

## HIS FEET SHALL STAND UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

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**“And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee”** (Zech. 14 vs.4-5).

Entrance into prophetic scriptures requires a mind of understanding. **“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true”** (1 John 5 vs.20). If there is anything that a people of God needs today, it is the exact knowledge (epignosis) of the Son of God. The writer in proverbs said, **“the knowledge of the holy is understanding”** (Prov. 9 vs.10). One great expectation by God for his people is that they should know, their appointed times. Understanding of the times is very crucial to our faith. God said to Jeremiah, **“the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgement of the Lord”** (Jer 8 vs.7). Jesus said, **“if thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes”** (Lk.19 vs.42). Job asked, **“why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?”**(Job 24 vs.1).

The only legacy of any who lay claim to custody of divine mind and counsels and who accepts spiritual responsibility of oversight over God’s work is his ability to have prophetic insight to God’s set times. Ignorance of this is an indictment and a sign of divine disapproval of our ways. The NIV rendering of Ecclesiastes 3 vs.11 is very enlightening: **“he has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from the beginning to the end!”** There is no reason to be ignorant of God’s purposes and his set times if in our hearts, we sincerely seek for him.

The prophecy in Zechariah 14 vs.4-5 makes glad the heart as the Psalmist said, **“there is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High”**, (Ps 46 vs.4). This prophecy in Zechariah addresses God’s plan and purposes, which belongs to our peace. It concerns part of the glorious expectation for our time: the time of glory for them who have waited for him. However, our clear understanding of the prophecy with its right interpretations is very needful for the tendency in prophetic scriptures is for **“scoffers, walking after their own lusts, ( to say), where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation,”** (II Pet 3 vs.3). It is in truth that the writer of proverbs said, **“hope deferred maketh the heart sick”** (Prov 13 vs.12). That is because neither a correct vision nor a goal was involved in the first place. If a man ever encountered God in the true sense of encountering God and has a correct apprehension of the divine reason behind this encounter, his vision of glory can only brighten even when the fulfilment of the promises appears delayed. His heart can hardly get discouraged, even when all that surround are nothing but that which

amounts to **“enduring contradiction against himself”**(Heb 12 vs.3) or **“(having to hope) against hope”** (Rom 4 vs.18) since **“hope maketh not ashamed”** (Rom 5 vs.5). If any will be engaged in a spiritual walk and overcome, he must understand that **“we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it”** (Rom 8 vs. 24-25). **“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written... that we through patience and comfort of scriptures might have hope”** (Rom 15 vs.4).

**“His feet shall stand...”** Isiah prophesied concerning **“his feet”** when he said, **“how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him...?”** (Is 52 vs.7). In addition, Isiah went on to list the things that make **“his feet”** beautiful: **“bringeth good tidings”** **“publisheth peace”** **“bringeth good tidings of good”** **“Publisheth salvation”** and **“saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth”**. His feet speak of the Body of Christ. The feet are the portion of a man’s body, which is in contact with the ground (earth). Christ consists of head and Body. Jesus is the head. All who are genuinely born again are supposed to constitute the Body. Paul wrote, **“and he is the head of the body, the Church”** (Col 1 vs.18). In his letter to the Ephesians he said, **“but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ”** (Eph 4 vs.15). But referring to the status of the Church Paul said, **“and hath put all things under his feet...”** (Eph.1vs.22). When Zechariah therefore prophesied and said, **“his feet shall stand...”** it is a prophetic reference made to his body - the Church. Moreover, what follows **“his feet shall stand”** is to relate to that experience which the Church is to witness as part of God’s glorious plan for her. To **“stand”** itself is a reference to victory and that which relates to an over flowing and overwhelming experience. **“His feet shall stand in that day”**. In which day? In this day of glory in which all that the Father has promised from Genesis to Revelation concerning this hour will be seen as being fully fulfilled. The prophecy fingers God’s purpose for His people in this End Time.

**“Upon mount of olives”**. Olives are illuminating oil-yielding trees. Trees figuratively speak of men. Mount or mountain refers to higher plain of spiritual operation as compared to valley experience. Mount or mountain also speaks of the place of spiritual victory. Mount of olives is a reference to the glorious spiritual expectation of this hour. The non-sleeping, non-apostate church is to witness a great empowerment in this hour. The empowerment will be a dimension of anointing for glory and for beauty; the type the world has never witness before. It is to compare with nothing other than simply refer to it as a **“mount of olives”**. Faithful men and women are to experience anointing for power after an inward order to cause them to be living witnesses and examples of overcomers over Satan, defeat, failure, sin, sickness, diseases and death. They are to experience a complete inward transformation, an inward change that makes them no longer subject to the forces of corruption. Before now, the church has majorly enjoyed her benefits and rights positionally with reference to the redemptive provisions. However, here is a reference to the hour of walking into the realm of experiencing the same things, which have hitherto been ours positionally. **“His feet shall stand upon mount of olives”** The living organ which the Body of Christ is will be bathed in olives - inside illuminating oil, inside ceaseless flowing oil of the anointing. The Body itself has found a new name. The name that suits the Church most in the experience described by this prophecy is but the Mount of Olives; the place of ever flowing anointing, a people who have metamorphosed into a

plane of higher spiritual order. This is talking of men and women who are to be but a living embodiment of anointing for change in the inner man.

