YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET

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Here we are waiting in anticipation for the New Year wondering if it will be different from the one we are in. 2007 was supposed to be heaven but it was hell. Nevertheless, you survived. Despite the fact that it was a difficult year for our nation and our world, God did some amazing things in our lives. He gave you a husband, wife or a child. God turned your midnight into day. God has kept you. You moved into a brand new home or you started a new business. Some of us have never had it so good even in a depressed economy. You can't imagine that it can get any better but it can and it will.

God says so as he speaks through the prophet Isaiah. Forget the former things...Some of you are questioning whether this promise really pertains to us since it was given to Israel. Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God. God's word never changes. Like Him, it is the same yesterday, today and forever. It never fails. God will do what He says he will do; especially when he is talking to his own.

The reason why you can go on is because God was there when you thought you would lose your mind and he kept you in your right mind. God looks for ways to bless us. No price is too high to pay. He gave nations in exchange for Israel and for us he gave his only begotten son. You are sitting there wondering what 2008 will bring. I don't know if you are ready for it. You ain't seen nothin' yet. Israel thought she had seen it all when God delivered them from 400 years of bondage in Egypt. The Red Sea crossing was Israel's greatest miracle. God promised to deliver them. They could trust him to do it because he had already done it before. Isaiah the prophet said to them, "forget it". Forget the former things....When God tells them not to dwell on the past, He is telling them not to dwell on the good things. The reason why God says to forget it, is because God is about to do some things in your life that are beyond comparison. 2008 is going to be greater than you have ever known before. God is doing a new thing,

The word new means unprecedented. You thought you had joy before. You thought you knew satisfaction before but you ain't seen nothing yet. When God gets through blessing you, your mind will be blown. You do not believe it because it seems too good to be true. It won't take long to manifest. He says, it is already here.(v.19) See it springs up. It is already appearing like a blossom on a plant or a bud on a tree; it is already happening.

When he said he was making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland, he was making a shortcut. Once they were released from Babylon, the people used to go far north then, go south to get back to Palestine. When God said he was making a way in the desert, it meant he was making a new highway. Now it springs up. Do you not perceive it?

Some of you have been disappointed in the past. Be careful about judging God based on your human experience. God is not like us. God always keeps his word. The failures of the past cloud our vision. You cannot believe that anything impossible can happen. You must believe in the promises in order to perceive it. It is faith that allows us to see what God has for us. People without faith do not see what God has for them. Once you see it by faith, you plan the work and work your plan. Step out on the promises of God. See if God will not do exactly what he said he would do. Perhaps the timing was not right in the past. It's a new season and you have to take hold of it. Go for it!

It can happen if you are willing to believe it. God can do the impossible in your life. It is all about attitude. 2008 will be the same as 2007 if you keep the same attitude. You have to believe in your heart and then step out on it. The change has to happen right now. It is already done. You just have to seize it. You also have to seed into it. When you buy a house you put a deposit on it to let the buyer know that you are serious. Once you plant a seed you can't dig it up, you have to believe God for the harvest. Whatever God has promised, hold on to it.

Peace.

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