

# 080808 YOUR KINGDOM COME, CANBERRA

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## 9 MIN SPEECH & PRAYER BLESSING THE FATHERS & THE SONS & DAUGHTERS AT THE BANQUET

### 9 MIN PANEL SPEECH: SEMINAR 3E 'CHRIST'S KINGDOM COMING THROUGH THE ROLE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES'

There is a joke that if Adam and Eve had been indigenous, then we'd have no sin in the world because they would have eaten the snake instead of the apple.

However, the Lord revealed to us that Adam and Eve were indigenous. This may come as a shock to many but when you think about it, the definition of indigenous is the first people to inhabit a nation. So Adam and Eve as the first people to inhabit earth were indigenous! Since we are all descendants of Adam and Eve, we are all indigenous. Wow! Another shock! Everybody or their ancestors are indigenous to some part of the world. I (Norman) am indigenous to Australia. Barbara's ancestors were indigenous to Britain. Being indigenous is not defined by colour. Black Africans are indigenous to various parts of Africa, the Sami people are white and are indigenous to Norway and Sweden and there are Asian indigenous people like the Ainu of Japan. We're not talking about culture here because each culture of the world needs to be examined to see whether it lines up with the word of God, keeping what does and letting go of what doesn't.

Where is this leading? Adam and Eve were given a mandate by God in the Garden of Eden. This mandate is for all men and women and particularly for indigenous people as the host people of the nations they are indigenous to. It is a responsibility to take care of the garden (the land, the animals, fish, birds, plants etc). Gen 1:27-28 "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground'."

So we indigenous people have a particular responsibility to take care of the garden in Australia. Aboriginal people recognize this and call it "Caring for country". The prophetic destiny of this nation is particularly tied up with the prophetic destiny of the indigenous people of this nation.

However the Lord showed Barbara clearly at Uluru 11 July 1999, when we were there with the Australian Prayer Network, that there is a spirit of adoption both on Aboriginal people and on the land so that they were both saying "Welcome into the family. Come home" to non-indigenous Australians. Barbara had the strong impression that just as Jesus outstretched His arms over Jerusalem and would have gathered them to Him as a mother hen gathers her chicks (Mat 23:37-39) that the land at Uluru was doing this in the spirit.

In the Aboriginal kinship system, I have been told that there are words for family or strangers but not for friends so friendly white people are adopted so that indigenous people know how to relate to them, where to fit them.

The Lord gave Barbara Ro 8:19-23. It was as if Uluru and the land generally were waiting eagerly for the redemption of the sons and daughters of God so that it too could be redeemed. Because of our disobedience and the fall, the land and living creatures had been frustrated and were subject to death and decay. Creation was awaiting its liberation from bondage and its renewal and redemption. It was as if Uluru and creation around was groaning as if in the pains of childbirth to bring forth the children of God into the full redemptive purposes of God. It was as if the land was calling its people forth or birthing them into the kingdom of God so it could experience rebirth as well.

Brian Pickering of the Australian Prayer Network said some years ago that God showed him a safe with 2 locks, spiritual authorities having one key and secular authorities having another key. Both keys are needed to unlock a city so people can be saved. Indigenous people also hold a key to unlock the safe as a secular authority. If they are traditional to that country (there were 600 countries or nations of Aboriginal people but many are now wiped out) then they can “speak for country” or have authority. If they are Christian as well, they have 2 keys – very powerful to open the way or close the way for Christ’s kingdom to come to Australia.

The Lord also gave Barbara a vision 12 July 1999 at the Olgas (Kata Tjuta) where she saw gates or doors opening all across Australia. It was like the light turning on all across the nation. He showed her that He had set Aboriginal people as gatekeepers for their own areas across Australia and because the traditional owners of Uluru , the heart of Australia, opened the gates the National Prayer Gathering, then they were opening the spiritual gateway not just to that area, but to the whole nation.

