

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S GLOBAL CALENDAR FOR THE NATIONS – NIGERIA IN THE EYE OF THE STORM:

Three events happened within the past four years that forever changed the landscape of nation states and proved conclusively to observant watchmen that the season for the emergence of the anti-Christ is finally upon us.

First, following Pope Benedict XVI's resignation on February 28, 2013, Pope Francis was elected as his successor by the papal conclave on March 13, 2013.

Second, Pope Francis' first public act in April 2013, after his election was to meet with leaders of other religious faiths including Jews, Buddhists, Muslims, Bahais and others demanding a unifying of all religions in order to bring peace to a troubled world.

According to the Pope, the leaders of these faiths are *our precious allies in the commitment to defend human unity, build a more peaceful co-existence and protect nature with care.*

The third event that completed the setting of the stage for the emergence of the anti-Christ happened on December 7, 2017 when Donald Trump, the 45th US President made a proclamation officially recognising Jerusalem as the eternal capital of the State of Israel.

These events set the stage for God's final confrontation with nation states that will force the states to settle the issue of their eternal destiny.

Joel wrote about this final battle for the nations:

For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink (Joel 3 : 1- 3).

This is the Lord Jesus speaking through the Prophet Joel before His incarnation on earth.

During His incarnation on earth He also spoke toward the end of His earthly ministry:

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25: 31, 34, 41).

The nation states are not the creation of man. God deliberately created the nation states with a clear objective in mind.

When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel (Deut. 32:8).

Another passage in the New Testament makes it clear that God's reason for creating the nations is to use that platform to reveal Himself to humanity.

And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us (Acts 17:26- 27).

The Biblical Unfolding of World Kingdoms

The clear revelation of Scripture is that there will be six human kingdoms on the world stage before God will reveal His own Eternal Kingdom that will translate mankind into the age of Christ's personal reign on the earth.

We find the unfolding of these kingdoms in the prophetic books especially Daniel and Revelation (See Dan.2:1-49; Dan.7:1-28; Rev.11:15).

KINGDOM	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE	CHARACTER/ CONSTROLLING SPIRIT
BABYLONIAN EMPIRE (BC 626-BC 539)	Dan.2:32a, Dan.7:4	Spirit of wickedness represented by a lion.
MEDO/ PERSIAN EMPIRE (BC 539-331 BC)	Dan.2:35b; 7:5	Spirit of religion represented by a bear.
GRECIAN EMPIRE (BC 323-BC31)	Dan.2:32c; 7:6	Spirit of worldliness represented by a leopard.
ROMAN EMPIRE (BC31)	Dan.33; Dan.7:7	Spirit of degradation having a mixture of the character of all the previous empires.

THE CHURCH AGE	Dan.7:12	The 2,000 years that have lapsed since the cross. We are in the twilight of the Church Age.
THE TRIBULATION PERIOD	Rev.6:12	The shakings that will end in the separation of nations between Sheep and Goat (See Matt.25:31-46).
THE KINGDOM AGE	Dan.2:44-45, Rev.20:4	The 1,000 years of Christ's personal reign on earth.

From Heaven's viewpoint, the only reason God has allowed the Church Age to run for more than two thousand years is that it is the period that God has designated to harvest the souls of individuals and nations.

During this period, God's commandment to His disciples is to preach the Gospel to all nations (See Matt. 24:14).

The salvation plan of God for mankind envisaged that the three sons of Noah that escaped from the flood, Shem, Japheth and Ham would play definite roles in the different stages of God's plan for the salvation of mankind.

To the Semitic race it was given to lay the foundation. Paul enumerates their role in his letter to the Romans:

*Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth **the adoption**, and the glory, and the covenants, and **the giving of the law**, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh **Christ** came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen* (Romans 9: 4- 5).

The Japhetic race (Europeans) played a key part in the afternoon of the Gospel through the role they played in evangelising the nations.

For example, Rome was called to teach the Kingdom concept to the nations.

