in the USA.

**Campus America** was a vision from God to Pete Greig of 24/7 Prayer to mobilize prayer on all American college campuses starting in 2010. The *Campus America* vision “is a simple call for a connected, unbroken Year of Prayer in 2010 on every college and university campus in the USA, to give every student the opportunity to experience the presence of Jesus.” <sup>14</sup>

## The Next Great Awakening

The church of Jesus Christ is presently being **Awakened** by the Holy Spirit around the world, and now even in North America. The Holy Spirit is leading, anointing and empowering ongoing **Awakening, Renewal** and **Outpouring** meetings being held weekly at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, Missouri, IHOP Atlanta in Georgia and Morningstar Ministries in Fort Mills, South Carolina. Many believe that this is the beginning of the beginning of the beginning of a Great Global Awakening of the body of Christ...leading to a Great Harvest of souls. <sup>15</sup>

**The Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders** published the following word on the Elijah List on January 21, 2010:

**“We believe that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that came on November 11, 2009, in Kansas City signaled the beginning of a Third Great Awakening that we prophesied would come to America and the world. <sup>16</sup>**

**Iris Ministries** has planted over 5000 churches in and near Mozambique. <sup>17</sup>

There are countless reports of **Muslims converting to Christ** at an increasing rate through divine visions and encounters with the Spirit of Christ Himself. <sup>18</sup>

## Community Transformation

The Sentinel Group has produced video documentaries of whole communities in Uganda and Fiji that were transformed by the power and presence of God in answer to their prayers. <sup>19</sup>

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Harvest Evangelism report on ongoing community transformation in Argentina, Hawaii and in Elk River, Minnesota, coming from cooperation with the church and Christian businesses. [20](#)

**The Holy Spirit is now increasingly being poured out on all flesh around the world as prophesied.** (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17)

**Be filled with hope and be encouraged by all that God is doing around the world now.**

*"Look at the nations and watch - and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."* (Habakkuk 1:5 NKJV)

Our Lord gave His disciples the *Great Commission* to go make disciples in all nations. This can only be accomplished as we are empowered by the Holy Spirit...to make disciples from every nation, tongue, tribe and people. They can be told about the awesome grace and mighty power of God. The Lord is giving His people the opportunity to be part of making this all happen in the lifetime of this current generation!

**You haven't seen anything yet!**

Mahesh Chavda shared a prophetic word, "...the Lord is saying, "I am bringing the latter rain. Ask for the rain. The threshing floors will be full and the wine vats will overflow with rejoicing. We haven't seen anything thus far that can compare with what He is about to do." [21](#)

## Opposition

There is also coming increasing opposition, by the enemy and his agents, to God's people and the expanding Kingdom of God. The Bible says that we are to expect increasing opposition to the true disciples of Jesus Christ. Persecution of Christians is increasing. The prophet Isaiah wrote, "*Darkness will cover the earth, and deep darkness will cover the people.*" (Isaiah 60:2a NKJV)

However the true followers of Jesus Christ should be full of *hope* and be encouraged. *But the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.* (Isaiah 60:2b NKJV)

Jesus promised that we would have tribulation and that the world would hate His followers, but He called His disciples to overcome, and they will receive everlasting rewards. (Revelation 2-3)

## Preparing the way of the Lord

In spite of the growing opposition the Bible assures us that those who faithfully follow Jesus to the end will *overcome*, be victorious and will prevail. Those who follow Jesus are filled with great hope.

The Holy Spirit will place righteous leaders over all spheres of society:

Families, the Church, Education, Government, Economics, Arts and Entertainment and Media

Lives, families, communities and whole nations will be progressively *transformed* by the love and power of the Holy Spirit working in and through the true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Those who are called and are faithful disciples are increasingly aligning with the plans and purposes of God that they were created to fulfill. These disciples will be set apart, trained and sent out. The land will progressively be prepared for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## There is much great work to be done!

Jesus commanded all of His disciples to:

- Love God wholeheartedly. (Mark 12:30)
- Love their neighbors as they love themselves. (Mark 12:31)
- Be a house of prayer. (Isaiah 56:7)
- Be a disciple and make disciples. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Be a witness to the truth of Jesus. (Acts 1:8)
- Pray and labor to bring in the great soul harvest. (Luke 10:2)
- Preach the good news to all nations. (Matthew 24:14)

## Fighting the spiritual war

- We are all in a spiritual war of life and death. The Lord gives His disciples His full armor. (Ephesians 6:13)
- Jesus gives His disciples spiritual weapons. (2 Corinthians 10:4)
- Jesus gives His disciples gifts of the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:7-10)
- The greatest weapon that Jesus gives to His disciples is His love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)
- True love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:8)

## Equipping the saints

The Lord is raising up trained and anointed apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists to equip His saints for the work of ministry in unity - while growing into maturity until they reach the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Those who are set apart from the world to the Lord are consecrated and sanctified to Him and to His work.

## Be encouraged and full of great hope.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit and have faith in a faithful God, *“being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;”* (Philippians 1:6 NKJV)

## Bringing in the great soul harvest

Be a bold witness to the good news that Jesus is Lord and King and will be returning to earth to rule and reign over all the nations. Sadly, not all will find the great gift of life which is freely offered to them. (Matthew 7:13-14)

However, it is the will of God for all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:3-4)

Work and believe for the Lord to do the impossible in and through you. (Matthew 19:26) Have faith in the Word, the truth in Jesus. (John 1:14; 14:6) And have faith in the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through you as the One who convicts us of *sin, righteousness and judgment to come.* (John 16:8) He is our *helper and teacher.* (Luke 14:26)

## The fullness of the Kingdom of God is coming

**Every salvation, healing, freedom, restoration, reconciliation, sign, wonder and miracle is proof of the truth of the *fullness* of the Kingdom of God to come in the next Age.**

All things will be **restored** before Jesus returns. (Acts 3:21) Join with the generation who will seek God,

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will seek His face alone and will take the land that the Lord has promised to them (Psalm 24:6; Joshua 1:3, 11). The Spirit and the bride say, “*Come Lord Jesus Come!*” Revelation 22:17, 20)

## The Millennial Age

When this age ends, then Jesus will return to earth and begin the next age to come - which is commonly called the Millennial Age or the Millennial Kingdom. This is the coming 1000-year rule and reign of Jesus on earth as described in the Bible.

...they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:4 NKJV)

**No one knows the exact time that this age will end; however, everyday that passes brings us one day closer.**

Be filled with His love, great hope and the glory of God. *To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.* (Colossians 1:27) And also have great faith (Hebrews 11:1, 6)

**God will complete all that He plans!**

... I am God, and there is none like Me, <sup>10</sup> *Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure, <sup>11</sup> Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.* (Isaiah 46:9-11)

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This ebook is available exclusively at:  
[www.kingdombuildingdisciples.org](http://www.kingdombuildingdisciples.org)

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