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FOREWORD

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:31 KJV

Believers in the early Church prayed in such a manner that the physical ground beneath their feet was shaken! I believe that this was not only a physical, but also a spiritual shaking. Recently as I was in prayer, I heard the Lord say that the tectonic plates of the modern prophetic movement are shifting. God is exposing new voices, new vessels and is releasing His fresh breath upon new moves. A glorious transformation is taking place, and we get to be on the front lines of it.

The aim of the prophetic is to capture and release the mind and heart of God. It is a combination of inside information along with the power to bring about remarkable transformation. In many ways, the prophetic is as much about movement and reformation as it is insight. Prophetic words cause stuck things to move. Prophetic worship causes

divine release to happen. Prophetic intercession causes the breaking forth of waves of God's glory in the earth.

We are standing at the dawn of a stunning new day. The earth is literally groaning for the release of bold sons and daughters! There are new moves to be birthed and exploits to unfold. We must navigate these times of unprecedented challenge and opportunity with the wisdom of God. It is the role of the prophets to skillfully release the red-hot word of the Lord to us with no agenda but heaven's.

I believe that there is a daring new breed of pioneer arising to take God's voice to every nation, every corner of the globe and every system of our society. God wants to speak to the leaders of government, entertainment, industry, education, health care and all other human systems. He is sending those who have been alone with Him to release His Word into the earth, with miraculous results.

Joshua Giles is on the front lines of this emerging move. He is an accurate voice, with strong spiritual sight and potent building capacity. He speaks the language of heaven with a remarkable accuracy to warn and forecast regarding the things to come. The pages of this book are both timely and timeless. You will receive inside information that is relevant for this exact moment, but you will also receive the teaching and instruction that you need for every season as a believer who is hungry to hear and know the Father. Grab your notebook and prepare to be enlightened as you dive deep into this prophetic masterpiece!

Ryan LeStrange, author, *Breaking Curses*; founder, Ryan LeStrange Ministries and AtlHub

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INTRODUCTION

This is one of the most unusual books that the Holy Spirit has inspired me to write. I would even say that it is more of a prophecy—a foretelling of what is to come. Furthermore, it gives insight into what is happening right now in the world and in the Body of Christ. The prophetic instructions I give here are written to encourage you, empower you and at times warn you of impending disaster so that you might be able to adequately prepare for what is ahead. In this book, through prophetic insight we will travel to the future and catch a glimpse of what is coming so that we can pray, align with God’s agenda and plan with biblical strategy. That is the purpose of the prophetic dimension. The prophetic dimension can transport you ahead and give you the advantage of knowing what to do.

To go forward into the future, I will have to take you back in time to three very timely and uncanny prophecies that the Lord gave me. I spoke them publicly at my church in Minnesota, with several hundred members in attendance. They are well documented and recorded. First, on December 6, 2015,

God gave me a prophecy about a rare virus that would come. Each year, I typically do one major prophetic gathering on a Sunday at my church. I do these special meetings only as the Holy Spirit leads. In this particular service, as we were in the midst of spontaneous worship and praise, the Spirit of prophecy came upon me in a strong and intensified way. I began to speak with a boldness and clarity that was not my own:

I see a new strain of a virus that will come. It's so rare that the doctors won't know what it is. Many will be confused as to what it is. At first some doctors and others will say, "Is it the flu or not?" But it's going to be so rare. I hear them saying it's mimicking other viruses and diseases. God says it's going to be so rare, that they will have two tests to verify what it is. It will target the breathing and the respiratory system. God says that we must pray now and cover the immune systems of ourselves and family members!

The Lord emphasized again to me that this would be a rare virus we had never seen before. As I spoke these words, our Sunday morning congregation was already in prayer mode, although some seemed startled by the directness and type of prophecy the Lord was releasing. They had heard me release many prophecies before, but this was quite different. Everyone stood and started praying. As we engaged in intercession, the Lord told me that this virus was man-made and would come from a lab. Who could know that Covid-19 would come to the shores of America just four years later? Only God could know. The Lord allowed me to know that this would be the first of many other pathogens that would affect the world's population in the future. He strongly comforted my heart to understand that

we were not to panic or worry, because He would protect His people.