United Kingdom was called to popularise the word of God. The King James Version of the Bible is Britain's greatest gift to mankind.

America was called to evangelise the nations and showcase the blessedness of making Christ the Governor of a nation (See Ps.22:28). There is no nation that has invested money and resources in evangelising the world like the nation of America. Sometimes they did not have the best of motives but the job was still done.

The Hamites are called to bring in the capstone and finish the work of salvation. It is given to Africa to bring holiness back to the Church and run the last leg of the Gospel marathon that will

lead to the return of Christ. Two nations in Africa, Nigeria and South Africa will play leading roles in bringing in Africa's contribution. Nigeria will raise the Altar and build the patterns that would be published through South Africa's leading edge in technology to the rest of the world.

Nigeria as a nation is called by God to prepare the nations of the world for the return of Christ in glory. Nigeria is a missionary nation that will restore the biblical standards of holiness and righteousness to the universal Church. Nigeria will proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom to the nations at the end of the Church Age and Tribulation period.

Because of this mandate, Nigeria will be attractive both to heaven and hell.

Prophecy of the Fathers

The apostolic fathers whom God raised for Nigeria particularly Pa Elton and the apostle Babalola prophesied that Nigeria would go through two seasons in her national life because of this mandate of God that it carries.

Season 1: Season of darkness, degradation and decline. During this period, Nigeria will be known for corruption and her name will stink to high heavens wherever it is mentioned in the comity of nations.

Season 2: Season of Glory and Elevation. During this period, Nigeria will become one of the most attractive pieces of real estate on earth (See Ez.36:34-35).

God is saying that 2017 is His Divine Time Table for bringing Nigeria into the second phase of righteousness and glory. This is the underlying reason for all the conflict we are having as a nation.

If we are to summarise the role that Africa is expected to play at this time in the Gospel plan of God we can do it under eight headings:

- a) Bringing back a Holy Church.
- b) Bringing back the pattern of the Prophetic and Apostolic Church (See Eph.2:19-20).
- c) Modelling the Church in Heaven.
- d) Overcoming Witchcraft.
- e) Restoring Man's Glory.
- f) Restoring True Doctrine.
- g) Redeeming the Earth (Rom.8:20-21)
- h) Manifesting the sons of God (Rom.8:19).

The Final Days of the Church Age

At the close of the Church Age, two events will happen that will signal the very end of the age.

Firstly, the false prophet will emerge that will seek to unify the religious systems of the world to prepare the world for satan worship (See Rev.13:11-12). When you see Pentecostals, Anglicans, Catholics, Buddhists and Bahais, claiming that they are worshipping the same God then know that the end has truly come.

It would appear that the current pope, who is the first Jesuit Pope, has succeeded in doing that when his initiative brought together 11 heads of different religious organisations to sign the Unity of Religion Agreement in South Korea. It is significant that both Catholics and Anglicans were represented in that ceremony.

Even though the Pentecostal and Evangelical wing of Christianity were not represented at that meeting in South Korea, major Pentecostal leaders like Kenneth Copeland and Benny Hinn have since visited the pope and are talking more in the same line of ending the feud between religions and in that way bring peace to the world.

These steps are frightening when we consider the clear warning of Scripture that making this artificial peace is a definite sign that the end is near:

For when they shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction comes upon them as travail upon a woman with child and they shall not escape (1Thess 5:3).

Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.

Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients (Ez 7: 25- 26).

If you consider the history of the Jesuits and the role they have played in manipulating the Church and fighting true biblical Christianity all through the Church Age, then you can see that it is not an accident that the current Jesuit Pope has only one focus – to unite the various religions of the world and manufacture peace that is not based on the word of God.

