



STUDY GUIDE

Building Faith for Uncertain Times

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I. Everything Will Be Shaken

A. A Historic Time of Global Shaking Is Coming!

1. Revealed in the Old Testament:

“For this is what the Lord of armies says: ‘Once More in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord of armies. ‘The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,’ declares the Lord of armies. ‘The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,’ says the Lord of armies, ‘and in this place I will give peace,’ declares the Lord of armies.” (Haggai 2:6–9)

2. Revealed in the New Testament:

“Now this, ‘Yet once more,’ indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.” (Hebrews 12:27–28)

B. Even the Heavens Will Shake

“The stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.”
(Mark 13:25)

C. Two Reactions of Mankind When These Things Happen?

1. Men’s Hearts will Fail for Fear

“Men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.” (Luke 21:26)

2. Righteous Will Not Be Shaken

“Surely he will never be shaken. The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.” (Psalm 112:6)

II. Building Upon a Firm Foundation

A. Hearing and Doing the Words of Christ. This is the essence of the building process.

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

“Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.” (Matthew 7:24–27, NASB)

B. The Foundation Is a Structure’s Most Important Feature

The foundation sets the limit to the weight and size of the building erected upon it. A small or weak foundation can support only a small building. In like manner, a deep or strong foundation can support a large building. The same is true of our spiritual lives.

“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s building. According to the grace of God, which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.” (1 Corinthians 3:9–10, NLT)

C. **Faith Determines the Eventual Outcome**

1. Faith is not stagnant. Faith continues to come. Faith must be exercised!

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ.”
(Romans 10:17, NASB)

2. What is the difference between a Believer in Christ and a Disciple of the Lord? To be an effective believer who grows up into a Disciple of Christ, we must be doers of the Word of God! We move beyond being merely blessing receivers to becoming authentic world changers by engaging the world with unshakeable faith.

III. **Overcoming Chaos through Prayer**

A. **Fervent Intercession of the Early Church**

They prayed and the place was shaken!

The members of the early Church came under severe persecution. Did the believers run and hide? No, they stayed and prayed. But they didn’t pray for protection as much as they prayed to be effective witnesses in the midst of harassment. When they prayed, the building was shaken! God was in the house, and miracles were in the air!

“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable Your servants to speak Your Word with great boldness. Stretch out Your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.’ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God boldly.” (Acts 4:29–31, NIV)

B. Peter’s Release from Prison

Acts 12:5–17 tells us about the time when the Church faced persecution and they arose to the occasion with fervent intercession. God responded with angelic activity and Peter’s supernatural release from prison. As a direct result of Peter’s deliverance from his captors, he went on to preach the Gospel and strengthen the Church.

C. Paul and Silas Rock the Dungeon through Prayer

According to Acts 16:22–33, Paul and Silas were imprisoned together in Philippi. These two radical disciples were singing hymns and worshipping God even in the depths of the dungeons. An earthquake rocked the place, their shackles fell off, and locked doors were thrown open. This was no coincidental earthquake! As a result of this miraculous intervention from God, the jailor and his entire household became Christians.

IV. The Role of Storms in Perilous Times

A. Scriptures Concerning Storms and Their Warnings

1. From Job 36:32:

“He covers His hands with the lightning, and commands it to strike the mark.”

2. From Jeremiah 23:19–20:

“See, the storm of the Lord will burst out in wrath, a whirlwind swirling

down on the heads of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until He fully accomplishes the purposes of His heart. In days to come you will understand it clearly.” (NIV)

3. From Psalm 83:14–15:

“Like fire that burns the forest and like a flame that sets the mountains on fire, so pursue them with Your tempest and terrify them with Your storm.”

4. From Nahum 1:3:

“The Lord is slow to anger and great in power; the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished. His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and clouds are the dust of His feet.” (NIV)

B. Three Types of Storms.

There are three distinct types of storms and their needed response.

1. **Storms of God’s judgment.** Our response: A cry for mercy, requiring brokenness and tenaciousness.
2. **Storms of dark demonic attack.** Our response: Authoritative intercession, requiring faith, endurance, boldness, and no common ground with the enemy.
3. **Storms of the consequences of sins.** Our response: Repentance, requiring humility.

C. Times of Shaking Will Become More Severe.

Yes, times of shaking will become more severe as the end times unfold. God’s Word and His character are like a measuring line; whatever does not match up with it will be shaken. God’s warnings give people an opportunity to respond. Each storm requires a different response, but the responses have something in common: *Desperation*.

