

I. CONTEXT OF EZRA 5:1-2 AND 6:14

- A. Over 40,000 captive Jews in Babylon were released by King Cyrus to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. (Day and night prayer and worship). There was a mass historical migration back to Jerusalem.
- B. At arrival in Jerusalem the Jews immediately built an altar of day and night prayer and proceeded to lay the foundation of the rebuilt temple. The enemy immediately began to attack them with discouragement and frustration, and even physically seized them from building. The ceasing lasted 16 years..
- C. We learn from the book of Ezra that the two primary attacks of the enemy against building a house of prayer for all nations is discouragement (***then the people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah Ezra 4:4***), and a spirit of frustration. (***they troubled them in building and hired counselors to frustrate their purpose Ezra 4:5***)

II. THE FOUR NECESSITIES TO BUILDING DAY AND NIGHT PRAYER/WORSHIP

- A. The book of Ezra is one of the greatest books in the Bible to be inspired to build a house or prayer for all nations. We learn from this book four very important necessities to begin and finish God’s purposes for The Meleah House of Prayer
 - 1. God has to move the spirit of His people to do it (***“with all whose spirits God moved to go and build the house of the Lord” Ezra 1:5***)
 - 2. We must be unified in purpose.(***“the people gathered together as one man “Ezra 3:1***)
 - 3. We must have favor with God and man. (King Cyrus and Darius Ezra 1:1 & 6:8-12)
 - 4. We must embrace and cultivate an environment for the prophetic ministry. We need the ongoing encouragement of the prophetic ministry. (***The elders and Jews prospered, built, and finished the temple through the prophesying of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, Ezra 6:14***)
 - a) ***This is why we need to desire spiritual gifts especially that we prophesy 1Cor. 14:1***

III. THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPHETIC HISTORY IN BUILDING DAY AND NIGHT PRAYER

- A. The history the prophetic ministry establishes is absolutely crucial to every

assignment God gives us and especially in building day and night prayer with worship. God uses the prophetic ministry to inspire His people to have confidence in His assignment for them and uses it to keep people persevering until the assignment is complete

- B. In the days of Ezra God used two prophets, Haggai, and Zechariah to inspire God’s people during the journey of building day and night prayer and helped the people all the way to the completion of the God given assignment. **“So the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo, and they built and finished it” (the temple of day and night prayer and worship). Ezra 6:14**

IV. MORE REASONS TO SHARE OUR PROPHETIC STORY

- A. Scripture exhorts us to remember what God said and did in the past and to teach it to our children. Remembering what God did in our midst helps us to obey and set our hope in Him. **2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, 3 which...our fathers told us...4 telling to the generation to come...His wonderful works. 5 He established a testimony in Jacob...He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; 6 that the generation to come...may declare them to their children, 7 that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments. (Ps. 78:2-7)**
- B. Personal and corporate prophecy is given to strengthen our resolve to obey God, to be faithful in prayer and to help us keep focused on the specific ministry assignment that God gives us. Prophecy is an invitation from God to participate with Him in prayer, faith, and obedience.
- C. Our prophetic history is part of our weapons of warfare. Paul charged a timid, insecure young preacher who was lacking confidence in his calling to remember His prophetic history and endure in the faith.. **18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare... (1 Tim. 1:18)**
- D. We are not to base our ministry on prophetic words but on our relationship with Jesus and His Word. However, prophetic words inspire us to persevere in prayer, holiness, and complete our assignments.
- E. I agree with Lou Engle when he said **“our prophetic history is an invitation to intercession”**
- F. I believe all prophetic history and prophecy is not to be despised but tested with the scriptures and godly counsel **“do not despise prophecies. Test all things**

hold fast what is good.” (1Thess. 5:20-21)

V. THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR STORY

- A. Jesus promised that after He left the earth He would not leave us as orphans but would send the Holy Spirit to help us. **“And I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever” (John 14:16)**
- B. Jesus declared that the Holy Spirit would help, and guide us, lead us into all truth, take what is Jesus’ and declare it to us, tell us things to come(prophecy) **and remind us of all the things Jesus has said to us. (John 14-16)**