There are territorial spirits/angels both good and bad (Daniel 9) and Aboriginal people have territorial responsibility over defined lands in Australia, each tribe to its own area.

The ten commandments tell us to “Honour your father and mother so you can live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you” (Ex 20:12). If we honour the Aboriginal people as the fathers and mothers of the nation, we will receive a blessing.

Also Aboriginal protocol is that when you enter another person’s country, you honour those who can speak for that country before you speak on it yourself. Many conferences are opened with a “welcome to country” where the indigenous leader of the group responsible for the land welcomes the participants.

How will Christ’s kingdom come through the role of indigenous people? As the original people or first people of the land of Australia, Aboriginal people have a spiritual responsibility to protect and tend the garden of this nation. We have a spiritual authority as gatekeepers in this land. We are the apostolic fathers and mothers of the land. We can open and close doors in the spirit realm over this nation. We can open and close doors to the gospel and to God’s kingdom purposes.

Acts 17:26 says “From one man, He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. “Not only did he put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, he positioned indigenous people in the lands they would be stewards or caretakers of for Him.

While we have been aware of it for a long time, what has been striking us very strongly lately is that Australia has been dedicated to the rainbow serpent by indigenous people and we need to revoke that on a regular basis. In 1998, Barbara and I took authority over the rainbow serpent in Cairns and I took authority over it in Jerusalem. Another year the Sea of Hands came to Cairns and was planted on the Esplanade in the shape of a rainbow serpent (as an art installation and a statement of support title). If it had been in the shape of the Aboriginal flag or some other design we would not have had a problem with it. We took our church there after our service and had a communion service at the site, repented of it and poured the rest of the grape juice on the ground to heal the land.

On New Years Eve 2000, the rainbow serpent was flashed in fireworks across Sydney Harbour Bridge and Norman and I were given an assignment to pray on the bridge to deal with it as Sydney is a gateway to the nation. Local intercessors who’d been praying on the bridge joined us. The Lord timed it for the first Sydney Belongs to Jesus rally held by the Australian Prayer Network and the Gay Mardi Gras. We dealt with the eggs as well.

We have hosted 24/7 conferences in strategic locations since 2003 based on Ps 24:7 of opening the gates to the King of Glory – Cairns, Parliament House Canberra, Uluru, Sydney Opera House, Bendigo and Melbourne. While at Uluru in 2005, we took busloads of our conference delegates to the rock and indigenous elders and intercessors took authority over the rainbow serpent with Uluru believed to be its lair. As we got back in our buses to go, two delegates independently turned back to take a photo of the rock. It was not seen in the natural, but both of their cameras had photos of the rainbow serpent and its eggs leaving Uluru. This was dramatic!!!

However, indigenous people all around the nation are still worshipping this rainbow serpent as creator and invoking it, feeding it and giving it power so it is able to grow strong again. At a number of conferences and in our church meetings we have led people to revoke covenants with false gods and recovenant with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

But the Lord has shown us that we need to inaugurate a yearly regular time of repenting for and breaking off the dedication of this nation to the rainbow serpent. We believe to call indigenous people from around Australia together on Australia Day each year to do this and others to do it in their own territories simultaneously. Just as indigenous people, according to their culture, need to reinvoke spirits at certain seasons with certain ceremonies, we need to counter this regularly. We need to maintain the territory we have taken in the spirit. We would then recovenant Australia to Jesus Christ. **This is the key strategy the Lord has given us for Christ's kingdom coming through the role of indigenous peoples.**

Isaiah 28:15-18 shows us that making a covenant with the rainbow serpent means making a covenant with death and this covenant with death needs to be broken. We were led to do this at a conference in Canberra organized by the late Ps Ron Williams a few years ago but it needs to be reinforced. We were also led to do it on Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The Lord has also been revealing to us the reason there is so much dysfunction in Aboriginal communities. At the same time we need to say that there are many indigenous people who are functioning very well, some of whom love the Lord and some of whom don't. We also need to emphasise that Aboriginal people are a key to revival in this nation, that they are very tender-hearted to the Lord and sensitive to His Spirit. However there are high levels of alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence, homicide, child abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, suicide and accidents due to alcohol. This has led to the NT Intervention, quarantining of welfare payments and the Family Responsibility Commission in Qld. The pendulum has swung full circle from a rights agenda to a responsibilities agenda as the government and some indigenous leaders declare past policies have not worked.

