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This is one powerful word from our friend Ella Onakoya about rebuilding walls and gates this year.

Do we have any Nehemiahs out there called to rebuild where there's been brokenness...in your nation and region? This very in-depth and detailed word is for you...as Ella opens with this prophetic exhortation:

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God is going to equip you for every good work AND bring the right people and connections to rebuild where He places you!

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A Dream of a House Without a Wall

In the first dream I had, I saw a beautiful house with a missing wall. However, the occupant of this house did not seem to see this missing wall and was very content with her beautiful abode. Concerned, I told her that her

wall was missing, but she still could not see it and remained content. I woke up from the dream to intercede for this woman and I decreed that walls of protection will be rebuilt in her life.

A Dream of Houses Without Defense Lines

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The Lord gave me another dream where I was on a street with a row of houses. In the dream it felt like I was on a mission to warn every house to set up a defense line as I sensed an imminent attack. I went through one of the gates and saw an amazingly beautiful house, but I noticed it was undefended as there was no defense system. I warned the house owner urgently to set up a defense system as there was imminent danger. Initially, she said she felt it was unnecessary as she couldn't sense any danger, but thankfully she agreed to set up a defense system. As soon as we stood by the gate to stand battle ready, our readiness prompted Heaven to release heavenly armaments to us. Demonic hosts came in through the gates but they were vanquished effortlessly by the armaments Heaven had released to us. The dream ended in victory.

The first dream signified the Church, whose walls of prayer or protection had somewhat broken down, but they were unaware. In the natural, things were going so well for them that they had no sense of danger. The second dream had progressed to a stage of awakening for the Church where God began to remind His Church of their call to be repairers of broken walls and repairers of streets to dwell in Isaiah 58:12. These builders will also be warriors after the order of Nehemiah. Nehemiah 4:17 described its builders as carrying materials on one hand and weapons on the other. The houses I saw in the dreams signified our abiding place where we feel most secure. Our abiding place could be a physical home, relationship, marriage, church or city.

After I had the dreams, the Lord gave me keys to share with the Church on rebuilding walls, gates and setting up defense lines in order to protect and guard what Heaven has given to us.

1) The first key is to have the heart of compassion, zeal and burden to build broken walls.

In Nehemiah chapter 1, when Nehemiah heard the news that the walls of Jerusalem were broken, he wept and mourned before the Lord. In his zeal, he would not rest till he returned to Jerusalem to see all the broken walls and gates rebuilt. Like Nehemiah, we are to be filled with zeal and compassion, not only to repair our personal broken walls but the broken walls of others.

2) Repentance is a very important key in seeing walls of protection restored. God, in His goodness, has surrounded us with walls of protection; but issues in our hearts such as unrepented habitual sins or unforgiveness could erode these walls. Recently, a brother who had attended one of my meetings in New York shared a testimony. He had been suffering from lung cancer. After he heard me share a word of wisdom on forgiving those who had hurt us, he was convicted and went to reconcile with those who had hurt him and forgave them. Soon afterwards, he went to the hospital and was told that his previously enlarged cancer had shrunk significantly to the size of a dime! He was overjoyed. I believe his repentance began to restore his wall of protection against the enemy of sickness. When we rebuild protective walls that have been broken it keeps the enemy out!

3) Rebuilding broken walls and gates is not just an individual responsibility but a collective one. In Nehemiah 3 verses 1-32, Jews from all walks of life were involved in the rebuilding of the walls.

4) **Be aware of oppositions that might arise as we collectively rise up to build walls of prayers or as we rise to help repair broken lives in our churches and communities.** Sanballat and Tobiah arose to try and stop Nehemiah from building the walls of Jerusalem. I hear the Lord's encouragement not to fear the derision and intimidation of the enemy that would try to stop us. We are armed and ready for victory. Press on!

A Season to Rebuild the Gates

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The function of gates is to control what goes in and what comes out. The Church will step into new authority as they enter into dominion over the gates of various territories. Walls protect us, but rebuilding and possessing gates causes us to enter into dominion. In the book of Nehemiah 3 verses 1-32, Nehemiah and the people of Israel rebuilt ten gates. I will briefly talk about 3 of those and the importance of rebuilding those spiritually in this season through prayer and intercession.

The Sheep Gate

This was the first gate rebuilt by Nehemiah and it was where the sheep were brought in to be slain for the atonement of the sins of the people. Today, we must become the gates through which people can come in to receive the Gospel and come to Jesus. I believe one of the keys to possessing territories for the Gospel is to take dominion over the gates of those cities. The Scripture the Lord gave me for the opening of the gates of cities to receive the Gospel is Psalm 24:7, "Lift up your heads o ye gates; and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors; and the kings of glory may come in."

Prophetic decrees are a key through which the gates of our cities will be restored to us. In 2010, prior to my first visit of Gothenburg in Sweden, the Lord gave me the strategy of decreeing Psalm 24 to open the spiritual gates in the city to allow the King of glory to enter in. These prayer decrees caused resistance to the Gospel to be removed in the spirit realm, resulting in a wonderful move of God taking place with many giving their lives to Christ in a previously known hard ground in the streets of Sweden.

The Fish Gate

This was the gate that controlled prosperity in the city as fish were brought in through the gate that encouraged trade. I believe God wants our churches, cities and nations to prosper. Where the gates of prosperity in our nations have shut because of iniquity so that the rain of Heaven was withheld, the key to reopening this gate is repentance. 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 encourages us to humble ourselves and pray so the Lord will hear from Heaven and heal our land.

Repentance will release authority to declare the rebuilding and reopening of the gates of prosperity over our nations. I have a word for faithful Believers and ministries who are struggling financially. Isaiah 60:11 gives a beautiful promise for the Church: Our gates will be opened continually so that men may bring to us the wealth of the nations. Prophetically, God is on the move to restore the wealth of the gentiles to the Church. Rise up today and decree that the broken gates of prosperity over your lives will be rebuilt for the release of wealth to build the Kingdom.

The Horse Gate

This is a key gate to be rebuilt in the Spirit as it is pivotal to the building of defense lines that were necessary in the second dream I had about the houses without defense lines. The horse gate that was built by Nehemiah and his builders was the gate through which horses were brought in for preparation for battle. These horses represent the angelic hosts of Heaven who will come in through our gates of intercessory warfare prayer as we stand battle-ready.

In my spirit, I hear the sound of victory as Believers arise in this hour to rebuild walls and possess gates.

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