

*praise the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice. (21) When Jehoshaphat consulted with the people, he appointed singers to sing to the Lord and praise Him in their holy priestly garments as they went out before the army, saying, Give thanks to the Lord, for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever! (22) And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the men of Ammon...and they were self-slaughtered.*

#### **A. Enthroning God Scatters the Enemy**

*Psalm 68:1 ASV – Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered.*

-Sometimes we try to move into battle before there is an atmosphere of worship – and we go for breakthrough or healing or deliverance and it falls flat or it seems like hard work.

-Praise brings an increase in the anointing, and worship brings the majesty of God. Praise brings the anointing to worship, and worship brings the anointing of glory.

-God's teaching us to get into the place of worship because when His glory comes – things are much easier.

#### **B. Enthroning God Prevents Powerless Programs**

-When we enter into true worship it becomes a gateway for the Holy Spirit to lead us.

-We are kept from powerless programs, meaningless methods, and false forms.

-Jehoshaphat was lead by God and instead of using typical warfare strategies he listened to the divine strategy and sent the worshipers first.

-As long as there are empty forms and everything is the same each week, the enemy is very comfortable in church.

-When the glory of God comes and begins to move as He chooses, the enemy suddenly gets ambushed!

#### **CONCLUSION**

-Worship makes room for an encounter with God's glory and brings life and transformation.

# **UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES**

## **Part 5 – Passionate Worship**

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### **I. HEAVEN'S ATMOSPHERE**

#### **A. Permeated with God's Glory**

*Revelation 4:2-3, 5-6a AMP – (2) At once I came under the Holy Spirit's power, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne! (3) And He Who sat there appeared like the crystalline brightness of jasper and the fiery sardius, and encircling the throne there was a halo that looked like a rainbow of emerald. (5) Out from the throne came flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne seven blazing torches burned, which are the seven Spirits of God (6) And in front of the throne there was also what looked like a transparent glassy sea, as if of crystal.*

-The atmosphere of heaven is permeated with God's glory and presence. Everything will be clothed in His brilliance and light.

#### **B. Permeated with Worshiping Worshipers**

##### **i) The Four Living Creatures**

*Revelation 4:8 AMP – And the four living creatures, individually having six wings, were full of eyes all over and within, underneath their wings; and day and night they never stop saying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and Who is and Who is to come.*

##### **ii) The Twenty-Four Elders**

*Revelation 4:9-11 AMP – (9) And whenever the living creatures offer glory and honor and thanksgiving to Him Who sits on the throne, Who lives forever and ever, (10) The twenty-four elders fall prostrate before Him Who is sitting on the throne, and they worship Him Who lives forever and ever; and they throw down their crowns before the throne, crying, (11) Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and dominion, for You created all things; by Your will they were brought into being and were created.*

##### **iii) The Innumerable Angels**

*Revelation 5:11-12 AMP – (11) Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels on every side of the throne...and they numbered ten thousand times ten thousand and thousand of thousands, (12) Saying in a loud voice, Deserving is the Lamb, Who was sacrificed, to receive all*

*the power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and majesty, glory, splendor and blessing!*

#### **iv) All of Creation**

*Revelation 5:13 AMP – And I heard every created thing in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea and all that is in it, crying out together, To Him Who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be ascribed the blessing and the honor and the majesty, glory, splendor, and the power, might and dominion forever and ever through the eternities of eternities.*

## **II. THE FATHER SEEKS WORSHIPERS**

*John 4:23-24 AMP – (23) A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true genuine worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers. (24) God is a Spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality).*

## **III. THE EMBERS OF OUR FIRST LOVE**

*Revelation 2:3-4 AMP – (3) I know you are enduring patiently and are bearing up for My name's sake, and you have not fainted or become exhausted or grown weary. (4) But I have this one charge to make against you: that you have left, abandoned the love that you had at first, you have deserted Me, your first love.*

-The Holy Spirit comes as a wind and begins to blow on the embers of our first love, fanning them into a bright flame that consumes our hearts with one desire – to know Him, to see Him, to love Him.

## **IV. EXPRESSIONS OF PASSIONATE WORSHIP**

### **A. The Woman and the Alabaster Jar**

*Luke 7:37-38, 44-48 AMP – (37) And behold, a woman of the town who was an especially wicked sinner, when she learned that He was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment (perfume). (38) And standing behind Him at His feet weeping she began to wet His feet with her tears; and she wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed His feet affectionately and anointed them with the perfume. (44) Then turning to the woman, He said to Simon, Do you see this woman? When I came into your house, you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. (45) You gave Me no kiss, but she from the moment I came in has not ceased to kiss My feet tenderly and caressingly. (46) You did not*

*anoint My head with ordinary oil, but she has anointed My feet with costly, rare perfume. (47) Therefore I tell you, her sins, many as they are, are forgiven her- because she has loved much. But he who is forgiven little loves little. (48) And He said to her, Your sins are forgiven!*

-She poured her heart out in an act of worship by breaking open an alabaster flask of rare and very costly perfume.

-The highest level of worship comes out of brokenness; and only worship that comes from humility is real.

-As you reach new heights in worship you will reach new depths in intimacy.

## **B. David and the Ark of the Covenant**

*II Samuel 6:12-15 AMP – (12) And it was told King David, The Lord has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the City of David with rejoicing. (13) And when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. (14) And David danced before the Lord with all his might, clad in a linen ephod (a priest's upper garment). (15) So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.*

-David stripped himself of his kingly garments and position, humbled himself, and worshiped God with freedom and complete abandonment.

*Revelation 4:10 AMP - The twenty-four elders fall prostrate before Him Who is sitting on the throne, and they worship Him Who lives forever and ever; and they throw down their crowns before the throne.*

-We must learn to pour ourselves out before God in worship, lay everything down, so that His glory is revealed and manifested.

## **V. WORSHIP AS A WEAPON OF WARFARE**

*II Chronicles 20:14,15, 17-19, 21-22 AMP – (14) Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel...(15) He said, Hearken, all Judah, you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you King Jehoshaphat. The Lord says this to you: Be not afraid or dismayed at this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. (17) You shall not need to fight in this battle; take your positions, stand still, and see the deliverance of the Lord Who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Fear not nor be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you. (18) And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the Lord, worshiping Him. (19) And some Levites of the Kohathites and Korahites stood up to*