VI. CALIFORNIA TO DALLAS

- A. May of 1998 both my wife and I had radical conversion experiences and we were both baptized in water and the Holy Spirit and Fire in the same night.(May 24, 1998)
- B. In 2004 after serving in a local church in Southern California for 7 years the Lord through divine leading, had us visit the Dallas Metroplex. During this visit the Lord began to speak to our family about moving to the DFW area
- C. In the Fall of 2004 while living in Southern California, I began to pray about what I was feeling in my heart about the Dallas area. The Lord spoke to me in the Fall of 2004 **2 Samuel 7:3 “go and do all that is in your heart for the Lord is with you”**. This was the verse that inspired my family and I to sell our home, leave our church, and come to Mckinney on faith
- D. Not till recently, is when I discovered that this passage was given to King David in the context of his desire to build a house of prayer and dwelling place of God. . The Lord was speaking to my family and I about building a House of Prayer in the Dallas area before I even knew about the prayer movement.

VII. 2006 THE YEAR OF INVITATION TO THE PRAYER AND WORSHIP MOVEMENT

- A. I had a divine appointment with a man named Trent Pruett on February 2, 2006. Trent invited me to an all night prayer meeting which he was hosting in his home in Allen, Texas. February 5, 2006 was my first time at this all night prayer meeting.
- B. God used Trent in my life to disciple me in prayer and fasting. My heart began to explode with hunger to learn to pray. I began to pray and fast aggressively with a group of men for revival. The Lord began to reveal to me the realities of historical revival and I began to saturate my life with books on revival and prayer. During

this season I was very inspired by the ministry of Leonard Ravenhill, and David Wilkerson.

VIII. FOUR PASSAGES OF INVITATION TO THE PRAYER MOVEMENT IN 2006

- A. During this season of increased prayer and fasting, and all night prayer meetings the Lord began to grip me with four scriptures that would become foundational for our house of prayer.
1. February 2006 the Lord touched my life profoundly with Luke 18
 2. May 18, 2006 I had an encounter with Luke 2:36, and the Lord invited me to the Anna calling
 3. June 2006 the Lord marked me with the book of Joel and He began to speak to me about establishing a perpetual Joel 2 solemn assembly of corporate prayer and fasting
 4. July 2006 I was profoundly inspired by Isaiah 62:6 and there was a divine setting of my life as a watchman in intercession
- B. These were some of the same key inspirational passages that Mike Bickle from the International House of Prayer in Kansas City. (24/7 prayer and worship for 17 years) and so many people in the prayer movement around the world have received . I received these without ever hearing about IHOP KC or having any knowledge of the current global prayer movement on earth.. God is still speaking to many leaders around the world through these same passages.
- C. Trent Pruett and family were called to the mission field of Thailand in the spring of 2006 and In August 2006 after a time of seeking God, the Lord made it clear to bring the all night prayer meeting to my home. We have been doing a weekly corporate prayer meeting ever since.

IX. SPRING OF 2008 PROPHETIC WORD ABOUT A HOUSE OF PRAYER

1. My prophetic friend Trent Pruett was visiting from the mission field and came to one of our prayer meetings and prophesied Zechariah 8:20-23 to me. ***Thus says the LORD of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities; The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, "Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also. Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.***

2. This prophecy has been, and is continuing to be fulfilled. In the 11 years I have done the house of prayer, we have had people from many cities around the metroplex, and even people from nations come to seek the Lord in prayer. (Africa, Scotland, Romania, Thailand, Kenya, Philippines, Iraq, Israel)
3. During the 2008 season our prayer ministry experienced a breakthrough of the Spirit resulting in salvations, deliverances, and many being baptized with the Holy Spirit

B. AUDIBLE VOICE OF THE LORD TO BUILD HIS HOUSE IN APRIL 2010

1. While playing with my son one afternoon in my game room, I heard the audible voice of God say **“If you build it they will come”**. I was shocked that I heard it so clearly.
2. This encounter was confirmed on May 2011 while having dinner with Lou Engle. While telling him about that encounter he confirmed it by telling me it was the same statement that launched his ministry.

