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Let us start our time together with at least three complete sentences of praise to the Lord.

Let us speak healing over those who need a touch in their bodies, minds, spirit.

Let us rejoice in the opportunity to evangelize

Introduction: All of you who have a prophetic word for the church or a word of knowledge, or wisdom, or comfort please feel free to send me a copy and it may find an entrance into the teaching in the weeks to come. You do not need to be a member of this body of believers. Send it to pastormikenorton@gmail.com. Thank you. Let's be the church together.

THE SPIRIT OF THE WORD Isaiah 42:9

"Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them." What are the former things that came to pass?

- 1. God told Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil least he dies, Genesis 2:15-17. He and his wife ate, and they died spiritually then physically. After their sin God walked with them still.
- 2. God told Noah to build an ark to save his family, Genesis chapter 6-8. He did and his family was saved. He then built an altar and worshiped God, Gen. 8:20-22.
- 3. God told all the kings of Israel and Judah to serve Him lest they be removed from the land. He told them that through Moses before they ever went into the land, Deuteronomy chapter 8.
- 4. Jesus told the disciples of His death and resurrection before it happened, Mark 10:33-34.
- 5. Jesus told the disciples of the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, Matthew 24:1-2
- 6. Jesus spoke to Paul about His return, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 7. Jesus announces to all of us His soon return, Revelation 22:16-21

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- 1. We have been told by the Holy Spirit via the graces He has given to the church to comfort, strengthen, and inform us that 2020 was going to be a year of hardship and a year of a great spiritual awakening. People coming to know Christ as their Creator, Savior, Lover, Peace.
- 2. Isaiah 43:18-19a "Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? These verses are looking into the kingdom age of Christ reigning on the earth. It is going to be so glorious they will not think of the former things. May we be so caught up in our walk with Christ we have no interest in remembering the life of sin.
- 3. Ezekiel 22:30 "So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one." What is the wall made of but living stones, the people of God resisting evil?
- 4. Isaiah 33:6 "Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, and the strength of salvation; the fear of the LORD is His treasure."

Last Words: Isaiah 40:31 "But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." 1 Peter 5:6-7 "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." Embrace God's new things because Joy comes in the morning.