In trying to understand what is happening and praying about this, the word responsibility led us back to the Garden of Eden because God gave Adam and Eve responsibility and rulership over the garden and creation. It struck us that what is happening in Indigenous Australia is a mirror of what happened in the Garden of Eden. Where the devil came in the form of a snake to tempt them and rob them of their destiny, the rainbow serpent has come to Aboriginal people to do the same thing. It is happening across the world – the dragon in Asia, the crocodile in PNG, water spirits in Africa, the flying serpent in South America. It is the same spirit that comes to draw worship away from Jesus to itself and to rob people of their destiny, their callings, and their giftings in God. It also robs their nations of the Kingdom of God coming in and of fulfilling God's destiny for their nations. There were a number of curses pronounced on Adam and Eve and the snake because of disobedience to God and they were driven out of the Garden (Gen 3:14-24). That is, they lost their inheritance, responsibility and rulership.

So this nation and its indigenous people are under a curse for dedicating Australia to the rainbow serpent "...Cursed is the ground because of you..." (Gen 3:17) and a curse was pronounced on Adam and Eve which was transferred to their descendants. However we know that Jesus is the second Adam who removed the curse. He took the sins of the world on Himself on the Cross defeating the devil, evil, sin, death etc through His death and resurrection. He paid

the price for us. So it is important for indigenous people to appropriate what Jesus did on the Cross for themselves personally, for their families and communities and the land they are responsible for.

As we've said earlier, the destiny of indigenous people in Australia is tied up with the destiny of Australia and all its people. So what is this? While there is too much to include here, it comes down to two main things:

1. Righteousness and Justice and
2. To stand with and bless Israel

The Lord showed Barbara that part of the redemptive purpose of this nation is righteousness and justice. Also, we know that righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne (Ps 89:14) and justice flows on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream. (Amos 5:24). These 2 things go together. God will judge nations as to whether they are sheep nations or goat nations (Mat 25:31-46) depending on how they treat people.

The nations will also be judged on how they treat Israel, the apple of His eye. Those nations that stand with Israel will be blessed and those who stand against Israel will be cursed (Gen 12:2-3). Zech 12:1-9 talks about Jerusalem's enemies being destroyed. V2-3 "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the earth will be gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves."

Blessing has come to this nation through the role of the Light horsemen and other soldiers that have stood with Israel and a blemish occurred when we didn't agree at the Evian conference of the nations in France to take more Jewish refugees from the Nazis 70 years ago. Indigenous people of this nation like William Cooper and his team in 1938 went to the German consulate in Melbourne and complained about Kristalnacht or the Night of the Broken Glass when Jewish synagogues, businesses and homes were attacked and Jews killed. He did this while the world stood silently by. I have stood in the gap and repented for the Australian Government's Evian decision to the Israel Consul and the Executive Council of Australian Jewry in Sydney October 2002 and to Israel officials at Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum January 2004.

As an indigenous leader, I take a team of Australians, indigenous and non-indigenous, to Israel each September-October to worship the king of Kings in the city of the great King – Lord Jesus as we prepare for His return when the nations will be forced to celebrate the great feast in Jerusalem each year (Zech 14:16-17). This is part of the destiny of our nation, of Jesus kingdom come to our nation of Australia.

## **SEMINAR 3D FACILITATION SUMMARY 'CHRIST'S KINGDOM COMING THROUGH THE ROLE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES'**

### **SUMMARY OF MESSAGE BRIDAL/BETROTHAL DEVOTION - Preparing for the Bridegroom's Return / Australia's Role**