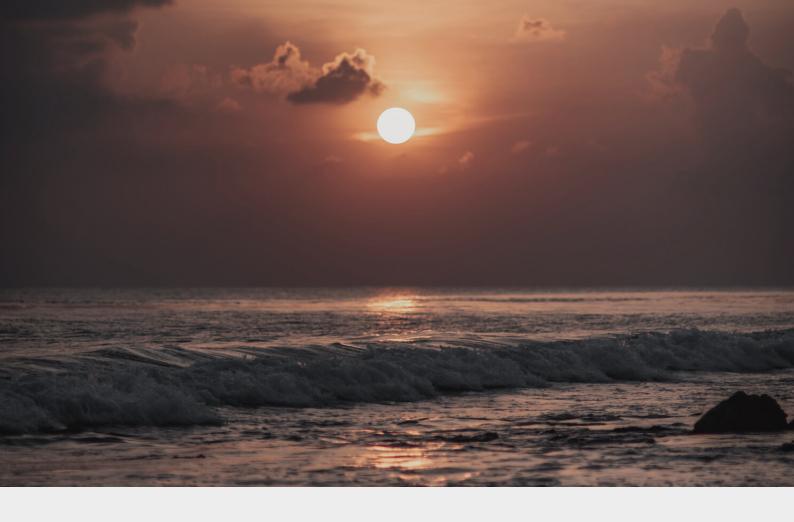
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THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY, COMEDITY REVELATION 22:17



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Revelation 22:17 is a very significant prophecy for the Church at the End of the Age. It is also the unified cry coming from the depths of the heart of a mature Bride yearning for her Bridegroom's return.

It gives us the clearest picture of what the End-Time Church will look like and what the mature global End-Time prayer movement is about. The Church will be praying from the place of Bridal intimacy, rooted in her Bridal identity. It also reveals what will happen to the End-Time Church at the End of the Age.

The prophecy highlights **four descriptions** of the End-Time Church:

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THE PRIMARY IDENTITY OF THE CHURCH AT THE END OF THE AGE – **"THE BRIDE"**

The primary identity of the Church at the End of the Age is not a family, an army or an organisation, but it is the Bride.

The Holy Spirit is fully committed to establishing the Church in her Bridal identity. His premier agenda is to restore the First Commandment to first place so that the Church can become the mature, equally yoked, lovesick Bride (Deut. 30:6).



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THE PRIMARY FUNCTION **OF THE END-TIME CHURCH –** <u>"SAY"</u>

The word "say" reveals the primary function and activity of the End-Time Church. It can be both vertical or horizontal. Vertical is intercession and worship to God, and horizontal is proclamation to man.

The Church will step into her calling as the House of Prayer, rooted in her Bridal identity and praying from the place of Bridal love. She will be one with the Spirit and one in heart with the Lord. She will know exactly what to pray at every moment, praying effective prayers in full agreement, alignment and with great authority.

Mature believers with understanding step their_ will into role as messengers carrying the forerunner spirit. They will call unbelievers to repentance as the kingdom of God is at hand, and they will proclaim and prepare the Church for the coming of the Lord.

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THE PRIMARY PRAYER AGENDA AT THE END OF THE AGE – **"COME"**

The Bride's primary prayer agenda at the End of the Age is "*Come*!" There are two dimensions of the cry.

The vertical cry is **an upward cry to Jesus** in devotion, love and longing for Him. True worship is about ministering to the Lord and focusing entirely on Him and not on how we feel. God will bring reformation to His Church and bring restoration of true worship to the Church.



There is also a three-fold cry for Jesus, for Him to **come near us**,

to come to us in revival and to come for us in His Second Coming.

The horizontal cry is **outward to people**. It is about calling unbelievers to come to Jesus and calling believers who are thirsty to come. It is also about calling believers to walk worthy of Jesus, fully pleasing Him, and bearing fruit in every good work from the place of abiding in the Lord.



FOUR

THE PICTURE OF FULL MATURITY OF THE BRIDE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The phrase "The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'" reveals the deep unity the Bride has with the Spirit. The Spirit and the Bride will say "Come!" in unison.

We will be one with the Spirit. We will be walking in the Spirit, in tandem with Him every step of the way. We will be fully sensitive, fully led by Him, and fully living in the power of the Holy Spirit.

It will far surpass the time of the Book of Acts. Let's press in for this reality to be ours!

What is the primary agenda of the Holy Spirit at the End of the Age?

He is restoring the Church to fully live out the First and Great Commandment, so that she will be a lovesick Bride. He is constantly interceding for the Church to be fully mature, and He is raising up a prayer movement that is rooted in the Bridal identity.

He is teaching the Church to pray, and is bringing us to a higher level in terms of our prayers. As His Ekklesia, we will grow in authority in our prayers to prevail over the gates of Hades, and ultimately usher in His Second Coming and His kingdom here on earth. JESUS IS LEADING THE PRAYER MOVEMENT IN HEAVEN, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ORCHESTRATING AND LEADING THE GREATEST PRAYER MOVEMENT HERE ON EARTH. ULTIMATELY, THERE WILL BE THAT COMPLETE AGREEMENT OF THE PRAYERS ON EARTH WITH THE PRAYERS IN HEAVEN!

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In the second part of Revelation 22:17, Jesus gives a three-fold invitation unto us to "Come!"

"And let him who hears says, 'Come!'" is an invitation from the Lord to everyone who hears to participate and to embrace the call to partner with Him in His End-Time plans. He is saying, "Will you jump in and give yourselves fully to partnering with Me as My Bride?"

"And let him who thirsts come."

The thirsty must engage the Lord in a personal way. This is an invitation to diligently and intentionally engage the Lord. In this Revelation 3:20 moment, the Lord is inviting us to engage Him deeply at His table. He is bringing the gold, eye salve and white garments to enrich and prepare us for the time of greatest darkness and trouble that is coming so that we will stand and burn and shine with His fire, light and glory.



"Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

How much we drink depends on how much we want and desire.

This is an invitation to enter into the promises of God. We do not just passively receive, but we have to "take" the kingdom. The kingdom of God suffers violence in our pursuit of the deep things of God and our inheritance.

Are we willing to violently disrupt our status quo, our priorities, our values and pursuits of comfort, success, honour, etc., to align with the Lord in such as time as this? Surely it is wisdom to do so in the hour of His return!



We want to keep walking in the Spirit, seeking to live out the First and Great Commandment. We want to grow in our character, maturity, and in our prayers, both personally and corporately, intentionally cultivating intimacy with the Lord and the understanding of His heart and plans. So that we will be the Bride ready for His return, walking in oneness with the Holy Spirit.

"THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY, 'COME!'"

"EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS!"



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