

5. The Fig Tree Puts Forth and Ripens her Green Figs.

Psalm 1:3 AMP – And he shall be like a tree firmly planted and tended by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither; and everything he does shall prosper and come to maturity.

John 15:16 AMP – You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed you (I have planted you), that you might go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit may be lasting (that it may remain, abide), so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name (as presenting all that I AM), He may give it to you.

The time of barrenness is past!

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT – (22) But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

6. The Vines are in Blossom and Give Forth Their Fragrance.

John 15:5 NLT – Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit.

Strong fragrance drives away serpents.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15a AMP – (14) But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph as trophies of Christ's victory and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere. (15) For we are the sweet fragrance of Christ which exhales unto God.

THE TIME OF AWAKENING

Part 1 – The Winter is Past!

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I. THE WINTER IS PAST!

March 22, 2008: “Winter is past! Spring is come!

Prophetically winter is a season of darkness, it's cold and barren.

- Withdrawing, hiding and stagnation.
- Activity and productivity are often suspended.
- Labor is hard, rewards are slim.
- Vulnerability, difficulty and trials.
- Exposed or stripped naked like the trees.
- No evidence of fruitfulness or advancement.
- A time of spiritual ridicule and taunting.

II. SIX SIGNS OF SPRING

Song of Solomon 2:10-13 AMP – (10) My beloved speaks and says to me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. (11) For, behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. (12) The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. (13) The fig tree puts forth and ripens her green figs, and the vines are in blossom and give forth their fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

1. The Rain is Over and Gone.

The day of mourning and sorrow is past.

Psalm 30:11-12 NLT – (11) You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, (12) that I

might sing praises to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!

Psalm 30:5b AMP – Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Malachi 4:2 AMP – But unto you who revere and worshipfully fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings and His beams, and you shall go forth like calves released from the stall and leap for joy.

2. The Flowers Appear on the Earth.

The blossoms, the flowering is but a promise of the fruit yet to come. The Kingdom of God is at hand!

There is an awakening beginning where revival fires are burning and significant things are taking place.

Hearts are flourishing with a hunger and a desire for the presence and the glory of God.

3. The Time of Singing Birds Has Come.

As we are brought out of the captivity of winter into fresh fellowship we are filled with singing, just like the Israelites were when they were brought out of their captivity.

Psalm 126:2-3 AMP – (2) Then were our mouths filled with laughter, and our tongues with singing. Then they said among the nations, The Lord has done great things for them. (3) The Lord has done great things for us! We are glad!

4. The Voice of the Turtledove is Heard.

Traditionally doves were viewed as messengers of wisdom or grace that marked the onset or intervention of spiritual activity.

(Ex. Noah and the release of the dove)

Luke 3:21-22 NLT – (21) One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, (22) and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

It was the beginning of a new season - his ordination and ministry.

I Corinthians 2:9-12 NLT – (9) No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him. (10) But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. (11) No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. (12) and we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

The voice of the turtledove signifies the soon approaching time of harvest.

Psalm 2:8 AMP – Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations as Your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as Your possession.

Global awakening and God’s glory are the answer to this world’s needs. Nations are hanging in the balance.

Do you hear the voice of the turtledove announcing the season we are in?