X. THE NUMBERS 911

- A. Since 2002 I began to see the numbers 911 everywhere I went. On clocks, watches, receipts, signs.
- B. The Lord kept speaking to me about these numbers and I did not have understanding of what He was saying until June 2010
- C. In June 2010 I visited a church in Dallas. During this visit the preacher began to say that God was speaking to some in the room with numbers. The speaker invited people to come to the altar to ask God about the numbers he was speaking to us about. . I went to the altar that night and the Lord spoke to me regarding Amos 9:11. ***On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old;***
- D. I knew God was calling me to build a House of Prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David. (prayer meetings with singers and musicians)

XI. THE ASIAN PROPHETIC WOMAN AND THE BIRTHING OF MHOP

- A. In January of 2011 while continuing to lead two corporate prayer meetings, a prophetic Asian woman called me on the day of our Friday prayer meeting and said she had the word of the Lord for me.

- B. She came that night and prophesied publically to me. She said “you are pregnant with a house of prayer and those here are going to help deliver the baby”.

XII. THE BIRTHING OF THE HOUSE OF PRAYER

- A. From July 2011 to December 2011 I went on a personal journey of asking the Lord for a greater baptism of the Holy Spirit. I told no one(not even my wife) for six months that I had been asking God in private to grant me another baptism of the Spirit and Fire.
- B. On December 31, 2011 at the Onething Conference I was granted my private request. I was Baptized with the Spirit in a way that I had not experienced previously. I was in a travail like state for hours. I had to be carried to a car and my hotel.
- C. That night I received a prophetic word that I was “birthing something”. For the next three weeks I would be hit with two other waves with so much power, that I could not even drive my car or walk.
- D. During the last wave, a prophetic woman prophesied over me for 30 minutes that God was raising me up to lead a gideon's army of prayer, worship, fasting, and proclamation of the gospel in preparation of the return of Jesus.

XIII. MEETING WITH A PROPHETIC MAN NAMED DOUG ROBERTS

- A. On September 17, 2011 I met with a prophetic friend of mine named Doug Roberts who has a strong history as a prophet.
- B. I met him to seek counsel and to pray for direction in my life. Here was his prophetic word to me
 - 1. Establish yourself
 - 2. Get a clear vision assignment (MHOP)
 - 3. Decide to build the house of prayer
 - 4. Begin to build the house of prayer
 - 5. Finish the assignment to build the house of prayer

XIV. JANUARY 2012 VISIT BY A PROPHETIC MAN AND HIS WIFE

- A. January 22, 2012 a prophetic man and his wife came randomly to my home to deliver a prophetic word. They gave me three prophetic words. The first was God was calling me to Isaiah 40 preparation ministry. (forerunner ministry), the old wineskins have torn, (the old way of doing our prayer meetings) and your “your water has broke”(referring to the time was now to start the ministry of day and

night prayer with worship)

XV. THE BIRTH OF THE HOUSE OF PRAYER CALLED EZRA

- A. April of 2011 I heard an audible voice in the middle of the night say “Ezra, Ezra,”. That morning, my wife Stacy woke up and told me she had a dream that she was pregnant with a son and God told her to name him Ezra. Ezra was prophetic priest in the Old Testament that God used to help build the Second Temple.
- B. We believe that God wanted us to model corporately Ezra’s life. Ezra was a priest, prophet, and scribe. **God was calling us to function in our priesthood identity, carry a prophetic spirit, and be clear communicators of the scriptures.**
- C. After the “your water has broken” word. A prophetic woman in our city came to one of our prayer meeting and told me she had a dream the night before. She dreamed that she was at our prayer meeting and there was a brand new baby in the middle of my family room. We were gathered all around it.
- D. Around that same time, a man in the city had a dream that I was pregnant at the hospital in McKinney and delivered a male baby
- E. We believe that God was speaking in parable like words to us that the baby was the birthing of the House of prayer that would go day and night.