V. A House That Is Built to Last

As we go on this journey together, we see how important it is to have a firm foundation in our lives. Character must match our gifting. We want love to be our aim and yet earnestly desire the spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 14:1). We want a house that is built to last against the storms that rage, the winds that blow, and the waves that roar. With this in mind, let me tell you a dream that I call, “The House That Is Built to Last.”

A. The Foundation is Laid.

In this revelatory encounter, the atmosphere was permeated with the presence of the “jealousy of God.” I was taken to a construction site where a foundation of a house was being prepared. Two angels came and stood at the front of each corner of the property overseeing the approaching construction. The ground was rocky and the earth was crying out for a deep, strong, firm foundation to be laid, as there had been many shakings and earthquakes in the region over the years.

Very deep trenches were dug and cement trucks appeared on the scene to pour the foundation. The first layer of cement was poured and I watched as it “set up to dry.” Writing in script appeared on the front right foundation stating, “Jesus Christ—the Messiah of the Jew and the Gentile.” As I continued to watch, script appeared on the left front stating, “Apostles and Prophets—Fathers and Mothers of the Ages.”

B. The Pouring of the Foundation, Continued.

The cement trucks pulled up again and another pouring proceeded as I continued to watch in the Spirit. Script appeared again on the second layer of foundation as it began to set up. On the front right corner the words “Humility” emerged, and on the left, “Integrity” manifested. The scene repeated a third time with a phrase surfacing to the top of the freshly poured cement: “Intimate Worship from a Pure Heart.”

I was now keenly aware that this was no ordinary house that was about to be built. It was an Apostolic House for the Glory of God in the End Times. Another cement truck came and unloaded its quick-drying substance. Once again words appeared, “God’s Heart for the Poor and the Desperate.” As soon as these words rose to the top, another phrase popped forth into view, “God’s Healing Presence.” The foundation now appeared to be complete as a demonstration of the “power of God” was established for the foundation of the House.

C. Awakened with a Word.

Suddenly, I was awakened from this detailed dream as a voice from the Lord spoke to me. I was awakened with a word from the angels that were overseeing the construction of the house. With the presence of the “jealousy of God,” I clearly heard, “This is the House that is Built to Last.” I laid there, marveling on the wisdom that permeated this God Encounter.

D. How Is Your House Built?

In these Last Days, the Holy Spirit is sending help to make sure that the foundation of each of our personal lives is strong, secure, and “built to last.” This is true, as well, for the corporate dwelling place of God—the Body of Christ.

Is Jesus the cornerstone of your life? Is your house established upon the revelation, lifestyle, and truths of the apostles and prophets—the fathers and mothers of the faith throughout the Church ages? Are you maintaining a life of integrity and humility with a heart filled with pure worship? Are you asking the Lord to restore the ancient foundation of God’s heart for the poor and the desperate? Are you seeking the Lord for a greater release of His healing presence to demonstrate His love and mercy?

I am asking myself and the Lord these questions, so now I ask you the same questions the “jealousy of God” has been asking me. How is your house built? When the winds, rains, and storms come that Jesus spoke about, is your house built to last?

VI. The Response of an Unshakeable Believer

Let us acquire wisdom from the Lord and build our house so that it will stand firm as a testimony of His greatness! The storms of life will come. Will your house stand? Let the House that is Built to Last come forth for the Glory of God!

The Need of the House

God wants to empower His chosen watchmen with grace and authority to intervene in the times of chaos. He is looking for humble people who understand the times in which they live. They must know the principles of confession, repentance, and who have cultivated an authentic spirit of faith to confront the demonic spirit of fear which permeates society globally today. These unshakeable believers must have the spirit of wisdom and revelation brought together to create a level of discernment to match the need of the hour.

The Response to the Need

Here I am, Lord! Use me. Use us. Let a cultural intervention come forth through powerful intercession for such a time as this. Teach me to stand in the gap so that Your Kingdom can come, and Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Establish an unshakeable faith in me so that I can withstand the storms in my generation. May chaos and the culture of fear be exposed and destroyed, in the mighty name of Jesus. Raise up the dread champions of unshakeable faith for Your holy purposes, for Your holy name's sake. Amen and amen!

Blessings to you!

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