The second prophecy I will share was given a few years ago, but it speaks to what is happening even now. On September 4, 2019, God gave me a word concerning a major disruption coming, but He reiterated that at the same time, the gifts of the Spirit would intensify. I gave this word on an ordinary Bible study night. There was nothing super special about that day. I had just arrived back in the United States a few days before. I had traveled to minister in Athens, Greece, and then Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel. I experienced amazing encounters with the Lord on this ministry trip. I ministered to and prophesied over two ambassadors who had come for a private meeting. Then by the grace of God, I had the privilege of ministering to the cabinet of a high-profile prime minister. When I got back to the States, I was tired but still ignited and stirred from all that God had done. In the middle of my teaching, the Holy Spirit so graciously took over the Bible study lesson. A strong Spirit of prophecy dropped down on me. Immediately I began to prophesy:

The Lord says, You will need wisdom to navigate the times that are ahead. For the times and season are beginning to change. And the Lord says, You will see great powers shift among you. You will see great powers in the world begin to shift. That's why I am releasing another dimension and dispensations of My spiritual gifts, says God. My gifts are being poured out on My people in a greater measure. For there will be need of them, and you will be needed in the times that are ahead.

I hear and see a collapse in the Spirit, and the Lord says, *As we step over into 2020, it shall mark a day and a time of a collapse. Not just in America, but the world! For*

prophets have prophesied that it shall come, and prophets have said that it would happen. You will see a domino effect go throughout the world. It will start in the financial industries, and it will hit every system, says God. This will be the beginning of a global reset.

Then the Lord finished by saying something exciting: *At the time, you will see the start of one of the greatest revivals that the earth has ever seen.* Even as I write these words, we are seeing this prophecy unfold before our eyes.

Then came a third prophetic word. God spoke to me again about a global reset. While ministering in a New Year's Eve service at my church on December 31, 2019, the Holy Spirit said, *Tell the people that you are about to see a global reset in the world.* He said that the reset would hit every industry, system and aspect of society. In that prophecy, the Holy Spirit said that 2020 would mark the beginning of a period of collapse in the world and a global economic decline. Every system would be reset. And then we would see a resurgence. I gave this prophecy at the end of 2019 and then began teaching on the reset and how 2020 would be the vehicle that would bring us into a new era.

Looking back on 2020, it is clear that it was the year that changed the world. Covid-19 was a major disruptor of society. That virus was the transportation bringing us into a new epoch in the world. By the leading of the Spirit, I shared that word concerning a global reset for many months, to thousands of people both in services and online. God had given me that phrase *a global reset* before it became commonplace to use it. I had never heard that phrase before the Lord spoke it to me; however, it sums up the place that the world has been in for some time now.

I am sharing these three previous prophetic words to let you know that nothing—and I mean absolutely nothing—catches God by surprise. He is aware of what will happen before it unfolds. He is so omniscient that He even knows what we will think before it enters into our minds. God is amazing and full of compassion toward us, that He would send us accurate words to help us navigate the future. The prophetic insights throughout this book are meant to point our attention to Jesus. As Revelation 19:10 so powerfully states, “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Architects of the Future



I have also spoken by the prophets, and have multiplied visions; I have given symbols through the witness of the prophets.

Hosea 12:10

The future belongs to those who have vision—the spiritual eyes to see it. The Bible is laced with concepts, imagery and prophecies of the future. Throughout the ages, people have searched to know the future and to understand it before it occurs. Many have felt that to know or understand the future would unlock their dreams and help them gain success in life. Although capturing the future has profound blessings, to know it is also a burden because you are faced with the challenge of what to do with what you know. The Bible reveals that God ordained and called some to be prophets (see Ephesians 4:11). Prophets are those who speak on behalf of God in the earth. There are different levels or ranks

of prophets. Some can walk so closely with God that they speak *as God's voice* in the earth.

Amos 3:7 explains, "Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets." Prophets are given the rare gift to know the mysteries of time and the secrets of heaven. The Lord may reveal His heart, meaning what He desires to come into being. He may also reveal what actually will happen in the future, although that outcome may not be His desire. God put spiritual laws in place that govern our world, and one supreme law is that He gave humanity dominion over the earth (see Genesis 1:26–28). There are times throughout history when God has intervened in the affairs of people, and sometimes He still does, but generally people's decisions influence their environment. This is key for us to understand, because due to people's choices, many outcomes will occur that are not the plan of God.

