

# Lesson #14

## The Axiom of Destiny

*Destiny 101 Part I, Where We Are Going*, gave us insight into the future and The Axiom of the Future: ***We all make plans and take action in the present based on our perception of the future.*** The previous lesson concluded *Destiny 101, Part II, Where We Came From*, provided historical roots and The Axiom of History: ***History is the benchmark from which we survey our path to the future.*** Notice that both of these axioms are about making our present work accurate and on track. Let's remind ourselves once again what Jesus said that aligns with this:

... "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going...

— John 8:14 (NKJV)

This brings us to *Destiny 101, Part III, Preparing in the Present*. Part III will give us The Axiom of Destiny which is: ***The ability to plan in the present and fulfill our destiny is a product of knowing where we came from and where we are going.*** This is a logical conclusion based on The Axiom of the Future and The Axiom of History.

This lesson will explain the Axiom of Destiny in more detail and reveal the foundational and strategic nature of the five foundational principles that we have placed in our Destiny Diagram. If there is any doubt as to the foundational and strategic nature of the five principles, we will remove that doubt by showing their strategic pattern in the ministry of Jesus, in Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, and more.

### Is Now the Time?

At the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts Chapter 2, Jesus has told His disciples, "...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be witnesses to me ... to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). But remember that this statement was an answer to the disciples' question: "Lord, will You at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). We are at a point in history where we too must ask a similar question. Could this next great awakening precipitate the final preparation for the appearing of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom?

Our study of history has brought us to the present. We have seen the restoration all the elementary principles that lead up to the resurrection, the appearing of Christ and His Kingdom, and the age to come. We do not know how much time remains in this present age. But what does remain is the continued application of these principles in our personal lives and our missions. Since the days of the twelve apostles, there has never been a time when more equipping is available to fulfill the great commission. However, being equipped and being trained to use the equipment are two different things. The equipment

with which to build has been provided, but it can only be used by those who are trained to use it. It is the job of the seniors of this generation to train the upcoming generation to use the principles that have been restored through history.

The next move of God will be characterized by “tastes” of the age to come manifesting in this present age. The nearer we draw to the kingdom age, the more we will see kingdom powers of that age bleeding over into this present age! We will see the emergence of true apostles moving in true apostolic authority and power. We will see a restoration of Christianity that surpasses what we see in the Book of Acts!

With the principles leading up to the resurrection and the day of the Lord restored, it is now time for the body of Christ to begin firing on all cylinders. By operating in all of the restored principles, while tasting of the powers of the age to come with a vision of the Kingdom God as a real goal, we are entering the most exciting time in all of history!

### **To the Work: Preparation Theology**

Paul wrote to the Ephesians, encouraging them to stand firm in the battle, comparing spiritual virtues to the weapons and equipment worn by the soldiers of his day. In verse 15 of chapter 6, he writes...

“...and having shod your feet with *the preparation* of the gospel of peace...”

— Ephesians 6:15 (NKJV -italics added).

It is common for people to skim over this passage and simply view it as a reference to evangelism, meaning that we should have our feet shod with the gospel. This is certainly included, but the key word here is *preparation* - we are to have our feet shod with the *preparation*. Preparation for what? The gospel of peace. This implies a broader purpose in our work of preparation than just getting souls saved. The gospel (good news) of peace is a reference to the return of Jesus Christ and the appearing of His kingdom, which will bring peace on earth. This is more than good news of forgiveness, it is the good news of the coming kingdom and peace on earth!

In the last verses of the last chapter of the last book of the Old Testament, Malachi wrote about preparing for the coming of this day as well. He described its coming as the result of the hearts of the fathers being restored to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers. Luke was speaking from this passage when he wrote about the preparatory nature of John the Baptist’s ministry.

He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, *'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,'* and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people **prepared** for the Lord."

— Luke 1:17 (NKJV -emphasis mine)

We can see that the concept of Kingdom preparation has been a common thread running through scripture. It should also be pointed out that the “*restoration of the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just*” is embodied in the concept of laying on of hands, which we have described as impartation, and discipleship restored through the 20<sup>th</sup> century revivals. It is through

generational discipleship and impartation that the new generation of Christians are able to receive the benefits and the anointing of the previous generation and become “sons of Issachar” who know what to do and move forward with the work of preparation. This transfer speaks of two things: 1) the impartation of God’s strategic plan to the next generation, resulting in 2) a unified move of God based in a vision to see the kingdom of God appear.

### **Sons of Issachar Rising**

Understanding time and timing can be a tricky thing. As we grasp the big picture of God’s plan through history into the future, we become aware that the thin line between history and the future is moving at an increasing pace! What happened yesterday is now history and we are racing toward our future.

Knowing where we came from and where we are going is what makes us like the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do. Only when we understand the strategic plan and where we are in that plan can we know what needs to be done in the present. Because the sons of Issachar understood the times and knew what Israel ought to do, they were given command over all their brethren.

...of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

— 1 Chronicles 12:32 (NKJV)

A modern day “son of Issachar” is one who sees the big picture of God’s strategic plan, understands where he is in that plan, and knows what needs to be done in the present to fulfill his destiny.

### **The Axiom of Destiny**

Having looked at where we are going and where we have come from, consider this story:

There was a man who lived in a home near the ocean. It was hurricane season and he was glued to the television as the weather service tracked a tropical storm developing off shore. Then the announcement came: *“The storm has increased to hurricane strength and is expected to come ashore where he lives in 4 days.”* Immediately upon hearing the announcement, the man sat down with pen and paper, made a list of supplies, and drove to the lumber yard to buy supplies so he could board up his windows and prepare his home for the storm.

What just happened? This man apparently understood the history of hurricanes and the damage they can do. His understanding of history, along with the weather prediction, formed his perception of the future and gave birth to a plan. Also implied in the story is the fact that he had a vision for his life and home that reached beyond the immediate circumstances, which speaks of his destiny. Without a destiny, there would have been no reason to protect his home from the storm. Therefore he made a plan and took action in the present.

This simple story is a good representation of the

Let's close this close this lesson with a reminder from 1 Peter 1:13.

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ

— 1 Peter 1:13 (NASB)