**“And the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley”** (Zech 14 vs.4). When a mountain cleaves, what naturally results is a valley. A valley, which results from the cleavage of Mount of Olives, will be a channel, a passage for the river of anointing, the river of life, which offers the greatest hope for this hour. **“Half of the mountain shall remove towards the north and half of it toward the south”**. Clear understanding of this description links it with Ezekiel 47. The cleavage provides for a west- east valley direction, which allows for the river flow in the same direction as that in Ezekiel 47. In this passage, the emphasis is that of anointing. In Ez 47, the emphasis is life, river of life. The over all picture relates to a river of blessing; all nations are to rejoice before the Lord because all who have drunk from the curse are now to drink of this divine blessing which span beyond this present hour. A glorious church, a faithful people, the church without spot or wrinkle is to be God’s instrument in this hour to bless the nations.

**“Half of the mountain shall remove toward the north”** In Gen 22 vs.2, God told Abraham, **“take now thy son, thy only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of”**. The land of Moriah is a reference to all the mountains in Jerusalem. These included Calvary where the Lord Jesus was crucified, Zion where king David reigned, Olives, Moriah and others. Moriah and the Temple lie north of Zion. Moriah is significant with regards to the offering of Isaac who was the type of Christ. Christ himself died at Calvary **“in the land of Moriah”**. The temple is the Temple of his Body. Mount Zion prophetically, has always referred to those among God’s people who have distinguished themselves through a life of separation and consecration because they desire to reign with him in **“the city of David”**. The north and the south in Zech 14 vs.4 simply refer to Moriah and the Temple (North) on one hand and Zion (south) on the other. The picture painted is that of the glory of the church in this End Time which is comparable to mountains by spiritual experience the valley of which is to be a channel of river of blessing to as many as will run to it for salvation. The church in this hour is ordained to bring blessing of salvation in all ramifications, the kind the world has never witnessed.

**“And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah”**. It is evidently clear that the church is ordained to be the only place for safety in this hour. Salvation and blessings are to flow out of the church of power in order that the nations may be blessed. The word Azal speaks of nobility. It is a reference to the glory, the honour and the beauty, which is the portion of the church of Jesus Christ in this End Time. The church before now has been despised, hated and humiliated. The church has been weak and defeated but God had ordained for a reversal of this situation. The church is to experience a dramatic upturn in events, which will bring the church back to her place of glory and beauty.

**“And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them towards the former sea, and half of them towards the hinder sea; in summer and in winter shall it be”** (vs.8). The word **“living”** means **“revitalised” “revived”** and **“quickened”**. The church is coming out of a battered, beaten, apostate condition. The move of the Holy Spirit in His power of restoration as packaged for this hour, is to raise the church from the place of defeat, shame, reproach and failure to the place of glory and power and of being the true witness of the life, nature and character of Christ that she is supposed to be. The picture as that of a river points to the fact of the reference being a people which manifest the power of the Holy Spirit as it flows in life giving capabilities to transform, change and redeem. It heals the nations wherever it flows! The fact of flowing to the **“former sea”** and to the **“hinder sea”** is nothing but to confirm the same direction of flow of the River of Ezekiel 47 to show that the two prophesies are saying the same thing.

**“In summer and in winter shall it be”**. This is referring to two extreme conditions of experience to tell of the beauty of the work of the Holy Spirit designed for these days. Summer speak of condition of harvest. Winter speaks of condition of desolation, fruitlessness, barrenness and all forms of adverse situations. God said in Genesis, **“while the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease”** (Gen 8 vs.22). These are extreme conditions in relation to the earth. The destiny of the church is to impact positively every condition of men. This will not only relate to harvest work but it also offers hope for all conditions of adversity. If only God’s people will know the day of their visitation, and the things, which belong to their peace, they will realise that the night of religion and playing church is far spent and the day of reality of knowing God is at hand. **“Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light”** (Rom 13 vs.11-12). Contact: Box 4526, Ilorin, Nigeria. Tel: 234-31-226863. E-mail: [lightpubs@ilorin.skannet.com](mailto:lightpubs@ilorin.skannet.com)