I came to the realization that God had called me as a prophet at a very young age, because I would have dreams and visions concerning family or life events. The events I would dream or the visions I would see would happen exactly as I had seen them. Around the age of seven, my experiences led me to go to my church leaders and tell them about the things I had been seeing and hearing. These leaders affirmed the calling that was upon my life. Later, I began hearing the audible voice of the Lord. God would speak to me concerning personal, community or even world events. I would share these things in church services, and they would come to pass.

I have been operating in public prophetic ministry for over eighteen years. I have had the rare opportunity to prophesy to heads of state, government leaders, well-known individuals and the like. Throughout my years of ministry, I have found that God loves communicating with His people. He desires to connect with us on a personal level. It is hard to fathom,

but He loves us so much! The future belongs to those who love God and are called for His purpose.

We all carry the future within us; most of us are just not aware of it. Even if you are not a prophet, the prophetic essence of God dwells within the hearts of human beings. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, “He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.” God has placed eternity in people’s hearts. What does this mean? The word *eternity* in the original Hebrew translation of this verse means the future.¹ God has placed the future in your heart. Your heart is the central organ that pumps blood throughout your entire body. This means that the future is coursing through your veins. You are an eternal being having this natural experience of living life on earth.

This is why we are able to call those things forth that are not, as though they are (see Romans 4:17). As a prophet, I *foretell*, which is to declare things before they occur. I also *forthtell*, however, which is to speak God’s words in order to create something that is not currently in existence. Every prophetic believer has this same ability. Secular societies have taken this ancient biblical principle and currently call it affirmations and manifesting what they desire. But this principle has its roots in the Word of God. John 15:7 states, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.” If you are aligned with God and His agenda for you, if you have true relationship with Him, then you will call things forth and they will be done.

The Spiritual Side of “Futures Studies”

To know that you are carrying the future is an amazing thing. In the fields of sociology, technology and even theology there

is a subject matter called *futures studies*. In the secular world, futures studies is used as a tool for forecasting, tracking environmental trends and exploring how people will live and work in the future. On the spiritual side of this, the Holy Spirit guides us on what is to come in the future. I want to use the practical example of futures studies to show you how to navigate the future that you see spiritually.

There are four main approaches to futures studies, or foresight. They are the *predictive approach*, the *interpretive approach*, the *critical approach* and the *participatory action learning approach*. These all have both secular and spiritual applications. Let's look at each of them individually and talk about how they can relate to your study of the future in the spiritual.

The Predictive Approach

First, there is the predictive approach. Throughout time, people have tried every way possible, from astrology to New Age practices, to predict the future. These methods have proven deficient. Although some of the information gleaned from them can be accurate, they have lacked the fullness of the Spirit of truth. The Holy Spirit in Scripture is called the Ancient of Days. He is known as the Spirit of wisdom in Proverbs chapter 8, and He is the Spirit of truth. He was there before the foundations of the world were perfectly fashioned. It is only through Him that we access eternity and heaven's mysteries.

In our modern times, academia seeks to predict the future by studying the trends and using systematic models that can forecast possible outcomes. In prophetic ministry, the predictive aspect of foretelling does not use computer systems or man-made tools; rather, we can predict outcomes based on the Holy Spirit's leading. The predictive aspect is part of the prophetic function, but it is not the central aspect

of it. To predict is to say what will be a consequence of something or what will happen in the future. Because God is omniscient, He knows the future, and His foresight is 100 percent accurate.

In Scripture, God gave His predictive counsel to people through four specific modes: *dreams*, *visions*, *prophecy* and *perception*. These are four vehicles that carry prophets and prophetic people into the future. Let's discuss these in more detail for a moment. *Dreams* are an essential way that God communicates. The Bible is filled with colorful, expressive and prophetic dreams. Some scholars believe that one third of the Bible is written about dreams or their interpretation. Why would God communicate through dreams, and why is the Bible decorated with them? This makes perfect sense, because sleep studies have shown that one third of a human life is spent asleep. If God cannot get through to us when we are awake, then when we are asleep is an opportune time for Him to speak. In the sleep state, the mind is unconscious and there is nothing hindering spiritual communication. The Bible says it this way:

For God does speak—now one way, now another—though no one perceives it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they slumber in their beds, he may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings, to turn them from wrongdoing and keep them from pride, to preserve them from the pit, their lives from perishing by the sword.

Job 33:14–18 NIV

Visions are similar to dreams, except that they occur when a person is awake. Bible verses are also filled with visions. A vision can show up as simply as a picture in the mind, or as vividly as a scene of a movie playing out in front of you.

