

## The Ark of the Covenant in Heaven & On Earth

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Yesterday we explored Revelation 8:3-5 with the angel and the censer whose smoke was mixed with the prayers of the saints. We see thunderings and lightnings and an earthquake. The very first time we see the word “thunderings” mentioned in the bible was in Exodus 19 when Moses went up to the mountain to seek the Lord. Thunderings, lightnings and a quaking earth are associated with God’s presence.

### Exodus 19:16-19

*Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were **thunderings and lightnings**, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the **smoke of a furnace**, and the whole **mountain quaked greatly**.*

### The Ark of the Covenant in Heaven

#### Revelation 11:19

*Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were **lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake**, and great hail. NKJV*

The word translated noises in the NKJV is the Greek word “phone” which can also be translated as voice(s). There was a voice in heaven. When we come into God’s presence we position ourselves to hear His voice.

### The Ark of the Covenant on Earth

Acts 15:16-17 declares to us that in the latter days God intends to restore David’s tabernacle. What was at the heart of David’s tabernacle? It was the Ark of the Covenant. 1 Chronicles 15-16 records how the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Mount Zion with worship (many offerings) and praise and set up in the middle of the tent David erected for it. The ark had the mercy seat which was the place where God choose to speak from.

### Exodus 25:21-22

*You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony,  
NKJV*

David did this because He wanted God’s presence in the midst of his city and kingdom so that he could have relationship and communion with God regularly. Personally, I believe one of the major reasons he did this because he wanted his heavenly Father’s counsel as it pertained to overseeing the kingdom he had been entrusted with. Bringing God’s presence into his city and making sure that God felt welcome 24/7 was the first major decision he made as king.

### 1 Chronicles 16:37 - Regular Worship Maintained

*So he left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of the Lord to minister before the ark regularly, as every day’s work required; NKJV*

God says in Acts 15:16-17 through the apostle James says THIS is what He wants restored in these last days. This portion of scripture comes from Amos 9:11 which says;

### **Amos 9:11-12**

*"On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old; That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name," Says the Lord who does this thing. NKJV*

### **Types & Shadows**

Hebrews teaches us that God uses the Old Testament to speak to us and teach us through types and shadows. 1 Corinthians 15:44 teaches us that the natural comes first then the spiritual.

God is not asking for us to replicate a physical ark, BUT, what He is looking for is for a people who will follow David's example in seeking His presence and His voice. David did this through setting up a system that supported 24/7 prayer, praise and worship in a city and that my friends is exactly what Operation Rolling Thunder (ORT) strategy and CONECT prepare and equip you to do.

### **Thunderings, Lightnings, Hail and Earthquakes**

This is why God has supernaturally marked the message of ORT and CONECT so many times with thunderstorms, lightning, hail, thundersnow, earthquakes, and more so many times and so consistently since 2005. These strategies contain the message and a proven method to position God's people to hear God's voice while seeking His presence. These are kingly strategies that have been proven by leaders in 32 nations.

When God's people have sought the Lord using the strategies then we've seen miracles occur time and again. We've seen new decisions for Christ, water baptisms, healings, droughts broken, lands producing record harvests, economies prospering, crime decreasing and much much more. These are "signs and wonders" that God speaks of in Deuteronomy 28:46. Which by the way, sickness, disease, confusion, a declining economy, wars, droughts, etc. are all "signs and wonders" too.

Deuteronomy 28 says that these bad things occurred because THEY DID NOT OBEY THE VOICE of the Lord.

### **The Solution**

My friends, we DO NOT have to sit by and just suffer the consequences. We have a choice. We can CHOOSE to ACT as kings and make decisions. God's word, His principles and His solutions are timeless. They worked then and they work today. Operation Rolling Thunder and CONECT are proven solutions, strategies that God initiated and in which He has continued to mark the message with supernatural signs and wonders. It gets measurable transforming results too. Get equipped today and act today. Decide to mobilize your church and your city. <http://www.watchmanministries.com/store.html> & <http://www.ortprayer.org/index.html>.

Yesterday I spoke with the Washington State CONECTer Jason Hubbard. He spoke of two other cities in our state where churches are working together to raise up a canopy of 24/7 with many churches working and cooperating together. He said, they do not call it Operation Rolling Thunder, but, they were inspired and influenced by the strategy God gave us to steward. What's my point? The main thing is God's presence and His voice. Do whatever He leads you to do. But know that you do not have to reinvent the wheel. We have a proven way that has mobilized over 10,000+ churches in cities around the world.

I challenge you to join us and follow King David's example. Let's position ourselves and the Church in your city to hear the voice of the Lord.

### **Follow Me as I Follow Christ**

My friends, I've seen the Lord prove His word time and again around the world. I just received a report from Pakistan about the launch of a prayer and healing center. That is the 13<sup>th</sup> launched through ORT and CONECT since 2008. There are more than 10 cities who report decreased crime, church plants,

others that speak of decreasing abortions, record setting adoptions, a blessed economy and miraculous church growth in areas that were once considered the least churched.

I would like to personally invite you to ally with us and this heavenly assignment that is transforming lives, churches and cities around the world. How can you ally?

The Davidic Company is an integral part of our base of operations. The prayer and offerings that come through this team directly impacts the length of our reach, the power we have to impact a people or an area and the length of time we can serve a people, especially in a developing nation. I am asking the Lord to add 100 people to this team before years end.

Would you review <http://www.watchmanministries.com/davidic-company.html> and prayerfully consider if it would please our heavenly Father to join us in this kingdom assignment?