



WHY AGLOW AND ISRAEL?

Over the past several years, God has birthed a revelation of His heart regarding Israel into the heart of the leadership of Aglow. He has actually been preparing the ministry for this call for many years. NOW is the time!

THE "ESTHER" CALL

Down through the years, Aglow has received prophetic words that the ministry was called "for such a time as this." As early as 1992, a word came likening Aglow to Esther, an ordinary Jewish girl who risked all to stand in the gap for her people. The plot to annihilate the Jewish people had come through Haman, an officer of the court, and would have succeeded in destroying the Hebrew race had Esther not been obedient to the call of God to risk her life and go before the king. Before she went, she called for a 3-day fast among the people. In 1998 (and again in 2003), the Aglow ministry participated in a "Third Day" fast, based on *Esther 4:16* for the purpose of seeking God as He brought us into a new season and a new anointing. In retrospect, as we see what He has subsequently been unfolding, it is clear God has been preparing us "for such a time as this."

1999 AGLOW INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

God confirmed the call of Esther in a very specific way through a prophetic word given at Aglow's 1999 International Conference. It was also the beginning of an unfolding revelation the Lord would bring concerning His heart for Israel and Aglow's role in His end-time purposes. The Lord, our King, prophetically extended His scepter to Aglow, calling the ministry to walk in the authority and favor of Esther:

God has called Aglow as a ministry of Esthers... It is a ministry 'for such a time as this.'

Aglow has been called to stand in the gap for the people of Israel against the spirit of Haman, against the enemy's attempts to annihilate God's people... a plan that has persisted through the years.

THE CALL BEGINS TO UNFOLD

Aglow's first journey to Israel took place in July, 2000. Just 3 months after the loss of her husband, President Jane Hansen led a group of 450 women and men into Israel to stand with the people and pray for the land. It was on that trip Jane heard the Lord speak a word to her heart that she would be going in and out of Israel over the next several years. The three mandates of Aglow (Male/Female Reconciliation, Islam, Israel) were becoming clearer as understanding regarding God's heart for His people and His land increased. At that time, God also began to bring greater revelation concerning the Haman spirit – a spirit bent on destroying the Jewish people – and Aglow's role in exposing it. We went to Israel knowing God had sent us in the spirit of Esther to stand against the spirit of Haman.

HAMAN, HITLER... HUSSEIN

Down through the centuries, the spirit of Haman has been manifested over and over again. In recent history, its resurgence came through Adolf Hitler and the Holocaust. In the present day, one of the manifestations of the Haman spirit comes not through an individual, like a Hitler or a Haman, but through a system: religious, political, economic, cultural, and social. This system is called radical Islam. Exemplified by tyrants such as Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden, it views Jews and Christians alike as "infidels," worthy of destruction. Radical Islam is intent on nothing less than seeing Islam dominate the nations of the earth.

ESTHER ARISING

As we watch current events unfold in the light of biblical prophecy, we realize that the Middle East is the center of where it all began and where it all will end. How interesting that God has called a women's ministry to confront two key end-time issues: Islam and Israel. Aglow has been called "for such a time as this!"

THE CALL CONFIRMED

In June, 2001, the call to Israel was confirmed by leaders in the body of Christ who serve outside the ministry of Aglow. At a gathering in Florida, several prophets and apostolic leaders, including Don Finto, author of *Your People Shall be My People*, and James Goll, founder of Encounters Network, called Jane out of the audience and laid hands upon her, praying and prophesying in relation to the call to Israel. It was a public impartation, a public setting apart, and a public anointing for Israel – not for Jane alone, but for the entire ministry as well. The word declared that, as her eyes were being opened to the purposes of God for His people, so would the eyes of those “under her charge” be opened as well. The word continued that there would come, through Aglow, a new injection into the global prayer movement and the ministry would be instrumental in calling forth a “massive, corporate day of repentance” for Replacement Theology in the body of Christ. Declaration was made that Queen Esther’s court was being raised up and that women were arising in the apostolic anointing. One of the men present stated:

You have been called. You have been positioned. You have been given the king’s favor. And we (men) are recognizing the place God is giving women.

The men ministering these words knew nothing of God’s Esther call to Aglow down through the years. It was a significant moment of impartation for Jane and the ministry of Aglow. It was a major milestone in the mandate to Israel.

JOURNEYS INTO THE LAND

From the first journey in 2000 and each successive trip since, Aglow women and men have been a source of encouragement for the people of Israel and have made an impact by supporting and honoring the people, through their prayers, and by means of tangible aid, such as humanitarian projects.

The specific timing for two of the trips could not have been more significant. In July, 2000, at the same time Aglow women and men were traveling the land, praying and prophetically proclaiming God’s purposes, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat were meeting with President Bill Clinton at Camp David, Maryland, USA, in an attempt to come to an agreement that would lead to peace.

During those peace talks, Prime Minister Barak made an unprecedented, and overgenerous offer to Yasser Arafat: Israel would give up 97% of the contested land of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank), he would divide Jerusalem giving the Palestinian Authority sovereignty over the Temple Mount, and would give \$30 billion in compensation to rebuild the infrastructure of the ceded land. Remarkably, Yasser Arafat turned down the offer and walked out of the peace talks. God needed a prophetic people for a prophetic purpose at this specific time and place!

In June, 2003, once again, the timing was significant. On June 5, 2003, as Aglow women were praying at the northernmost point of Israel, President George Bush was presenting a “Road Map to Peace” in a city near Israel’s southernmost border. As he met with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, Aglow women made powerful proclamations over the land and people of Israel. Aglow has been called “for such a time as this!”

Aglow’s journeys have built bridges with both the Orthodox and Messianic communities in the land. Through financial gifts to Orthodox hospitals and funds and goods distributed to those in need in the Messianic community, Aglow reaches out in practical, hands-on ways with each journey in order to bless the people whom God calls the apple of His eye. Aglow women have been warmly welcomed by the Chief Rabbi of Israel, the former Minister of Tourism, and embraced by key leaders of the Messianic movement. Serving on committees sponsored by the Knesset, Jane is also building bridges with the government of Israel as well.

As we look to the future, we know God will continue to unfold revelation concerning His heart for His people and His land, and Aglow will be faithful to the “Esther” call upon the ministry.