End of the Times of the Gentiles

Let us set two scriptures side by side and use them as lens to view the significance of the Trump December 7 Declaration on the status of Jerusalem:

*And they (Israelites) shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until **the times of the Gentiles** be fulfilled (Luke 21: 24).*

*For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until **the fulness of the Gentiles** be come in (Rom. 11: 25).*

The times of the Gentiles refers to a specific period of time within the Church Age, when God will temporarily shut the door of the Gospel against Israel in order to make room for a specific number of Gentiles to come in.

As far as God is concerned, mankind is divided into three broad categories viz, The Jews, Gentiles and the Church of God (See Rom.10:32).

During this period, God allowed temporary blindness to be upon Israel to provide opportunity for Gentiles to be saved (See Is. 6:8-13).

As this period begins to end one of the things that will happen is that Jews will have opportunity to re-start temple worship following a temporary truce or peace plan that will be engineered by the political leader that the Bible describes as the anti-Christ.

This leader will build his peace plan along what would appear to be a solution to the Middle East crisis that would allow the Jews to build the third temple and thereafter restart the temple worship:

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate (Dan 9: 27.

Trump's December 7 declaration has made the journey toward the building of a third temple to be a matter of time.

All these things are happening with a narrow time frame and, therefore, shows that we are the generation that will likely witness the return of Christ.

Understanding the Eastern Gate

We can summarise what we have said so far in two sentences:

- a) We are in the Season of Ham – The period in God's Gospel Calendar which He has ordained for the Hamites to bring the Capstone.
- b) In the Season of Ham, the mandate of God is on Nigeria to play a leading role. Africa will NEVER be what God ordained it to be unless Nigeria takes her place.

I want to add a third sentence and I will do it this way. For Nigeria to fulfill her God-given role as the leading nation in Africa, then the East or Igbo nation must take her place.

I never gave much thought to the role of the East or more specifically the Igbo in God's overall plan for Africa until the Biafra issue came to a head in 2017.

We were in Asaba, Delta State for some meetings when the word of the Lord came to me expressly with specific instructions to visit the five Eastern States and tell the people that Biafra was not His plan and, therefore, it would not succeed.

This was a very dangerous thing to contemplate doing at this time because of the overall mood of the people of the region due to the manifest injustice against the Igbo by Nigeria.

Below, let me quote word for word the word of direction we received from the Lord:

Word of Direction Concerning the South East

25-6-17 @ 12.17 pm

Rv.22:7

Son, the main issue that is left unresolved before Me that will be addressed during the Solemn Assembly for the South East is the issue of Biafra.

... was initiated by hell to take the clock back for the Igbo by 100 years.

Because of the famine of the word of the God in the East (Am.8:11) and the dullness of hearing of the priesthood and the indifference and tiredness of the fathers and their stand-alone competitive nature, each man was minding his business and the watchmen were looking for personal agenda to promote as a result of the influence of mammon and the spirit of competition, he pursued that agenda quietly and effectively while men slept.

He perfected the strategy of propaganda, innuendo and whipping up past bitterness and destructive nationalism which is pride, self and death and helped by hell (Rev.16:13-14) he took over the airwaves.

He worked strategically and went to each of the states in the South East talking to the traditional institutions and, of course, bribing them and massaging their ego until he gained their approval and authority.

In the same way and following the same strategy, you are to go to each of the South East states, making a case for truth and presenting My divine counsel to undo what he has done, on platforms that I will provide and have indeed provided.

In this process you will be taking out the steam from the *spirit of biafra* and deconstructing it in the mind of the people.

Son, note that Biafra the way it is being put forward presently is *more of a spiritual issue than physical whipping* is the same operation of Nimrod and the building of Babylon which is Babel. (Gen.11:1-9).

Because it is Babel, the sole objective is to obscure My counsel and purpose, then obliterate it and then replace it with something anti, while insisting that it is the same because the outside nomenclature is similar.

This spirit has gained grounds in the subconscious minds of the people and only through **prayer, having a clear understanding of the issues, commitment to Me, commitment to My Eternal counsel and sticking to the strategy that I have given will it be overturned.**

There is no room for human assumption, presumption or human sympathy or human method in dealing with the issue of Biafra.