I can remember having one of my first visions when I was much younger. It was so real that I thought I was actually seeing a certain person in front of me. Throughout my years of prophetic ministry, I have seen many visions of the future, which I have shared publicly, and which have come to pass. I believe that you can walk so closely with the Spirit of God that seeing in the spiritual realm becomes a regular part of your life. Having a vision does not have to be a deep or spooky experience. The Holy Spirit is so real, however, and the spirit world is just as real as this natural world. Actually, everything in this natural world only exists because of the spiritual world.

One of the most intriguing expressions of God is *prophecy*. Prophecy has existed throughout time. It has been recorded throughout every generation and in every earthly age or period of time. Authentic prophecy has its origin in the Bible. True prophecy comes from God. He speaks to those whom He chooses, and we relay it to others. Yes, God is still speaking today, and He desires to communicate with you. The voice of the Lord can be as small as a thought or a whisper, or as loud as thunder. Although I will be releasing prophecy throughout this entire book, my goal is also to unlock a deeper prophetic dimension within you. You may or may not already be identified as a prophet as you read this. If you are not, it is important to realize that just because you are not a prophet does not mean God cannot speak to you.

In Numbers 11 in the Old Testament, God told Moses to gather seventy elders whom He would then place His Spirit upon. God's Spirit came down upon them like a cloud, and they began to prophesy. In verse 29, Moses said, "I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" (NIV). In 1 Corinthians 14:5 in the New Testament, the apostle Paul echoed the same sentiments as Moses: "I would like every one of you to

speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified” (NIV). Through these verses, we can gather that God desires all His people to be prophetic types. He desires that all would prophesy and carry the essence of a prophet. Prophets are stewards of the mysteries of God. And God wants you to know His mysteries and to hear His secret thoughts about the future. This does not mean that every believer holds the *office* of a prophet—meaning someone who is specifically called as a prophet as part of the fivefold ministry (according to Ephesians 4:11–12). Yet all believers carry a prophetic essence. You are God’s prophetic people.

The last vehicle for communicating the future is *perception*. Scripture relates instances where someone would perceive what God wanted or what would happen. Perception is spiritual sight or vision. It is in the realm of supernatural knowledge; this is when you know what will happen in the future because God has put it in your heart. There was no audible voice, just a spiritual perceiving or knowing. We see one example of this vehicle or mode at work in 2 Samuel 5:12 (KJV): “And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel’s sake.” When God does not speak audibly concerning a matter, and when there is no dream or vision, there is still spiritual perception. There are times in your life when you will perceive what your next move should be. This is an assurance and a knowing that can only come from God.

The Interpretive Approach

Going back to the idea of futures studies, the second approach is interpretive. This approach is not based on

forecasting, but on contrasting competing ideas or images of the future. Spiritually speaking, there are infinite futures for your personal life. Your outcome is in part controlled by your decisions. Your decisions determine your destiny. God gives you options. He will never force you to choose a specific path, although He makes known to you His will for your life. Your future is in your willingness to surrender to His will.

In huge decisions that directly affect your destiny, such as your career, whom you marry or what you do with your life, God must be consulted. You must even acknowledge Him in the small decisions. When a decision does not directly affect your destiny, however, you get to choose. God is less concerned with the kind of car you drive and more concerned with the condition of your soul. When it comes to decisions He has placed in your hands, He has given you creativity, innovation and an imagination so that—combined with the wisdom of God—you can dream, you can envision and you can choose the path you will take.

A core part of the prophetic dimension is the ability to create the future that you see in your heart. You do this with your thinking, your decisions and your words. This is why repentance, or a change of mind, is so important. When our mind is renewed through the Word and Spirit of God, our thinking follows. Then we speak the words of God.

Hebrews 11:3 says, “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.” Words come from the invisible realm—the spiritual realm (the heart and mind). The example in this verse shows that words frame worlds. There are infinite worlds in the universe, and God is the author of all of them. He gave us that same creative power to frame our world. What we

speak determines the infrastructure and the framework for the reality that we live in. Choose your words carefully because they create your reality. This is not to be confused with a simple and faulty “name it and claim it” theology, of course. But when your heart and behavior align with God’s Word, you can speak what God has said and it will manifest in your life.

