



## ***Prophetic Revelation: Networking the Nations***

***Word for the Month: April 2011***

### **TRANSITION INTO A NEW SEASON (Ready, Steady, “GO!”)**

The past three months of the winter season were the place to **hide** away in God, to go slower and deeper, in preparation for the new season. We needed to go deep into God's heart, soaking in His presence, to be completely immersed, emptied of “self”, allowing Holy Spirit to transform us.

During the final month before his birth, a baby feels increasingly cramped, with reducing space to move around in, the more he develops. Baby can't do much apart from SOAK, naked in the womb, becoming *fully ready* and mature enough to face the dimension of life outside the womb.

*Then “suddenly” come the birth pangs!*

Mother, her body having already been stretched for nine months, has to submit to further stretching in order to produce the opening through which her baby can be delivered.

Baby is born head downwards, his comforting liquid environment drains away, contractions force him through a narrow passage where he is squeezed on all sides, and finally he is pushed out into a new dimension!

**Maybe that's a good way to describe the transition process we are in?**

***“Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colours. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.” (James 1:2-4 The Message)***

**Hold *steady* in this preparatory season as God positions you to translate into His purposes.**

At the start of this year I had a strong picture of troops advancing into enemy territory on their bellies. They were face down (in humility), silently (***“in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.” Isaiah 30:15***) and determinedly advancing, underneath barbed wire. Advancing in any position other than flat on the ground would allow the barbs to snare or hurt them. **Perseverance** was the key word for this past season for me. I had the impression that these troops needed to reach a certain place before being commanded to rise up, charge the enemy (catching him unawares), defeat him, take the ground and seize the plunder. In this type of situation, troops give the battle cry as they rise up and charge the enemy.

***But this is what the LORD says: “Yes, captives will be taken from warriors, and plunder retrieved from the fierce; I will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I will save.” (Isaiah 49:25)***

At the strategic moment the LORD will give the command to: Charge ! **(GO !)**

***“The LORD will march out like a champion, like a warrior He will stir up His zeal; with a shout He will raise the battle cry and will triumph over His enemies.”(Isaiah 42:13)***

At the taking of Jericho (*Joshua 6*) God instructed Joshua: “...***make all the people give a loud shout.***” (v5) The wall of the city collapsed, enabling this Canaanite stronghold to be taken and the treasures plundered.

I am hearing the call to RISE UP! STAND UP! SHOUT! Come out of hiding, into the light, rise up to victory. Do not back down or be discouraged. Now is the time to push through to breakthrough. Now is the time to know and heed to the voice of Holy Spirit and break free from the fear of man.

***“No word or weapon forged against you will prevail” ( Isaiah 54:17) if you keep abiding in Christ and trust Him in all your ways. (Proverbs 3:5)***

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