Different Solemn Assemblies have been held by different people and some of them have been at My instance and I have honoured the prayers but the burden to rest this issue of Biafra and help your people into My purpose **I am laying squarely on your shoulders (Team Messenger & partners)** because I have prepared you for these times.

You should listen to Me and work with the strategy I have given you and follow it through diligently.

*I have sent you **Seven Levels of Help** for the assignment:*

- 1) Help from My Word. That is why I came as **The Eternal Word** in Enugu and will yet make more of such appearances (See John 1:1-5, 14).
- 2) Help from My eternal Spirit (Heb.9:14). This is necessary to recreate minds because many minds have been seared.
- 3) Help from My creation and the language assigned to it over the East and Igboland.
- 4) Help through the release of hidden riches of secret places. Treasures hidden and reserved for these times will be unlocked as you progress on this journey and you make proclamations and declarations I will put in your mouth (Is. 45:1-3).
- 5) Help from strategic angels that guard the four quarters of the earth (Zech. 1:10;6:5).
- 6) Help from the four winds of the heavens that influence the airwaves of the earth (Songs 4:16).
- 7) Help embedded in the strategic gates that release strength on earth. This includes the air, land, sea and portal gates with everything they bring to enforce My counsel on earth.

Work with . . . so far so that you can run the last lap because we are standing at the end of My purpose.

This dispensation is coming to a close and satan's strategy is to create distractions and side attractions to shift people's attention away from the main course.

It is the South East Solemn Assembly (including the South/South).

During the Assembly You Discuss Three Things

1. The rebellion that is manifesting as Biafra – Gen.3:22-24; Gen.11:1-9.

2. The lack of unity of the Priesthood that grieved My Spirit in the first place and created the condition for the 'deathness' in true spirituality.
3. The artificial creation and distortion that resulted in 'so called' S/E and S/S. It is a naming strategy by the sons of satan that operate as the caliphate to maintain division and rule in the midst of division. Even when it is obvious it cannot be overturned without dealing with the spiritual foundation, curses, enchantments and altars raised to sustain it that is renewed following the yearly cycle at Ramaddan. Strategy – Ez. 37:15-28.

I am with you in this assignment and will go with you as **The Eternal Word** to recreate hearts and minds that have been weakened through lies and half-truths and cause them to trust Me and hope in My eternal counsel for therein is hope for the Igbo race and indeed your nation, Africa and the global community.

They are interlinked and people must be made to see the whole picture so they are not isolated in their thinking and the diversionist utopian vision that hell has sold to them which is far and indeed the opposite of My divine counsel.

I am with you as the Eternal word and I say to you that My counsel shall stand and I will do all My good pleasure (Is. 46: 9-10).

Understanding the Eastern Gate

Why is it that the Eastern gate in most nations is always a place of conflict? Why is the Middle East the most troubled spot on the face of the earth today?

Why does the sun rise from the east before it can set in the west?

I never gave much thought to this until we obeyed the Lord's voice to do what He commanded us to do to deal with the resurgence of Biafra.

The Lord asked us to go to all the places the Biafra proponents has gone to make cases for Biafra to hold Solemn Assemblies to offer Him repentance for the fresh wave of rebellion against His purpose. We had to go to the five Eastern States to hold Solemn Assembly to repent and bring the word of God to pastors, traditional and political leaders and the people.

While in the middle of that assignment, the Lord began to teach us about the importance of the Eastern Gate.

I want to say this before I share what the Lord taught us:

Even though it is the will of God for Nigeria to arise at this time and lead the emancipation of Africa, Nigeria will NEVER enter into her destiny as a nation until it does justice to the East, and by this I mean the Igbo nation and the people of the South-south.

I want to share seven things the Lord taught me about the importance of the Eastern Gate and the Igbo nation.

1. The Eastern Gate is a governmental position from which God orders events on the earth. It is a gate of authority and command.