The Critical and Participatory Action Approaches

The third approach in futures studies is called the critical approach. It is the concept that asks who benefits from the realization of certain futures. And the fourth approach is participatory action learning. You see this fourth approach used with stakeholders in a company who are developing their future based on their own research and assumptions.

These two approaches are not as applicable on the spiritual side as the first two, but through them we can still derive some prophetic symbolism. You are the stakeholder of your destiny and future. You benefit from investing God’s Word into your soul. Without understanding the importance of your partnership with the Holy Spirit, you will live beneath your privilege as a believer.

Although these various approaches are the concepts that drive futures studies in the secular world, they differ in ways from discerning, predicting and pursuing your future in the spiritual. In its simplest form, a prophetic forecast is capturing the mind of God for your life and destiny. It is carrying the future and speaking what the Spirit of God says. In the same way that meteorologists forecast the weather for the week, we can discern our times spiritually. In Matthew 16:2–3, Jesus scolded the Pharisees and Sadducees for their ability to predict the weather and not the times:

When it is evening you say, “It will be fair weather, for the sky is red”; and in the morning, “It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.” Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

Discerning the times is an extraordinary gift, yet it is uncommon because many believers are unaware of how to access their prophetic nature. The future resides within (see Luke 17:21) and can only be unlocked by understanding the Kingdom of God and embracing the power of the Holy Spirit.

Where the Spirit Is about to Go

Recorded in Ezekiel chapter 1 is a vision Ezekiel had of a massive whirlwind with an expansive cloud. Out of the cloud came lightning and a deep bronze color. Then there emerged four living creatures. Each of them had four faces and four wings. These living creatures moved so fast, like a flash of lightning. Ezekiel also saw in the vision four wheels, one beside each cherub. It appeared to him that there was a wheel in the middle of a wheel, and that along the wheels’ rims they were full of eyes. One of the wheels was upon the earth, while the others were in other heavenly domains. Ezekiel saw this massive, otherworldly glory system moving as a heavenly vehicle at the direction of the Spirit of God: “Wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go in that direction” (verse 20 NASB).

To forecast the future is to discern the way that the Spirit of God is about to move. It is discerning the shifts and changes that are coming in the wind and moving in that direction. Like Ezekiel’s vision, we must be so in step with

the Holy Spirit that we are sensitive to His every movement. We cannot get stuck where God was in a previous season. We cannot be stuck in what God was doing or moving in before. We have to be so aligned with Him that we pick up on where He is about to go.

To prophesy is to hear, capture and proclaim what God is about to do. Not only can you hear what God is going to do; in the Spirit you can be carried there. You can live in a future that others have not yet seen. You can dwell in a dimension that has not yet manifested in reality. Through the prophetic dimension, you become an architect of the future. You build your tomorrow with the words that you speak prophetically today!

Prophetic forecasting gives us the advantage of knowing what will happen so that we can plan, prepare and navigate the times ahead.



YOUR PROPHETIC FORECAST

In this new era we have entered, God is doing a new thing. It is imperative that you are sensitive to the moving of the Holy Spirit and what He is intending to birth through you. You will be challenged to let go of the old in order to grasp the new thing. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that God's plans toward us are intentional and by design: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." He already has the future mapped out. You just simply have to trust Him so you can walk in the fullness of His plan and purpose for your life.

It is essential to seek God, align with His agenda and know His heart. In the prophetic activation exercise that

follows, answer these questions in your personal prayer time. (You will find a similar “Your Prophetic Forecast” section near the end of each chapter. The questions I ask, or the takeaways I provide, will help you reflect on and apply what you have just read. Also be sure to read the “Prophetic Hope” section that concludes each chapter. It will give you inspiration and encouragement to forge ahead with God’s plan for your life.)

1. What do you see or hear spiritually concerning your future?
2. What is God saying to you about the new era?
3. How can you align with heaven’s agenda for your life?
4. What area of ministry are you called to serve in?
5. What are your short-term goals for working toward the future you want to see?
6. What are your long-term goals for working toward the future you want to see?
7. What are you leaving behind and letting go of?



PROPHETIC HOPE

God wants to partner with you to construct the future that you desire, based on the foundation of His Word and principles. By embracing and believing the Word of God, you can build a better future. Your voice is a powerful tool to activate your best future, which is God’s will for your life. When you prophesy and declare God’s Word, you give His ideas, plans and purposes permission to live in your world. Never stop speaking what God has said, because your words create reality.