XVI. TEN DAY FAST AND THE PLANS OF DAVID

- A. In May of 2012 around 30-40 intercessors went on a 10 day fast and met house to house for ten days. At the end of the fast the Lord spoke to me strongly about 1 Chronicles 28:9-13.
- B. The Lord spoke to us that IHOPKC was a type of David and we were a type of Solomon. God spoke to us that we were to take IHOP’s prophetic history and make it our own. We were to take the plans of building day and night prayer that IHOPKC received and use them for our region and city.
 - 1. ***10 Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.” 11 Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule, its houses, its treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner chambers, and the place of the mercy seat; 12 and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things; 13 also for the division of the priests and the***

Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and for all the articles of service in the house of the Lord. (1 Chronicles 28:10-13)

- C. God has recently confirmed this again by giving me a dream that Mike Bickle was in our family room telling us that God was really building His house of prayer through us and that we are to say that “we and IHOP/KC” are doing the house of prayer together. He said in the dream that we are one.

XVII. SPRING OF 2012 PROPHECY OF A HIGHWAY FROM IHOPKC TO MCKINNEY

- A. In the spring of 2012 our leadership team was invited to a prayer and prophetic meeting in Rockwall, Texas. During the meeting we were given a prophetic word that God would establish a highway from IHOPKC to McKinney and would bring key people from IHOPKC to help us establish the prayer room. This has and is continuing to be fulfilled with key relationships being established with seasoned key people from IHOPKC helping us.

XVIII. KIRK BENNET WORD FOR MHOP

- A. In the summer of 2014 Kirk Bennett a senior leader and prophet from IHOPKC prophesied that God would use our MHOP as a “special ops” unit of prayer for specific targeted prayer assignments. We have seen this come to pass with many answered prayers

XIX. THE MOVING OF THE ARK PROPHECY

- A. In June of 2014 during the “Zeal for His House Conference”, Quovadis Marshall prophesied that God was moving the ark (MHOP) to Obed Edom’s house, then to a temporary place, then He would move it to a permanent place. (story as seen in 2 Samuel 6)
- B. In October 2014 this prophecy began to be fulfilled when God moved the Ark (MHOP'S prayer room) from the family room of 5813 lava drive to church street in the basement of VLife Church for 14 months. (We saw over 120 people make professions of faith the first 6 months of praying at V-Life)
- C. In January 2016 the second part of the prophecy was fulfilled when we moved to the temporary place at 3111 North McDonald Street.

XX. THE CHANGING OF OUR MINISTRY NAME

- A. Name changes are significant in the bible. When God changed a person’s name and gave him a new name, it was usually to establish a new identity and to

give a new assignment. God changed Abram’s “high father” name to “Abraham,” “father of a multitude” (Genesis 17:5) and his wife’s name from “Sarai,” “my princess,” to “Sarah,” “mother of nations” (Genesis 17:15).

- B. God began to speak about changing our ministry name in November 2015. We felt God was doing this because He was wanting to position our House of Prayer into the prayer and missions convergence that would take place the following year in September 2016.
- C. The changing of our name to “Meleah” which means “full harvest” or “full produce” in Hebrew was a prophetic act before heaven to be a catalytic prayer ministry for the full harvest of the nations.

XXI. RED BRICK BUILDING WORD

- A. In 2012, Rob Giesey had a vision that the house of prayer was in a red brick building.
- B. We had two other people have a dream and impression that the house of prayer would be in a red brick building
- C. We are now in our temporary place which is a red brick building. GOD IS GOOD!!

XXII. PROPHETIC HISTORY REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST

- A. God has also used the prophetic ministry to highlight specific prayer assignments and ministry to the middle east. There has been dreams and prophetic words regarding Iraq and Israel.
- B. In 2016 we had four dreams in the span of 1 week about establishing a Meleah House of prayer in Jerusalem.