When the Israelites were moving from Egypt to Canaan, God told Moses to camp the tribes following the pattern of His throne. The twelve tribes camped in threes on the four sides of the throne, such that the tribes of Judah, Issachar and Zebulun were encamped on the eastern side.

The Lord then commanded Moses that the Eastern side of the camp must always match forward first:

*When ye blow an alarm, then **the camps that lie on the east** parts shall go forward. In the first place went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab (Num. 10: 5,14).*

2. The original rebellion in heaven happened at the Eastern Gate. For this reason, the Eastern Gate is always susceptible to rebellion and manipulation because satan knows that it is a gate of control and government.

If you study scriptures like Revelation 4, Exodus 25 and others, you will see that the approach to Jehovah is guarded by four arch angels described as the living creatures. One had the face of a man, another a lion, the other a calf and the other an eagle. It would appear that Lucifer was originally in charge of the Eastern Gate from where He commanded the choir that welcomed Jehovah when He appeared among the host. After his fall, the Eastern approach was manned by another living creature and also the sword that represented the word of God (See Gen.3:223-24).

See also Is.14:12-14; Ez. 28:13-18; Ex. 25:9, 19-20

3. Adam was originally placed on the eastern side of the garden and he fell from there.

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed (Gen 2: 7 -8).

When God wants to bring revival, healing and restoration He comes through the Eastern Gate.

*Afterward he brought me to the gate, even **the gate that looketh toward the east:***

And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.

And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face.

And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east (Ez 43: 1- 4).

Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed (Ez 47:8).

4. A revival will arise from the East of Nigeria that will touch every part of Nigeria and cause a shift from the era of darkness and corruption into a new era of light and glory. Nigeria is on the verge of that revival. The fathers especially Pa Ellton spoke about this and the time has come for the fulfilment.
5. The East holds the key to the unity of Nigeria. There is no part of Nigeria or indeed the world that you travel to where you will not see an Igbo man. The Igbo were wired like that because they were supposed to be missionaries on behalf of Jehovah to the nations. In the past, Mammon had hindered them from fulfilling this calling but the Lord is changing the tides. The hand of God will come on many Easterners held in prison in different parts of Nigeria and the world and they will be witnesses for Him starting from the place of their captivity.
6. The Lord will raise a David from the Igbo nation, a man of covenant and righteousness through whom He will rebuild Nigeria.
*Who raised up **the righteous man from the east**, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow (Is. 41: 2).*

Beloved, I do not make these statements lightly or from any tribal perspective. As a servant of God and a prophet by calling, I have, by the mercies of God, risen above tribal leanings. One of the first lessons the Lord taught me in strategic intercession is to come to the place of neutrality. I have no position of my own until I have known where the Lord is standing in a matter, then I stand behind Him.

The greatest mistake we make as intercessors is to take a position and then ask God to support our narrow positions.

This is foolishness because as human beings we are severely limited. We do not see the whole angle to issues and we do not have the complete information.

Let me end this message by saying this. The conflicts that are happening in different parts of the world today are not primarily engineered by satan though sometimes he can take advantage. God is the one shaking the nations to cause them to determine their eternal destinies.

It is written in the Book of Haggai:

For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts (Hag. 2: 6-7).

The purpose of those shakings is to cause the nations to choose between the throne of Nimrod, which represents the order of this present age of Iniquity and the Throne of David which is the model of God's eternal throne.

By sovereign election and calling, Nigeria is called to model the throne of David whose foundation is righteousness and justice.

We must pay the price in prayers and action to ensure that we respond to the Lord's grace because the nations of the world will be divided into two broad categories before the Lord's return (See Matt.25:31-34, 41, 46):

Sheep nations will transit into the millenium where they will find space in the new kingdom of Christ.

Goat nations will be removed from the earth through a change in geography that is imminent. That is simply what the Psalmist was saying in Psalm 9:

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God (Ps. 9: 17).

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